



**NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Matthew J.  
Shepherd  
DISTRICT 97**

**April 1, 2020**

**STATEMENT FROM SPEAKER SHEPHERD  
CONCERNING REP. MURDOCK**

Rep. Murdock informed me this morning that he tested positive for COVID-19.

Rep. Murdock was present at the Extraordinary Session on Thursday and Friday of last week.

After conferring with the Arkansas Department of Health (“ADH”), it is our understanding that since we followed all precautions including medical screenings and moving to a larger venue that merely attending the same session would present a negligible risk to the members, staff and other attendees. However, ADH will be following up with Rep. Murdock and will advise of any changes to those recommendations.

My prayers are with Rep. Murdock for a quick recovery.