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Democrats Hold Annual Heritage Dinner June 3, 2023

Columbia, TN: The Maury County Democratic Party (MCDP) held their 20th annual Heritage Dinner on Saturday, June 3, at the UAW Local 1853 Hall, 125 Stephen P. Yokich Parkway, Spring Hill. The event was co-sponsored by the UAW CAP Committee. Over 225 people attended, giving them an opportunity to network with like-minded Democrats.

State Senator Heidi Campbell and Representative John Ray Clemmons, the Democratic Caucus Chair, were guest speakers. Senator Campbell encouraged members to increase their activism in all levels of government. Representative Clemmons called for Democrats to work to elect legislators who will focus on making the lives of Tennesseans better, no matter their party or stance on cultural issues. He stressed using tax dollars to help those who need it the most, and the importance of attracting young people to the Democratic Party. Both speakers were given standing ovations for their dynamic calls to action.

Awards were given to the following Democratic Party members:

- Judy Ashmore (The Life of the Party Award)
- Lukas Liam Banks (The Ty Cobb Young Democrat Award)
- Stephanie Sparks-Newland (The Judge Jimmy Matthews Community Service Award)
- Jameson Manor (The H.O. Porter Education and Citizenship Award)
- James York (The Jerry and Linda Colley True Democrat Award)

The MCDP Executive Committee was pleased that a significant number of young Democrats attended the dinner for the first time. MCDP Chairperson James Dallas said, "We were very pleased with the turnout at the Heritage Dinner this year and are looking forward to carrying this enthusiasm into the 2024 election cycle. Thank you to all of the volunteers and to our speakers."

The Heritage Dinner is a fundraiser for the MCDP. The MCDP appreciates the sponsors and donors who made the dinner possible.

About the Maury County Democratic Party: The Maury County Democratic Party is the local county affiliate of the Tennessee Democratic Party and represents the interests of tens of thousands of Democratic-leaning voters in the county.