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## Robert Aderholt

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### Alabama's 4th District

Congressman Robert Aderholt was re-elected in November 2006 to his sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing the Fourth Congressional District of Alabama.

He serves on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, as a member of the Homeland Security Subcommittee, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee and the Commerce Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee. Additionally, the Congressman is on the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (better known as the Helsinki Commission). The Helsinki Commission is made up of 56 countries around the world and monitors human rights in Europe and Central Asia.



Congressman Aderholt has continued to work toward bringing record levels of funding to Alabama for vital projects throughout the state and district. Congressman Aderholt campaigned on a promise to continue his commitment to improve transportation in Alabama. This commitment involves making roads safer, improving economic development, and creating more jobs for the Fourth Congressional District and all of Alabama.

He has fought for traditional Alabama values in Congress and he continues to fight against the loss of jobs due to unfair competition from foreign countries as well as for tougher immigration policy. He believes that the federal government has a role in assisting state and local projects as well as economic development efforts. At the same time he believes in responsible budgeting and feels that with an appropriate balance, Congress can work to make sure the government operates within its means.

The Aderholt FamilyCongressman Aderholt is married to the former Caroline McDonald of Huntsville. He was educated through Alabama's public school system and continued his education at the University of North Alabama. He graduated from Birmingham Southern College, and also graduated from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in 1990. After graduation, Congressman Aderholt was legal assistant to Alabama Governor Fob James in 1995 and 1996, and served four years as Municipal Judge in his hometown of Haleyville.

Born on July 22, 1965, and raised in Alabama, Congressman Aderholt and his wife, Caroline, reside in Haleyville with their daughter, Mary Elliott, who was born in 1999, and their son, Robert Hayes, who was born in 2004. When Congress is in session, Congressman Aderholt's family joins him in Washington, DC.

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## Todd Akin

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### Missouri's 2nd District

On November 7, 2000, Todd was elected to the United States House of Representatives to serve the Second District of Missouri. His election to Congress marks a continuation of his service to the Nation and the St. Louis area.

Todd is a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he earned a B.S. in Management Engineering. After graduation, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army with the Army Combat Engineers at Fort Belvoir in Alexandria, Virginia. He received an honorable discharge from the Army Reserves in 1980. Todd spent four years with IBM, where he met his wife Lulli. He later moved into corporate management at Laclede Steel.



An avid student of the U.S. Constitution, Todd was appointed by Governor Ashcroft to the Bicentennial Commission of the U.S. Constitution in 1987. In 1988, Todd ran and won a seat in the Missouri House of Representatives. He served twelve years as a Republican State Representative and the ranking Republican on the powerful Ways and Means Committee. While serving in the Missouri House, Todd drafted legislation on Roth IRAs and a tax limitation amendment currently in the Missouri Constitution. He also took a leading role in opposing gambling, resulting in more rigorous enforcement of gambling laws and regulations.

As a U.S. Congressman, Todd serves on three committees: Armed Services, Science and Technology and Small Business. As a Member of Congress, he is committed to promoting the principles of our Founders, the free enterprise system and the traditional values of the American family. Todd has also taken a leading role in issues related to national security and international affairs.

At the beginning of the 109th Congress, Todd was named Chairman of the Small Business Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight. In this important leadership role, Todd worked to reduce regulations that impede the growth of the economy in Missouri and throughout the nation.

In the 110th Congress, with his party now in the minority, Todd remains the Ranking Republican on the Armed Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. Todd has played a central role in advancing projects essential to the St. Louis region and the State of Missouri. These include efforts to better fund vital transportation and infrastructure improvements and working with local businesses and corporations to strengthen the economy and create jobs for Missourians.

In the 107th Congress, Todd was joined by U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello (D-IL) in offering the Clean Coal Initiative amendment to the Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE) Act. The Amendment authorized an extensive program for clean coal research and development at the Department of Energy and included provisions for public-private partnerships to upgrade existing coal-fired power plants in accordance with current clean coal technology.

Today, Todd continues to write and lecture on the principles of America's Founding and Heritage. He is active in the Boy Scouts of America, a leader in his church, a former board member of Missouri Right to Life, and sits on the board of the Mission Gate Prison Ministry.

Todd and Lulli have six children: Wynn, Perry, Micah, Ezra, Hannah, and Abigail. Todd and Lulli celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary this past summer. Todd commutes from St. Louis to Washington every week to be with his family and to meet with constituents, business leaders and other elected officials throughout the greater St. Louis community.

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# Rodney Alexander

## Louisiana's 5th District

A family man from Quitman, La., U.S. Rep. Alexander understands the way of life in the 5th Congressional District, and he has brought those values to Washington since he was first elected to Congress in 2002.

Born in North Louisiana on December 5, 1946, Rodney attended Jonesboro-Hodge High School and Louisiana Tech University. He also served in the United States Air Force Reserves.

Rodney and his wife, Nancy, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on October 19, 2007. They have three children – Ginger, Rod and Lisa – and six grandchildren – Zack, Jordon, Jorgia, Jaina, Jackson and John Brooks.



At age 25, Rodney began his career in public service when he was elected to the Jackson Parish Police Jury. He then went on to serve as a Louisiana State Representative for 15 years, where he was the chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee. As a U.S. Congressman, Rodney is proud to be continuing the work which earned him the reputation of being a highly effective, non-partisan lawmaker, able to get things done to make life better for real Americans. Extending from Iberville Parish in South Central Louisiana all the way north to the Arkansas border, the 5th District of Louisiana includes portions of 22 of Louisiana's 64 parishes. Rodney has the important job of watching out for the families living in nearly one-third of the state. As a firm supporter of 2nd Amendment rights and pro-life issues, Rodney serves as a conservative voice in Washington. He is committed to helping his colleagues on both sides of the aisle find a bipartisan consensus on critical issues ranging from health care to tax reform.

### Committee Assignments

During his second term, Rodney was appointed to the House Appropriations Committee, an assignment that allows him to influence issues of great concern to the people of the 5th District and the State of Louisiana. As a member of this committee, Rodney has worked to deliver federal dollars to meet critical transportation needs as well as directly address the local agricultural industry.

At the start of the 110th Congress, Rodney retained his seat on this important committee and assigned to serve on the Agriculture Subcommittee and the Financial Services Subcommittee. Rodney was also appointed to serve on the House Committee on the Budget.

### Congressional Caucus Memberships

Rodney is a member of several Congressional Caucuses including the Immigration Reform Caucus, Congressional Pro-life Caucus, Congressional Diabetes Caucus, House Dietary Supplement Caucus, and Congressional Arts Caucus, the House Nursing Caucus, and the Congressional Life Insurance Caucus.

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## Michele Bachmann

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### Minnesota's 6th District

First elected in 2006, Congresswoman Michele Bachmann is the first Republican woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Minnesota. In only her first term, Congresswoman Bachmann has developed a reputation as a "principled reformer" who stays true to her conservative beliefs while pushing for real reform of the broken ways of Washington.

She is a leading advocate for bipartisan earmark reform and tax relief and is a staunch opponent of wasteful government spending. She is among the leaders in the U.S. House pushing for increased energy exploration in the U.S. to provide much needed relief at the pump for hard-working Americans and put our nation on the path to energy independence.



Prior to serving in the U.S. Congress, Bachmann served in the Minnesota State Senate. She was elected to the Minnesota State Senate in 2000 where she championed the Taxpayers Bill of Rights. And, prior to that, Bachmann spent five years as a federal tax litigation attorney, working on hundreds of civil and criminal cases. That experience solidified Bachmann's strong support for efforts to simplify the Tax Code and reduce tax burdens on family and small business budgets.

Congresswoman Bachmann currently sits on the Financial Services Committee. This committee is tasked with the oversight of numerous financial sectors including housing, real estate and banking. The 6th Congressional District of Minnesota contains parts of six counties, stretching from Stillwater past St. Cloud and including suburbs of the Twin Cities, which encompasses one of the nation's largest financial services sectors, making Congresswoman Bachmann's position on the Financial Services Committee particularly important.

Congresswoman Bachmann is a graduate of Anoka High School and Winona State University. Bachmann and her husband, Marcus, live in Stillwater where they own a small business that employs 42 people. The Bachmann's have five children, Lucas, Harrison, Elisa, Caroline, and Sophia. In addition, the Bachmanns have opened their home to 23 foster children, which has inspired Congresswoman Bachmann to become one of Congress' leading advocates for foster and adopted children, earning her bipartisan praise for her efforts.

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## Spencer Bachus

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### Alabama's 6th District

Congressman Spencer Bachus is serving his eighth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. As the congressman for the Sixth District of Alabama, Bachus represents all of the counties of Bibb, Chilton, St. Clair, and Shelby, and parts of Coosa, Jefferson, and Tuscaloosa counties. Prior to his election in 1992, Bachus served in the Alabama House of Representatives and the State Senate and was the first Republican elected to the State School Board in more than 100 years. Bachus also managed Governor Guy Hunt's campaign in his first successful run for the statehouse.



In the State Senate, Congressman Bachus received the Legislator of the Year Award from the Department of Human Resources. He was the author of state domestic abuse statutes and wrote the first law in Alabama that penalizes repeat DUI offenders.

In the U.S. House, Congressman Bachus reflects the views of the people of the Sixth District. He is a conservative who supports tax relief, fiscal responsibility, a strong national defense and traditional values. He has been named Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Business, Friend of the Taxpayer by Americans for Tax Reform, Friend of the Family by the Christian Coalition and has received the Spirit of Free Enterprise Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The legislative accomplishments of Congressman Bachus include the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act, which was signed into law by President Bush. The law will double the size of the nature refuge and provide new protections for the Cahaba River, which is Alabama's longest free-flowing river and one of the most biologically diverse waterways in the nation. Recognizing the importance of good highways to economic development and safety, Congressman Bachus helped re-write the federal funding formula on how gas tax dollars are distributed to the states. Alabama now receives an average of \$200 million more per year in federal transportation funds for projects like Corridor X and the Northern Beltline. Bachus also helped secure \$48 million for vital road projects throughout the 6th District in the 2005 federal highway bill. On health care, Bachus stopped a Clinton administration plan that would have cut Medicaid payments to Alabama by \$300 million a year and wrote a law permitting Medicare coverage for prostate cancer screenings. Congressman Bachus also helped win funding for a National Veterans' Cemetery at the American Village in Montevallo, the first official veterans cemetery in Alabama.

As Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, Congressman Bachus worked to expand savings and investment choices for consumers and to protect the personal financial information of Alabamians. He authored the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions (FACT) Act, which contains powerful new identity theft protections and entitles consumers to a free copy of their credit report. Other major bills passed by Bachus include deposit insurance reform, which increased FDIC coverage levels for account holders; regulatory relief legislation that will help eliminate unnecessary and duplicative paperwork costs placed on banks and credit unions; and Check 21, which modernized the check clearing process. The long campaign of Congressman Bachus to ban illegal internet gambling – an industry that preys on minors and gambling addicts – culminated in October 2006 when President Bush signed a law barring the use of credit cards and financial instruments on gambling websites.

Congressman Bachus has been a leader on the issue of debt relief for Third World countries. He has visited Africa to discuss debt forgiveness and was instrumental in securing congressional support for a G8 plan to provide tens of billions of dollars of relief to the world's poorest countries. In the 110th Congress, Congressman Bachus holds the leadership position of Ranking Member on the House Financial Services Committee. He leads the 33 Republicans on the committee, which deals with issues of everyday concern to Alabamians such as investor protection, the soundness of the banking system, insurance regulation, and making sure businesses have access to the capital they need to expand and create jobs.

A native of Birmingham, Congressman Bachus graduated from Auburn University and the University of Alabama School of Law. He and his wife Linda live in Vestavia Hills. They are the parents of five children

and attend Hunter Street Baptist Church. Prior to his public service career, Congressman Bachus was a practicing attorney.

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## J. Gresham Barrett

### South Carolina's 3rd District

Congressman Gresham Barrett was sworn in as a member of the 108th Congress on January 4, 2003. As elected, he maintains his conservative base advocating military efforts, safe and secure U.S. borders, less tax burdens, energy independence, strong families and individual freedoms. Following the Congressional elections on November 7, 2006, Barrett was reinstated to his Congressional House seat and was sworn into the 110th Congress January 2007.



Upon graduating from The Citadel in 1983, Barrett achieved the rank of Captain and served in the U.S. Army Field Artillery until 1987. He understands first-hand the sacrifices made by military personnel and their families. During his first term in Congress, Barrett traveled to Iraq where he met with high ranking military officials on the ground - as well as soldiers from South Carolina who were serving in Kuwait, Baghdad and Mosul (view Iraq photo gallery). As U.S. military efforts move forward and promote change in the Middle East, Barrett believes that it is vital that the American people remain steadfast in their resolve to win the war. His continued belief is that we must fight the terrorists in the streets of Kabul and Baghdad or face them in the streets of Washington, D.C., Atlanta, G.A., or Columbia, S.C.

As a former small business owner, Barrett believes the current tax system is too burdensome and brings disadvantages to the business community, hurts job creation and causes undue stress to individual taxpayers. Immediately upon swearing into his second term in 2004, Barrett introduced legislation to create a bipartisan commission to develop a simple and fair tax reform proposal. He also introduced legislation to curb the growth in government spending making it difficult for Congress to increase spending in the future by re-imposing Pay-As-You-Go requirements. He recently voted in favor of legislation, signed by the President, which would extend certain tax relief provisions through 2007. Understanding that federal regulations stifle growth and enterprise, Barrett is committed to finding ways to reduce federal regulations, making them less costly and complicated for small business. Barrett believes by giving Americans more money in their wallet, our economy will continue to create more jobs and will increase citizens' spending and purchasing power.

Barrett has taken the lead among the South Carolina delegation to bring a next generation nuclear reactor to the state of South Carolina to be a catalyst for an energy park on Savannah River Site. This progressive step would allow the public and private sectors to work together on future missions to support the national energy policy. Policies over the past several decades have prevented our nation from developing an energy policy that promotes exploration and self reliance; thus, our dependency on foreign sources of oil has continued to increase. Since elected to Congress, Barrett staunchly ensures that energy policies are being pursued which promote clean, alternative energy sources like hydrogen and nuclear power.

Personal responsibility, individual freedoms and strong families are top priorities for Barrett. He believes firmly in "pro-life," and that any attempt to harm or endanger the life of an innocent child is wrong. At the start of his Congressional career in Washington, D.C., he co-sponsored legislation that the President signed into law to end 'partial-birth abortion.' He is a dedicated defender of our civil liberties granted by the Constitution, and is concerned by any potential infringement of our rights as well as the current trend by judges to legislate from the bench. He continues to work to promote a culture of life and to ensure that traditional family values, like marriage between a man and woman, are upheld in our laws.

Currently, Barrett serves on the Budget Committee, the House Committee on Financial Services, the House Committee on International Relations and Ethics Committee. Prior to being elected to the United States House of Representatives in 2002, he managed his family-owned business, 'Barrett's Furniture,' in Westminster, S.C. He then served three consecutive terms in the South Carolina State House of Representatives and served on the Education and Public Works Committee, Labor Commerce and Industry Committee and Rules Committee. He also served on the School Choice Ad Hoc Committee and as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Urban Growth. In addition, during the 2000 Presidential election Barrett served on the 'Bush for President' South Carolina State Steering Committee.

Being active in the community has always been important to Barrett. Previously, he has served as President

of the Westminster Rotary Club, Chairman of the Oconee County Boy Scouts, President of the Westminster Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Oconee County Red Cross, member of the Oconee Kids Do Count Board and coach of the Barrett's Furniture Pony League baseball team. Born to the late Charles G. and the late Del M. Barrett, he is a native and current resident of Westminster, South Carolina. Barrett is married to his high school sweetheart Natalie, and they are the proud parents of three wonderful children. He knows he would not be where he is today without the love and support of his family- for Barrett, family always comes first.

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## Roscoe Bartlett

### Maryland's 6th District

Now serving his eighth term in the United States House of Representatives, Roscoe G. Bartlett considers himself a citizen-legislator, not a politician. Prior to his election to Congress, he pursued successful careers as a professor, research scientist and inventor, small business owner, and farmer. He was first elected in 1992 to represent Maryland's Sixth District.



In the 110th Congress, Bartlett serves as Ranking Member of the Seapower and Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee and also is a member of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Armed Services Committee.

One of three scientists in the Congress, Dr. Bartlett is also a senior member of the Science Committee serving on two of its subcommittees, Energy and the Environment and Research and Science Education.

Due to his ten years of experience as a small business owner, he also serves on the Small Business Committee serving on two of its subcommittees, Contracting and Technology and Urban & Rural Entrepreneurship.

Roscoe and his wife Ellen have been married for more than 40 years. They have ten children, fifteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Because of his commitment to philanthropy and the importance of education as a tool for success, Dr. Bartlett annually donates scholarships for district residents who are undergraduate students majoring in mathematics, science or engineering at the colleges located in Maryland's Sixth district.

His goal as a Congressman? "I'm not interested in politics," says Dr. Bartlett. "I'm interested in my country. I am a conservative who wants to help restore the limited federal government envisioned and established in the Constitution by our nation's founders. I want to ensure that future generations of Americans will have the same opportunities for success that I did." He frequently quotes from the Constitution which he carries at all times for guidance in crafting national policy. "Upholding the Constitution, including the entire Bill of Rights, and maintaining a strong defense should be our priorities. If we don't get these priorities right, nothing else will matter."

The Mason-Dixon Line between Pennsylvania and Maryland marks the northern border of the Sixth District which encompasses central and western Maryland. Its eastern border is the Susquehanna River south of Philadelphia. Traveling west, it covers roughly the northern third of both Harford and Baltimore Counties. The Sixth District includes all of Carroll and Frederick Counties and a portion of northern Montgomery County. Continuing west, the Sixth District takes in the Appalachian counties of Washington, Allegany and Garrett. The Potomac River defines the district's southern border with Virginia and West Virginia. The Sixth District's largest cities are Frederick, Hagerstown, Cumberland, and Westminster.

Bartlett's lifelong love of farming developed on his grandfather's farm in the small town of Moreland, Kentucky where he was born on June 3, 1926. During the Great Depression, his father supported the family by working as a tenant farmer in western Pennsylvania. Desperately poor, his mother used feed sacks to make clothes and bed sheets for the family. Despite the material hardship, his father refused to accept assistance from the government.

A devout Seventh-day Adventist, strong moral values and spiritual faith have had a major influence on his life and education. He credits his early education in a one-room schoolhouse for preparing him for his later academic accomplishments. Bartlett was tested out of high school the fall of his senior year and began attending Columbia Union College at age 17 where he majored in theology and biology and minored in chemistry with the intention of becoming a minister.

Considered too young for the ministry after receiving his bachelor's degree, Bartlett was encouraged to attend graduate school at the University of Maryland at College Park. He studied anatomy, physiology and

zoology earning a Master's degree in human physiology. Bartlett was then hired as a U-MD faculty member and taught anatomy, physiology and zoology while simultaneously earning a Ph.D. in human physiology.

Bartlett engaged in research in addition to teaching first as an instructor, and later as an Assistant Professor at Loma Linda University School of Medicine in California. He relocated to Howard University in Washington, D.C. as a Professor of physiology and endocrinology at its Medical School. Bartlett left to pursue research full-time first at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and then at the U.S. Navy's School of Aviation Medicine (U.S.NAMI) in Pensacola, Florida. While at U.S. NAMI, Bartlett invented a series of break-through respiratory support equipment. He holds the basic patents for rebreathing equipment which recycle the oxygen from exhaled air in closed systems. This technological advance extends oxygen supplies and makes them portable. Bartlett's inventions are critical components of the equipment that supplies oxygen to astronauts, pilots, and fire/rescue personnel.

In 1961, Bartlett returned to Maryland and farming after he purchased his 145-acre then-dairy farm on the Monocacy River in Frederick County. While running his farm, he worked at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) as director of a new 30-member research group in Space Life Sciences. The group designed and conducted a series of pioneering research experiments that contributed to NASA's successful Gemini, Mercury and Apollo missions to land men on the moon and bring them back safely to earth.

Dr. Bartlett later joined IBM and worked there on numerous biomedical engineering and defense-related projects. With IBM's assistance, he formed his own research and development company, Roscoe Bartlett and Associates. He also taught anatomy and physiology to nursing students at Frederick Community College. Dr. Bartlett's company later diversified into land development and home construction. "One of my proudest and toughest accomplishments was meeting a payroll every week for ten years," says Bartlett.

During that time, his firm built more than 100 homes in Frederick County, many of them solar powered.

In 1999, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) awarded Dr. Bartlett its Jeffries Aerospace Medicine and Life Sciences Research Award. Recognizing the importance of scientific aeronautics and space discoveries to the field of medicine, the award was established in 1940 in honor of Dr. John Jeffries, the American physician who made the earliest recorded scientific observations from the air. It is presented annually by the association to recognize outstanding career research accomplishments in aerospace medicine and space life sciences.

Dr. Bartlett's citation for the Jeffries award reads: "For pioneering contributions to aeronautical and aerospace medicine through more than 20 patented inventions on respiratory support and safety devices used by pilots, astronauts, rescue workers, pioneering NASA life-sciences space experiments, and over 100 publications."

Bartlett commutes 50 miles to Washington, D.C. when Congress is in session.

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## Joe Barton

### Texas' 6th District

Congressman Joe Barton was first elected to serve the Sixth District of Texas in 1984. In 2004, he was selected by his colleagues to be the Chairman of the House Committee on Energy & Commerce – the oldest standing legislative House committee. Barton was the first Texan since former House Speaker Sam Rayburn to chair this important committee. The Energy & Commerce Committee has arguably the broadest non tax-oriented jurisdiction of any congressional committee, with principal House responsibility over matters relating to commerce, public health and marketplace interests. Barton currently serves as the Ranking Republican of the full Energy and Commerce Committee.



The "House GOP's leading expert on energy policy" (Wall Street Journal, 10/02), Barton has led the House charge to pass comprehensive national energy policy legislation. In the past two congresses, he has shared authorship of the two most comprehensive energy policy packages to pass in the House since the 1930s. Barton has committed himself to passing legislation promoting an environment of high supply, low demand, consumer-friendly prices and environmental protection. A proponent of competition, Barton is additionally responsible for both the first electricity deregulation legislation to pass a House subcommittee, and for legislation which deregulated the natural gas industry.

Barton's diligent work to promote a conservative agenda and protection of individual rights recently earned him notice from National Journal as one of the "Republicans to Watch" (11/03). In his first legislative victory as Chairman, the House overwhelmingly passed legislation to limit indecency on the public airwaves. As a founding co-Chairman of the Congressional Privacy Caucus, he continues in his new role to preserve American's financial and medical privacy, and has in particular used his jurisdiction to protect safety and privacy in the ever-expanding Internet universe. As founding co-Chairman of Asthma Awareness Day on Capitol Hill, Barton has consistently supported common sense, environmentally-sound clean air policy at the local, state and national level. He remains committed to supporting advanced research and increased funding for diabetes, cancer and the issues of home, rural and mental health, and was responsible for the passage of landmark FDA reform legislation designed to improve the way the agency approves medical devices.

Barton remains among the steadfast House leaders on tax reform through the promotion of lower taxes and financial freedom. He has supported eliminating the marriage penalty and estate tax, reduced capital gains taxes, retirement of the current tax code and sweeping bankruptcy reforms. Barton will continue to fight for the basic traditional rights put forth by our Founding Fathers.

Joe Barton was born on September 15, 1949 in Waco, Texas. An avid baseball player growing up, he earned a four-year Gifford-Hill Opportunity Award scholarship to Texas A&M University, where he was the outstanding industrial engineering student for the Class of 1972. After earning a Master's of Science degree in Industrial Administration from Purdue University, he joined Ennis Business Forms, where he rose to the position of Assistant to the Vice President. In 1981, he was selected for the prestigious White House Fellows Program, and served as an aide to then-Energy Secretary James B. Edwards. He returned to Texas in 1982 as a natural gas decontrol consultant for Atlantic Richfield Oil and Gas Company before being elected to Congress.

Barton and his wife Terri have homes in Ennis and Arlington, Texas. He has four children, two stepchildren and four grandchildren.

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## Judy Biggert

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### Illinois' 13th District

A lifelong Illinois resident, Judy Biggert combines a wealth of experience as a legislator, lawyer, community leader, and small business owner to serve the suburban Chicago residents of Illinois' 13th District in the US House of Representatives.

As the only Republican member of the Illinois delegation on the Education and Workforce Committee, Judy worked to help craft the No Child Left Behind Act, which included her bill to nearly double annual funding for homeless education programs. She is the sponsor of legislation to promote financial literacy among our youth and she wrote legislation, now law, to increase funding for the training of math and science teachers.



As Co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues during the 107th Congress, Judy worked to improve funding for women's health research, victims of dating violence and child care assistance for low income families. In 2001, she introduced legislation that expands legal assistance for victims of domestic violence and worked with the Bush Administration to pass a bill that fast-tracked money to Afghan women and children for their basic health and educational needs.

In the 110th Congress, Judy is a member of three committees -- Financial Services, Education and Labor, Science and Technology -- and of six subcommittees. She serves as Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit.

In addition, Judy serves as a member of: the Education and Labor Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education; the Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness; the Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development; the Science and Technology Subcommittee on Energy and Environment; and the Science and Technology Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation.

On the Financial Services Committee, she helped write the Sarbanes Oxley legislation that reformed the accounting and auditing industries in the wake of the Enron and Anderson scandals.

As a member of the Committee on Science and Chairman of the Energy Subcommittee, Judy has helped strengthen our country's basic science research facilities, including Argonne National Laboratory, located in her congressional district.

Cited by Glamour as one of the "New Female Power Players" and by Fortune as one of "The Picks of Congress' New Litter," Judy met and matched expectations. Shortly after her election in 1998, she was selected as the only Member-Elect to serve on the Congressional Delegation to the White House Conference on Social Security. Judy was also the only freshman Member of Congress to be named Vice-Chair of two subcommittees. During her first term in office, two of her initiatives became law: the Cybertipline legislation made it easier to report and track down computer-based sex crimes against children, and another bill that increased penalties for traffickers of club drugs such as Ecstasy.

Judy began her legislative career in 1992, when she was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives to serve the newly created 81st District. She became the first member of the Illinois House in the 20th century to be named to leadership after serving only one term. She was reelected in 1994 and 1996.

While serving in the Illinois General Assembly, Judy's work on state economic initiatives, such as tort reform, property tax cuts, and balanced budgets without tax increases earned her top ratings from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB). For her work to protect the children and families of Illinois, she was named "Woman of the Year" in Government, Politics and Civic Affairs by the DuPage YWCA in 1996 and was inducted into the Hinsdale Central High School Hall of Fame in 1997 for her leadership in education.

A lifetime of community service prepared Judy for the challenges of public office. She served for four years

as Chairman of the Village of Hinsdale Plan Commission and for four years as a member of the Steering Committee of the Hinsdale Citizens for Property Tax Accountability. She has served as Chairman of the Hinsdale Assembly of the Hinsdale Hospital, Chairman of the Hinsdale Antiques Show, and as member of the Board of Directors of Salt Creek Ballet. She served for eight years as a Sunday School teacher, two years as an Assistant Soccer Coach in the American Youth Soccer Organization, and for two terms as President of the Oak School PTA.

She's a former School Board President of Hinsdale Township High School District 86, Chairman of the Visiting Nurses Association of Chicago and a former President of the Junior League of Chicago. She has served as President of the Chicago Junior Board of the Traveler's Aid Society.

A graduate of Stanford University and Northwestern University School of Law, Judy began her legal career as clerk to the Honorable Luther M. Swygert, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. While raising her four children, Judy ran a home-based private law practice specializing in real estate, estate planning and probate law. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, the DuPage Bar Association, and the DuPage Association of Women Lawyers.

Judy was born in Chicago on August 15, 1937 and attended New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois. She and her husband Rody are the proud parents of Courtney Caverly, Alison Cabot, Rody Biggert, and Adrienne Morrell, and the proud grandparents of Bray, Gillian and Grant Caverly, and John Henry, Matthew, and Ethan Cabot, and Greer and Charlotte Morrell. Judy and Rody live in their 138-year-old home in Hinsdale, Illinois.

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## Brian Bilbray

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### California's 50th District

Congressman Brian P. Bilbray was elected to represent the 50th Congressional District of California on June 6, 2006. He currently serves on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the Committee on Veteran's Affairs and the Science and Technology Committee. He is also a member of the House Republican Policy Committee and the Chairman of the Immigration Reform Caucus.



Congressman Bilbray is a native San Diegan and was born at Coronado Naval Air Station where his father served in the Navy. Congressman Bilbray brings to his constituency a unique level of experience having served the people of San Diego County as a Mayor, County Supervisor and as a member of Congress. During his two decades of local government service, Brian fought to protect and enhance the quality of life that has attracted millions to San Diego County. He supported a number of economic development policies that helped solidify the County's reputation for being a hub of innovation and entrepreneurship.

The Congressman's first tenure in Congress began in 1994, as a part of the historic class of Republicans who took control of both the House and Senate for the first time since 1954. There he championed the fiscally responsible philosophies that produced a balanced budget and a \$155 billion surplus. He continued his work on border control issues and successfully fought for legislation that added almost 1,400 new agents to the U.S. Border Patrol in 1995 and fought to secure \$425 million in funds to reimburse Border States for the costs associated with illegal alien incarceration.

Congressman Bilbray became a key ally of the public safety community with his support of Megan's Law, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 and the Child Protection and Sexual Predator Act. He was also an advocate for the Care for Police Survivors Act of 1998 and the Child Protection Act of 1997.

He continued to fight for the quality of life protection measures he supported while serving in local government. Utilizing his experience as a member of the California Air Resources Board and on the California Coastal Commission, Congressman Bilbray worked to pass landmark clean air and clean water legislation. He was the author of HR 999, the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act that was signed into law in 2000 as well as the Border Smog Reduction Act, also signed into law in 1998. He was one of two co-sponsors of HR 5131, the Halt Electricity Price-Gouging Act of 2000 and co-sponsored a number of bills aimed at reducing our dependency on foreign oil while providing incentives to purchase and produce fuel efficient vehicles.

After leaving Congress in 2001, Congressman Bilbray continued his work to develop and implement meaningful immigration reform, serving as the co-Chairman of the National Board of Advisors for the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR). It was the issue of illegal immigration that propelled Brian back into Congress in June of 2006.

Since his election, Congressman Bilbray has co-sponsored legislation aimed at securing our borders; increasing interior enforcement measures and eliminating illegal immigration incentives. Specifically, he has recently worked with Congressman David Dreier (R-CA) and House Intelligence Committee Chairman, Congressman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) to introduce H.R. 98, a bill aimed at implementing a tamper-resistant Social Security Card that every worker would need to gain employment. This would put into a place the infrastructure needed to crack-down on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

Congressman Bilbray was also at the forefront of the battle to protect the Mt. Soledad Veterans War Memorial. He co-sponsored legislation signed into law by President Bush in August of 2006 that will preserve the Mt. Soledad National War Memorial for generations of San Diegans to enjoy.

Recognizing the Congressman's commitment to reform, he was appointed Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement. The jurisdiction of the subcommittee includes management of government operations, reorganization and federal procurement.

As Chairman of the Immigration Reform Caucus, Congressman Bilbray will continue to be a leading voice for the call of illegal immigration reform. His other key priorities in the 110th Congress include the continuation of his past work on clean air and clean water and efforts to bring accountability and transparency to the federal budget process.

He and his wife Karen are proud parents of five children and six grandchildren.

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## Gus Bilirakis

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### Florida's 9th District

Gus M. Bilirakis, Republican from Palm Harbor, was elected to Congress on November 7, 2006, to represent Florida's Ninth Congressional District, which includes portions of Pasco, Pinellas, and Hillsborough counties.

Born on February 8, 1963, Gus learned about the importance of public service early in his life from his father, Michael Bilirakis, who represented the Ninth District in Congress from 1983 to 2006. The elder Bilirakis also instilled in his son pride in his family heritage and civic-mindedness, both of which Gus proudly exhibits today.



Early in his career, Gus volunteered on his father's congressional campaigns, interned for President Ronald Reagan and the National Republican Congressional Committee, and worked for former U.S. Representative Don Sundquist (R-TN). Gus earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida in 1986, and a J.D. from Stetson University in 1989. Gus then was a Senior Partner at the Bilirakis Law Group in Holiday, Florida, specializing in wills, trusts, and estate planning. He also taught government classes at St. Petersburg College.

Prior to being elected to Congress, Gus was overwhelmingly elected to four terms as a member of the Florida House of Representatives. During his tenure in Tallahassee (1998-2006), he chaired several prominent panels, including Crime Prevention, Public Safety Appropriations, and the Economic Development, Trade, & Banking Committee, gaining valuable expertise that benefit his constituents today. He quickly became known as a consensus-builder who worked across party lines for the common good, as well as for focusing on constituent service and being accessible to those he represented, traits he continues in Congress.

Also while in Tallahassee, Gus won bipartisan acclaim for being fair and accomplishing his key priorities. His leadership resulted in laws to make communities safer, improve transportation, reform government, recognize the sacrifices of America's veterans, and expand the role that community health centers play in making health care more available to lower-income individuals.

In Congress, Gus works in a similar bipartisan manner to make homeowners' insurance more affordable, improve education, lower taxes, increase access to quality health care, protect veterans' benefits, ensure the long-term viability of Social Security and Medicare, make government smaller and smarter, and strengthen homeland security.

His bipartisan work has also helped him to pass many of his own legislative initiatives in the U.S. House of Representatives and Congress during his first term. In August 2007, President Bush signed into law a package of homeland security measures, including two proposed by Gus, which address public transportation and rail security. This marked his first legislative initiatives to become law as a freshman member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Currently, Gus serves as a Member of the House Committees on Homeland Security, Veterans' Affairs and Foreign Affairs. Additionally, Gus is the Senior Freshman Whip of the Republican Party and is Chair of the Veterans' Affairs Task Force for the Republican Policy Committee.

Gus lives in Palm Harbor with his wife, Eva, and sons Michael, Teddy, Manuel, and Nicholas.

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## Rob Bishop

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### Utah's 1st District

A public school teacher turned public servant, Rob Bishop represents Utah's First Congressional District in the U.S. Congress.

Rob Bishop is a life-long resident of the First District, with the exception of two years he spent in Germany while serving a mission for the LDS Church. He was born and raised in Kaysville, Utah, where he graduated from Davis High School with High Honors. He later graduated magna cum laude from the University of Utah with a degree in Political Science. He has been a resident of Brigham City since 1974.

Rob is married to Jeralynn Hansen, a former Miss Brigham City. They have five children. Shule (28) graduated from Utah State University and now works in Washington, DC. Jarom (27) attended USU as well, and is currently in law school. Zenock (25) is currently enrolled at Utah State, studying history and political science, as is the only daughter Maren (19). Jashon (17) is a student at Box Elder High School.



Before coming to Congress, Rob was active in community theater, which is how he met his wife many years ago. As an avid baseball fan, Rob is a season ticket holder to the Salt Lake Bees and has coached in multiple leagues.

Rob is a devoted public servant. He has served his community in the State Legislature. During his sixteen years representing the Brigham City area, Rob distinguished himself as a leader. His last two years he was unanimously elected to serve as Speaker of the House. He also co-founded the Western States Coalition, a multi-state organization dedicated to protecting states' rights and promoting Western interests and values.

Rob has served his political party for more than thirty years. Rob has worked at nearly every level of the Republican party, from precinct chair to member of the Republican National Committee, and has spent years working in every corner of this District. He has gone from Vice-Chair of the Davis County Teenage Republicans in 1968 to the advisor of the Utah Teenage Republicans in 1996. In 1997, he was elected Chairman of the Utah Republican Party. He served for two terms.

Rob has dedicated his life to teaching. He started teaching at Box Elder High School (BEHS) in Brigham City in 1974. From 1980 through 1985 he taught German and coached debate at Ben Lomond High School in Ogden, Utah, before returning to BEHS. Before retiring in December of 2002, he taught advanced placement courses in government and U.S. History, while serving as the Chair of the History Department at BEHS.

On January 7, 2003, Rob Bishop was sworn in as the new Congressman from Utah's First Congressional District, replacing the retiring Representative Jim Hansen. For his first term, he was appointed to serve on his top three choices for House Committees - the Armed Services Committee, the Resources Committee, and the Science Committee - all three of which handle critical issues for Utah's First District. In January 2005, Rob was sworn into a second term. He was subsequently appointed by the Speaker to serve on the powerful House Rules Committee, the legislative "gatekeeper" for all bills coming to the House floor. For the current session of Congress, Rob is serving on the Armed Services Committee, the Committee on Natural Resources, and the Education and Labor Committee. He is the ranking Republican Member on the Parks and Public Lands Subcommittee and serves as a Vice Chair on the House GOP Policy Committee.

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## Marsha Blackburn

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### Tennessee's 7th District

Marsha Blackburn is an established, conservative, results-oriented legislator who solves problems. She was sent to the U.S. House of Representatives at the start of the 108th Congress where she was one of only a few newly-elected congressmen selected to serve as an assistant whip on the majority whip team and the first female in Tennessee elected in her own right to the US House.



Blackburn was elected State Senator in 1998, becoming the first woman to represent Tennessee's 23rd Senate District. While in the Tennessee Senate, Blackburn led a statewide grassroots campaign to defeat the proposed state income tax. Her frequent appearances on talk radio and positive mention in national publications like the Wall Street Journal made her a recognized national anti-tax and government reform advocate. She quickly earned a reputation for keeping her legislative focus on defending and expanding individual freedom and free enterprise.

Blackburn willingly accepts the responsibility of helping shape American fiscal policy as a member of the exclusive House Energy & Commerce Committee. For 208 years, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the oldest legislative standing committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, has served as the principal guide for the House in matters relating to the promotion of commerce and to the public's health and marketplace interests.

Representing both a portion of metropolitan Nashville and the suburbs of Memphis, Blackburn has strong ties with some of the nation's premier songwriters and performers. In 2003, Blackburn founded the Congressional Songwriters Caucus to give the nation's creative community access to Capitol Hill. The caucus focuses on the protection of intellectual property and tax policy.

Blackburn was selected to serve as an Assistant Majority Whip in the 108th Congress and an Assistant Minority Whip for the 109th Congress. Whip Roy Blunt has recently selected Congressman Blackburn to serve as a Deputy Whip for the 110th Congress .

She has been named the Communications Chairman for the Republican Study Committee, a large group of fiscally conservative Republicans that make up a majority of Republicans in Congress . Blackburn was also named by Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) as the Communications Chairman for the National Republican Congressional Committee, which recruits and supports Republican candidates for the United States Congress .

A graduate of Mississippi State University and a small business owner, Blackburn has been actively involved in Tennessee grassroots politics and civic organizations for more than 25 years. Blackburn was born on June 6, 1952. Marsha and Chuck Blackburn have been married for thirty-two years. They have two children, Mary Morgan Ketchel, and Chad Blackburn; and one grandson, Jack Ketchel.

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## Roy Blunt

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### Missouri's 7th District

House Republican Whip Roy Blunt came to the United States House of Representatives in 1997 with a background as a public servant, university president and administrator.

Blunt, who became Majority Whip earlier in his career than any Member of Congress in the last eight decades, was reelected to a third term as Republican Whip in November 2006.

As Whip, Congressman Blunt is the second highest Republican in the House of Representatives. He selects and leads a team of Deputy and Assistant Whips, which columnist Robert Novak has described as "the most efficient party whip operation in congressional history."



The people of Southwest Missouri have sent Blunt to Washington to represent them six times. When Blunt was named Missouri's Republican of the Year in 2001, President Bush described him as "a leader who knows how to raise his sights and lower his voice."

Blunt's legislation signed into law in recent Congresses includes the Combat Meth Act, the Charitable Giving expansion, and legislation to enhance transparency in federal spending by establishing a searchable database of all federal grants and contracts. A recognized leader on energy-related issues, Blunt is a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the head of the House Energy Action Team (HEAT).

In 1984, Blunt was elected Missouri's first Republican Secretary of State in more than 50 years. Before coming to Congress, Blunt served four years as the president of his alma mater, Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri.

The Congressman is married to Abigail Blunt. Blunt has four children: Missouri Governor Matt Blunt; Amy Blunt, an attorney in Kansas City, Missouri; Andy Blunt, an attorney in Jefferson City, Missouri; and Charlie (age 3), who lives with his mom and dad. Blunt has five grandchildren: Davis Mosby, Ben Blunt, Branch Blunt, Eva Mosby, and Allyson Blunt.

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## John Boehner

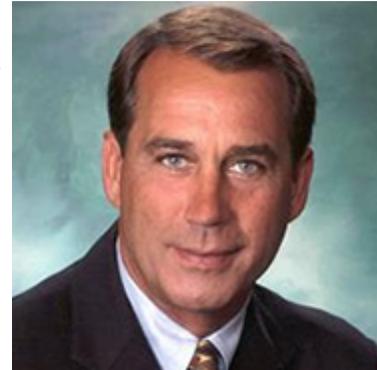
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### Ohio's 8th District

John Boehner (Bay-ner), elected to represent the Eighth Congressional District of Ohio for a ninth term in November 2006, continues to be a key leader in the fight for a more limited and accountable federal government.

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## Jo Bonner

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### Alabama's 1st District

In November 2006, the people of Alabama's First District voted to return Congressman Jo Bonner to the House of Representatives for a third term with 68 percent of the vote.

In February 2008, Bonner was appointed to the House Committee on Appropriations to fill the vacancy created when former U.S. Rep. Roger Wicker (R-MS) was appointed to the U.S. Senate. At a time when fiscal discipline is under intense scrutiny, the Steering Committee entrusted Bonner with the seat to help reform the earmark process and restore fiscal credibility to Washington. As the newest member of the Appropriations Committee, Bonner's priority is to serve as a vigilant guardian of the taxpayers' money, helping to eliminate wasteful and questionable spending. Bonner was named to the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee as well as the Legislative Branch Subcommittee.



In addition to the Appropriations Committee, Bonner will continue to serve on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, more commonly known as the Ethics Committee. With the topic of ethics at the forefront of so many discussions in Washington, Bonner was tapped by his peers at the beginning of the 110th Congress to serve on the committee that has jurisdiction over matters relating to the Code of Official Conduct. Bonner also serves on the Committee on the Budget. Bonner will continue to serve as an assistant on the Republican Whip Team, a position to which he was named by Republican Whip Roy Blunt (R-MO) as an incoming freshman in the 108th Congress. Bonner also serves on the Republican Policy Committee, which provides the forum for members to develop legislative initiatives and establish party policies, a more important responsibility now that Republicans are in the minority.

A hallmark of Bonner's term in office has been a constituent-first approach, as evidenced by a staff that continues to give nothing short of 110 percent effort. In fact, Mobile's Press-Register recently noted, "In his six years in Congress, the Mobile Republican has earned a reputation as a tireless and effective advocate for his constituents in southwest Alabama."

Congressman Bonner came to office at a time when south Alabama's economy was struggling. However, during his tenure, the Alabama unemployment rate has fallen steadily, reaching record lows, and today, it is considerably lower than the national rate. During the past six years, he, in coordination with local and state leaders, has been proactive in helping to successfully attract new industries to the First District instilling growth and creativity as we move further into the 21st century. Bonner has worked aggressively alongside Alabama Governor Bob Riley recruiting several significant economic projects to the state – projects that will continue to fuel the economic engine of Alabama for generations to come.

Just last year, one of the largest private industrial development projects in the United States – ThyssenKrupp's \$3.7 billion steel plant – was announced for Alabama's First District. Recently, the Air Force awarded the Northrop Grumman/EADS team the contract to build the KC-45 Aerial Refueling Tanker. Throughout this process, the city of Mobile, the state of Alabama, and the entire Gulf Coast region garnered worldwide attention for an emerging aerospace industry. Some of Alabama's newest corporate partners, including Airbus, EADS and Northrop Grumman are letting people around the world come to identify our city and our state with aerospace excellence.

Born in Selma and reared in the town of Camden in rural Wilcox County, Bonner grew up in a family where public service was looked upon as an obligation, not an option. His father, the late Judge Josiah Robins Bonner, led Wilcox County during the tense 1960s and early 1970s. Other relatives, including his grandmother and great-uncle, served with distinction in both local and state government. His mother, an Army nurse during World War II, was often seen volunteering at local blood drives.

A congressional staffer for 18 years, Bonner served as both press secretary and chief of staff to his predecessor, former Congressman Sonny Callahan. In 1997, he and his family moved back to southwest Alabama where he became one of the few congressional chiefs of staff to reside in the district.

Upon returning home, Bonner became active in the life of Mobile and southwest Alabama. Today, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Mobile, the Mobile Lions Club, Mobile United and the Touchdown Club. Additionally, he serves as a member of the University of Mobile's President's Advisory Council, the advisory board for the Salvation Army, and the board of community advisors for the Junior League of Mobile. He has also served as a member of the board of directors for the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Leadership Mobile and the Mobile Chapter of The University of Alabama Alumni Association.

In 2000, the College of Communications at the University of Alabama honored him as their Outstanding Alumnus in Public Relations. He was a member of Leadership Mobile, Class of 2000, where his classmates elected him co-president.

Jo Bonner is married to the former Janée Lambert of Mobile. They are parents of a daughter, Jennifer Lee, age 13, and a son, Josiah Robins, III, age 10. The Bonners make their home in Mobile and are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church., John Boehner (Bay-ner), elected to represent the Eighth Congressional District of Ohio for a ninth term in November 2006, continues to be a key leader in the fight for a more limited and accountable federal government.

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## Mary Bono Mack

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### California's 45th District

In 1998, Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack was first elected to serve the people of California's 45th District through a special election held to fill the seat left vacant by her late husband, The Honorable Sonny Bono. Since then, Bono Mack has established herself as a leader on such issues as clean, alternative energy, protecting the environment, improving health care, and protecting consumers.



Perhaps one of her most significant legislative achievements, Bono Mack succeeded in passing legislation that established the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Mountains Monument in the Palm Springs region. Additionally, Bono Mack successfully moved legislation to compensate the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Tribe for land lost in 1908. The agreement settled the longest-ever ongoing litigation in the Ninth Circuit Court of California.

Bono Mack has also passed landmark legislation that calls for country-of-origin labeling for fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as several energy-saving bills to reward companies for utilizing clean burning fuel technologies and increase the energy-efficiency of federal buildings. The House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed Bono Mack's Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act (SPY Act), which would protect an individual's personal information on the Web. Also, Bono Mack has sponsored legislation that provides funding for obesity studies and improved nutrition programs nationwide, autism research, and Federal funding under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Act.

Bono Mack has repeatedly secured millions of dollars for transportation and environmental improvement projects in the 45th District, and has been at the forefront of working to curb the bark beetle infestation problem in the San Bernardino forest areas. Bono Mack has also been a key voice in Congress on finding a solution to restore the endangered Salton Sea.

California's 45th Congressional District is located in southeastern California's Coachella Valley region and Inland Empire. Encompassing a diverse geography, the 45th District includes deserts, mountains and agricultural regions, as well as the Colorado River and the Salton Sea.

Serving the District in the House of Representatives, Bono Mack sits on the prestigious Energy and Commerce Committee, which has broad jurisdiction over issues such as energy, telecommunications, health care and the environment.

Within the Committee, Bono Mack sits on the following three subcommittees: the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection; Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, and the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. In addition, Bono Mack serves as co-chair of the Congressional Salton Sea Task Force and as vice-chair of the Entertainment Task Force. Bono Mack is also the founder and co-chair of the Recording Arts and Sciences Caucus, and founding co-chair of the Intellectual Property Promotion and Piracy Prevention Caucus and the America Supports You Caucus, which was established to rally support for men and women in the armed services and their families.

Bono Mack has been recognized for her leadership and efforts to improve our nation's health care, preserve the environment, strengthen the economy, protect consumers, and expand alternative energy. Based on her consistent voting record on these and other issues, Bono Mack has received numerous awards from major organizations such as: Americans for Tax Reform, National Federation of Independent Businesses, the National Association of Manufacturers, and also from Sunline Transit Agency for her support of alternative fuel technologies.

Bono Mack has been the subject of numerous profiles for a wide array of publications and television shows, including: CNN's Larry King Live, NBC's The Today Show, The New York Times Magazine, The Washington Post, USA Today, PEOPLE, Capital Style, ELLE Magazine, Entertainment Tonight, Esquire, GEORGE Magazine, Good Housekeeping, HELLO Magazine, Ladies' Home Journal, and PBS. In 1998 Bono Mack was named one of the Most Fascinating Women of 1998 by Ladies' Home Journal magazine in conjunction

with CBS Television. She was also selected by the former GEORGE Magazine as one of the 20 most fascinating women in politics. Bono Mack was named by Golf Digest in 2008 as one of the "50 Most Powerful Women" golfers.

Bono Mack is a 1984 graduate of the University of Southern California. Mary later wed Sonny Bono, and together they had two children, Chesare Elan and Chianna Marie.

Mary is the daughter of the late Clay Whitaker, a physician, and the late Karen Whitaker, a chemist, and was raised in South Pasadena, California. As a youth Mary pursued her first love, gymnastics. With her family's support, Mary became an accomplished gymnast, and her dedication to physical fitness continues to this day.

Mary Bono Mack is married to U.S. Congressman Connie Mack. She is the proud mother of Chianna and Chesare, and her two stepchildren, Addison and Connie. In addition to spending time with her family, Mary enjoys a wide range of interests including music and outdoor activities such as hiking and camping.

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## John Boozman

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### Arkansas' 3rd District

Congressman John Boozman, a successful businessman and life-long resident of Arkansas, is in his fourth term representing the Third District of Arkansas in the United States House of Representatives.

After graduating Northside High School in Fort Smith, Boozman played football for the University of Arkansas Razorbacks while completing his pre-optometry requirements. He graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in 1977 and entered private practice that same year as co-founder of Boozman-Hof Regional Eye Clinic in Rogers, which has become a major provider of eye care to Northwest Arkansas.



Boozman currently serves on three House committees: Veterans Affairs, Transportation & Infrastructure and Foreign Affairs. In the 109th Congress, he was appointed Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Economic Opportunity Subcommittee which focuses on ensuring veterans have a smooth transition to civilian life. In the 110th Congress, Boozman returns as a leader of the subcommittee, this time as the group's ranking member. In February of 2008 Boozman was named ranking member of the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee which has jurisdiction over water resources development, conservation and management, water pollution control, water infrastructure, and hazardous waste cleanup.

In the 110th Congress, Boozman has affirmed his commitment to America's military veterans, authoring the Military Eye Trauma Treatment Act - which was made part of the 2008 Defense Authorization bill - and the reinstatement of veteran work study benefits under the GI Bill.

In January 2003, Boozman was named an Assistant Whip, a position he still retains, making him responsible for helping House Republican Whip Roy Blunt secure the votes necessary to pass critical legislation.

Boozman was also named to the Speaker's Task Force for a Drug-Free America in 2003. The task force advised House Speaker Dennis Hastert on major drug policy issues and advocates common sense legislative solutions to our nation's illegal drug problem.

Since May 2004, Rep. Boozman has served on House Policy Committee, the committee of key Republicans who vet issues and formulate legislation to address them.

Boozman also currently serves as member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA), which is an inter-parliamentary organization of legislators from the 19 member countries of NATO and 20 associate countries. In 2006, Boozman co-presented a report entitled "China's Development Challenge."

In order to make Arkansas a larger player in global trade, Boozman called together Third District and state leaders to create the Arkansas World Trade Center, which opened in 2007. Since its opening, Boozman and the AWTC have hosted numerous foreign dignitaries, including the ambassadors of China, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, and Guatemala; diplomats from Honduras and Nicaragua; and government leaders from Liberia.

Boozman was also appointed vice-chairman of the British American Parliamentary Group, a group of American and British lawmakers who meet to discuss issues of concern and fortify the already strong alliance between the two nations. In 2006, Boozman hosted a Conservative member of the British Parliament, including a visit to the 3rd District.

Boozman is a member of numerous House caucuses including the Congressional Caucus to Fight & Control Methamphetamine, the National Guard & Reserve Components Caucus, the Congressional Rural Caucus and the Congressional Sportsman's Caucus. Boozman was also one of the founding members of the Congressional I-49 Caucus to promote completion of Interstate 49 and he is the chairman of the Congressional Caucus on the Ivory Coast and West Africa Caucuses.

Prior to his election to Congress, Boozman served two terms on the Rogers School Board, which is one of the largest school districts in the state. He established the low vision program at the Arkansas School for the Blind in Little Rock and worked as a volunteer optometrist at an area clinic that provides medical services to low-income families. Boozman successfully raised Polled Hereford cattle that were competitive in the show ring, as well as in bull testing at Oklahoma State University.

Boozman, 57, is married to the former Cathy Marley. The couple has three daughters.

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# Charles Boustany

## Louisiana's 7th District

Congressman Charles W. Boustany Jr., M.D., a cardiovascular surgeon with more than 20 years of experience, was first elected to Congress in December 2004. Serving his second term in office, Boustany represents Louisiana's Seventh Congressional District, which covers Acadiana and Southwest Louisiana. Boustany has championed healthcare reform, sound energy policy and hurricane recovery with time-proven solutions for all Americans.



As a physician, Congressman Boustany understands the importance of healthcare and is at the forefront of healthcare policy in Congress. He believes the patient-doctor relationship is the most important part of healthcare and has worked to implement patient-centered healthcare solutions. Increased access to tax-free health savings accounts (HSAs) represent one opportunity for patients to strengthen their control over their healthcare decisions, and Boustany introduced legislation allowing seniors and veterans to participate.

Much of America's energy flows through Southwest Louisiana, and Congressman Boustany promotes responsible American energy production to help the American economy prosper. Agri-based energy alternatives and American ingenuity are a critical part of fulfilling the nation's energy demands.

Boustany is a member of three House Committees- Transportation and Infrastructure, Education and Labor and Agriculture.

Through these Committees, Boustany directed legislation critical to Southwest Louisiana's recovery effort, including the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) that authorized more than \$1.7 billion for Louisiana infrastructure projects. In addition, Congressman Boustany continues to work towards a new Farm Bill to provide stability for Louisiana's farmers and ranchers. He also served on the Head Start Reauthorization Conference Committee to mediate differences between the House and Senate on priorities for the early education program.

Congressman Boustany was raised in Lafayette and graduated from the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans in 1982. He returned to Lafayette in 1990 and began a successful medical practice. For fourteen years, he ran a small business and committed to helping others by providing the highest quality healthcare to his patients and the community. In Congress, Congressman Boustany is committed to serving the people of Southwest Louisiana with the same dedication and care that he provided as a physician and community leader.

Charles and his wife Bridget reside in Lafayette and have two adult children.

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## Kevin Brady

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### Texas' 8th District

Kevin Brady is serving his sixth term in Congress representing the 8th District of Texas in the U.S House of Representatives.

In order to stay close to the communities and neighborhoods he represents, Kevin chooses not to move to Washington but lives in Texas with his family and commutes to work each week. He is known as a pro-family, pro-small business conservative who believes in free enterprise.

Congressman Brady holds the leadership post of Deputy Whip and serves on the Ways & Means Committee. He serves on the Social Security and Trade subcommittees.

The Ways and Means Committee is considered by many to be the most powerful committee in Congress, with jurisdiction over 2/3 of the federal budget including taxes, Social Security, Medicare, international trade and welfare.

Congressman Brady's major legislative accomplishments include:

- Restoring the federal sales tax deduction which saves Texas taxpayers \$1 billion a year.
- Passing the Teacher Liability Protection Act that protects teachers against frivolous lawsuits when they maintain order and discipline in the classroom.
- In the wake of 9-11, establishing a national network of university homeland security research centers to prevent and respond to future terrorist attacks, including the center at Texas A & M.
- Helping create the Texas Institute of Genomic Research, a cutting-edge research center that will accelerate new medical discoveries and create 5,000 new Texas jobs.
- Spearheading the successful House effort to secure \$4 billion in disaster recovery funding to help Texas recover from the devastation of Hurricane Rita.

Congressman Brady also served as the White House's point man in the successful passage of the Central American Free Trade Agreement which will create 16,000 new jobs for Texas.

In Congress, Kevin is recognized as the author of the bi-partisan Federal Sunset Act which would abolish obsolete federal agencies and eliminate waste and duplication by placing an expiration date on every federal program where they must justify their existence to taxpayers or face elimination.

A strong supporter of medical research who created the Texas Birth Defects Registry as a state legislator, Kevin has a special interest in finding cures for rare diseases, especially Primary Pulmonary Hypertension – for now an incurable disease that strikes young women of child-bearing age in growing numbers.

In Congress he has been named Hero-of-the-Taxpayers, Small Business Champion and Super-Friend of the Seniors. He has received the Golden Bulldog Award by Watchdogs of the Treasury, special recognition by Citizens Against Government Waste, and is a perennial winner of the Guardian of Small Business and Spirit of Enterprise awards. Recently he was named Deep East Texas Legislator-of-the-Year and Outstanding Texas Political Leader-of-the-Year.

Prior to his election in Congress, Kevin worked as a chamber of commerce executive for 18 years including Beaumont, The Woodlands area and Rapid City, South Dakota.

A former city councilman, he served six years in the Texas House of Representatives earning distinction as Ten Best Legislators for Families & Children and a state leader in victim's rights. In 1994 he was named one of Five Outstanding Young Texans along with the U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. He is also an original Hometown Hero of The Woodlands.



Congressman Brady lives in The Woodlands with his wife Cathy Patronella Brady and his two sons, Will (8) and Sean (5). A Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary and active in his community, Kevin attends Saints Simons and Jude Catholic Church. He is a Distinguished Alumni of the University of South Dakota.

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## Paul Broun

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### Georgia's 10th District

Representative Paul Broun was elected in July of 2007 to serve the Tenth District of Georgia. Since his arrival in Congress he has been appointed to positions on the House Homeland Security Committee and the House Committee on Science and Technology.

Paul C. Broun, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on May 14, 1946 to Paul and Margaret Broun—both native Georgians. In 1948, the family moved to Athens, Georgia. Paul attended Athens High School and graduated from the University of Georgia in 1967 with a B.S. in Chemistry. In 1971, he received his Medical Doctor degree from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. An internship at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Oregon and a residency at University Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama followed.



Paul served in the military as a jet engine mechanic in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserves and later received a commission as a medical officer in the U. S. Navy.

For most of his career, Dr. Broun has practiced general medicine in rural South Georgia—first in Blakely, then in Americus. He also filled in as an emergency department physician in various area hospitals.

Moving back to Athens in 1999, Dr. Broun joined the Greater Athens Physicians family practice group. In 2002, he went out on his own, establishing a unique practice of full-time house calls. He has enjoyed the freedom of practicing medicine without bureaucratic encumbrances and his patients appreciated the convenience of being seen at home or at work.

Paul's first exposure to politics came at the age of sixteen, when his father won a seat in the Georgia State Senate. Paul Broun Sr. represented the 46th district as a State Senator for 38 years. Later, Paul Jr. himself would become involved politically; first as a volunteer lobbyist for Safari Club International, a pro-hunting and conservation organization, then as a conservative Republican candidate for the U.S. House in 1990 and 1992 and for the U.S. Senate in 1996.

Paul Broun participates in many diverse organizations and activities ranging from politics and religion to cooking and sports. Some of these are: the NRA, Gideons International, Rotary International, Trout Unlimited, Gun Owners of America and University of Georgia President's Club. He was the founding President of the Georgia Republican Assembly, and President of the Georgia Sport Shooting Association (the NRA state affiliate). Paul is an avid outdoorsman, having a passion for conservation, hunting, fishing, and Second Amendment rights.

Dr. Broun has been married to his wife Niki since 1985 and has two grown daughters, a teen-aged son and two grandchildren. The Brouns are members of Prince Avenue Baptist Church in Athens, where Paul is a former AWANA children's ministry leader. He is active in the Gideon ministry and in 2004 participated in a mission trip to Iraq.

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# Henry Brown

## South Carolina's 1st District

Congressman Henry E. Brown, Jr. was elected to the United States House of Representatives November 7, 2000. Currently, he represents the First District of South Carolina, which includes all or portions of Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown and Horry counties. Presently, Henry Brown is serving his fourth term in the 110th Congress, and he serves on three committees and six subcommittees: the Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittees on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans (Ranking Republican Member) and National Parks, Forests and Public Lands; the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittees on Highways and Transit, Water Resources, and Railroads; and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health.



A member of numerous Congressional caucuses, the Congressman is Co-Chairman of the Port Security Caucus, the Congressional Friends of Canada Caucus, the Coastal Caucus, and the Congressional Shellfish Caucus.

Congressman Brown started his political career serving on the Hanahan Planning Commission and Hanahan City Council. In 1985, he was elected to the SC House of Representatives and served continuously through 2000. He was appointed to the House Ways and Means Committee in 1989, and in November 1994, he became the first Republican ever elected to serve as Chairman of Ways and Means. As Chairman, Congressman Brown was responsible for a \$4.6 billion budget, and he led the fight for the largest tax cut in the history of the state. In its fourth year, 1998, this property tax relief totaled \$240 million. Further, during his tenure on Ways and Means, Congressman Brown was also elected Chairman of the Joint Tax Study Commission and served as a member of the Budget and Control Board, the Legislative Audit Council, and the Joint Bond Review Committee.

Since being elected to the US House of Representatives in 2000, Congressman Brown has been honored by numerous groups for his conservative, pro-business, pro-military, and common sense voting record. He was awarded the Order of the Palmetto in 2000, which is the highest honor a civilian can receive from the state of South Carolina. In 2005, he received the College of Charleston's Founders' Medal. Also, he has received honorary doctorates from The Citadel, College of Charleston, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston Southern University, and Coastal Carolina University.

Congressman Brown is a retired vice-president with Piggly Wiggly Corporation. He is married to the former Billye Beaver, and they have three children and five grandchildren. He is an active member of Cooper River Baptist Church.

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## Ginny Brown-Waite

### Florida's 5th District

Beginning her third term as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2007, Ginny has built a reputation as an independent and fearless leader with the ability and authority to get things done on behalf of her Florida constituents. Since her arrival in 2003, Ginny has emerged as one of the most outspoken, hard-working and dynamic members of the House.

An active member of the Financial Services, Homeland Security and Veterans' Affairs Committees in the 110th Congress, Ginny's arduous work on these panels is a testament to her drive, tenacity and dedication to the people of the 5th District.



On the Veterans' Affairs Committee, she serves as the Ranking Member for the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. This leadership position allows her to keep a watchful eye on legislation that impacts the healthcare and services we offer our nation's veterans and heroes, many of whom reside right here in the 5th District. In fact, Ginny represents the district with the second highest population of veterans of any Member of Congress!

On the Financial Services Committee, Ginny serves on the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government-Sponsored Enterprises and the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit. As the House Committee that oversees our insurance and financial markets, Ginny has worked tirelessly on solutions that lower the cost of homeowner's and business owner's insurance throughout Florida.

A Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, Ginny serves on the Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, as well as the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, Science, and Technology. She looks forward to playing an active role in Committee deliberations as they shape America's domestic preparedness and security future at home and abroad.

During her two terms in the House, Ginny has focused her legislative agenda on issues directly affecting 5th District residents. In the 110th Congress, Ginny will continue to fight for a national catastrophic insurance fund, increased healthcare access for veterans, protecting Social Security and Medicare for current and near retirees, and helping to secure our nation's borders. These issues are important to the 5th District and will remain the focus of Ginny's work in Congress.

Aside from her committee work and hefty legislative schedule, Ginny is the Co-Chair of the Unexploded Ordinances Caucus, a bi-partisan group of Members of Congress that seeks ways to clean up former military training sites like the Brooksville Gunnery Range. Ginny looks forward to helping other communities find and clear munitions left in their neighborhoods and residential areas.

Ginny has also served as Co-Chair of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, a bi-partisan caucus that helps raise awareness of adoption and foster care issues. An adoptive parent herself, she has worked with other Members to increase the tax credits for adoption and help find legislative avenues to increase adoption rates in Florida and the United States.

Throughout her tenure in the House, Ginny has returned home every weekend and on all extended breaks from Congress' normal legislative session. She has said repeatedly to friends and constituents, "I'll never fall in love with the place you sent me to work. I work in Washington, but my home is here in Florida."

Ginny is a native of Albany, New York and an alumna of The State College System. She received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from Russell Sage College and holds a Labor Studies Program Certification from Cornell University. She is a mother to three adult daughters and a grandmother to three grandsons and one granddaughter. Her husband, Harvey, a former New York State trooper, recently passed away following a bout with cancer. She resides in Brooksville with her Bentley - but don't be impressed; Bentley is her dog!

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## Vern Buchanan

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### Florida's 13th District

Congressman Vern Buchanan was elected on Nov. 7, 2006 to serve the people of Florida's 13th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Vern Buchanan grew up with five siblings in a blue collar household in a small town near Detroit, Michigan. He served six years in the Air National Guard and worked his way through college, where he met his wife Sandy. Prior to serving in Congress, he and Sandy raised a family and were active in their community.

Currently serving his first term, Congressman Buchanan was sworn in to office on Jan. 4, 2007. He quickly rolled up his sleeves and went to work as a conservative businessman who emphasizes common sense and constituent services.



For his first bill, he sponsored legislation with Congresswoman Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida to address the state's insurance crisis. The Homeowners Insurance Protection Act would establish a federal reinsurance catastrophic fund to increase access to affordable property insurance in Florida by providing lower cost reinsurance to states.

A strong fiscal conservative, the Congressman has also introduced the Buchanan Balanced Budget Amendment Act to require a balanced federal budget and the Earmark Accountability and Reform Act to reform the process through which federal funds are "earmarked" for pet projects.

The Congressman's other top legislative priorities are national security, maintaining tax relief, providing our seniors and veterans with the benefits they have earned, and protecting the environment, which is vital to Florida's economy and quality of life.

Congressman Buchanan serves on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, through which he is fighting for Florida's fair share of federal transportation dollars; the House Committee on Veterans, on which he is working to address the needs of the District's more than 95,000 veterans; and the House Committee on Small Business.

The self-made businessman is a respected leader in Florida's business community. He chaired both the Florida Chamber of Commerce and the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the Board of the U.S. Chamber.

In addition, Congressman Buchanan has given both time and money to diverse community causes, including the Boys and Girls Club, the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, the Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes, the American Heart Walk, the Mote Marine Laboratory, and the Ringling Museum of Art.

A husband and father, Congressman Buchanan lives in Longboat Key, Florida with his wife of more than 30 years. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan have two grown sons, James and Matt.

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# Michael Burgess

## Texas' 26th District

### Personal

U.S. Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D., a resident of Lewisville, worked as a doctor in Denton County for over 21 years. A respected physician of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Lewisville, Dr. Burgess delivered more than 3000 babies in North Texas before heading to Congress in 2003.

Highly educated, Rep. Burgess has four degrees: two from the now University of North Texas, an M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston and another Masters degree in Medical Management from the University of Texas at Dallas in 2000.

Founder of a private practice, former Chief of Staff for Lewisville Medical Center, and most recently Chief of Obstetrics at Lewisville Medical Center, Rep. Michael Burgess was committed to better the lives of those around him before making the decision to run for Congress.



### In Congress

Since his election in 2002, Congressman Michael Burgess has made amazing strides in pushing legislative priorities including modernizing America's health care system, building a strong defense, protecting our Homeland, cutting wasteful government spending, reforming the tax code, and making America energy self-sufficient.

First elected in 2002, Congressman Burgess served on the House Transportation and Infrastructure, Government Reform and Science Committees during his first term.

Re-elected in 2004 and 2006, Congressman Michael Burgess serves as a member of the prestigious House Energy and Commerce Committee which is one of only three exclusive committees in the House of Representatives. Congressman Burgess sits on four subcommittees: Health, Energy, Oversight and Investigations, and Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Recent committee work has included investigations concerning consumer product safety on imported toys and food products; hearings on funding for the National Institutes of Health and discussions about energy efficiency.

In addition, Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. is Vice Chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee which serves as a formal council to formulate and implement national legislative priorities, and to improve relationships between the executive and legislative branches of government.

Committee assignments, writing legislation, reviewing intelligence reports, and hosting meetings with constituents are but a few of the activities in the everyday life of Congressman Michael C. Burgess.

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## Steve Buyer

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### Indiana's 4th District

Steve Buyer (pronounced Boo-yer) hails from rural Indiana, where he grew up along the banks of the Tippecanoe River. Not far from his childhood home, he resides with his wife, Joni, and their two children, Colleen and Ryan, in Monticello, Indiana.



He is a graduate of North White High School in Monon, and a distinguished military graduate with a degree in Business Administration from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. Upon graduation from Valparaiso Law School, Congressman Buyer branch transferred to the Judge Advocate General Corps and was called to active duty for a period of three years. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army, and served his country as a Staff Judge Advocate in the Gulf War. Congressman Buyer continues his service as a Colonel in the Army Reserves.

In 1992, he was elected to represent the twenty counties of Northern Indiana. In 2002, due to congressional redistricting, Congressman Buyer ran and won election to represent Indiana's Fourth Congressional District, encompassing all or part of 12 counties in West central Indiana.

Congressman Buyer takes great pride in his efforts to provide constituent services and regularly holds town meetings and industry forums to hear from constituents.

He also takes a personal and active interest in federal projects important to Indiana. He has shaped the realigned Grissom Air Reserve Base into one of the most thriving, joint use reserve military bases in the country located in north central Indiana. He played a critical role in ensuring that Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center in southern Indiana was left largely untouched in the 2005 BRAC. Congressman Buyer continues to shepherd the development of the Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor, funding for I-69 from Indianapolis to Evansville and to fund key segments of north-south and east-west corridors in the "doughnut counties" around Indianapolis,--effectively creating what is called the "Buyer Box" around Marion County to help move traffic safely and efficiently. He has secured critical federal funding for transportation projects in White, Tippecanoe, Clinton, Hendricks, and Johnson counties.

A man of principle, Congressman Buyer strongly believes in fulfilling his duty as an American citizen, even if it is unpopular. He closed his solo law practice in Monticello with three days notice to serve in the Gulf War; he served as a House Impeachment Manager in the prosecution of President Bill Clinton before the U.S. Senate; fought to prevent the disenfranchisement of military absentee voters during the 2000 Presidential Election Florida recount; and most recently was called to serve on the Congressional commission to assess government's reaction to Hurricane Katrina.

As Chairman of the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee during the 105th and 106th Congresses, Congressman Buyer championed the TRICARE-for-Life and the Senior Pharmacy entitlement program for Medicare-eligible military retirees-one of the most comprehensive prescription drug benefit plans in history. In fact, his effort on behalf of many of America's veterans was termed the "greatest expansion of health care benefits in a generation." Other significant accomplishments include creating a program to address soldiers on food stamps, reform the military retirement system, increase and improve military pay and benefits, led the effort to secure medical care for Reservists who suffer from Persian Gulf illnesses, and addressed recruitment and retention difficulties.

No longer a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Congressman Buyer serves as Chairman of the House Guard and Reserve Components Caucus.

In January 2005, Congressman Buyer was appointed Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Since coming to Congress, his priorities have been to ensure that veterans with service-connected disabilities, those with special needs, and those who are indigent receive the best care. In 2005, after discovering significant shortcomings in the VA budget and its budget process, Congressman Buyer was able to quickly help provide \$1.2 billion in supplemental funding. He is also committed to providing a seamless transition to soldiers as they become veterans, working on information technology services that streamline

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare system. Congressman Buyer has been a tireless advocate of giving the VA's CIO more authority which would save the Department \$1.6 billion in wasteful and duplicative spending. In response to this legislation, in March 2006, Federal Computer Week named Congressman Buyer one of its "Federal 100" presented to those leaders who made a difference in the area of information technology in 2005.

Congressman Buyer is also a member of the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee where he is using his seniority and past experience to tackle some of the most complex issues facing our country from health care to energy to telecommunications issues.

His home state of Indiana is one of the world leaders in the medical device industry and Congressman Buyer has been an advocate for years to strengthen the industry through less unnecessary regulation and unfair fees which stifle growth and innovation. His efforts have helped allow the industry to get to the market safer and in a more cost effective manner, medical instruments to improve quality of lives and save lives.

He was one of the five architects of the Medicare Prescription Drug Card which was used as a bridge from enactment of the law until the full benefit became available-providing immediate savings to seniors. He also was one of the leading proponents and creators of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) and was instrumental in ensuring HSA's be included in the final measure which was ultimately signed into law by President Bush. Millions of seniors have saved thousands of dollars in prescription drug costs due to his work and countless families have benefited from businesses that now use HSA's to provide affordable health coverage.

In addition he has used experience as a conferee on the 1996 Telecom bill to play an important role in shaping America's telecommunications industry--working to forge the right balance between the need to encourage broadband deployment investment through deregulation and the need to have competition in the marketplace and provide consumers more choices in the marketplace.

In November 2005, Congressman Buyer was honored by The Citadel with the naming of the Buyer Auditorium, recognizing the "outstanding accomplishments of one of The Citadel's models of civic responsibility and dutiful public service." Recently, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws from The Citadel.

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## Ken Calvert

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### California's 44th District

Ken Calvert, a lifelong resident of Riverside County and 17-year small business owner in the restaurant and real estate industries, represents the 44th Congressional District of southern California. Calvert was born on June 8, 1953 and attended neighborhood public schools, graduating from Corona High School in 1971. He attended two years at Chaffey College, in Alta Loma, and then enrolled at San Diego State University, where he graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics.



The 44th District is one of the most diverse, encompassing western Riverside County including Riverside, Corona, Norco and Jurupa; and parts of Orange County including San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano.

Calvert was first elected to serve the 43rd District in 1992, however as a result of re-districting the 43rd District was renamed in 2002. Congressman Calvert now represents California's 44th Congressional District, while maintaining representation of some of the old 43rd's largest cities. During his freshman term, Calvert served as an active Member of the Resources Committee and Science Committee. The next two years in office Calvert's ability to work in a bipartisan fashion was rewarded with the Chairmanship of the Energy and Mineral Subcommittee on the Resources Committee. While unusual for a sophomore Member to be given a Chairmanship after only one term in Congress, Calvert served on two other Committees: maintaining his seat on the Science Committee and gaining a seat on the Agriculture Committee. Over the years his committee assignments enabled him to address issues critical to Riverside County, California and the nation, issues such as the Endangered Species Act, agriculture, energy, water and much more. In the 105th and 106th Congress, Rep. Calvert was Chairman of the Science Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment where he worked on alternative energy and clean air issues. In 2001 (107th Congress) Calvert was selected to serve on the House Armed Services Committee.

In the 108th Congress (2003-2004), Calvert continued his service on the Armed Services Committee, Resources Committee and Science Committee. On the Resources Committee, Calvert was Chairman of the Water and Power Subcommittee overseeing federal water rights in the west, including hydro-power generated from federal water projects. As Chairman he introduced and helped pass H.R. 2828, The Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act, which reauthorizes the CALFED Bay-Delta program.

In the 109th Congress (2005-2006) Calvert was Chairman of the House Science Committee Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics and passed the first NASA Authorization bill in five years. He also served as a member of the Committee on Armed Services and the Resources Committee.

In the 110th Congress, (2007-Present) Calvert served for five months as the Ranking Member of the House Science Committee Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics and as a member of the Committee on Armed Services and the Resources Committee. On May 9, 2007, Rep. Calvert was selected to serve on the House Appropriations Committee. He is a member of the Energy and Water Subcommittee and the Interior and the Environment Subcommittee.

During his past seven terms, Calvert has focused on securing federal funds for critical projects in Riverside County including: C-17 operations at March Air Reserve Base; research into the grapevine killing Pierce's Disease scourging California's wine industry; expansion of the Janet Goeske Center for Senior and Disabled Citizens; improving cutting edge clean air technology at the University of California at Riverside; and, supporting various environmental restoration and flood control efforts critical to Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Calvert authored legislation, which has been passed into law, that protects against identity theft by prohibiting the appearance of Social Security account numbers on or through unopened mailings of checks issued by the Treasury Department, providing additional educational dollars to states through a simplified collection process of oil and gas royalties, increasing the penalties for desecrating our national cemeteries,

establishing the Medal of Honor Memorial at the Riverside National Cemetery as a "national" memorial, and reducing or eliminating the use of animals to test product and chemical safety by establishing alternative test methods throughout a coalition of federal agencies.

In 1996, Calvert authored legislation that created the Basic Pilot Program, the only tool available to employers to check the veracity of a name and Social Security number given on an I-9 form for employment. In 1995 Rep. Calvert toured the southern border and a Border Patrol agent remarked on the job magnet that brings hundreds of thousands of people illegally to the United States. Rep. Calvert, a former small business owner and employer, concluded that the best and quickest way to enable employers to check the legal status of newly hired employees was to set up a system that could check the name against the Social Security number. Since the decade it was created, the Basic Pilot Program now serves over 16,000 employers nationwide and continues to evolve to meet new demands such as a photo identification tool. Congressman Calvert has introduced legislation in the 110th Congress that would make employment verification mandatory over a period of seven years.

Additionally, Rep. Calvert's legislative work has received top ratings from the Americans for Tax Reform, Christian Coalition, League of Private Property Voters, National Federation of Independent Businesses, 60 Plus Association, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Survival Committee and Citizens for a Sound Economy. He has also been the California Republican Delegation's voice on the House Steering Committee, which determines House Republican committee assignments, in the 108th, 109th and 110th Congresses.

In the 110th Congress, Calvert's legislative plan includes: supporting our military in the Global War on Terror; strengthening our borders and reforming the immigration system; further reinvigorating the nation's space program; creating long-term solutions to California's energy and water problems; working towards the implementation and funding of new transportation corridors vital to Riverside and Orange County's future; continuing oversight and improving the efficiency of the Fish & Wildlife Office's enforcement of the Endangered Species Act; and, much more.

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## Dave Camp

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### Michigan's 4th District

Dave Camp represents the people of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, one of the largest congressional districts land-wise east of the Mississippi, encompassing all or parts of 14 counties in northwest and mid-Michigan.

First elected to Congress in 1990, Camp made an "unusually rapid rise to prominence," according to the major national policy journal, *Congressional Quarterly*. A native of Midland, Camp has earned a reputation for paying close attention to the needs of his constituents.

In the House of Representatives, Camp is the third most senior Republican on the Ways and Means Committee, is the Ranking Republican Member on the Health Subcommittee, and also serves as a member of the Human Resources Subcommittee. The committee is considered one of the most powerful in Washington, with jurisdiction over tax, tariff and trade laws, plus Medicare and Social Security.



On Ways and Means, Camp first made his mark in 1996 by playing a crucial role in the passage of the historic welfare reform legislation. *Time* magazine credited Camp's activity as the "decisive breakthrough" that led to the bill's enactment. Since then, Camp has pushed to move the massive Medicare program towards preventive health care with legislation like the Cholesterol Screening Act, and lower tax rates across the board for families and employers while arguing for a long term overhaul and simplification of the U.S. tax code.

As an attorney in private practice before his first election, Camp worked extensively with parents and children in the foster care system. His experiences in this field gave him the background and insight to introduce landmark Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1996, co-sponsor the Intercountry Adoption Act in 2000 and author the Adoption Promotion Act of 2003. Camp's work in this field has led to him to become one of the House's leading adoption and foster care proponents and experts.

Camp, who was born in Midland, Mich., earned his B.A., magna cum laude, from Albion College in Albion, Mich., and graduated with a J.D. from the University of San Diego. He and his wife Nancy continue to reside in Midland with their three children.

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## John Campbell

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### California's 48th District

Congressman John Campbell is widely acknowledged as one of the leading fiscal conservative voices for lower taxes, lower spending, and more freedom. Campbell is not just keeping his Congressional seat warm; he is trying to change the debate in America. He is the author of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, which would completely reform the spending process in Washington, DC by limiting the annual growth in spending to the growth in the economy. He is also co-author of an innovative proposal called the Taxpayer Choice Act, which creates a new true flat tax as an optional alternative to the existing tax code while repealing the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT).



Congressman Campbell is also among the leaders in Congress taking on the issue of illegal immigration. As an active member of the Immigration Reform Caucus, Campbell has introduced numerous pieces of legislation to secure the borders, make English the national language, and punish "Sanctuary Cities".

As a member of the House Financial Services Committee, Campbell has taken on a leadership role in addressing many of our country's top issues including mortgage lending, corporate governance, banking reform, and insurance regulation.

Congressman Campbell also serves on the House Budget Committee where he helped create one of the most fiscally conservative budgets in decades and has taken an active role in crafting legislation to abolish some of the most unfair taxes on American families like the death tax, marriage tax, and capital gains tax. Additionally, Campbell was an outspoken supporter when the House passed legislative proposals to reform the congressional earmark process and create the Legislative Line Item Veto.

A proven leader in the fight against wasteful spending and earmarks, Congressman Campbell was selected in 2007 to serve as Chairman of the Budget and Spending Task Force of the Republican Study Committee (RSC). Campbell was the primary author and the first to sign the new Earmark Reform Pledge and is a founding member of the new Reagan21Caucus, a bicameral coalition of Senators and Representatives dedicated to a fresh bold vision centered on the ideals of Ronald Reagan to create a 21st century vision for the Republican Party.

Elected to Congress in a special election in December 2005, Campbell was overwhelmingly re-elected in 2006 garnering 60% of the vote. Congressman Campbell is a fourth generation Californian, who has lived in Irvine for nearly 30 years and brings with him to Washington a quarter century of experience in the business world and a record of accomplishment in both chambers of the California Legislature.

Campbell received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of California in Los Angeles and a Masters Degree in business taxation from the University of Southern California.

For nearly 25 years, Campbell worked in the automotive industry. He spent a majority of his career representing several automobile franchises, including Nissan, Mazda, Ford, Saturn, and Saab. Campbell is also a Certified Public Accountant who, prior to his automotive career, was a tax accountant with what is now Ernst & Young in Los Angeles.

Campbell was elected to the California Assembly in 2000 and the California Senate in 2004. While in the legislature he quickly earned a reputation as a leading voice for fiscal responsibility and worked to improve personal privacy protections.

Campbell continues a family tradition of public service and community involvement in California. His great-grandfather was elected to the California State Assembly in 1860 as part of Abraham Lincoln's Republican ticket. John serves on numerous community boards, and is a member of Irvine Presbyterian Church where he is a member of the choir. John and his wife, Catherine, have been married for over 26 years and are the proud parents of two sons currently in college.

Congressman John Campbell represents California's 48th Congressional District which encompasses Newport Beach, Irvine, Tustin, Lake Forest, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Laguna Niguel, Aliso Viejo, Dana Point and parts of San Juan Capistrano and Santa Ana.

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## Eric Cantor

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### Virginia's 7th District

Eric Cantor is a fourth-term congressman representing the Seventh District of Virginia. He recently won re-election to Congress in November 2006.

In December 2002 Eric was selected to serve as Chief Deputy Majority Whip, the highest appointed position in the House Representatives. As Chief Deputy Whip, Eric has a seat at the House Republican Leadership table.

Eric holds a seat on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which has direct jurisdiction over taxes, trade, Social Security, Medicare, prescription drugs for seniors, health care and welfare reform.

He also serves as Chairman of the Congressional Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare. The task force is composed of Members of Congress who study the threat of international terrorism on the United States and develop policy proposals and legislative recommendations regarding the fight against terrorism.

Eric Cantor is a lifelong resident of the Richmond area. He got his start in politics as a student at George Washington University by interning for Congressman Tom Bliley in Bliley's Washington office and serving as a driver on Bliley's first re-election campaign. Eric received his law degree from The College of William and Mary and his Master's degree from Columbia University in New York.

While in New York, Eric met his wife Diana and brought her back to Virginia. The Cantors have three children, Evan, who is in his first year at the University of Virginia, and Jenna and Michael, both of whom attend Henrico County Public Schools.

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## Shelley Moore Capito

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### West Virginia's 2nd District

Shelley Moore Capito is currently serving her fourth term as the representative of the 2nd Congressional District of West Virginia. She is the only Republican and the only woman in the West Virginia congressional delegation. Capito is a committed public servant who prides herself on being approachable and accessible to her constituents.

The bills Capito has introduced and co-sponsored reflect her priorities to improve the quality of life for every West Virginian by creating economic opportunities and accessible, affordable quality health care including prescription drug coverage under Medicare.

One of Capito's main goals is to increase the quality of health care in West Virginia. Throughout her tenure in Congress, Capito has sponsored and supported a number of measures to increase the accessibility and affordability of health care for those throughout the Mountain State, with an added emphasis on health care accessibility in rural areas. Capito utilizes her experience on this issue by serving on the steering committee of the Rural Health Care Caucus, as well as serving as the Co-Chair of the Long Term Care Caucus, which focuses on providing the best in quality health care for our nation's senior and disabled citizens.



Capito is proud to have helped bring real prescription drug relief to seniors. Former House Speaker Dennis Hastert named Congresswoman Capito as the Vice Co-Chairwoman of the House Prescription Drug Task Force in the 107th and 108th Congresses because of her leadership on this issue. Capito also was a co-sponsor of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit that was signed into law on December 9, 2003. Thanks in part to this law, an overwhelming majority of seniors in West Virginia now have prescription drug coverage.

The congresswoman has traveled to Afghanistan and Iraq where she was able to meet with U.S. troops fighting the War on Terror and review rebuilding efforts in both countries.

Capito is dedicated to creating jobs in West Virginia by introducing legislation to create a coal gasification plant in the state as well as co-sponsoring legislation to promote the construction of coal-to-liquid facilities. She has consistently worked to support economic stimulus packages and meaningful tax relief for small businesses as well as promoting legislation that limits frivolous lawsuits that hurt our economy and limit job growth.

In 2006, Congresswoman Capito helped ensure that the House approved mine safety legislation that contained the most sweeping reforms to mine safety laws in nearly thirty years. Her advocacy on behalf of these reforms led then-House Majority Leader John Boehner to praise Capito for her leadership and determination in helping usher the legislation through the House. President Bush signed the bill into law on June 16, 2006.

Congresswoman Capito divides her time between visiting the 18 counties in her district and serving on two House Committees: the Committee on Financial Services - where she is the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity - and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. She is also a member of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues and a member of the Congressional Steel Caucus and Sportsman's Caucus.

Residing in Charleston, West Virginia, Capito is as committed to these issues as she is to being an energetic mother and a fan of sports of all kinds. Capito graduated from Duke with a B.S. in Zoology, and also holds a M.Ed. from the University of Virginia. She is married to Charles L. Capito, Jr. and they have three children: sons Charles (and his wife Laura) and Moore, and one daughter, Shelley.

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## John Carter

### Texas' 31st District

In 2002, Congressman John R. Carter was elected to represent Texas' Thirty-First Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and was re-elected in 2004 and 2006. Congressman Carter has established himself as a leader in Congress who has the foresight and courage to author and support numerous pieces of legislation that would increase the protection of U.S. citizens and bring justice to those who threaten our freedom and way of life.



Congressman Carter was unanimously elected by his peers to serve in the House Republican leadership as the House Republican Conference Secretary for the 110th Congress. In this position, Congressman Carter holds the sixth most powerful position among House Republicans.

At the beginning of the 109th Congress, Congressman Carter was elected to serve on the prestigious House Appropriations Committee by the House Republican Steering Committee. On the Appropriations Committee, Congressman Carter sits on the two subcommittees, which benefit the 31st District: Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, formerly known as Military Construction, and Homeland Security. During the 108th Congress, Congressman Carter was a member of the House Education and the Workforce, Judiciary, and Government Reform Committees.

Carter also continues to serve on the House Republican Steering Committee, an official group of members who are in charge of placing members on committees. Carter has been honored to serve on this select panel since being elected to Congress.

Congressman Carter's leadership ability has been recognized by his colleagues and others. During his first term, Congressman Carter was named one of the "Top Five Freshman" in Congress by Capitol Hill's leading newspaper.

For Congressman Carter, leadership goes far beyond the committee room and onto the House floor, where he has successfully had legislation passed and signed into law by President George W. Bush. Bringing to Congress 20 years of judicial experience, Congressman Carter has consistently worked to advance a tough on crime agenda.

In July 2004, President Bush held a signing ceremony for Congressman Carter's Identity Theft bill at the White House.

The law lessens the burden of proof making identity theft easier to prove and prosecute and also defines and creates punishment for aggravated identity theft. Congressman Carter bears the nickname of "Judge" on Capitol Hill and at home for serving over 20 years on the bench. In 1981, Congressman Carter was appointed the judge of the 277th District Court of Williamson County and was elected District Judge in 1982. Before becoming a Judge, Congressman Carter had a successful private law practice and continued to practice law while serving as the Municipal Judge in Round Rock. He was the first county-wide elected Republican in Williamson County history. As an attorney, Carter represented the Round Rock and Williamson County communities through their first booming phases of growth and continues to support and guide today's growth. Congressman Carter has seen the economy both rise and fall and has a plan to assist the residents in Congressional District 31 to ensure their prosperity.

A true Texan at heart, Congressman Carter was born and raised in Houston and has spent his adult life in Central Texas. Carter attended Texas Tech University where he graduated with a degree in History and then graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1969. Congressman Carter and his wife, Erika, met in Holland and have been happily married since June 15, 1968. Since then they have built a home and raised a family of four on Christian beliefs and strong Texas Values.

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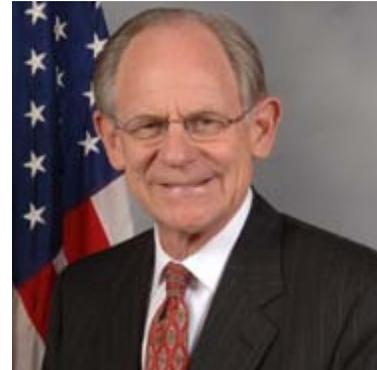


## Michael Castle

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### Delaware

A former Deputy Attorney General, state legislator, Lieutenant Governor and two-term Governor of Delaware, Mike Castle [iscastleheadshot\\_june06.jpg](#) currently serving a record eighth term as Delaware's lone Member in the House of Representatives. Since coming to Congress in 1993, he has worked to bring the common-sense approach of Delaware's bipartisan legislating to Washington, D.C. He has been building bridges and forming coalitions to find pragmatic, bipartisan solutions to some of the most pressing problems facing the country and believes strongly in returning the Congressional agenda to issues that really matter to the American people.



Mike Castle has played a key role in enacting many important laws that improve the lives of all Americans, including welfare reform, the balanced budget act, the Crime Bill, No Child Left Behind, vocational education, campaign finance reform, medical research and intelligence reform. Castle consistently uses his leadership as a negotiator to improve legislation before it comes to the House floor, most recently ensuring important social programs like health and education do not suffer unnecessary funding cuts.

Castle is the ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education which has jurisdiction over pre-school through high school education, including vo-tech education. Some of Castle's priorities include obesity prevention and child nutrition, Head Start and the recruitment of highly qualified teachers. Additionally, in the coming months, Castle will be a key player in the efforts to reauthorize No Child Left Behind and to examine high school reform.

Mike Castle also serves on the House Committee on Financial Services, which has jurisdiction over banking and the securities and insurance industries. In this capacity, Castle has authored legislation to protect sensitive data to shield consumers from identity theft, is working to ensure the viability of low income housing programs, is examining the impact of Sarbanes-Oxley on corporations and is studying ways to help more consumers have access to the credit they need. He is also the sponsor of legislation which would require a study on the hedge fund industry and make recommendations regarding hedge fund disclosure requirements. Recently, Castle's bill to create a Presidential Dollar Coin program, based on his successful 50 State Quarter Program debuted with the first coin of George Washington. As a senior member on this committee, he collaborated on Congressional proposals to halt the foreclosure and mortgage crisis and strengthen American economic visibility.

Among Castle's other priorities are rail and port security, environmental protection, Amtrak reform, immigration reform, medical and diabetes research, ethics and lobbying reform, reducing the price of prescription drugs, protecting Delaware's beaches, deficit reduction and implementing his vision to turn the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal into a recreational area for biking, hiking, fishing, and running.

Mike Castle is also a member of the Republican Main Street Partnership, which he co-founded in 1998 to promote thoughtful leadership in the Republican Party, to serve as a voice for centrist Republicans and to partner with individuals, organizations and institutions that share centrist values. Mike Castle was born and raised in Wilmington, Delaware where he currently lives with his wife Jane. He is a graduate of Tower Hill School, Hamilton College and Georgetown University Law School.

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## Jason Chaffetz

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### Utah's 3rd District

On November 4, 2008, Jason Chaffetz was elected by a 37-point margin to represent Utah's Third Congressional District. He distinguished himself by building a grass roots campaign organization rooted in principle and with a demonstrated commitment to fiscal discipline.

To secure the Republican nomination, Mr. Chaffetz unseated a 12-year incumbent by a 20 point margin, and did so with no paid staff, no polling, no free meals for potential voters, no campaign office, and a refusal to go into debt to finance the campaign. Despite being outspent by over \$600,000, Mr Chaffetz's approach to conservative principles resonated with voters and resulted in an unprecedented victory.

Mr. Chaffetz comes to Congress with a 16-year history in the local business community, executive branch experience in Utah State government, a reputation for running strong political campaigns, and a distinguished college football career.

Mr. Chaffetz, who grew up in California, Arizona, and Colorado, was invited to Utah in the mid-1980s by the legendary BYU football coach LaVell Edwards to be a placekicker. His years at BYU literally transformed his life.

After a successful football career that included two as the starting placekicker and two school records, Mr. Chaffetz earned a degree in communications and married Julie Johnson of Mesa, Arizona. In February 2009, Mr. and Mrs. Chaffetz will celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary.

In 1995, Mr. Chaffetz's mother passed away after a long fight with cancer. Consequently, he was deeply touched by the overwhelming generosity of the Utah-based Huntsman family in fighting the disease that killed his mother. Their commitment was more than words as they personally donated hundreds of millions of dollars to research and treat cancer.

Upon reading an article about Jon Huntsman, Jr. potentially running for Governor of Utah, Mr. Chaffetz sought to meet the man who had given so much to fight cancer. Through a mutual friend, a meeting was set up and Mr. Chaffetz eventually joined the Huntsman for Governor staff. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Chaffetz was named Campaign Manager. In a crowded field of contenders, Huntsman triumphed by running a well-organized, positive campaign and became Utah's 16th Governor. The Governor invited Mr. Chaffetz to continue working with him as his Chief of Staff.



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## Howard Coble

### North Carolina's 6th District

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- Single; Presbyterian

#### Education

- Public schools of Guilford County, NC
- 1949 Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- 1958 BA, History, Guilford College, Greensboro, NC
- 1962 JD, University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC

#### Military Service

- US Coast Guard: served 5 ½ years active duty
- US Coast Guard Reserve: served 18 years
- Last Reserve assignment: Commanding Officer, US Coast Guard Reserve Unit, Wilmington, NC



#### Professional

- 1961-67 State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Claims Department
- 1967-69 Assistant County Attorney, Guilford County, NC
- 1969-73 Assistant US Attorney, Middle District of North Carolina
- 1973-77 Secretary, NC Department of Revenue
- 1979-83 Practiced law with Turner, Enochs & Sparrow, Greensboro, NC

#### Legislative

- 1969, 1979-84 Member of the North Carolina House of Representatives
- Nov. 6, 1984 Elected to US House of Representatives
- Member of the Committee on Judiciary
- Ranking Member on Courts and Intellectual Property Subcommittee
- Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security
- Member of Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- Aviation Subcommittee
- Coast Guard Subcommittee
- Highways, Transit and Pipelines Subcommittee

#### Professional Organizations

- Greensboro Bar Association
- NC Bar Association -NC State Bar
- Guilford College Board of Visitors
- US Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors Clubs & Organizations
- Alamance Presbyterian Church
- American Legion
- Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
- Lions Club
- Greensboro Scottish Rite 33° (Guilford Lodge No. 656)
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## Tom Cole

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### Oklahoma's 4th District

Tom Cole became the Representative for Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District on November 6th, 2002. During his tenure in the House Cole has established himself as a strong voice for the conservative views and values of the Fourth District. He is an advocate for a strong national defense, a defender of the interests of small business and taxpayers, a proponent of education at all levels and a leader on issues dealing with Native Americans and tribal governments. Cole was named as one of "Five Freshmen to Watch" by Roll Call at the outset of his congressional career.



Congressman Cole is a member on the House Armed Services Committee to which he was appointed in 2002. He also serves on the Natural Resources Committee. Cole serves as a Deputy Whip in the U.S. House. In this role he helps line up the votes needed to pass the legislative agenda of the President and the House Republican Conference. Cole also serves as Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, making him a member of the House GOP Leadership.

Cole has a significant background of service to his home state of Oklahoma. He has served as a District Director for former Congressman Mickey Edwards, a member of the Oklahoma State Senate, and as Oklahoma's Secretary of State. In this capacity he served as former Governor Frank Keating's chief legislative strategist and liaison to the state's federal delegation. Keating tapped Cole to lead Oklahoma's successful effort to secure federal funds to assist in the rebuilding of Oklahoma City in the wake of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19th, 1995.

Cole is a founding partner and past president of CHS & Associates, a nationally recognized consulting and survey research firm based in Oklahoma City. The firm has been named one of the top twenty in its field in America and has literally dozens of past and current clients scattered across the country.

A former college instructor in history and politics, Cole holds a B.A. from Grinnell College, an M.A. from Yale University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma. Cole has been a Thomas Watson Fellow and a Fulbright Fellow at the University of London. He currently serves on the national Board of the Fulbright Association. He also serves on the board of the Aspen Institute.

Tom Cole is a fifth generation Oklahoman and an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation. He is currently the only Native American serving in Congress. He was awarded the Congressional Leadership award by the National Congress of American Indians and was inducted in the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2004. Cole's late mother, Helen, is also a member of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame and served as a state representative, state senator and Mayor of Moore in her native state of Oklahoma. Cole's late father, John, served twenty years in the United States Air Force and worked an additional two decades as a civilian federal employee at Tinker Air Force Base. Tom and his wife Ellen, have one son, Mason, and reside in Moore, Oklahoma.

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## Michael Conaway

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### Texas' 11th District

Serving in his second term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Mike Conaway has earned the reputation as “a voice of reason” in Washington. Mike represents the 11th Congressional District of Texas consisting of 36 counties in Central and West Texas including Midland, Odessa and San Angelo.

As a new member in Congress, Mike demonstrated leadership in numerous policy areas and currently serves as an Assistant Republican Whip in the 110th Congress. Mike was the first freshman member of Congress to win the Ronald Reagan Award for showing exemplary leadership in communicating the message of Social Security reform with their constituents.



Mike’s background as a CPA has given him the credibility to be a vocal proponent in reducing the national debt. Mike believes it is time for Congress to make “tough choices” and has authored “No New Programs” legislation to change the House rules on spending to require that the creation of any new federal program be joined with the elimination of an existing federal program of equal or greater cost. Mike has also advocated for a simpler and fairer tax system in Congress and has sponsored legislation that would bring more accountability in government funding.

Mike currently serves on the House Agriculture, Armed Services, Budget and Republican Policy Committees. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, he supports the goals of the Global War against Islamic Jihadist and our young men and women in the armed forces. He understands the sacrifices that are being made by our troops and their families. In 2005, Mike was an active participant in the Congressional Defense Review, a congressional report to determine how the Department of Defense is managing 21st century challenges.

On the Agriculture Committee, Mike is working to protect the interests of rural America and the American farmer in the upcoming 2007 Farm Bill. In 2006, he hosted the only House Agriculture Committee Farm Bill hearing in Texas in San Angelo and will continue to be a leader for the Texas agriculture community. As a member of the Republican Policy Committee and the Budget Committee, Mike is given a unique opportunity to address important issues that cut across committee jurisdictions and have significant impact on our conservative agenda.

A native Texan, Mike grew up in Odessa and graduated from Odessa Permian High School in 1966 after playing on Permian’s first state championship football team. He earned a BBA degree in Accounting from Texas A & M University-Commerce in 1970.

After serving in the Army at Fort Hood, Mike resumed his career with Price Waterhouse & Co. he returned to the Permian Basin with Price Waterhouse and settled in Midland where he later worked with George W. Bush as the Chief Financial Officer for Bush Exploration. Mike developed a lasting friendship with President Bush as together they learned what it takes to run a business.

An ordained deacon in the Baptist Church, Mike and Suzanne have four children and seven grandchildren.

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## Ander Crenshaw

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### Florida's 4th District

Ander Crenshaw represents Florida's Fourth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Currently in his fourth term representing a district that stretches from Jacksonville to Tallahassee, Crenshaw is a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Prior to coming to Congress, Crenshaw worked both in the private sector, as an investment banker, and served as an elected official in the State Legislature. His life in public service ultimately led to the Florida State Senate where he served as the state's first Republican President of the Senate. Representative Crenshaw was first elected to Congress in 2000.



In only seven years in Washington, Crenshaw has established himself as a respected voice on defense issues and a champion for our men and women in uniform. He has been responsible for securing billions of dollars in defense projects for Northeast Florida. Additionally, Representative Crenshaw was instrumental in helping increase the scope and importance of Naval Station Mayport and Naval Air Station Jacksonville through the BRAC process, bringing thousands of new jobs to Jacksonville.

Originally a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Crenshaw is now a member of the prestigious Appropriations Committee where he serves on the Military Construction and Foreign Operations subcommittees.

Over the last six years, Representative Crenshaw has gained a reputation for being a strong advocate for strengthening and rebuilding our military, enacting responsible and permanent tax relief, and standing up for projects vital to Northeast Florida. Long an advocate of job creation and economic prosperity for Florida, Crenshaw has worked to secure projects that benefit the Port of Jacksonville, local beaches, and other important economic drivers.

A third generation resident of Northeast Florida, Congressman Crenshaw was born on September 1, 1944 in Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Crenshaw attended Robert E. Lee High School, the University of Georgia on a basketball scholarship, and later received his law degree from the University of Florida.

Crenshaw and his wife, Kitty, have been married 37 years and have 2 grown daughters.

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## John Culberson

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### Texas' 7th District

As a conservative, "Jeffersonian Republican," Congressman John Culberson is committed to Thomas Jefferson's vision of limited government, individual liberty, and states' rights. Simply put, John Culberson's goal is "Letting Texans Run Texas."

John Culberson was elected in 2000 to represent the 7th District, a seat formerly held by President George H. W. Bush and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer. In Congress, John's priorities include strengthening the economy, securing the border, advancing medical and scientific research, and improving Houston transportation.

John is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for funding the federal government. His position on the committee allows him to promote his vision for effective government - lower taxes, less regulation, and more local control. John serves on the Commerce, Justice and Science Subcommittee, where he's a tireless advocate for law enforcement and NASA, and the Homeland Security Subcommittee, where he's committed to securing our borders and winning the War on Terror.



John believes the lawlessness on the border requires immediate action, and the Texas border county sheriffs are ready, willing, and able to assist. In close cooperation with the Texas Border Sheriffs' Coalition, he continues to secure federal funding for the sheriffs to enforce law and order and provide the necessary support for our Border Patrol agents.

John is also a zealous advocate for increasing our investment in medical and scientific research. He recognizes that breakthroughs in these areas are vital to meeting the economic and technological challenges we face in the 21st century. John also believes in cost-effective transportation projects that reduce congestion on Houston's busy roads. His signature transportation project, the Katy Freeway expansion, is the nation's first combination Interstate highway with locally-owned toll lanes. The project will be finished years ahead of schedule, and according to TxDOT will cut travel time in half.

A life-long Texas resident, John Culberson earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 1981. After college, he worked for his father's political consulting and advertising agency before earning a Juris Doctorate degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston. Before his election to Congress, he practiced law as a civil defense attorney with the Houston firm Lorange and Thompson.

In 1986, John was elected to the Texas House of Representatives while he was a law student. He spent 14 years in the Texas House and in his last term in 1999, he was selected by his peers to serve as Minority Whip.

He is best remembered in Austin for his successful effort to restore state control of the Texas prison system from a federal judge. After introducing and passing legislation in the Texas House, and drafting key pieces of federal law, John fought in court on behalf of his legislation and the ruling returned full authority over state prisons to the Texas Legislature.

John and his wife, Belinda, have been married nearly two decades and have a daughter, Caroline. They are members of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church.

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## Geoff Davis

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### Kentucky's 4th District

Elected in November 2004, Congressman Geoff Davis represents Kentucky's 4th District, which is composed of 24 counties in the northern Kentucky. The district borders West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana. Davis serves on the Armed Services Committee with assignments to the Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. He also serves on the Financial Services Committee with assignments to the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity and the Subcommittee for Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit. Davis has a leadership role within the Republican Conference as a Deputy Whip.



Davis worked as a janitor during high school to help pay the family's bills. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and later received a rare appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. While at West Point, Davis studied the Arabic language and the cultures of Southwest Asia and Eastern Europe. He focused his studies on national security and international affairs.

During his Army career, Davis served as an Assault Helicopter Flight Commander in the 82nd Airborne Division and later served in the Middle East where he ran U.S. Army aviation operations for peace enforcement between Israel and Egypt. Davis is a former Army Ranger and Senior Parachutist.

In 1992, Davis started his own business, a consulting firm specializing in lean manufacturing and high technology systems integration. The firm earned the respect of CEOs and competitors alike in its twelve years in operation. Davis' role as a small businessman has assisted him in Congress as he works to support policies that will create economic growth and keep our nation's businesses competitive in the global marketplace.

Davis has served his community in Kentucky's 4th District in many ways, including sitting on the board of the Regional Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (CASA). CASA assists children struggling to deal with the emotional and physical problems arising from abuse and neglect. Davis and his oldest daughter have worked as mentors and tutors in inner-city Cincinnati schools. Davis spent eight years as a volunteer Chaplain for the Kentucky Corrections Cabinet. He and his wife Pat reside in Hebron, Kentucky, with their six children.

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## Nathan Deal

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### Georgia's 9th District

#### Government/Political History

- United States House of Representative, 9th District-Ga., 1992 – present
- Georgia State Senate, 1980-1992, President Pro-Tempore
- Juvenile Court Judge, Hall County, 1971
- Assistant District Attorney, Northeastern Judicial Circuit of Georgia, 1970-71

#### Private Sector History

- Attorney, 1965 – 1992

#### Education

- BA, Mercer University, 1964, cum laude
- JD, Mercer School of Law, 1966, cum laude

#### Military

- Captain, United States Army, 1966-68

#### Family

- Married to Sandra Dunagan Deal
- Children - Jason, Mary Emily, Carrie, Katie
- Grandchildren -- Fallin, Rose Emily, Noah, Dawson, Cordelia, Ethan

#### Community

- Member of First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Ga.
- Gainesville Rotary Club, past, present, and lifetime member



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## Charlie Dent

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### Pennsylvania's 15th District

Charlie Dent was elected to Congress in 2004, representing Pennsylvania's 15th District, which includes all or parts of Lehigh, Northampton, Montgomery, and Berks counties.

Congressman Dent currently serves on two House committees: Homeland Security and Transportation and Infrastructure. His record reflects his support for job-creating economic policy, fiscal responsibility, effective homeland security measures, and strict adherence to Constitutional separation of powers. In Congress, Charlie has put forward the priorities of the 15th District, such as infrastructure funding, urban redevelopment and crime prevention.



Congressman Dent is also one of the four founding co-chairmen of the bipartisan Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Caucus, which seeks to decrease America's dependence on foreign oil. Congressman Dent introduced legislation to foster the development of commercial hydrogen fueling stations as part of his Hydrogen Highway East initiative.

Born May 24, 1960, Charlie is a life-long Lehigh Valley resident. He was born and raised in Allentown, the son of Marjorie and the late Walter R. "Pete" Dent. Charlie and his wife Pamela live in Allentown with their three children, Kathryn, William and Jack. Charlie is a 1978 graduate of William Allen High School, earning a degree in Foreign Service and International Politics from the Pennsylvania State University in 1982 and a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1993 from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

Charlie worked as a development officer for Lehigh University, a salesman in the electronics industry and an aide to former U.S. Rep. Don Ritter. Charlie served eight years in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and six years in the Pennsylvania Senate, where he established a reputation as an independent voice for his constituents.

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## Lincoln Diaz-Balart

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### Florida's 21st District

Lincoln Diaz-Balart is a senior member of the House Rules Committee and the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process.

Diaz-Balart attended public elementary schools in South Florida and high school at the American School of Madrid. Subsequently, he received a degree in international relations from New College of Florida, in Sarasota, and obtained a diploma in British politics in Cambridge. He received his law degree from Cleveland, Ohio's Case Western Reserve University.

Diaz-Balart practiced law in Miami, where he worked for "Legal Services of Greater Miami," providing free legal services to the poor. He was subsequently an Assistant State Attorney in Miami and a partner in the law firm of Fowler, White.



Lincoln Diaz-Balart was first elected to the Florida Legislature in 1986 by the largest margin of victory of any state representative in Florida and was chosen "best in debate" by colleagues during his freshman term. In 1989, Diaz-Balart successfully ran in a special election for an open seat in the Florida Senate and was reelected in 1990.

In 1992, Diaz-Balart was elected to the United States House of Representatives from Florida's 21st Congressional District. He served as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee during his first term, working to preserve the special - relationship and striving to protect national security.

In 1994, Lincoln Diaz-Balart became the first Hispanic in history to be named to the powerful Rules Committee. The Rules Committee decides which legislation may reach the House Floor and what amendments may be debated.

In 1996, Lincoln Diaz-Balart drafted much of the legislation that strengthened the embargo against the Cuban dictatorship. Diaz-Balart was specifically responsible for codifying the embargo, making the lifting of sanctions contingent upon the liberation of all political prisoners and the scheduling of free elections in .

In 1997, Diaz-Balart successfully carried out efforts to restore SSI, also known as "disability" benefits, and food stamps to legal immigrants who were denied aid by the Welfare Reform Law of 1996. On May 15, 1997, Diaz-Balart took to the Floor of the House and achieved the passage of his amendment to continue SSI benefits to legal immigrants by a vote of 345 to 74. Diaz-Balart was the author of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act of 1997, which granted legal residency to hundreds of thousands of immigrants in the He also authored legislation to stiffen penalties for stalking crimes against children. This legislation established Florida's "Jennifer Act" as a national standard for state compliance.

In 1999, the respected publication, Congressional Quarterly (CQ), honored Diaz-Balart by naming him one of the "CQ 50" of effective and influential members of Congress. In 2000, a nationwide poll of Hispanic voters by the firm, Hispanic Trends, conducted for Hispanic Magazine, placed Diaz-Balart among the 10 most influential and credible Hispanics in the United States. As a member of the House Rules Committee, on September 14, 2001, Lincoln Diaz-Balart took to the floor of the House the Joint Resolution authorizing the use of the United States Armed Forces against those in responsible for the attacks of September 11, 2001 against the . On November 13, 2002, he took to the Floor the historic legislation creating the "Department of Homeland Security".

For his extraordinary work on behalf of Nicaraguan immigrants in the, Lincoln Diaz-Balart received the "Order of Ruben Dario in Great Cross Grade" medal from the President of Nicaragua on February 23, 2003. On April 13, 2004, due to his work on behalf of Colombian immigrants in the, Lincoln Diaz-Balart received the highest medals awarded by the Senate and the House of Representatives of Colombia. On November 9, 2005, Lincoln Diaz-Balart was awarded the "Commander of the Ouissam Alaouite Order" of, for his efforts to help win the release of the final 404 Moroccan prisoners of war, most of whom were held for more than 20 years, by the Polisario Front in southern . For his work on behalf of Salvadoran immigrants in the United

States, Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart received the highest Medal granted by El Salvador, the “Orden Nacional José Matías Delgado en Grado de Plata” from the President of El Salvador on May 3, 2008. Congressman Diaz-Balart lives in Miami with his wife, Cristina, and their two sons, Lincoln and Daniel.

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## Mario Diaz-Balart

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### Florida's 25th District

After serving 14 effective years in the Florida State Legislature, Mario Diaz-Balart was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2002 to represent Florida's 25th Congressional District, which includes part of Miami-Dade, Collier and Monroe Counties. He is now serving his third term.

Diaz-Balart is a member of the Budget Committee, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the Science and Technology Committee. He is an Assistant Whip and Vice Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Conference. He is also the founder and co chairman of the Everglades Caucus, a group dedicated to Everglades restoration and conservation. In his first term Diaz-Balart authored two amendments to protect Everglades restoration funding, which were successfully passed. He continues to actively work toward securing additional funding under the Water and Resources Development Act (WRDA).



Diaz-Balart is a strong proponent of improving transportation and as a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has helped deliver millions of federal dollars for the I-75 widening project and Miami-Dade Transit.

Public safety is also a priority for Diaz-Balart. Since his arrival in Washington, Diaz-Balart has been a strong proponent of promoting hurricane preparedness and ensuring federal relief for Florida in the aftermaths of Hurricanes Katrina, Wilma and Rita. Most recently, in 2007, Diaz-Balart launched the Protecting Families Online initiative, to help parents and families protect themselves against online predators and ID theft.

As a member of the Budget Committee, Diaz-Balart is pushing for a responsible federal budget that keeps taxes low on hard-working families. And when he came to Congress, he was a founding member of the Washington Waste Watchers, a group dedicated to combating government waste, fraud and abuse. This Congress, Diaz-Balart introduced the Tax Relief for Families Act (H.R. 411), which would make permanent the state and local sales tax deduction, the child tax credit, the marriage penalty relief, the college deduction and the school teacher expense deduction and would repeal the death tax.

Diaz-Balart began his political career in 1988 in the Florida House of Representatives, and in 1992 he was elected to the Florida Senate where he served as Vice Chair of the Rules Committee and chaired several other committees including the Combined Appropriations/Ways and Means/Finance and Tax Committee, the Criminal Justice Appropriations, Banking and Insurance Committee, and Children and Families Committee. In 2000, Diaz-Balart returned to the Florida House where he served as Chair of the Congressional Redistricting Committee and Vice-Chair of the Procedural and Redistricting Council.

Diaz-Balart was born in Ft. Lauderdale, FL on September 25, 1961. He attended the University of South Florida in Tampa where he studied Political Science before beginning his public service career as an aide to then City of Miami Mayor in 1985. The Congressman lives in Miami, FL with his wife and son.

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## David Dreier

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### California's 26th District

David Dreier was first elected to Congress in 1980 on a platform of free markets, limited government, strong national defense, and personal freedom. Throughout his service in the House of Representatives, Dreier has remained true to these principles as he has worked to secure the border, lower taxes, improve education, and promote democracy abroad. He has also been a stalwart supporter for a more cost-effective and accountable government.



Dreier was born on July 5, 1952, in Kansas City, Missouri, where he remains active in his family's real estate investment firm. Dreier moved to California for college and never left. He graduated cum laude from Claremont McKenna College in 1975 and earned a Master's degree in American Government from Claremont Graduate University the following year. From 1976 to 1978, Dreier served as Director of Corporate Relations for Claremont McKenna College. He also worked in marketing for a San Dimas industrial firm until his first election to Congress.

Dreier holds numerous positions of influence in the House. He became a member of the House Leadership when he took the helm of the powerful House Committee on Rules in January 1999. The youngest Rules Chairman and the first from California, Dreier plays a pivotal role in fashioning all legislation for debate in the House. In May 2001, Dreier was unanimously selected by his California colleagues to chair the state's Republican Congressional Delegation. As Chairman, he leads California's House Republicans on critical statewide issues. In September 2005, he was asked to temporarily assume some of the responsibilities of Majority Leader. His duties included working with Committee Chairman to advance legislative priorities.

As a leader for reform in Congress, Dreier has been at the center of efforts to promote good governance. He authored the 1995 congressional reform package that streamlined committee staff, promoted fiscal responsibility, created term-limits for committee chairman, and opened committee meetings to the public and press. In 2006, Dreier authored bold and comprehensive legislation to reform lobbying and ethics laws, which passed the House in May. The reform package included stronger penalties for breaking the rules, online public access to lobbyist disclosures, and more rigorous ethics training in Congress.

Dreier is also active and influential in California politics. He served as Governor Schwarzenegger's campaign co-chair in 2003, and he helped prepare the Governor's administration for office as head of the transition team.

Dreier consistently wins 100 percent approval ratings from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers. In 2003 and 2004, Dreier was honored with the Hero of the Taxpayer Award by the Americans for Tax Reform and the Small Business Advocate Award by the Small Business Survival Committee. The Sierra Club has honored him with the Clean Air Award, and the National Federation of Independent Business has awarded Dreier the Guardian of Small Business Award. In 2006, Dreier was awarded the Outstanding Service Award by Justice for Homicide Victims for his efforts to bring about a change in Mexico's extradition policy. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Friar's Club.

Since 1980, Congressman Dreier has served his constituents with integrity and hard work. For the benefit of California and the nation, he remains steadfast in his commitment to promoting individual liberty, economic opportunity, secure borders, and effective government.

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## John Duncan

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### Tennessee's 2nd District

United States Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr., was born July 21, 1947, in Lebanon, Tennessee. After being raised in Knoxville and attending the area's public schools, he earned a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Tennessee in 1969. Congressman Duncan then attended the George Washington University National Law Center in Washington, D.C., where he earned a law degree in 1973.



In addition to his academic training, Congressman Duncan served in the United States Army National Guard. He enlisted in 1970 and rose to the rank of Captain before completing his service in 1987.

In 1973, Congressman Duncan established a private law practice in Knoxville with Zane Daniel. He was appointed State Trial Judge by Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander in 1981 and served in that capacity until 1988, when he was elected to Congress.

Congressman Duncan currently serves as Ranking Member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Highways and Transit Subcommittee. He also holds seats on the House Committee on Natural Resources, which retains jurisdiction over national parks and natural resources, and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Congressman Duncan's efforts to cut government waste, reduce taxes, and limit bureaucratic red tape have been recognized by various organizations and national news media such as ABC News, CBS News, The Wall Street Journal, CNN, and U.S. News and World Report. He has been named among the five most fiscally conservative Members of Congress by the National Taxpayers Union and is one of the few Members of Congress to receive the Citizens Against Government Waste Super Hero Award.

In addition to his Washington office, Congressman Duncan maintains offices in Knoxville, Maryville, and Athens. He has established a reputation for providing extensive constituent services and staying in touch with residents of the Second District by attending hundreds of public events and holding countless open-attendance constituent meetings. Although Congressman

Duncan spends more time in East Tennessee than in Washington, he maintains one of the best attendance records in the entire Congress.

Congressman Duncan lives in Knoxville and is an Elder at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. He is married to the former Lynn Hawkins of Sewanee, Tennessee. They have four children (Tara, Whitney, John, and Zane) as well as four grandchildren.

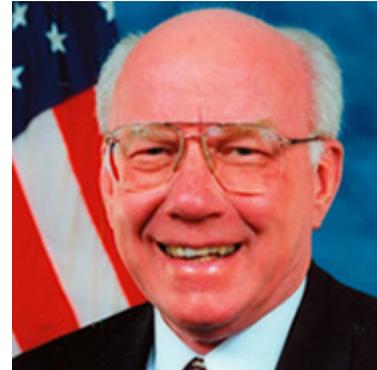
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## Vernon Ehlers

### Michigan's 3rd District

U.S. Representative Vernon J. Ehlers of Grand Rapids, Mich., was sworn in on January 4, 2007, to serve his seventh full term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was first elected to the 103rd Congress in a special election on December 7, 1993.

Ehlers joined Congress following a distinguished tenure of service in teaching, scientific research and public service. He has served on numerous boards and commissions and was elected to the Kent County (Mich.) Board of Commissioners, and the Michigan House and Senate. The first research physicist to serve in Congress, Ehlers has been recognized for his strong work ethic and proven leadership skills in his duties on Capitol Hill.



As a member of the 110th Congress, Ehlers serves on four standing House committees. He is the Ranking Republican of the House Administration Committee, which oversees the day-to-day operations of the House of Representatives, as well as the Smithsonian Institution, the National Zoo and the U.S. Botanical Gardens. It also plays a role in federal election legislation, among other issues. He has been a member of the committee since 1995 and was instrumental in the effort to connect the House of Representatives with the Internet and the creation of the Library of Congress' Thomas website, which allows anyone to look up legislation being considered by Congress, laws that have been passed and other information about Congress. Ehlers served as chairman of this committee throughout 2006.

Ehlers also serves on the Science and Technology Committee (previously known as the House Science Committee), on which he serves as Ranking Republican of the Subcommittee on Research & Science Education. During his tenure on the committee, he oversaw in 1998 the writing of the nation's first major statement on science policy since 1945. He also co-chairs the STEM Ed Caucus, which is dedicated to improving the nation's K-12 science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education. On the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Ehlers has led efforts to secure a fair funding formula and more dollars for Michigan's roads, highways, and transit systems. In the 107th Congress, Ehlers led the development of the Great Lakes Legacy Act, which authorized spending \$270 million over five years to clean up sediments in the Great Lakes. Ehlers also is a member of the Education and Labor (previously the Education and the Workforce) Committee, where he blends his efforts with the Science Committee on improving math and science education. Ehlers has served on the Science Committee and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee since his arrival in Washington and joined the Education and Labor Committee in 1999.

Prior to Congress, Ehlers served a total of 11 years in the Michigan Legislature - with just over two years in the House and nine years in the Senate, where he finished his tenure as President Pro-Tem. He also served eight years on the Kent County Board of Commissioners, including three years as chairman.

After three years of studying at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Ehlers transferred and received his undergraduate degree in physics and his Ph.D. in nuclear physics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1960. After six years teaching and research at Berkeley, he moved back to Grand Rapids to Calvin College in 1966 where he taught physics for 16 years and later served as chairman of the Physics Department. During his tenure at Calvin, Ehlers also served as a volunteer science advisor to then-Congressman Gerald R. Ford.

He is married to Johanna (Jo) Meulink and is the father of four adult children and the grandfather of four. He and his wife reside in Grand Rapids.

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## Jo Ann Emerson

### Missouri's 8th District

U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson was raised to put people before politics, and during her six terms in the House of Representatives she has done just that. She is the first Republican woman to represent Missouri in Congress, where she is a leading advocate for farm families and the promotion of America's agriculture, hunger relief, pro-life issues, and access to safe, affordable prescription drugs.

Jo Ann represents the 28 counties of Southern Missouri's agriculturally diverse Eighth District, from the Mississippi River valley, through the Bootheel flatlands, and to the timberlands and clear streams of the Ozarks. Agricultural products including cotton, corn, rice, grapes, trout, forest products, and livestock are produced there. Over 90% of America's lead production is located in the Eighth District. Each August, Jo Ann conducts a Farm Tour to visit the wide variety of farms, laboratories, forests, and ranches in Missouri's Eighth District.



As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Jo Ann sits on the Agriculture, Interior, and Energy and Water Development Subcommittees. She believes her extensive involvement in rural farm issues, natural resources, and flood control enables her to serve her constituents to the best of her abilities.

After earning a B.A. in political science from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1972, Jo Ann pursued an active career in public affairs and grassroots communications. In her professional career, Jo Ann has served as the Senior Vice President of Public Affairs for the American Insurance Association, as Director of State Relations and Grassroots Programs for the small-business oriented National Restaurant Association, and as Deputy Communications Director for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Currently, Jo Ann serves as vice-president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, a legislative assembly of leaders from NATO member nations which deals with defense capabilities and foreign affairs. She also holds the post of vice-chair of the subcommittee on Democratic Governance. In the U.S. House of Representatives, Jo Ann serves as vice-chair of the Center Aisle Caucus, a bipartisan group committed to working across party lines. She is also an Honorary and Life Trustee of Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. A former Girl Scout, Jo Ann is a leading supporter of the organization in Congress. She is co-chair of the Board of Directors for the Congressional Hunger Center, one of the nation's leading hunger relief organizations. Jo Ann is also a founding member of the Bipartisan Congressional Retreat, whose mission is to foster better relations in Congress with Members from each party. She has earned recognition by the American Bus Association, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Businesses and the National MS Society. Each Thursday morning when Congress is in session, Jo Ann attends the Congressional Prayer Group, of which she has served as President. Jo Ann has also chaired the annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC.

As a wife, mother, and grandmother, family is the foremost priority in Jo Ann's life. She is married to Ron Gladney, an attorney, and is the proud mother of two daughters, Victoria and Katharine, five stepdaughters, Elizabeth Emerson Leger and Abigail Emerson Gray, and Alison, Jessica and Stephanie Gladney, and one stepson, Sam Gladney. Most recently, Jo Ann is the proud grandmother of Cooper O'Brien Leger, Margaret Browning Gilhooley and Curtiss William Leger. She lives in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

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# Mary Fallin

## Oklahoma's 5th District

Congresswoman Mary Fallin represents the Fifth District of Oklahoma, which includes most of Oklahoma County and all of Pottawatomie and Seminole Counties. Overwhelmingly elected in November 2006, Fallin is the first woman to represent Oklahoma in Congress since 1920. She is a life-long conservative dedicated to representing Oklahoma values in Washington.



Fallin currently serves on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Small Business, and the Committee on Natural Resources. She is also a member of the Executive Committee of the National Republican Congressional Committee, and serves as Small Business Chair on the Republican Policy Committee and Vice Chairman of the Women's Caucus.

### History in Public Office

Fallin is no newcomer to public service; she first took office in 1990 as a state legislator. During her two terms as a State Representative she was recognized by the American Legislative Exchange Council as Legislator of the Year and named Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Business.

Fallin became Oklahoma's first woman and first Republican Lieutenant Governor in 1995. As lieutenant governor, Fallin served as President of the Senate and on 10 boards and commissions that impact the quality of life and business in Oklahoma, including the Tourism and Recreation Commission, State Board of Equalization, Oklahoma Land Commission and Film Advisory Commission. She pursued an aggressive agenda focusing on economic development, education, health care and government reform during her 12 years in office.

Fallin worked to promote economic growth and increase economic opportunities for Oklahomans throughout her three terms as lieutenant governor. In the Cabinet-level position of small business advocate during the Keating administration, Fallin championed the cause of small business in Oklahoma by fighting the rising cost of health insurance and excessive government regulation. Fallin was also instrumental in initiating several economic development events including the first-ever Oklahoma Aerospace Summit & Expo, Small Business Day at the Capitol and Telecommunications Day at the Capitol. She also hosted the Lieutenant Governor's Invitational Turkey Hunt.

Fallin has also worked hard to keep Oklahoma's children safe and ensure them a bright future. In the wake of the tragic Oklahoma City bombing, she formed a task force to rebuild the childcare center lost in the disaster. Fallin also initiated Project Homesafe, a gun safety program that has distributed more than 80,000 free cable gun locks to Oklahomans.

Many organizations and civic groups have recognized Fallin for her service over the years. She has been honored with numerous awards including Women in Communication's Woman in the News Award, induction into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame, Clarence E. Page Award, induction into the Oklahoma Aviation Hall of Fame, 1998 Woman of the Year in Government and 1993 Legislator of the Year.

### Personal Story

Fallin comes from a family with strong ties to public service. Her mother and father both served terms as mayor of Tecumseh, where she was raised. A native of Tecumseh and a current resident of Oklahoma City, Fallin is a long-time resident of the Fifth District. She is a graduate of Tecumseh High School and attended Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. Fallin also holds a degree from Oklahoma State University. She and her two children, Christina and Price, make their home in Oklahoma City, where they are active members of Crossings Community Church.

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## Jeff Flake

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### Arizona's 6th District

Jeff Flake, presently serving his fourth term in Congress, represents the Sixth Congressional District of Arizona. This district includes parts of Mesa and Chandler and all of Gilbert, Queen Creek, and Apache Junction. Jeff serves on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Resources.

Jeff is a fifth-generation Arizonan, raised on a ranch in Snowflake, Arizona (the town was named, in part, after Jeff's great-great grandfather). After serving a Mormon mission in southern Africa, Jeff graduated from Brigham Young University, where he received a B.A. in International Relations and an M.A. in Political Science. More importantly, it was at BYU that Jeff met his wife, Cheryl.



In 1987, Jeff started his career at a public affairs firm in Washington, D.C. Soon thereafter, Jeff moved to the southern African nation of Namibia. As the Executive Director of the Foundation for Democracy, a foundation monitoring Namibia's independence process, he saw the nation usher in freedom and democracy. In 1992, Jeff and his family moved back to Arizona where he was named Executive Director of the Goldwater Institute. In this role, Jeff worked to promote a conservative philosophy of less government, more freedom, and individual responsibility.

Jeff and Cheryl have been married 22 years and live in Mesa with their five children.

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## J. Randy Forbes

### Virginia's 4th District

Randy Forbes represents the diverse and expansive Fourth Congressional District of Virginia. Elected in a special election in 2001, he is now serving his fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Randy focuses his efforts in Congress on protecting the security and sovereignty of our nation, preserving the moral and historical roots of our country, strengthening our military and supporting veterans, growing educational opportunities for our children, and promoting economic development through fiscal responsibility.



Since his election to Congress, Randy's commitment to constituent service has quickly become a model on Capitol Hill. By placing a high priority on direct communication with constituents and by partnering with the 18 cities and counties in his encompassing district, Randy has earned a reputation for his ability to aptly serve the needs of the citizens of the Fourth District.

On the House Armed Services Committee, Randy works to provide our military with the proper tools, facilities, and training to be the most effective military in the world. Randy serves as Ranking Member of the Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee, which oversees the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. His work in the most recent BRAC process nearly doubled the personnel assigned to Ft. Lee and kept the Defense Supply Center Richmond open. In addition, Randy was awarded the U.S. Navy's highest civilian honor, the Distinguished Public Service Award, for his committed service and leadership in advancing the U.S. Navy.

Randy is also the founder of the Congressional Modeling and Simulation Caucus, the Congressional China Caucus, and co-chair of the Navy and Marine Corps Caucus. Since taking office, Randy has sponsored legislation ranging from the prosecution of Weapons of Mass Destruction to the reformation of the military mail system.

As a Member of the House Judiciary committee, Randy addresses significant national issues including illegal immigration, combating terrorism, balancing the federal budget and reforming healthcare. He has served as Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security. He received national recognition for his work to protect communities by authoring the Alien Gang Removal Act, which provides for the immediate deportation of aliens who are found to be members of violent criminal gangs. He also sits on the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims.

Randy is the founder of the Congressional Prayer Caucus whose purpose is to recognize the vital role that prayer by individuals of all faiths has played in Congress and in America.

Randy's commitment of service to others has been the cornerstone of his professional career. A life-long resident of Virginia, he began his career in the private practice of law helping small and medium-sized businesses and ultimately became a partner in the largest law firm in southeastern Virginia. From 1989-2001, he served the Commonwealth of Virginia in the General Assembly. As a member of the House of Delegates, he served 7 years, quickly establishing himself and serving as the Floor Leader until his election to the State Senate in 1997. One year later, he became the Senate Floor Leader. He served in the State Senate for 3 1/2 years, until his election to the U.S. House of Representatives. Randy was chief patron of some of Virginia's most important legislation in the past decade ranging from state funding for school construction to the abolition of parole.

Randy graduated from Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake in 1970. He was valedictorian of his 1974 class at Randolph-Macon College. In 1977, Randy graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Randy attends Great Bridge Baptist Church, where he has taught adult Sunday school for over 20 years. He was born and raised in Chesapeake, Virginia where he still resides with his wife Shirley. He and Shirley have been married since 1978 and have four children: Neil, Jamie, Jordan, and Justin.

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## Jeff Fortenberry

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### Nebraska's 1st District

In November 2004, Jeff Fortenberry was elected to the United States House of Representatives to serve Nebraska's First Congressional District.

Jeff has an extensive background in economics and public policy. Prior to serving in Congress, he worked as a publishing industry executive in Lincoln, where he also served on the Lincoln City Council from 1997-2001. In Congress, Jeff serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee with significant responsibilities for Middle Eastern affairs; the Agriculture Committee where he helped write the House Farm Bill; and the Small Business Committee with a decided focus on promoting small business entrepreneurship. Jeff also has significant personal experience in small business, and early in his career he worked as a policy analyst for the United States Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations. Jeff earned a bachelors degree in economics and two masters degrees, one in public policy. He and his wife Celeste live in Lincoln and have five little girls.



Jeff's work in Congress is rooted in the belief that the strength of our nation depends on the strength of our families and communities. His efforts are focused on five critical areas: strengthening national security and diplomatic engagement; promoting alternative energy and environmental sustainability; increasing small business entrepreneurship and rural vitality; creating patient-centered health care, and upholding family life and culture.

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## Virginia Foxx

### North Carolina's 5th District

Dr. Virginia Foxx was reelected to her second term to represent North Carolina's Fifth District in the United States House of Representatives in November 2006. During her first term, Dr. Foxx established herself as a champion of conservative values and helped lead the national movements to enforce our immigration laws and increase accountability within the Federal Government. National Journal ranked Dr. Foxx the most conservative member of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation and more conservative than 91.3 percent of all House members. She was also one of just 38 Republicans to score a 100 percent approval rating from the American Conservative Union.



Dr. Foxx has established herself as a visible leader in the House of Representatives. She was also the first member of her class to introduce and pass a substantive bill in the House. Dr. Foxx serves on the House Committees on Agriculture, Government Reform, and Education and the Workforce.

Prior to serving on Capitol Hill, Foxx spent ten years in the North Carolina Senate where she successfully sponsored several statewide and local bills and consistently voted against tax increases and for legislation that would make governments more efficient and less wasteful.

Dr. Foxx is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she received her A.B. degree in English and M.A.C.T. in Sociology. She earned her Ed.D. in Curriculum and Teaching/Higher Education from UNC-Greensboro.

Dr. Foxx began her career as a secretary and research assistant at UNC-Chapel Hill. She taught at Caldwell Community College, was a sociology instructor at Appalachian State University and held several administrative positions at ASU, including Assistant Dean of the General College. Dr. Foxx also served as Deputy Secretary for Management in the N.C. Department of Administration for Governor Jim Martin. Prior to her election to the Senate in 1994, she served as President and later a consultant at Mayland Community College from 1987-1994. Foxx at Commissioning Ceremony

Dr. Foxx has been active in civic and business affairs, serving on many state and national committees. She served on the Executive Committee of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry and was elected to three four-year terms on the Watauga County Board of Education. She was confirmed by the United States Senate for a Presidential appointment to the National Advisory Council for Women's Educational Programs. She also served on the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Advisory Panel. Other current or former service on boards includes the Board of Directors of the John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, Board of Directors of the N.C. Center for Public Research, the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Visitors, National Conference of State Legislatures' Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel on Child Care, Charter Member of the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History and the Foscoe-Grandfather Community Center Board.

Dr. Foxx is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. Her support for America's veterans and active-duty military is characterized by her introduction of the HERO Act, legislation that extends IRA benefits for troops serving in combat zones. She has also supported bills that expand veterans' disability compensation and that significantly increased overall Veterans Affairs funding. Dr. Foxx has also voted in favor of honoring our nation's fallen by prohibiting demonstrations at military funerals held at national cemeteries.

Dr. Foxx is the recipient of several state and national awards. Among those awards are the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Spirit of Enterprise Award, the Family Research Council's True Blue Award and the Alan Keith-Lucas Friend of Children Award, the highest honor granted by the North Carolina Child Care Association. She is a former Rotarian. Foxx at Raffaldini Vineyards Ribbon Cutting

At Mayland Community College, Dr. Foxx implemented several nationally recognized programs including a curriculum evaluation program which has been adopted by major universities. In another major success, she raised over \$1 million in private funds for an on-campus, state-of-the-art child development center built by

prison inmates. At ASU she implemented a model orientation/academic advising program which is still in existence.

Dr. Foxx is married to Tom Foxx. Prior to her entering Congress, the couple owned a nursery business in Watauga County. Dr. Foxx is a lay leader in her church and her hobbies are reading, gardening and being a grandparent.

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## Trent Franks

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### Arizona's 2nd District

Congressman Trent Franks is a conservative Reagan Republican, and he has spent most of his life working on children's issues and trying to build a better future for all children.

He is a former Member of the Arizona State House of Representatives, where he was Chairman of the Subcommittee on Child Protection and Family Preservation. He was a high-profile sponsor of numerous bills designed to protect the family, including the "Child Obscenity and Pornography Bill" (which survived major challenges in the U.S. Federal District Court,) and the "Dangerous Crimes Against Children Bill." Both became nationally recognized.



Trent later oversaw all of Arizona's state programs for children when he became the Cabinet-level Director of the Arizona Governor's Office for Children. This office is the equivalent of the Department for Children in other states. He was also Chairman of the Arizona State Children's Cabinet as well as Chairman of the Inter-Agency Study Committee on Children and AIDS.

Trent founded and served four and a half years as Executive Director of the Arizona Family Research Institute, a non-profit organization associated with Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family, where he further sought to advocate and advance public policy to protect children and families in Arizona.

Congressman Franks is serving his third term in the United States Congress, representing the Second District of Arizona. He serves on the Armed Services Committee and the Judiciary Committee, where he is the ranking member of the Constitution Subcommittee. He is an active member of the Republican Study Committee, and serves on a host of task force and caucus groups, including the House Working Group on Judicial Accountability, the Education Freedom Caucus, the House Working Group on Waste, Fraud and Abuse, the Liberty Caucus, the Human Rights Caucus, the India Caucus, the Anti-Terrorism Caucus, and is co-founder of the Israel Allies Caucus (IAC).

Trent has worked tirelessly in an effort to protect the innocent at every stage of life. He has dedicated himself to children's issues, and is passionate in his commitment to protect all human life, including that of the unborn.

Congressman Franks' longstanding record marks an unswerving commitment to providing parental empowerment and educational choice for families. In 1997, he authored and advocated the Arizona Scholarship Tax Credit. This incredibly successful program has helped provide over 142,000 scholarships for children in its 9 year history.

In order to build on this success, Rep. Franks introduced the Children's Hope Act in the U.S. Congress, legislation that would encourage states to create their own scholarship tax credit by providing an additional federal credit for individuals who participate in a state scholarship tax credit of \$250 or more. Congressman Franks has received numerous honors since his arrival in Washington, including the Family Research Council's "True Blue Award," given to those who have "demonstrated extraordinary integrity and character in their defense of the family and the sanctity of human life...and hold perfect voting records on issues of importance to the American family," the "Guardian of Seniors' Rights Award" from the 60 Plus Association, the "Achievement Award" from the Seniors Coalition, and the "Spirit of Enterprise" award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

He has also received numerous awards reflecting his commitment to limited government and a smaller tax burden. Some of these include the "Taxpayer's Friend" award by the National Taxpayers Union for the fourth consecutive year, "for consistently voting to promote economic freedom and reduce the burden of the American Taxpayer," the "Defender of Economic Freedom Award" from the Club for Growth, ranking among the top five most taxpayer-friendly Members of Congress, the "Tax Fighter Award" (100% rating) from the National Tax Limitation Committee, "Taxpayer Hero" by the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste, and was named a "Small Business Advocate" by Americans for Tax Reform. He has received the "Thomas Jefferson Award" from the Food Industry, 2004's "Lawmaker of the Year" by Independent Electrical

Contractors, Inc., "Champion of Property Rights" (100% rating) by the League of Private Property Voters, "Friend of Farm Bureau" by the American Farm Bureau Federation, and the "Legislative the "Constituent Communication Award" from National Write Your Congressman, a "Presidential Citation" from the President of the Philippines Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and he received the "Friend of Education Award" from the Education Freedom Coalition.

Congressman Franks and his wife Josephine have been married since 1980 and are members of North Phoenix Baptist Church.

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## Rodney Frelinghuysen

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### New Jersey's 11th District

Rodney P. Frelinghuysen is serving in his seventh term as the Representative for New Jersey's 11th Congressional District. In the 110th Congress, Rep. Frelinghuysen serves as New Jersey's senior member of the House Appropriations Committee and on two appropriations subcommittees: Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, of which he is the Ranking Member, and Defense. He is also a member of the Select Intelligence Oversight Panel.



Frelinghuysen represents 56 municipalities in the 11th Congressional District, including all those in Morris County as well as several surrounding communities in Sussex, Somerset, Passaic, and Essex Counties.

Throughout his service in Congress, Frelinghuysen has been a leader and tireless fighter for the people of New Jersey. For his efforts, The New York Times called him "New Jersey's 'go-to-guy.'" He continues to focus on critical issues facing our state, including securing our homeland, expanding our mass transportation systems, preserving open space, creating jobs and supporting our veterans.

Frelinghuysen recognizes that there is no higher priority than ensuring our families, schools and places of business are safe. Especially since September 11, 2001, he has worked tirelessly to make the New Jersey/New York metropolitan area more secure. He has introduced the Smarter Funding for All of America's Security Act, which strictly adheres to the 9/11 Commission's recommendations for changing the federal homeland security funding formula to address critical infrastructure, population density and unique security risks in New Jersey and other high threat areas. He continues to fight for increased funding to protect our ports, trans-Hudson tunnels and bridges, as well as ensuring our first responders have the best possible equipment and training. Frelinghuysen has also introduced legislation to include New Jersey's Task Force One — a team of very specialized, highly trained, well equipped responders - as part of FEMA's National Urban Search and Rescue system. Task Force One was the first team outside of New York City to respond to the events of the September 11 tragedy.

As New Jersey's senior member of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Frelinghuysen continues to fight for increases in America's defense budget to ensure that our young men and women in uniform have the necessary resources to win the War on Terrorism. Frelinghuysen has made an official visit to Afghanistan to visit troops and to Qatar in the Persian Gulf to meet with General Tommy Franks, then Commander of United States Central Command about military operations. He has traveled to Iraq several times to learn more about our mission through the lens of those New Jerseyans who are serving there and, most recently, to meet with Gen. David Petraeus and Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno who are directing U.S. military operations in Iraq. He is also well known for championing the important work being done at New Jersey's vital military installations, especially Picatinny Arsenal in Rockaway Township, the U.S. Army's premier research and development facility.

As a veteran himself, Frelinghuysen recognizes how important it is to care for those who risked their lives in the defense of our freedom. To honor our veterans, Frelinghuysen closely supports the mission of Lyons and East Orange VA Hospitals, two healthcare support centers serving many veterans in northern New Jersey, and continues to ensure our veterans received their promised benefits of greater health care, housing, employment and educational opportunities. To make access to VA health care more convenient for our local veterans, Frelinghuysen secured federal funding to open a VA outpatient clinic in Morris County and renovate a facility at the Lyons VA to support homeless veterans. He has also the author of The Veterans Comprehensive Hepatitis C Health Care Act, which would replace the VA's patchwork approach to testing and treating all veterans for the Hepatitis C virus with a standardized, national policy.

The 11th Congressional District is located at the heart of the most densely populated state in the nation. Understanding that we must protect our remaining open space treasures, Frelinghuysen has been a pioneer in the fight to preserve New Jersey's Highlands. In 2004, he championed the Highlands Conservation Act through Congress and President Bush signed this historic legislation into law. In 2007, the Highlands Conservation Act received its first funding in the amount of \$2 million. Along with having already preserved

thousands of acres in the Highlands, Frelinghuysen continues to secure millions of dollars in federal funds for the expansion of the Morristown National Historical Park and the Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge, cleanups of toxic waste at Superfund sites, flood protection, wetlands purchases, and the preservation of our state's 127 miles of shoreline. Frelinghuysen has also introduced the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area Act to recognize and preserve New Jersey's existing American Revolutionary resources and historical attributes. President Bush signed legislation creating the Crossroads National Heritage Area in 2006.

Frelinghuysen is well known at home and on Capitol Hill for his fiscally conservative views on government spending, taxes and the economy. His focus on helping our economy recover from the attacks of September 11 through greater tax relief and job creation has earned him the "Hero of the Taxpayer" Award from the Americans for Tax Reform, as well as praise from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Federation of Independent Businesses. Frelinghuysen has cosponsored several pieces of legislation to cut taxes, including the marriage penalty tax relief, extending the child tax credit and relief from the alternative minimum tax. He has also been commended by the Citizens Against Government Waste for his dedication to limiting government spending.

Recognizing that a more efficient transportation system is critical to a stronger economy, job creation and healthier environment, Frelinghuysen continues to secure critical federal funding for more mass transit opportunities for New Jersey commuters. His focus on reducing congestion on our roadways has led to work on such vital projects as the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, the Newark-Elizabeth Rail Link, the Lackawanna Cutoff and the Route 22 Sustainable Corridor. For a stronger economy, his efforts have also included critical funding to continue modernizing New Jersey's port facilities, keeping the New Jersey, New York ports and harbor safe and "open for business," and the development of plans for a new trans-Hudson tunnel.

Expanding scientific education and research is one of Frelinghuysen's long-term priorities. For his commitment to the advancement of science - especially in the classroom - Rutgers and Princeton Universities have presented Frelinghuysen with the "Science Coalition's Champion of Science Award." He has been a "consistent champion of scientific support in the appropriations process" to ensure that federal funding continues for university-based scientific, medical, engineering and agricultural research, basic science and science education." Additionally, Frelinghuysen has worked on behalf of the county colleges in his district, as well as NJIT, FDU, Caldwell College, Drew University, and Centenary College. In 2004, Frelinghuysen received an honorary degree from Drew University for his commitment to higher education.

After graduating from Hobart College in 1969, Frelinghuysen served in the U.S. Army. Following basic training at Fort Dix, he served with the 93rd Engineer Battalion (Const.) in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam. After being honorably discharged in 1971, Frelinghuysen became Morris County's State and Federal Aid Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. From 1974 to 1983, Frelinghuysen served three-terms as a member of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, where he was chosen to be its director in 1980.

Frelinghuysen served in the New Jersey General Assembly for eleven years, beginning with his election in 1983. As Chairman of the Assembly Appropriations Committee during the 1988-89 legislative session, and from 1992 to 1994, Frelinghuysen created a record as one of the most fiscally conservative members of the Legislature.

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## Elton Gallegly

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### California's 24th District

Congressman Elton Gallegly has represented his neighbors in Congress for 20 years. On November 7, 2006, voters elected him to his 11th term in the U.S. House of Representatives with more than 62 percent of the vote. Even though he returns home virtually every weekend, he has maintained a better than 98 percent voting attendance record during his tenure in Congress.

On the home front, Congressman Gallegly has been the primary leader in saving Naval Base Ventura County from closure and in establishing the Port of Hueneme as the only deepwater port between Los Angeles and San Francisco. He meets regularly with leaders at Vandenberg Air Force Base to discuss projects at the base and how he can facilitate federal funding and continued support for the base.



Congressman Gallegly also has been successful over the years in obtaining federal funding to help citrus growers, nursery growers, and vintners battle the glassy-winged sharpshooter. He has worked hard to protect the health and safety of his constituents through such projects as the Santa Paula Flood Control Project and has pushed relentlessly for a health study of residents near Rocketdyne's Santa Susana Field Laboratory.

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## Scott Garrett

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### New Jersey's 5th District

On January 4, 2007, Congressman Scott Garrett was sworn in to his third term in the United States House of Representatives, representing New Jersey's Fifth Congressional District. He was first elected to Congress in 2002.

Scott Garrett serves on the House Financial Services and Budget Committees. He is a member of the Financial Services Subcommittees on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises; Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit; and Housing and Community Opportunity.

Scott Garrett was also elected unanimously to represent the Northeast on the House Republican Policy Committee, which develops legislative ideas and vision for the Republican agenda in the House of Representatives.



He is a leading advocate of tax relief and pro-growth economic policies that return the focus to the family budget, authoring and supporting initiatives that keep more of your money in your pocket. Scott Garrett has been working to improve accountability and transparency in budget procedures and other government practices to ensure that government is responsive to your needs.

As a lifelong resident of North Jersey, Scott Garrett is also a leading proponent of preserving open space and protecting such natural treasures as the Highlands, the Musconetcong River, and the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge.

His agenda for the 110th Congress is:

**Security:** Keeping homeland secure through risk-based grant distribution. Keeping communities safe by giving first responders the tools they need. Keeping borders secure. Keeping families financially secure through tax relief and pro-growth policies that support a flourishing economy.

**Reform:** Demanding reform in the budget process to put the family budget first. Demanding reform in the ways of Washington to put the American people first. Demanding reform in education to put parents and teachers first. Demanding entitlement reform to ensure a bright future for our children and grandchildren.

**Service:** Working to bring constituent services to hometowns all across the Fifth District. Working to keep in close contact with Fifth District residents through town hall meetings, newsletters, local business tours, and other visits. Working to bring more Fifth District tax dollars back to North Jersey and secure Federal assistance for critical local projects.

More details on Scott Garrett's legislative initiatives can be found at <http://garrett.house.gov/Issues/>.

Prior to his election to Congress, Scott Garrett served in the New Jersey General Assembly from 1990 to 2002, as the senior Assemblyman for the 24th Legislative District, Assistant Majority Leader, and Chairman of the Banking and Insurance Committee. During his tenure, he also served on the Education, Transportation, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committees, as well as the Joint Committee on Public Schools.

While in the Assembly, Scott Garrett was recognized both nationally and statewide for his leadership. He received the Proactive Policy of the Year Award from the New Jersey Business and Industry Association for auto insurance reform that was described as "the most important legislation of the decade." He also earned the Legislative Leadership Visionary Award from the National Association of the Self-Employed and was named Legislator of the Year by both the Building Officials Association of New Jersey and the National Association of Small Business Owners.

Scott Garrett has long been a leader in our community. He participates in numerous volunteer and charitable organizations. He is past president of Big Brothers, Big Sisters and sat on the Sussex County Board of

Agriculture.

Scott Garrett was born in Bergen County on July 9, 1959. After graduating from High Point Regional High School, he went on to graduate cum laude from Montclair State University and earn his J.D. from Rutgers University Law School.

Scott Garrett now resides in Wantage Township in Sussex County with his wife, Mary Ellen, and their two daughters, Jennifer and Brittany.

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## Jim Gerlach

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### Pennsylvania's 6th District

#### Community Involvement

Jim serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Brandywine Health Foundation. He previously served on the Board of Directors of MECA (Mission for Educating Children with Autism), the Board of Trustees of Dickinson College, the Chester County Agricultural Development Council, the West Brandywine Township Zoning Hearing Board, and the Board of Directors of the Brandywine Hospital.



#### Personal

- Born and raised in Ellwood City, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania.
- 1973 – Graduated from Lincoln High School, Ellwood City.
- 1977 – Graduated cum laude from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania with a bachelor of arts degree in political science.
- 1980 – Graduated from the Dickinson School of Law with a juris doctor degree.
- Family: Married to Karen and has 3 children and 3 step-children.
- Resides in Chester Springs, Chester County.

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## Phil Gingrey

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### Georgia's 11th District

Congressman Phil Gingrey was born and raised in Augusta. After graduating from St. Thomas Aquinas High School, he moved to Atlanta to attend Georgia Tech. Phil co-oped his way through college, and completed his undergraduate studies in Chemistry. With a Bachelor's of Science degree from Georgia Tech, Phil returned home to Augusta to attend the Medical College of Georgia.

Dr. Gingrey served his internship at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, and his residency at the Medical College of Georgia. He also completed a rotation during this time at Doctor's Hospital in Columbus.

Upon completion of his medical training, Dr. Gingrey moved his young family to Marietta where he set up a pro-life OB-GYN practice. For 26 years, Phil built a successful practice and delivered more than 5,200 babies.

Phil has worked hard for the betterment of his community. He served on the Marietta city school board, where he was elected chairman three times. In 1998, Phil decided to run for state Senate. Phil won, and was re-elected in 2000 with 74 percent of the vote. Then in 2002, he was elected U.S. Congressman for Georgia's 11th District.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Gingrey is working to improve education, protect our nation, fight for the life of the unborn, and improve healthcare for all Americans. He is committed to lowering taxes for hardworking Georgians and protecting the traditional values so important to Northwest Georgia.

Congressman Gingrey currently serves on the Armed Services Committee, where he is Ranking Member of the Select Panel on Roles and Missions. Phil also serves as Ranking Member of the Science Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation. During his previous terms in Congress, Phil has also served on the Rules Committee and the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Phil and his wife, Billie, have been married for 37 years. They have been blessed with four children, Billy, Gannon, Phyllis and Laura Neill, and eight grandchildren. They attend St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marietta.

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# Louie Gohmert

## Texas' 1st District

Representative Louie Gohmert was first sworn in January 4, 2005 by Speaker Dennis Hastert as Congressman for the First District of Texas.

Louie Gohmert received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University, where he was Class President and served as a Brigade Commander of the Corps of Cadets. Louie was also Class President while attending Baylor School of Law. He is a veteran having served his country as Captain in the U.S. Army as a result of an Army scholarship at Texas A&M.

Prior to being elected to serve in Congress, Louie Gohmert was elected to three terms as District Judge in Smith County, Texas. During his tenure on the bench, Louie gained national and international attention for some of his innovative rulings. He was later appointed by Texas Governor Rick Perry to complete a term as Chief Justice of the 12th Court of Appeals.



Now into his second term in the House of Representatives, Rep. Gohmert is assigned to three key House committees which are beneficial to the citizens of east Texas: the House Committees on Judiciary, Resources and Small Business.

Having extensive judicial knowledge stemming from years in the court room, Rep. Gohmert is the only former judge on the Judiciary Committee. The Committee has jurisdiction over matters such as: constitutional issues, immigration, the Federal courts, crime, and law enforcement. The Congressman was named Ranking Member of the Judiciary subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security and also returns to the Judiciary subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims.

Rep. Gohmert's work within the House Committee on Natural Resources has proved valuable to East Texas with its wide array of natural resources. The Committee seeks to explore our natural resources and Louie works to ensure America uses the affordable, domestic sources of energy we have at home while providing jobs for Texas. He serves as a voice for east Texas on two of the Committee's most important subcommittees: the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources as well as the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

Small businesses play a vital role in the economy of east Texas and the United States. Rep. Gohmert uses his assignment to the House Committee on Small Business to ensure small businesses are able to thrive and prosper without excessive federal government red tape. He also serves on the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight.

Rep. Gohmert and his wife Kathy are the proud parents of three daughters. Their family attends Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, where Louie had been a deacon and still teaches Sunday school.

Having grown up in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, where he was an Eagle Scout, Louie has gone on to be an extremely active volunteer in numerous civic organizations in East Texas.

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## Bob Goodlatte

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### Virginia's 6th District

The 110th Congress marked Bob Goodlatte's eighth term representing the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia.

Bob's service to the people of the Sixth District began in 1977 when he became District Director for former Congressman Caldwell Butler. He served in this position for two years until 1979, and was responsible for helping folks across the District seeking assistance with or encountering problems from various federal agencies. In 1979, he founded his own private law practice in Roanoke. He was a partner in the law firm of Bird, Kinder and Huffman, working there from 1981 until taking office.

During his time in Congress, Bob has made a name for himself as a leader on Internet and high-tech issues. He is Co-Chair of the Congressional Internet Caucus, and Chairman of the House Republican High Technology Working Group.



Bob serves on the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law and on the Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property Subcommittee. The Judiciary Committee is well-suited to many of Bob's legislative priorities including ensuring the Internet is free from regulatory burdens, combating spyware, protecting private property rights and reining in wasteful spending by requiring the government to have a balanced budget.

In addition to serving on the House Judiciary Committee, Bob serves as the Ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee. Before his appointment as Ranking Republican at the start of the 110th Congress, Bob served as Chairman of the full Committee. He was elected to serve as Chairman of the full House Agriculture Committee in January 2003 at the start of the 108th Congress and served as Chairman of the Committee throughout the 108th and 109th Congresses, convening 132 Full and Subcommittee hearings and guiding 38 bills under the Committee's jurisdiction to the President's desk to be signed into law.

In the last Congress, Bob took a leadership role on issues such as welfare reform and forestry policy, working with his colleagues on the Agriculture and Resources Committees to introduce the President's Healthy Forest Initiative.

Bob, age 55, is a graduate of Washington and Lee University School of Law, and his undergraduate degree in Government was earned at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. He and Maryellen, his wife of 33 years, live in Roanoke and have two children, Jenny and Rob.

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## Kay Granger

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### Texas' 12th District

Kay Granger is the Congresswoman for the 12th District of Texas and is the highest ranking Republican woman in the House of Representatives.

Congresswoman Granger is the only Republican woman to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives from Texas. Long active in local, state and national government as well as civic affairs, Congresswoman Granger is recognized for her energetic and sensible leadership.

In November 2006, she was elected to the Republican House leadership for the 110th Congress, serving as vice chair of the Republican Conference. In that role, she acts as a spokesperson for the party.

Congresswoman Granger is a published author. Her book, "What's Right About America," praises American values and how we live out those values.

Congresswoman Granger stepped into a national leadership role in the war on terrorism based on her work with Iraqi women. She is co-chair of the Iraqi Women's Caucus. In the course of three congressional delegation visits over two years to the Middle East, she worked with and mentored Iraqi women who now either hold elected positions or are leaders in their communities.

Granger sits on the Appropriations Committee and serves on the Defense, Homeland Security and Military Construction/Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittees. Granger co-chairs the Anti-Terrorism Caucus and serves as a deputy whip. Today, she is considered one of the House of Representatives' leading defense experts.

Congresswoman Granger received Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's first Global War on Terrorism Coin for her unwavering support of anti-terrorist efforts, the 2006 National Association of Community Health Centers Community Health Defender Award and the National Association of Manufacturers Award for her pro-growth, pro-manufacturing, pro-worker voting record. She has been inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame and the Fort Worth Business Hall of Fame and is the recipient of the Fort Worth and Tarrant County Region of the National Conference of Community and Justice's 2006 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Citation.

Before coming to Congress, Granger served as Mayor of Fort Worth for five years and a member of the City Council for two years. Granger owned and operated a successful insurance agency for over 20 years and is also a former teacher.

She is a member of the First United Methodist Church, and has three grown children and five grandchildren.

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## Sam Graves

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### Missouri's 6th District

Congressman Sam Graves is a life long resident of Missouri's Sixth Congressional District. As a small businessman and a sixth-generation, full-time family farmer, Sam spent his life working to make Missouri a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

In Congress, Sam serves on the Agriculture, Small Business, and Transportation Committees where he continues the fight for the most significant interests of the Sixth District.

Congressman Graves was born in Tarkio, Missouri on November 7, 1963. He graduated from Tarkio High School in 1982 and attended college at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he received his degree in Agronomy from the School of Agriculture.



While attending the University of Missouri, Sam met his wife, Lesley. Upon graduation, Lesley and Sam married and moved back to Tarkio. Lesley teaches sixth grade at Tarkio Elementary School. They have three children; Megan, Trey, and Emily. Sam is an active member of his community and enjoys flying his 1947 Piper Cub airplane.

In 1992, Sam won his first race for State Representative. In 1994, Sam was elected as State Senator for the 12th Senatorial District and was subsequently re-elected in 1998. Sam's leadership has not only been recognized by his constituents, but from organizations like the Missouri Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Development Corporation, and the Missouri State Medical Association.

As a father, farmer, businessman, and former State legislator, Sam knows first hand the values, hopes, and beliefs of the hard-working families of the Sixth District, and will continue to work tirelessly for them in the United States House of Representatives. As your Congressman, Sam is dedicated to our national security as well as your personal financial security. Sam will continue to fight to fully fund our military, lower taxes, stabilize Social Security for our seniors, and provide more local control of funding for our schools.

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## Ralph Hall

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### Texas' 4th District

Ralph M. Hall, representing the Fourth Congressional District in Texas, was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1980 and has been re-elected to each succeeding Congress. Congressman Hall was selected as Ranking Member of the Committee on Science and Technology for the 110th Congress and received a waiver to continue as a Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, where he serves on the Energy and Air Quality, Health, and Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittees.

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## Doc Hastings

### Washington's 4th District

Doc Hastings was first elected to represent Washington's Fourth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994, bringing with him solid legislative experience and a strong work ethic, coupled with the desire to bring the common sense traditional values of Central Washington back to Washington, D.C.

Doc and his wife Claire live in Pasco. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

After graduating from Pasco High School, Doc studied business administration at Columbia Basin College and at Central Washington University. Later, while running his family's small business, Columbia Basin Paper and Supply, Doc established himself as a leader in the local business community.



Before being elected to the U.S. Congress, Doc served eight years in the Washington State Legislature.

During his time in Congress, Doc has established a long record of serving the people, communities and priorities of Central Washington: he has doubled the Market Access Program (used to open new markets for local farmers); started the ongoing feasibility study for new water storage in the Yakima Basin; got the federal government engaged in finding a solution for the Odessa Subaquifer; brought the House Agriculture Committee to Central Washington to hear from local farmers and ranchers as Congress developed the new Farm Bill; proposed and passed a new law to protect the survivor benefits for families of soldiers killed in action; worked to enact fair trade agreements that benefit Washington state; fought attempts to ban local doctor-owned hospitals; and remains a strong defender of dams and a proponent of nuclear power.

In 1995, Doc founded the bipartisan Congressional Nuclear Cleanup Caucus to promote the cleanup of nuclear waste sites like Hanford. Since then, he has earned a reputation as an effective leader on nuclear cleanup issues. Each year Doc adds millions of dollars for Hanford cleanup – working to ensure that cleanup progress is accomplished as safely, quickly and efficiently as possible.

In 1996, Doc was selected to serve on the House Rules Committee, which plays a role in nearly all bills considered by the House of Representatives whether the issue is creating jobs, lowering gas prices, supporting farmers, improving health care or any other issue. Doc has used his position on the Rules Committee to secure critical disaster relief dollars for local apple growers and to write and pass a law to accelerate Hanford cleanup by creating the Office of River Protection.

Doc has served on the House Ethics Committee since 2001. He is currently the top Republican on the Ethics Committee – the only Committee that is evenly split between Republicans and Democrats.

Doc also serves as co-chair of the Northwest Energy Caucus, and is a member of the Specialty Crop Caucus and the Rural Health Care Coalition.

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## Dean Heller

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### Nevada's 2nd District

On November 7, 2006, Dean Heller was elected to the United States Congress as Nevada's Representative for the Second Congressional District. Heller is only the third person to hold this seat since its creation.

Congressman Dean Heller has spent nearly two decades serving the people of Nevada. He served two terms in the State Assembly representing Carson City where he authored legislation making the public employees' retirement system solvent. Heller provided leadership in his three terms as Nevada's Secretary of State when Nevada became the first state in the country to implement an auditable paper trail to electronic voting machines.



Heller serves on the House Financial Services Committee, which oversees our country's investment companies, banks, savings and loans, credit unions, insurance industry, and housing services. The Financial Services Committee is one of only four exclusive committees in the U.S. House of Representatives. Heller becomes the first Nevadan freshman congressman since 1995 to be appointed to an exclusive committee.

As a former member of the House Natural Resources Committee, Heller is still actively engaged in policies under this Committee's jurisdiction. Issues such as mining, public land management and preventing wildfires still continue to be top priorities for Congressman Heller. Membership on this committee enabled Heller to foster a strong working relationship with committee members allowing him to move legislation through the committee.

Raised in Carson City, Dean Heller grew up with five brothers and sisters and graduated from Carson High School. In 1985 he received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern California, specializing in finance and securities analysis, and worked as a stockbroker and as a broker/trader on the Pacific Stock Exchange prior to moving to Carson City with his wife Lynne.

Dean and Lynne have been married for more than twenty years and have raised their four children; Hilary, Harris, Drew, and Emmy in Carson City. The Congressman enjoys stockcar racing, basketball, golf, snowboarding, and attending his children's events.

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# Jeb Hensarling

## Texas' 5th District

Congressman Jeb Hensarling is a life-long conservative dedicated to advancing the principles of faith, family, free enterprise, and freedom. Jeb's combination of principled conservatism and practical political experience culminated in his being elected Chairman of the Republican Study Committee, the largest conservative caucus in the House of Representatives.



An outspoken advocate for limited government and unlimited freedom, Congressman Hensarling has led efforts to control spending, lower taxes, defend families, strengthen our homeland security, and support our troops. Jeb has served as the Chairman of the RSC Budget and Spending Task Force, where he authored legislation that would balance the budget in five years without raising taxes on American families and individuals.

Serving on the House Committee on the Budget and the House Committee on Financial Services, Jeb has led the charge in Congress for balancing the budget and restraining the growth of government spending. He has become a national voice for conservative values and principles. The Dallas Morning News said that Jeb has emerged as a "rising congressional star" and is a "man of conviction." The New York Times said that Jeb has become known as a "conservative leader" and in a profile the National Review called Hensarling "Rep. Budget Reform." According to the National Taxpayer Union, Hensarling scored the highest pro-taxpayer rating in the Texas delegation and the second highest in the entire U.S. House of Representatives. Jeb understands that taxpayers are tired of the waste in government and is a watchdog in Congress for your tax dollars. He co-authored a Constitutional amendment (known as the Spending Limit Amendment) that would put a lid on the growth of Washington spending by prohibiting federal spending from growing faster than the economy. In other words, the federal budget cannot grow faster than American families' ability to pay for it. Jeb has also pressured Congress to enact a one-year moratorium on all Congressional earmarks, citing the need to overhaul the broken process.

Jeb believes Washington not only has a spending problem, but also a taxing problem. In 2007, he introduced the Taxpayer Bill of Rights to lay the foundation for a more efficient, common sense budget and tax system in Washington. He also co-authored the Taxpayer Choice Act, a comprehensive, individual income tax reform initiative with two principal aims: eliminate massive future tax increases by repealing the Alternative Minimum Tax, and provide individuals with a modern alternative tax system that is transparent, simple, and efficient.

And, in order to invigorate the economy, Jeb co-authored the Economic Growth Act of 2008 to provide broad, growth-oriented, permanent incentives for economic activity across all sectors and industries.

He has received numerous honors and awards for his outstanding service in Congress, including the "Spirit of Enterprise Award," the "Small Business Advocate Award," the "Friend of the Taxpayer Award," the "Hero of the Taxpayer," and the "Fighter for Free Enterprise Award," for his tireless efforts on behalf of Texas taxpayers and small businesses.

Jeb Hensarling was born in Stephenville, Texas, and grew up working on his father's farm near College Station. Jeb was an active student leader at Texas A&M University, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in economics in 1979. Later, he went on to earn a law degree from the University of Texas in 1982.

After serving on Senator Phil Gramm's staff for several years, Jeb spent ten years in the private sector, serving as an officer for a successful investment firm, a data management company, and an electricity retail company. His experience in helping to create jobs and having to meet a regular payroll have made him an ally of small business, a champion of regulatory relief, and a strong advocate for economic growth.

Dating back to his early years as an Eagle Scout, Congressman Hensarling has remained actively involved in his community. He has been a leader with the American Cancer Society of Dallas and a board member for the Children's Education Fund. Jeb and his wife Melissa are members of St. Michael and All Angels Church and reside in Dallas with their two children, Claire and Travis.

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## Wally Herger

### California's 2nd District

Congressman Herger was born in Sutter County in 1945. He was raised on a cattle ranch in a small community called Rio Oso, located south of Yuba City/Marysville. Growing up, he worked on his family's ranch, and was also involved in the family's small business. He got his start in elected office as a member of the East Nicolaus School Board, serving there from [1976 to 1980]. He was elected to the California State Assembly in 1980, serving there until his election to the United States House of Representatives by the people of California's Second Congressional District. In 2006, Herger was elected to his 11th term in Congress. He is married to Pamela, and they currently reside in Chico. They are the parents of nine children, and have six grandchildren.



Congressman Herger currently serves on the House Committee on Ways and Means, which has jurisdiction over tax policy, trade, Social Security, Medicare, and some federal "safety-net" programs. In the 110th Congress, he was appointed the Ranking Member of the Trade Subcommittee, which has primary responsibility for reviewing market-opening free trade agreements between the U.S. and other nations. Herger also serves on the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support (formerly known as Human Resources), which he chaired for six years. That subcommittee oversees the federal cash welfare, child care, child protection, child support enforcement, disability, and unemployment insurance programs.

As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Herger's primary legislative concerns include: (1) securing economic growth and encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship by reducing the tax burden on American families and small businesses; (2) making government run more efficiently by reducing federal regulatory burdens and spending; and (3) responsibly reforming entitlement programs to make them sustainable and ensure that they will still be around for future generations of Americans.

As the lead Republican on the Trade Subcommittee, Congressman Herger will play a leading role in the coming year in consideration of several trade agreements pending before Congress, such as Panama, Peru and Colombia, as well as several other agreements that could increase transparency and open foreign markets to exports of U.S. made goods and services. He is an active supporter of agriculture, the economic backbone of the Second Congressional District. As Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Trade, Herger is focused on helping to organize efforts to work with the President, Senate and others in the House to further enhance free and fair trade opportunities for America's agricultural and non-agricultural goods and services through reducing tariffs and lowering barriers to trade with foreign countries.

During his tenure as chairman of Subcommittee on Human Resources, Congressman Herger played a leading role in the reauthorization and expansion of the landmark 1996 welfare reform law. The original 1996 welfare reform law focused on promoting work among welfare recipients, and has succeeded in reducing government dependence and lifting more than 1.4 million children out of poverty. The reauthorization measure -- enacted in 2006 -- strengthened the 1996 law to help even more parents on welfare go to work and further strengthen families. He has also been very active in efforts to improve the nation's child protection system, including conducting oversight and introducing reform legislation to help move more at-risk kids into safe, stable, and loving families. As a member of the committee, Congressman Herger championed the "Criminal Welfare Prevention Act," which was enacted as part of the 1996 welfare reform law. The provision was designed to help stop the payment of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits to individuals incarcerated in state and local jails by providing law enforcement officials financial incentives to help catch offending inmates. It has since been expanded to cover other Social Security benefits. This new "prison bounty" system, along with ongoing efforts, is estimated to save taxpayers up to \$500 million per year.

Herger is a strong advocate of private property rights, as well as a strong proponent of better balance in federal environmental laws and policies, particularly the Endangered Species Act. He has been a vocal and active supporter of efforts to enhance and improve flood control and water storage infrastructure to meet the public health and safety needs of growing communities in Northern California. Herger has also been a strong supporter of improved forest management to protect communities from catastrophic wildfire and

provide local economic development opportunities. Accordingly, he has been a champion of several pieces of common sense forest health legislation including the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act of 1998 and the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self-Determination Act of 2000.

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## Peter Hoekstra

### Michigan's 2nd District

As one of the few former Fortune 500 business executives in Congress, Congressman Pete Hoekstra brings a unique blend of experience and perspective as he represents Michigan's Second Congressional District in Washington.

Pete was originally sworn in to the 103rd Congress in 1993. He then served a key role in the development of the Contract with America, which was instrumental in gaining a Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives for the first time in 40 years.

In 2004, Pete was named Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Now serving as the top Republican, he works to lead Congressional oversight on issues relating to the U.S. Intelligence Community as the United States defends itself against all threats.



Pete is also a senior member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, where he is working to return control of education policy back to parents, educators and administrators as opposed to Washington bureaucrats.

Pete is a member of several task forces and caucuses, including the Immigration Reform Caucus, the House Republican Task Force on Historically Black College and Universities, the Congressional Prayer Caucus, the Congressional Coast Guard Caucus, the Values Action Team, the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, the House Republican Study Committee, the Bipartisan Congressional Bike Caucus, the Congressional Manufacturing Caucus, and he is the founding chairman of the Education Freedom Caucus and the Congressional Caucus on the Netherlands.

Pete has been featured in a variety of media, including appearances on "Meet the Press," "This Week" with George Stephanopoulos, "Fox News Sunday" with Chris Wallace, CNN's "Late Edition" with Wolf Blitzer, C-SPAN's "Washington Journal," CBS Evening News, NBC's "Dateline," PBS's "News Hour," ABC's "Nightline" and Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor," "Fox & Friends," "Hannity & Colmes" and "On the Record" with Greta Van Susteren.

He also has written pieces published in The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, The Washington Times, The Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press, among many others.

For his work in Congress, Pete has received numerous awards, including repeatedly earning the U.S. Chamber of Commerce "Spirit of Enterprise" award, the "Hero of the Taxpayer" award from Americans for Tax Reform, the "Taxpayer Superhero" Award from the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste, "Public Official of the Year" Award from Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, and the "Faith, Family and Freedom" and "True Blue" awards from the Family Research Council. He has also been recognized by the National Association of Manufacturers.

Pete is a graduate of Holland Christian Schools, holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Hope College in Holland and holds a master's of Business Administration from the University of Michigan.

Prior to his election to Congress, he worked for 15 years at Zeeland, Mich.-based office furniture manufacturer Herman Miller Inc., where he held the title of Vice President of Marketing.

Pete lives in Holland, Michigan, with his wife, Diane, and has three children, Erin, Allison and Bryan.

He was born on Oct. 30, 1953, in Groningen, the Netherlands, and immigrated to Michigan with his family at the age of 3, making him one of the few members of Congress who was not born in the United States.

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## Duncan D. Hunter

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### California's 52nd District

Duncan D. Hunter (Captain, USMC, Res) recently returned from serving his country in Afghanistan. This was his third tour of duty since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Hunter was honorably discharged from active duty in December of 2007, and is now campaigning full time for the United States Congress.

Duncan D. Hunter was born in San Diego and grew up in the 52nd District of California. He graduated from Granite Hills High School in El Cajon, and earned a degree in Business Administration from San Diego State University. Duncan worked to pay for his college education by creating websites and programming databases and ecommerce systems for high tech companies. Upon graduation from college, Duncan went to work full time in San Diego as a Business Analyst.



Our country was attacked by terrorists on 9/11/01. The very next day, Duncan quit his job, and joined the U.S. Marine Corps' Officer Candidate School, and graduated as a Lieutenant in March of 2002. Duncan excelled in the area of field artillery, inspired by his grand-father, Robert O. Hunter, who was a Marine Corps artillery officer in the Pacific campaigns of WWII. Duncan went on to serve in the 1st Marine Division, in Iraq in 2003.

Lt. Hunter completed his second tour in Fallujah, Iraq in 2004, serving in Battery A, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. In September of 2005, 1st Lieutenant Hunter was honorably discharged from active duty and began life as a civilian, while in the Marine Corps Reserves. Using his leadership skills developed in the military, he started a successful residential development company. While in the reserves, Duncan was promoted to the rank of Captain in 2006.

In the early part of 2007, Duncan decided that his leadership skills are best utilized in the continued service to his country. He made the decision to run for the United States Congress, to serve the American people and the people of the 52nd District, where he grew up. Shortly after filing to run for Congress, Duncan was re-called to active duty in the Marine Corps for a tour of duty in Afghanistan. He was able to campaign while on the front lines through his wife Margaret and his family, as they reached out to the voters on his behalf. Duncan is now home and campaigning full time.

Duncan and his wife Margaret reside in Lakeside, California. The Hunters are proud parents of Duncan, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Duncan D. Hunter is a strong conservative and hopes to work in Congress for a strong national defense to protect America; increased border security to stop illegal immigration and fiscal responsibility to protect taxpayers.

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## Bob Inglis

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### South Carolina's 4th District

Bob Inglis, 48, grew up in Bluffton, South Carolina. Inglis went to Duke University (Class of 1981) where he met his wife, Mary Anne (Class of 1982). They got married after his first year at the University of Virginia School of Law and lived in Charlottesville until his graduation in 1984. They have five children ages 22 to 11 (Robert, 22; Mary Ashton, 20; McCullough, 18; Andrews, 13; Meade, 11).

From 1993-1998, Inglis represented the Fourth District of South Carolina (Greenville, Spartanburg, Union and a portion of Laurens County) in the U.S. House of Representatives. After an unsuccessful challenge to U.S. Senator Fritz Hollings in 1998, Inglis rejoined the law firm of Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C. where he practiced commercial real estate and corporate law.



Inglis was elected again to Congress in 2004 and to a fifth term overall in 2006. He serves on the Science & Technology Committee and is Ranking Member on the Energy & Environment Subcommittee. He also sits on the Foreign Affairs Committee during the 110th Congress. He chaired the Research Subcommittee of the Science Committee in the 109th Congress and served on the Judiciary Committee and on the Education and Workforce Committee. He co-chairs the House Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Caucus.

Inglis enjoys working on the Northern Greenville County farm where he lives; hiking, paddling kayaks and canoes with his wife and children; running and working out at his home gym; and sailing and skiing during occasional trips to his hometown of Bluffton. He and his family are members of Redeemer Presbyterian Church of Travelers Rest.

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## Darrell Issa

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### California's 49th District

First elected to Congress in 2000, Darrell Issa currently serves on the House Government Reform Committee where he is Ranking Member of the Domestic Policy Subcommittee, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence where he serves as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, and the House Judiciary Committee. He is also on a temporary leave of absence from the House Energy & Commerce Committee.



Representative Issa founded Directed Electronics, the Vista, California based industry-leading manufacturer of automobile security and convenience products. Issa has served as Chairman of the Consumer Electronics Association, served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Electronics Industry Association, and as Director of the San Diego Economic Development Association and the Greater San Diego County Chamber of Commerce. In 1994, Issa received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Inc. Magazine, Ernst & Young, and The San Diego Union-Tribune.

Darrell Issa is perhaps best known as the leader of the successful effort to recall former California Governor Gray Davis in 2003. In 1996, he also co-chaired the campaign to pass the California Civil Rights Initiative that ended racial and gender preferences and quotas in state contracting and college admissions.

Issa enlisted in the Army during his senior year in high school and attended college on an ROTC scholarship. In the Army, Issa served as a bomb disposal technician, tank platoon commander, computer R&D specialist, and attained the rank of Captain. He is a graduate of Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan and serves as a member of the University Board of Trustees. Darrell and Kathy Issa are longtime residents of Vista, California. They have one son, William.

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## Sam Johnson

### Texas' 3rd District

Sam Johnson returned home to Texas after serving in the U.S. Air Force for 29-years as a highly decorated fighter pilot. He flew combat missions in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and was a Prisoner of War in Hanoi for nearly seven years.

After his distinguished military career, Johnson started a home-building business from scratch and served in the Texas legislature. In 1991, he embarked on a new mission of service to his country - representing the people of Texas' Third District in the United States Congress.

A vocal advocate of less government and lower taxes, Johnson sits on the prestigious Ways and Means Committee. Johnson serves as the Ranking Member on the Social Security Subcommittee and is one of the few Members of Congress to have his own plan to strengthen Social Security with personal accounts.



One of a handful of combat veterans in Congress, Johnson has led the charge to stand up for the troops on the ground – regardless of the political posturing in Washington, DC.

Earlier this year, Johnson authored a proposal to fully-fund all troops in harm's way. In fact, Johnson spent the anniversary of his homecoming from captivity, February 12, 2007, pleading with a House panel to include his measure as part of the House debate on the future of the troops in Iraq. Johnson insisted, "I know what it's like to be far from home and hear that your country AND your Congress don't care about you. Our troops stand up for us every minute of every day. We must stand up for them in Congress. To our troops, we must remain always faithful."

After growing up in Dallas and graduating from SMU, Johnson began his 29-year career in the U.S. Air Force at the young age of 20. Johnson served as director of the Air Force Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun) and was one of two authors of the air tactics manual revolutionizing military air dominance by incorporating three-dimensional flight.

During the Korean War, Johnson flew 62 combat missions in his F-86, stationed just 25 miles away from the front lines. In his plane, Shirley's Texas Tornado, Johnson scored one MiG fighter kill, one probable and one damaged. Johnson took his share of enemy gunfire and flak, he emerged from the war unscathed.

Back at Nellis AFB in Nevada, Johnson flew the solo and slot positions for the world-renowned Air Force Thunderbirds precision flying demonstration team in the F-100 super sabre.

In the Vietnam War during his first tour of duty, he worked at Military Assistance Command in Vietnam (MACV) headquarters in Saigon, helping coordinate the first B-52 strikes under General Westmoreland. During Johnson's second tour, he flew F-4 Phantom combat missions with the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing in Thailand. During his second tour of duty, Johnson flew his 25th combat mission on April 16, 1966. Shot down at dusk over North Vietnam, Johnson suffered a broken right arm, dislocated left shoulder and a broken back. It was these injuries that the enemy captors would use in their constant efforts to glean information from Johnson.

Johnson spent nearly seven years as a prisoner of war, 42 months in solitary confinement. Forced into solitary when his captives labeled him a "die-hard," Johnson committed 374 names to memory from tapping a special code on the prison wall. "We were all trying to memorize names in case anybody got out," Johnson remembers.

While held in the infamous Hanoi Hilton, Johnson spent 72 days in leg stocks. A day after that torture ended, his captives forced him into leg irons for 2 ½ years. Weighing 200 lbs when shot down, an emaciated Johnson got down to an estimated 120 lbs while barely surviving on the occasional "meal" of weeds from the river, pig fat, white rice, or pumpkin soup.

Fellow POW Capt. James Mulligan, USN (Ret.) recalled the day Johnson was allowed to return to a joint cell. He walked into the room with the two other detained American officers, "stood at attention with tears in his eyes, and said simply, 'Lieutenant Colonel Sam Johnson reporting for duty, sir'...after he had not talked to or directly been with an American for three and a half years."

Johnson chronicles his POW experience in solitary confinement in his autobiography, *Captive Warriors*. The book details the stories of eleven of the self-named "Alcatraz Gang," including great American patriots, such as Jeremiah Denton, Jim Stockdale and Jim Mulligan.

Other career highlights include: attending army jump school during the Cuban Missile Crisis and experiencing five nuclear bomb explosions at the Nevada test site. Johnson flew through one nuclear explosion to gauge the effects to the plane, later joking, "Why didn't they want to know the effects on the pilot?" A graduate of the National War College, Johnson served as Wing Commander of the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing at Homestead AFB in Florida flying F-4s and Air Division Commander at Holloman AFB in New Mexico flying F-15s, where he retired a Colonel.

A decorated combat veteran and war hero, Johnson was awarded two Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, one Bronze Star with Valor, two Purple Hearts, four Air Medals, and three Outstanding Unit Awards.

Sam Johnson is married to the former Shirley L. Melton of Dallas. They are proud parents of three children and grandparents to ten.

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# Timothy Johnson

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## Illinois' 15th District

### Early Years

Tim Johnson was born in Champaign, Illinois on July 23, 1946 to Robert and Margaret Evans Johnson. He spent his childhood in Urbana and graduated from Urbana High School. He attended the University of Illinois, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and was honored with the Bronze Tablet, the University's highest undergraduate honor. He was accepted to the University of Illinois College of Law and in 1972 graduated with high honors and was elected to the Order of Coif, the national legal honor society.



### Personal

Tim presently resides in Urbana, Illinois. He is the father of nine children and has nine grandchildren. Professionally, he is a former Urbana lawyer, small businessman, realtor, farm operator and educator. When home from Washington, Tim thoroughly enjoys spending the majority of his time hearing the needs of his constituents whether by phone or by meeting them in person. He extensively travels his eastern Illinois district and visits students, civic organizations, farm groups, to name a few. Physical fitness is very important to Tim as he works out everyday. He enjoys sports of all types and frequently attends athletic contests at high schools and colleges around his expansive district, which also allows him to interact with his constituency in an informal setting.

### Public Service History

In 1971, Tim began his long career in public service after obtaining a seat on the Urbana City Council. In his four years on the city council, Tim demonstrated to people throughout central Illinois that he had a gift for crafting sound policies and taking care of the day-to-day needs of the people he represented. Upon urging by community leaders, Tim decided to run for a seat in the Illinois State Legislature. In 1976, he won a seat in the Illinois House by besting five other Republicans in a tough, but civil, primary. Mr. Johnson held that seat in the Statehouse for more than two decades; he resigned as State Representative from the 104th District on November 13, 2000 one week after being elected to the United States House of Representatives to serve the 15th District of Illinois. Congressman Tim Johnson is committed to taking his long history of dedicated, quality public service to Washington D.C. and ensuring that his constituents in twenty-two Illinois counties deservedly have the best representation possible. Extensively traveling throughout the district, meeting with elected officials, stopping in to restaurants and coffee shops and making numerous phone calls to constituents everyday are ways in which Tim keeps in touch with those he serves.

### Legislative Accomplishments

Now in his fourth term as a U.S. Congressman, Tim Johnson has established a strong record of constituent service. While responding to 15th District residents' needs is a top priority to Tim, he has also been a leader on Capitol Hill in creating new farm policy, pushing for lower taxes, bringing federal dollars home to Illinois universities, protecting Social Security, fighting for affordable prescription medication, and voting to protect our environment. He has been a leading advocate for the expansion of bio-fuels use and has paid special attention to the needs of Veterans. Tim will continue his tradition of opposing tax hikes, promoting fiscal responsibility and upholding conservative, common sense values in the United States Congress. Most of all, Tim wants to rekindle the spark in the nation's agricultural economy that has depressed U.S. farmers for much of the last decade.

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## Walter Jones

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### North Carolina's 3rd District

Walter Jones was first sworn in to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1995, after serving 10 years as an elected member of the North Carolina General Assembly. Jones strongly believes in the strength of faith and family and has worked to represent the citizens of Eastern North Carolina with both honor and integrity.

Since entering office, Congressman Jones has been a strong voice in fighting for an effective, commonsense government that returns power and control back to the people. His dedication and commitment to providing tax relief for American families, retirement security for our nation's seniors, a strong national defense and a quality education for every child has earned him respect among his colleagues on both sides of the political aisle.



Currently serving his 7th term in Congress, Congressman Jones is a member of the House Committees on Armed Services and Financial Services.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, Walter has concentrated on safeguarding the well being of our nation's veterans and our men and women on active duty. His concern for Vietnam-era veterans led him to introduce the War Crimes Act of 1996, which allows prisoners of war, the opportunity to bring their persecutors to justice in U.S. courts. While only three percent of all bills introduced in the 104th Congress ever became law, the President signed Jones' War Crimes Act into law on August 21, 1996.

As a member of the Financial Services Committee, Jones has earned a reputation for fighting for small businesses, and for helping individuals gain greater access to capital and a broader array of financial services. With its jurisdiction over America's banking, insurance and securities industries, the Committee is of great importance to North Carolina's many financial services operations and their employees.

During his previous tenure on the House Resources Committee, Jones championed the rights of farmers, landowners and fishermen. He has actively voiced the need to improve water quality for current and future generations, and has fought to protect our nation's tobacco farmers and their families.

Jones has also dedicated much of his time in Congress to preserving and protecting North Carolina's unique history and culture. From preparing for the 2003 centennial anniversary of the Wright brother's first flight in Kitty Hawk, N.C., to passing legislation to protect the Shackleford Banks wild horses of Cape Lookout National Seashore, Jones has proven his dedication to preserving Eastern North Carolina's rich heritage for future generations to enjoy.

Congressman Jones and his wife Joe Anne maintain their home in Farmville, North Carolina.

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## Jim Jordan

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### Ohio's 4th District

Jim Jordan was raised in Champaign County, Ohio, graduating from Graham High School in 1982, where he was a four-time state champion in wrestling with a career record of 150-1. He went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, where he was a two-time NCAA wrestling champion. He later earned a Master's degree in Education from the Ohio State University and a Law Degree from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio.



Jordan is a fiscal conservative who believes that families and taxpayers, rather than government, know best how to make decisions with their money. Throughout his career, Jim Jordan has led the fight against tax hikes, including those proposed by his own political party. Jim Jordan believes that cutting taxes and letting families keep more of what they earn helps build strong communities and a vibrant economy.

Jim Jordan was named Pro-Life legislator of the Year from United Conservatives of Ohio and won the Defender of Life award from Ohio Right to Life for his unwavering commitment to protecting the sanctity of human life. In Congress, Jordan has championed legislation in defense of the unborn and has led the fight on pro-family issues like defending traditional marriage and giving parents the tools they need to help build a brighter future for their children.

Congressman Jordan has long been a vocal supporter of securing our borders and enforcing our nation's laws to deal with the problems stemming from illegal immigration. He is active in supporting the rule of law and fixing the system so that families who long to come to America can do so the right way by learning English, gaining legal citizenship and becoming taxpaying Americans.

In Congress, Jordan has also emerged as a prominent defender of the taxpayer's pocketbook through his work on spending issues. He continues to support making the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts permanent and has offered a series of budget and appropriations amendments aimed at stemming the excessive growth of government spending. He serves on the House Judiciary Committee, the House Budget Committee, and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Jim and his wife Polly are the parents of four children. The Jordan family lives near Urbana and attends Grace Bible Church.

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## Peter King

### New York's 3rd District

Congressman Peter T. King, a Republican, is serving his eighth term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rep. King is Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Committee and also serves on the Financial Services Committee. Congressman King has been a leader in the ongoing effort to have Homeland Security funding based on threat analysis and is a strong supporter of the war against international terrorism, both at home and abroad. Congressman King was a co-author of the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005 (H.R. 4437) which passed the House in 2005 and is the most comprehensive legislation against illegal immigration to pass the House in two decades.



During his years in Congress, Rep. King has attained a reputation for being well-informed and independent. The New York Daily News has said that "Pete King is as knowledgeable as they come about terrorism and the need for emergency preparedness," while the New York Post has credited Rep. King as being "smart and solid and a long time student of terrorism and homeland security matters." Even Newsday has admitted that Congressman King is a "stand-up guy who isn't shy about tangling with the powerful, even those in his own party. King has become a national figure who delivers for the region and his district."

Prior to serving in Congress, Pete King was elected to three terms as the Comptroller of Nassau County. Before serving in county government, Rep. King had extensive experience as a practicing attorney and civic leader. He began his political career in November 1977 by winning election to the Hempstead Town Council. He is the author of three published novels, *Terrible Beauty*, *Deliver Us From Evil* and *Vale of Tears* which are based upon his political experiences.

Peter T. King was born on April 5, 1944 and is a graduate of St. Francis College, Brooklyn, and the University of Notre Dame Law School. He is a lifelong resident of New York and has lived in Nassau County for almost 40 years. Rep. King and his wife, Rosemary, reside in Seaford. They have two adult children and two grandchildren.

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## Steve King

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### Iowa's 5th District

Steve King grew up in a law enforcement family in Storm Lake, Iowa. He attended Denison Community High School, where he met Marilyn Kelly, whom he married in 1972. They have lived in Kiron for 28 years and are members of St. Martin's Church in Odebolt. Steve and Marilyn have three grown sons and two grandchildren.

King studied math and science at Northwest Missouri State University. He started King Construction in 1975 and built the business up from one bulldozer. He brings valuable knowledge to Congress as an agribusinessman and a small business owner for 28 years. King's oldest son now runs the construction business.



He served in the Iowa State Senate for six years where he assumed roles as Chairman of the State Government Committee and Vice Chairman of the Oversight Budget Subcommittee. He was a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Judiciary Committee, Business and Labor Committee and the Commerce Committees. He worked in the State Senate to successfully eliminate the inheritance tax, enforce workplace drug testing, enforce parenting rights, including parental notification of abortion, pass tax cuts for working Iowans, and pass the law that made English the official language in Iowa.

King was elected to Congress in 2002 to represent Iowa's new fifth congressional district. He brings the concerns and ideas from people of the fifth district with him to work on the Agriculture Committee. He has long been dedicated to adding value as close to the corn stalk and bean stubble as possible, as many times as possible. The Fifth District ranks first in the nation for hogs and pigs and is one of the most productive areas in the nation for renewable fuels. King's very first bill in Congress was an expansion of a tax credit to small ethanol and biodiesel producers. His language was included in the Energy Users Act of 2005, which President George W. Bush recently signed into law.

As 97% of Iowa's businesses are small business, King received a special waiver to serve on the House Small Business Committee so he could work to restrict government regulations that impede the growth of business and jobs.

King is also a member of the House Judiciary Committee, where he sits on the Constitution Subcommittee and is the top Republican on the Immigration Subcommittee. He believes the Constitution means what it says and that it should be read in light of the intent of our founding fathers. King is never caught without a copy of the Constitution in his coat pocket.

King also chairs the Conservative Opportunity Society, a powerful and legendary House caucus that is best known for energizing Republicans to regain the majority of the House of Representatives in 1994.

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## Mark Kirk

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### Illinois' 10th District

Mark Kirk represents the 10th Congressional District of Illinois located in the suburbs north of Chicago.

Now in his fourth term, Congressman Kirk is a member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee and serves on two of its subcommittees: State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, and Financial Services.

Congressman Kirk is co-chairman of the Tuesday Group, the caucus of mainstream Republican Members of Congress. In that capacity, Mr. Kirk works to advance a suburban agenda that is pro-defense, pro-personal responsibility, pro-environment, and pro-science.



Congressman Kirk wrote a number of provisions which became law, including funding for commuter rail, improving veteran's health care, ensuring military voting, and boosting aviation security. Congressional Quarterly named Congressman Kirk as one of the "28 Emerging Leaders in Congress."

Kirk began his career on the staff of his predecessor, Congressman John Porter. He later served in the World Bank, the State Department, the law firm of Baker & McKenzie, and the U.S. House International Relations Committee.

Congressman Kirk is a Naval Reserve intelligence officer who served during conflicts with Iraq, Haiti, and Bosnia. He served four tours at sea and three in Panama. The U.S. Navy named Kirk 'Intelligence Officer of the Year' in 1999 for his combat service in Kosovo. Kirk flew on missions over Iraq and continues to serve one weekend a month in the Pentagon. Kirk is the only member of Congress to serve stateside during Operation Iraqi Freedom and was an air crewman over Iraq during Operation Northern Watch.

Representative Kirk graduated from New Trier High School and attended the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico before earning a B.A. from Cornell. He holds a Masters Degree from the London School of Economics and a law degree from Georgetown.

Congressman Kirk and his wife, Kimberly, live in Highland Park, Illinois.

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## John Kline

### Minnesota's 2nd District

Congressman John Kline was elected to represent the suburbs and rural counties south of Minnesota's Twin Cities (the 2nd District) in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2002, and was re-elected to a third term in 2006. During this time, Congressman Kline has established himself as one of Congress's foremost experts on defense and veterans issues, a conservative voice on tax and budget policy, and an advocate for education.



As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, and the only active-duty career Marine Corps veteran serving in Congress, John Kline has been recognized by his colleagues as a leader and valuable resource on defense issues. Congressman Kline traveled to Iraq in 2003 and Kosovo in 2004 to visit U.S. troops and meet with military and civilian leadership stationed there. Just days before the Iraqi elections in January of 2005, Congressman Kline led a Congressional delegation to Afghanistan and Iraq. During this trip he was able to assess the progress of U.S. operations in support of the emerging democracies in those nations, evaluate the tremendous success of elections in Afghanistan, and survey conditions on the eve of elections in Iraq. Based on his personal observations on the ground, Congressman Kline correctly predicted the success of the Iraqi elections which occurred just days after his visit. In 2006, Congressman Kline led a congressional delegation to Iraq – his fourth trip to the region – to assess the progress of the unity government and the work being done by the Iraqi Security Forces, as well as visit members of the Minnesota National Guard. In 2007, in the wake of General David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker's assessments of Iraq, Congressman Kline traveled with a Congressional delegation to Iraq and Afghanistan where he could see for himself the latest conditions in Iraq and Afghanistan. In February, 2008, Congressman Kline traveled with a Congressional delegation to Afghanistan where he met with high ranking military officials to discuss progress being made by Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) in rebuilding Afghanistan. "To improve the infrastructure and security there, we must empower local government officials and increase civilian participation," Kline said after the trip. "Enhancing the security of Afghanistan also requires an increase in support from our NATO allies."

As the father of an Army Blackhawk pilot, the husband of a retired Army nurse, and a 25-year veteran of the Marine Corps, Congressman Kline considers it a personal priority to ensure government keeps its promises to our veterans. Since arriving to Washington in 2003, he has considered it one of his greatest duties in Congress to support our veterans of today and our veterans of tomorrow. Most recently, Kline championed "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" legislation in 2008 that makes Minnesota's "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" reintegration program available to Guard and Reserve units nationwide.

Mr. Kline is also a member of the Education and Labor Committee, where he has been a strong advocate for greater flexibility and local control in education, and increased federal funding for special needs and low income students. Congressman Kline also serves as the ranking Republican Member on the Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions Subcommittee (HELP). Congressman Kline authored legislation to increase the availability of federal education funding at the local level, for which he was honored with the "Star of Education" Award by the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium.

In his second term, Congressman Kline authored legislation to remove the Peace Corps as a military recruitment option and re-establish the distinction between the Peace Corps volunteers and our military service members. "Many Peace Corps members – past and present – expressed concern that perceived links between military service and the Peace Corps could jeopardize the safety of Peace Corps volunteers who provide essential humanitarian service in remote locations," Kline said. Kline's legislation was signed into law in 2006 as part of the Defense Authorization Act. While serving as the most junior member of Congress and only Minnesotan to be named to the select group of House-Senate conferees, Congressman Kline co-sponsored sweeping pension reform legislation that protects the pensions of 44 million Americans, including 441,000 Teamsters, and protects the interests of workers, retirees and taxpayers. "People have worked their entire lives for these pensions," Kline said. "Nothing is more important than making sure these obligations are met." When an agreement could not be reached on the final legislation, Congressman Kline

helped write a provision that secures pension plans for 9,100 Northwest Airlines (NWA) pension plan participants in Minnesota's 2nd District. "Our district's hard-working airline employees had serious concerns about the future of their pension plans, which is why I fought for airline relief," Kline said. The pension reform legislation was signed into law in August, 2006.

Congressman Kline started his third term by accepting the request of leaders in Congress to serve on the House Ethics Committee where he pledged to, "bring a healthy dose of common-sense Minnesota values along with a touch of no-nonsense Marine Corps toughness to the Ethics Committee." The Ethics Committee is the only committee in the House of Representatives with equal representation of Republicans and Democrats. "He's solid, serious and tough enough to do the right thing," Republican Leader John Boehner said of Kline.

Congressman Kline's committed pursuit of economic growth, job creation, and tax relief for Minnesotans have earned him the "Hero of the Taxpayer," "Small Business Advocate," and "Spirit of Enterprise" Awards. Congressman Kline has also been honored with the "True Blue Award" from the Family Research Council for his pro-family voting record.

Although this marks his first elected office, Congressman Kline spent several years in Washington during his 25 year career in the U.S. Marine Corps. He distinguished himself as a helicopter pilot and earned the responsibility of flying Marine One, the President's personal helicopter. Congressman Kline was also hand-picked to serve as a personal military aide to President Jimmy Carter, and subsequently to President Ronald Reagan. Mr. Kline's responsibilities during this period included advising the President and our country's senior civilian and military leadership. He was also responsible for carrying the nuclear "football" – the briefcase containing the nuclear war plans and strike options in case of a national emergency. During his successful career in the Marines, Mr. Kline served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, commanded all Marine aviation forces in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, and served as the Program Development Officer at Headquarters Marine Corps, where he was responsible for the Program Objective Memorandum – the document used by the U.S. Armed Services to submit budgetary and planning proposals. Among his many medals and awards are four Legion of Merit Medals, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, a Naval Commendation Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal, and the Defense Superior Service Award. He retired from the Marine Corps with the rank of Colonel.

Born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, in September 6, 1947, Congressman Kline earned his undergraduate degree in Biology from Rice University in 1969, and earned his Masters Degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University in 1988. John Kline and his wife Vicky live in Lakeville, Minnesota. Mr. Kline is especially proud of his two children and four grandchildren. His son is a helicopter pilot in the Army, served in Iraq in 2005, and recently departed for a tour in Afghanistan.

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## Doug Lamborn

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### Colorado's 5th District

Representative Doug Lamborn was first elected to represent Colorado's 5th district in 2006. He currently serves on the House Armed Services Committee, where he is on the Air and Land Forces Subcommittee and the Readiness Subcommittee. In addition, Representative Lamborn sits on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, on which he is a Ranking Member of the Disabilities Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee, an unusual honor for a new Member. Representative Lamborn also serves on the House Committee on Natural Resources, where he is on two Subcommittees, the Subcommittee on Water and Power, and the Subcommittee on National Parks Forests and Public Lands.



Throughout his career in public service, Representative Lamborn has been a leader on pro-family and small business issues, a strong advocate for our men and women defending our nation in the military, an advocate for lower taxes, immigration reform, reducing government spending and protecting the Second Amendment.

Prior to Representative Lamborn's election to the U.S. House, he served in the Colorado State Legislature in the House and Senate from 1995 through 2006. Representative Lamborn received both his bachelor's degree in journalism and his law degree from the University of Kansas, and has been an attorney in private general practice in Colorado Springs for 20 years, emphasizing business and real estate.

Representative Lamborn is married to Jeanie, his wife of 30 years. Together they have raised five children, including one daughter who recently married and four sons.

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## Tom Latham

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### Iowa's 4th District

Tom Latham came to Washington with a vision of changing the way Washington works and changing the work that Washington does. Latham, a seven term Republican, has represented the people of Iowa since January of 1995.

Latham, 60, knows the Iowa traditions of hard work, community service, and strong values very well because it is where he was born, raised, and educated. He grew up and raised his family near Alexander, Iowa, a town of 168 people. He is a farmer and a small business owner. Tom, along with two of his brothers, owns Latham Seeds, the seed company that his father started in 1947. Tom and his wife Kathy have three adult children: Justin, Jennifer, and Jill, one granddaughter Emerson, and three grandsons Jack, Keaton, and Mason.



Since his very first day in Congress, Tom Latham has been dedicated to the ideals of change in Washington. His Iowa values and common sense are a testament to the work he strives to accomplish such as the promotion of individual liberty, economic opportunity, personal responsibility, and a smaller and smarter federal government.

Latham, the Dean of Iowa's delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives, has established himself in Washington as a champion of fiscal responsibility. One Iowa newspaper proclaimed that Latham is "a fiscal conservative who not only talks the talk but walks the walk when it comes to spending he controls." His work in Congress has also been noted with awards and recognition by several budget, taxpayer, senior, agriculture, small business, and anti-government waste advocacy groups.

He is Iowa's only member of the House Appropriations Committee, considered to be one of the most influential in Congress. Through his work on the Committee Latham has secured millions of dollars in funding for Iowa's homeland security first-responders, law enforcement, the Iowa National Guard, transportation projects, agriculture, environmental and public education initiatives, health care, community, economic and small business development.

Tom Latham believes in this country and her people. He sees a great future in a nation that protects individual freedom and responsibility over that of an intrusive federal government that spends beyond its means. Congressman Latham believes if we hold to these values, America's greatest days are yet to be seen.

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## Steven LaTourette

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### Ohio's 14th District

Congressman Steven C. LaTourette is serving his seventh term in the United States House of Representatives and represents Northeast Ohio's 14th Congressional District, which includes all of Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula counties, and part of Cuyahoga, Summit, Trumbull and Portage counties. All told, there are 22 cities, 34 villages and 63 townships in the 14th District.



LaTourette is a fiscally conservative, moderate Republican who is well respected in his district. The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer says LaTourette has “become Cleveland’s most effective representative in Washington” and notes that the “moderate Republican has done much good for both his district and the state of Ohio, and is well positioned to keep the dollars coming.” The (Willoughby) News Herald says “Of all the members of Congress in Northeast Ohio, he is the only heavyweight who delivers to his constituents.” And, the (Akron) Beacon Journal has praised LaTourette’s “independent streak” and adds that his “presence adds to the possibility of overcoming arch partisanship and moving the country forward.”

LaTourette strives to take a bipartisan and regional approach to governing and is widely credited with leading the congressional effort to save more than 1,100 jobs at Cleveland’s Defense Finance and Accounting Service, which the Pentagon hoped to close as part of its Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. LaTourette devoted months to digging through Pentagon data and found numerous flaws in the data used to justify the recommendation to close the Cleveland office. About 90 percent of BRAC recommendations are adopted, yet Cleveland beat the odds. Not only will the city retain 1,100 high-paying jobs, but the site is guaranteed to have at least 1,500 jobs and possibly as many as 1,800 by 2011. The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer praised LaTourette’s efforts to save DFAS, noting “had he accomplished nothing else during his 12 years in the House, (he) would merit re-election for the work he did last year in preserving more than 1,000 Defense Finance and Accounting Service jobs in Cleveland,” adding that “in his often low-key, laconic way, LaTourette has done just what voters sent him to Washington to do. He gets things done for all of Ohio.”

LaTourette has also used his seniority on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to bring hundreds of millions of dollars in transportation funding to the Greater Cleveland area, including funding for bridge, road, rail and airport improvements. At the start of the 110th Congress, LaTourette was named ranking member of the Subcommittee on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, which has jurisdiction over all activities of the Coast Guard, including its duties, organization, functions, and personnel. The panel also has jurisdiction over the regulation of ocean shipping and the Federal Maritime Commission, the Merchant Marine and the Jones Act, which is critical to the Great Lakes shipping industry. Both the U.S. and Great Lakes shipping fleet are protected by the Jones Act, which requires U.S. ownership, construction and crew for all coastal waterborne commerce.

LaTourette will also be a new member of the Aviation Subcommittee, which will be active this Congress in the reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration. This subcommittee post leaves LaTourette ideally suited to help Cleveland Hopkins and other Ohio airports. In addition, he will continue to serve on the Railroads Subcommittee, of which he was chairman in the 109th Congress. He previously served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management in the 107th and 108th Congress.

The Congressman is also a longtime member of the House Committee on Financial Services, where he serves on the following subcommittees: Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises; Oversight and Investigation; and Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit. LaTourette has been an active committee member, and is widely regarded as a leading authority on identity theft, privacy and data security policy. He has authored several identity theft provisions that were signed into law, including access to one free credit report annually. He also authored the Credit Union Membership Access Act, legislation that was signed into law in 1998 and has made credit union membership accessible to millions of Americans.

LaTourette continues to be actively involved in Great Lakes' and environmental issues and served as Co Chair of the influential Great Lakes Task Force from 1995 to 2005. In 2005, LaTourette was named co-chair of the Northeast Midwest Coalition and its Manufacturing Task Force. The NEMW Coalition is a bipartisan, bicameral congressional organization devoted to the economic competitiveness and environmental quality of the Northeast and Midwest states. It is focused on protecting regional energy, manufacturing, transportation, and environmental policy interests. NEMW is the umbrella group with oversight of the Great Lakes Task Force. In addition, LaTourette has authored major Great Lakes legislation, including the reauthorization of the National Invasive Species Act, and has been actively involved in efforts to prohibit drilling in the Great Lakes and the sale and exportation of Great Lakes' water.

LaTourette's legislative accomplishments and voting record have been lauded by many groups, including Watchdogs of the Treasury, National Federation of Independent Business, National Tax Limitation Committee, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 60 Plus Association and Seniors Coalition. LaTourette also is a longstanding member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, which was created in 1979 by President Jimmy Carter to foster remembrance of the Holocaust. He has served on the panel since 1995.

Prior to his election to the House of Representatives, LaTourette served from 1989 to 1995 as the Lake County Prosecutor. In 1990, he was named Prosecuting Attorney of the Year in Ohio for his successful prosecution of 13 members of a murderous religious cult. LaTourette is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

He lives in Bainbridge Township and is the father of five children.

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## Bob Latta

### Ohio's 5th District

Congressman Robert Latta (R- Bowling Green) is currently serving his first term in the United States House of Representatives after being elected in a special election on December 11, 2007 to complete the remaining term of the late Congressman Paul Gillmor. Congressman Latta is a member of the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Prior to his election to Congress, Latta was a member of the Ohio House of Representatives (2001-2007), Ohio Senate (1997-2001), and Wood County Commissioner (1991-1996).



During his tenure as a member of the Ohio General Assembly, Latta was committed to eliminating the death tax to help Ohio's citizens, small business owners, and farmers which he achieved in 2000 when 78% of Ohio death tax filers were successfully removed. Congressman Latta also worked to make Ohio streets safer when he sponsored the DNA Bill that requires all felons and certain misdemeanants to give DNA samples which are then placed in the state and national databases. Latta also sponsored the juvenile crime legislation which in part holds juveniles more responsible for their actions.

A longtime sportsman committed to wildlife and the outdoors, Latta also sponsored the Bald Eagle license plate during his tenure in the Ohio General Assembly. The proceeds from these plates are used to purchase eagle habitats and for eagle preservation throughout Ohio. Latta recently sponsored the poaching legislation in Ohio which substantially increases the penalties for the illegal taking of game in the state. Congressman Latta also serves as a wildlife education instructor for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, and travels throughout the state assisting in hunter education classes.

Congressman Latta has earned recognition from the United Conservatives of Ohio, naming him "Watchdog of the Treasury" in 1998, 2000, and 2005. He was also nominated in 2000 for the "Legislator of the Year" award by the League of Ohio Sportsmen, which is affiliated with the Ohio Wildlife Federation and promotes environmental and sportsmen issues. In 2002, the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, formerly the Ohio Wildlife Federation, awarded Latta with the Patriot Award, which is given for "dedication and leadership in defending our outdoor heritage." Latta has also earned recognition from the Ohio National Guard receiving the Major General Charles Dick Award for Legislative Excellence in 1999, and the "President's Award" in 2006.

Congressman Latta is also active in his community, where he is a member of the Bowling Green Noon Kiwanis, having served as President, Director, and Trustee. Latta is also a member of the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce and the Wood County Farm Bureau.

A lifelong resident of northwest Ohio, Congressman Latta graduated from Bowling Green Senior High School in 1974. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bowling Green State University in 1978, and earned his law degree from the University of Toledo College of Law in 1981.

Congressman Latta and his wife Marcia reside in Bowling Green with their two teenage daughters, Elizabeth and Maria.

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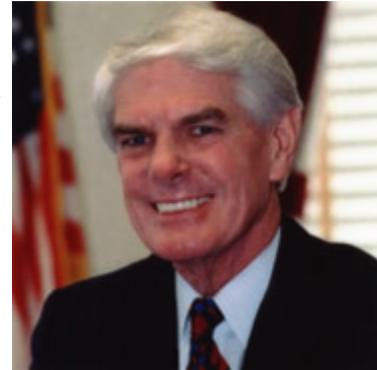


## Jerry Lewis

### California's 41st District

Jerry Lewis, a lifelong resident of San Bernardino County and former owner of a life insurance business, represents the 41st Congressional District of Southern California, including much of San Bernardino County and a portion of Riverside County.

A member of Congress since 1978, Congressman Lewis on January 6, 2005 was named chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for funding all federal programs. He currently serves as the ranking Republican member on the full committee and all 11 subcommittees. From 1999-2005, he was chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, the panel with jurisdiction over all national security matters including the entire \$416 billion Pentagon budget – nearly half of all funds appropriated by Congress. In this capacity, he was a forceful advocate of critical defense and aerospace jobs in California.



From 1994-1999, Lewis was the chairman of the VA-HUD and Independent Agencies Subcommittee, the panel responsible for funding federal housing, veterans affairs, NASA, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Science Foundation, and other federal agencies. While heading this committee, he reduced spending on wasteful programs by \$40 billion, and beefed up funding for oversight that uncovered fraud and abuse in many large housing programs.

Lewis served as Chairman of the House GOP California delegation from 1996-2001, leading California Republicans on legislative issues of importance to the Golden State. Lewis was Co-Chair of the entire delegation and worked successfully to unify California Republicans and Democrats to marshal the considerable clout of the 52-member delegation, the largest in the House of Representatives. Under his leadership, the bi-partisan delegation supported dozens of unified efforts on issues ranging from police funding to aid for the state's agricultural industry.

Lewis has helped complete critical projects in Southern California including highway improvements along I-15 and I-40 in the high desert; a revolutionary cancer treatment center and NASA research at Loma University; access road and terminal expansion at Ontario International Airport; and the construction of the Santa Ana flood control project critical to Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. Lewis has played an instrumental role in pursuing tough federal clean air standards, fashioning effective crime and drug legislation, and securing emergency funding for earthquake, flood, fire, and drought relief for California. An innovative housing program he created with San Bernardino County has provided opportunities for more than 500 low-income families to buy renovated public housing. And he was the driving force in converting the former George and Norton Air Force Bases into successful local employment centers.

Prior to his election to Congress, Lewis served in the California State Legislature. He wrote legislation establishing the South Coast Air Quality Management District in Southern California, recognized as the leading regional air quality board in the United States. Lewis also authored the Child Development Act of 1972, which became a national model for innovative childcare programs. Additionally, he sponsored legislation placing the "Newsman's Shield Law" in the state constitution.

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## John Linder

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### Georgia's 7th District

Congressman John Linder represents the Seventh Congressional District of Georgia in the United States House of Representatives. A former dentist and businessman, John came to the House of Representatives in 1992 and has served in a number of leadership roles during this time. John is also the author of a New York Times bestseller.

John was elected to serve on the House Ways and Means Committee. The Ways and Means Committee is considered one of the most powerful committees in the House, and has jurisdiction over tax, tariff and trade laws, health care, Social Security and Medicare. John serves on the Subcommittee on Oversight and the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, which serves as the chief subcommittee on tax policy.



After being sworn into Congress, John was appointed to the Republican Steering Committee, which determines the assignments and leadership roles of all Republican Committee members. He was recently re-elected to the Steering Committee as the Region IX Representative for the 110th Congress. At the beginning of his third term, John joined the Republican Party leadership as Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee (1996-98), where he worked to maintain the Republican majority in the House. John also served on the House Rules Committee, which is a part of the House leadership and reviews every major piece of legislation coming to the House floor for consideration. John managed more bills than any other Rules Committee member and served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Technology and the House and the Vice-Chairman of the Full Committee.

In the 109th Congress, John was Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack. As Chairman, John oversaw efforts to prevent terrorist attacks on the United States involving nuclear and biological weapons, and oversaw the Department of Homeland Security's role in nuclear and biological counter-proliferation and detection of fissile materials, biological weapons, precursors, and production equipment. John served on the House Committee on Homeland Security in the 108th and 109th Congress.

John has also taken a leadership role in the effort to enact fundamental tax reform. The FairTax, his revolutionary tax reform bill, abolishes all federal income taxes, including payroll taxes, self-employment taxes, capital gains taxes, gift taxes and death taxes, and replaces them all with one simple, straightforward federal sales tax. The FairTax gives the American people control over their own lives again by allowing them to keep 100% of their paychecks and shielding their personal information from bureaucrats.

Prior to serving in the U.S. Congress, John served seven terms in Georgia's General Assembly, where he was a spokesman for small business and families. In the process, he helped to build the Republican Party and a two-party system of government in Georgia.

Born September 9, 1942, in Deer River, Minnesota, John earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1964 as well as a doctorate in dental surgery in 1967. He served as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1967 to 1969. Upon completion of his military service, John moved to Georgia in 1969 where he began his private dental practice. Married for 45 years, John and his wife, Lynne, have two adult children and four grandchildren.

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## Frank LoBiondo

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### New Jersey's 2nd District

From a young boy in South Jersey, Frank LoBiondo would grow up admiring his father; a man who balanced the demands of running a business, holding elected office, active community involvement, membership in his church and providing for his family. As a young man, Frank would become a successful small businessman himself, working for 26 years at his family-owned and operated trucking company. He would be an active participant in numerous civic and charitable efforts, including the SPCA, the Cumberland County Guidance Center and the local YMCA. And, with the foundation of these accomplishments, he would be asked by local leaders and private citizens to continue his service by running for public office.



Starting with his successful election to the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders in 1984, Frank has served South Jersey on the county, state and federal levels ever since. After three years on the Freeholders Board, he went on to being elected to the New Jersey General Assembly, representing the First Legislative District from 1988-1994. In November 1994, Frank won election to the U.S. House of Representative, serving constituents from New Jersey's Second Congressional District to this day.

On Capitol Hill, Congressman LoBiondo is a member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. He takes great pride in serving on the Subcommittee on Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation, the Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment, and the Subcommittee on Aviation - all of which have jurisdiction over critical issues that affect New Jersey's growing and ever-changing transportation needs. A staunch advocate for strengthening our nation's security, Congressman LoBiondo also serves on the House Armed Services Committee and is a champion for New Jersey's bases and service personnel, especially on issues of military pay and benefits.

Known across the extensive district – roughly one-third geographically of the entire state - as a fierce supporter of veterans, Frank continues to work hard to expand access to community-based health care providers thus minimizing the need for South Jersey veterans to commute outside the state for VA-approved services. His unwavering efforts have resulted in establishing and expanding outpatient clinics in Cape May and Vineland, additional medical services provided at the Veterans Memorial Home and a VA-handicap transport van for veterans needing extensive medical treatment.

Drawing from his childhood love of the outdoors, Frank has always maintained a strong commitment to protecting the environment. Throughout his time in public office, he has worked to protect fragile wildlife and wetlands areas and stood up for projects that will preserve and restore the New Jersey coastline. His work in Congress has won recognition from many environmental groups including the Audubon Society, the League of Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club.

Reflecting on his background in business, Frank has been a strong voice for the private sector. He believes it is not the government, but private businesses which create jobs and grow the economy. He has also supported efforts to increase total transparency in the process of allocating taxpayer dollars, including adding his name to his funded requests for South Jersey projects and detailed descriptions of each project. Additionally, showing that fiscal restraint begins with the individual, Frank returns the unused funds each year from his congressional office's account to the U.S. Treasury. He has spent the least among any current member who has served since 1995.

Born on May 12, 1946, Frank went on to receive his B.A. in Business Administration from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia before returning home to Cumberland County. To this day, Frank's family roots run deep in the community: his family still owns and operates LoBiondo Brothers Trucking Company and his mom Angelina, who is turning 100 this year, still lives in the Rosenhayn house that Frank grew up in. A true South Jersey man, Frank currently lives in Atlantic County with his wife Tina and their two rescued Weimaraners – Lola and Luca.

The Second Congressional District of New Jersey includes all of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem counties and parts of Camden, Gloucester and Burlington counties.

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## Frank Lucas

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### Oklahoma's 3rd District

Congressman Frank Lucas is a fifth generation Oklahoman whose family has lived and farmed in Oklahoma for over 100 years. Born on January 6, 1960 in Cheyenne, Oklahoma, Lucas graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1982 with a degree in Agricultural Economics. He was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in a special election in 1994, and is currently serving his seventh term as a Member of Congress.



Prior to his service in the U.S. Congress, Lucas served for 5-1/2 years in the Oklahoma State House of Representatives, where he tirelessly defended the rights of private property owners and focused on promoting agriculture issues.

Frank proudly represents Oklahoma's Third Congressional District includes all or portions of 32 counties in northern and western Oklahoma, stretching from the Oklahoma panhandle to parts of Tulsa, and from Yukon to Altus in the southwest. It takes up almost half the state's land mass and is one of the largest agricultural regions in the nation. Lucas has been a crusader for the American farmer since being elected to Congress in 1996 as well as working to protect Oklahoma values.

Frank and his wife Lynda have three children and one grandchild. The Lucas family belongs to the First Baptist Church in Cheyenne.

Currently, Congressman Lucas serves on three committees: the House Committee on Agriculture, the House Committee on Financial Services, and the House Committee on Science and Technology. He serves as the Ranking Member of the Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research.

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# Cynthia Lummis

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## Wyoming

Cynthia was raised on her family ranch in Laramie County. She attended Trinity Lutheran School and Cheyenne public schools before graduating from the University of Wyoming with bachelor degrees in Animal Science and Biology. In 1979 Cynthia was elected to the Wyoming House of Representatives – the youngest woman ever elected to the Wyoming Legislature. She returned to the University of Wyoming for her law degree, which she received in 1985.



Cynthia then clerked at the Wyoming Supreme Court, practiced law in Cheyenne, and served a total of fourteen years in the Wyoming House and Senate, concentrating on natural resource and taxation issues. She completed her legislative service in 1994 and then chaired Governor-elect Jim Geringer's transition team. She continued to work in the Governor's office for two more years, primarily on natural resource issues. Cynthia also served as the interim Director of the Office of State Lands and Investments.

Cynthia continues to be involved in the daily operations of the Lummis family ranch. She and her husband, Al Wiederspahn, who is a Cheyenne attorney and businessman, have one daughter, Annaliese. Annaliese graduated from Haverford College and worked in New York City before returning to Wyoming to work on her mother's Congressional campaign. All are members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Among the many and varied projects Cynthia has been or is still involved with are the Laramie Foundation and its Wyoming Women's History House; the Wyoming Stock Growers Agricultural Land Trust; Cheyenne's Vision 2020 community visioning process; the Leadership Wyoming Board; Wyoming Business Alliance; the advisory board to the Center for the Rocky Mountain West at the University of Montana; the Ruckelshaus Institute for Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Wyoming and the Cheyenne Frontier Days Board of Directors, the first woman to serve in that capacity in the 111 year history of the organization. She was also the Wyoming Small Business Advocate of the Year.

Cynthia was elected Wyoming State Treasurer in 1998. In eight years (two terms) as Wyoming State Treasurer, she converted Wyoming's primarily fixed income investment portfolio of \$3.5 billion to a fully diversified portfolio of equities, real estate and fixed income investments, public and private, domestic and international, totaling \$8.5 billion. Her term of office as State Treasurer ended in January 2007.

In 2007, Cynthia served on the seven member Subcommittee on Royalty Management, chaired by former US Senators Bob Kerrey and Jake Garn, that completed a performance audit on the Department of the Interior's federal mineral royalty collection and enforcement functions. She was one of three nominees of the Wyoming Republican Central Committee for the vacancy created in the US Senate due to the death in June, 2007, of Wyoming Senator Craig Thomas. She also wrote a chapter in the book, *Sovereign Wealth Management*, a publication of World Bank Treasury's Central Banking Publications. She spoke at the World Bank's conference on *Sovereign Wealth* in 2007 and continues her involvement in the developing policy issues related to global finance.

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## Dan Lungren

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### California's 3rd District

Dan Lungren represents California's 3rd Congressional District, which includes parts of Sacramento and Solano County, as well as all of Alpine, Amador, and Calaveras Counties.

Dan Lungren graduated with honors in English from the University of Notre Dame in 1968. Shortly thereafter, he returned to California to chair "Youth for Nixon." He began his law studies at the University of Southern California and later transferred to Georgetown University Law Center from which he earned his JD in 1971.

During his Georgetown years, Dan worked on the staff of U.S. Senators George Murphy (R-CA) and Bill Brock (R-TN).



Congressman Lungren worked as a special assistant to the Co-Chairman of the Republican National Committee in 1971-1972. Returning to his hometown of Long Beach, CA, he joined a local law firm specializing in a predominately civil trial practice.

Congressman Lungren first sought elective office in 1976, narrowly losing a bid for California's 34th Congressional District. Two years later, at age 32, he re-challenged the two-term incumbent and won the Congressional seat in California's historic 1978 "Prop 13" election year.

For ten years, Dan served in the U.S. Congress where he was viewed as a Republican leader in criminal justice and immigration issues. In 1985, he was cited by the US News and World Report as one of a handful of members of Congress "likely to be a future national leader." Dan left Congress in 1989 and returned to California when then-Governor George Deukmejian appointed him to serve out the State Treasurer's term of the late Jesse Unruh. Democrats, however, spared no effort to block his confirmation. According to the San Francisco Chronicle, the Democrats "praised Lungren's integrity, but said they were unwilling to vote for a Republican whose congressional voting record was so conservative."

California voters disagreed, and the following year elected Dan Lungren Attorney General of California, a position he held for eight years. During his two-term service as California's Attorney General (1991-1999), Dan helped author and later defended in court California's landmark "Three-Strikes-and-You're-Out" law.

Dan's sponsorship of legislation against sexual predators culminated in the state's "Megan's Law," giving Californians the right to know if their children are at risk of predators in their own neighborhoods. He provided national leadership in the reform of the federal habeas corpus law. As Attorney General, Dan successfully argued a case before the United States Supreme Court.

From 1993 to 1998, crime plunged 30 percent to historic lows in California, in large part due to the tough-on-crime policies of Dan Lungren. Following an unsuccessful run for Governor against Gray Davis in 1998, Dan did a stint as a nationally syndicated radio talk show host and served as a fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics before returning to the private practice of law.

The events of 9-11 prompted Dan's return to public service. Believing that each of us had to respond in the most effective way to the terrorist threat, he sought election to the Congress so that the lessons learned from his past governmental experience might be added to the national debate.

To prevail in the fight against global terrorism, Dan believes that we must develop and maintain unsurpassed training and equipment for our troops, provide the resources for our intelligence community to adapt to the changing world, provide adequate funding for forward looking defense programs, and create a homeland security strategy based on rational risk assessment rather than pork barrel politics.

Dan's lifetime belief that America's national defense is the number one responsibility and priority of the federal government was affirmed on 9/11. While he believes that America responded to 9/11 with resolve, determination and a ferocity born of our love for freedom, Dan asserts that we must continue to adapt to the changing tactics of our enemies and directly fight the transnational Islamic fascism of those who elect

terrorism as their weapon of choice.

Dan is personally committed to enhancing the quality and depth of Congressional oversight of our government's intelligence gathering and analysis and the provision of homeland security. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Homeland Security Committee and Budget Committee, Congressman Lungren is in a unique position to make that a reality.

Dan and his wife, Bobbi, have three adult children: Jeff, Kelly and Kathleen and five grandchildren---Reagan, Julia, Jack, Alexandra, and Andrew.

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## Connie Mack

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### Florida's 14th District

Connie Mack was elected to his second term in the United States Congress in November of 2006 to represent Florida's 14th Congressional District. He currently serves on three committees -- Transportation and Infrastructure; Foreign Affairs; and Budget -- allowing him to effectively represent the needs of Southwest Florida.

Mack has taken a leadership role in fighting for the needs of Southwest Florida. From his successful efforts to secure \$81.1 million for the expansion of I-75, to fighting to preserve the region's fragile ecosystem and tourist-based economy, Mack is focused on making sure Southwest Florida remains a great place to live, work and visit.



Nationally, Congressman Mack understands that the most important issue of our time continues to be fighting and winning the war on terror. As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, he is working to help craft policies that spread the ideals of Freedom, Security and Prosperity around the world. Mack has become widely viewed as one Congress' leading critic of Venezuela's Communist President Hugo Chavez and the rapid military build-up, and ever-growing anti-democratic and anti-U.S. actions of the Chavez government.

Congressman Mack also understands that government doesn't have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem. As a member of the Budget Committee, he is continuing to work to restore fiscal responsibility and reduce wasteful spending so that people can continue to receive the services they need, but at a price they can afford.

Congressman Mack previously served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2000 to 2003. As a member of the Florida Legislature, he established himself as a champion for mainstream conservative values, and was named Deputy Majority Leader in just his second term.

Prior to being elected to Congress, Mack was a business executive with Fort Myers-based LTP Management before becoming an independent business and marketing consultant.

Connie Mack was born and raised in Southwest Florida and is a graduate of the University of Florida. He is the son of former United States Senator Connie Mack and well-known cancer prevention advocate Priscilla Mack.

Mack is married to U.S. Rep. Mary Bono Mack. He is the proud father of two children, Addison and Connie, and the proud stepfather of two stepchildren, Chesare and Chianna. Mack resides in Fort Myers.

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## Kenny Marchant

### Texas' 24th District

Congressman Kenny Marchant was sworn in on January 4, 2005, as the Representative for the 24th District of Texas. Marchant and his wife, Donna, reside in Coppell, Texas. They have raised their four children (three sons and one daughter) in District 24 and are the proud grandparents of two grandchildren. Marchant is a graduate of R.L Turner High School in Carrollton, Texas and holds both a Bachelor's and an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma. Marchant is a local businessman and investor. He is also active in funding educational scholarships, assisting local charities, and aiding local churches through the Marchant Family Foundation.



Congressman Marchant currently serves on the House Financial Services Committee, Education and Labor Committee and the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. His legislative leadership in the U.S. Congress has earned him numerous distinctions including being named "Hero of the Taxpayer" and "Small Business Champion" by Americans for Tax Reform. Marchant was the recipient of the "Spirit of Enterprise" award by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for leading the way to create jobs and spur economic growth. Marchant has also been recognized by the Family Research Council as a "True Blue Member of Congress" for his unwavering commitment to strong family values.

Prior to his election to the United States House of Representatives, Marchant served nine terms as a Texas State Representative. During this time he served as Chairman of the Texas House Committee in Financial Institutions, Chairman of the House State Affairs Committee, and Chairman of the Texas House Republican Caucus.

During his three term tenure as Chairman of the Committee on Financial Institutions, Marchant directed and sponsored comprehensive reforms to reshape the face of the Texas State financial regulatory environment. His reforms included an overhaul of the Texas Banking Code, branch banking for interstate banks, and successful passage of legislation authorizing home equity borrowing.

As Chairman of the Texas House Republican Caucus, Marchant led his party in the 2002 elections to a majority in the Texas House for the first time since Reconstruction. As Republican House Caucus Chairman and Vice-Chairman, he served under Texas' three modern Republican governors: Bill Clements, George W. Bush, and Rick Perry.

Marchant's community and legislative leadership in the Texas House earned him numerous distinctions including, "Top Ten Legislator" by Texas Monthly magazine and Harte Hanks communications, "Citizen of the Year" by Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce, and "Legislator of the Year" by the Texas Municipal League.

Congressman Marchant began his career in public service in 1980 with his election to the Carrollton City Council. In 1984 he was elected Mayor of Carrollton. Marchant held the position of Mayor until 1987, when he was elected to the Texas State Legislature.

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## Kevin McCarthy

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### California's 22nd District

Congressman Kevin McCarthy, a fourth-generation Kern County resident, was elected in November 2006 to represent the 22nd District of California in the United States House of Representatives. McCarthy is focused on representing the people of the 22nd District and the wide array of interests in his district. The 22nd District of California includes fertile agricultural lands in the Central Valley and the Central Coast, rich energy resources, strong military facilities, and growing communities.



McCarthy serves on the House Financial Services Committee, which oversees our country's investment companies, banks, savings and loans, credit unions, insurance industry, and housing services. On the Committee, McCarthy is working to put in place new and innovative ideas to help ensure our financial policies help America's innovators and families realize their dreams and can access many opportunities to achieve growth and prosperity.

As a former member of the House Agriculture Committee and House Natural Resources Committee, McCarthy actively engages in policies under these committees' jurisdiction. McCarthy remains committed to an agricultural policy that levels the playing field so American farm products can compete in the global marketplace. Additionally, McCarthy is actively looking at new ways our country can reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and updating our outdated water infrastructure in California.

In his first month in Congress, McCarthy was one of only three Republicans appointed by House Republican Leader John Boehner to serve on the House Administration Committee. He was also selected to serve as an Assistant Whip on the House Republican Whip Team. Finally, McCarthy was named to the powerful House Republican Steering Committee, which controls the committee assignments of House Republican members. His rapid ascension into leadership roles has not gone unnoticed – a Capitol Hill newspaper selected McCarthy as one of its "rising stars" in the 110th Congress and a few months later, a leading news magazine characterized Congressman McCarthy as a "young-gun" and dubbed him "the strategist" among three up and coming leaders in the House.

Congressman McCarthy was born in Bakersfield, California. Before his 21st birthday, McCarthy successfully opened and operated a small business, Kevin O's Deli. Owning a small business gave McCarthy important experience about the difficulties that entrepreneurs face from burdensome regulations and onerous taxes. After selling his business and finishing his undergraduate degree and Masters in Business Administration at California State University, Bakersfield, McCarthy worked for former Congressman Bill Thomas, and successfully won his first election in 2000 as Trustee to the Kern Community College District.

In 2002, McCarthy was elected to represent the 32nd Assembly District in the California State Assembly. As a freshman legislator, he was selected unanimously by his Republican colleagues to serve as the Assembly Republican Leader, becoming the first freshman legislator and the first legislator from Kern County to assume the top post. In this leadership role, McCarthy worked with California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Democrat leaders in the state Assembly and Senate to address critical state issues, such as reducing California's budget deficit, overhauling the state worker's compensation system, and enhancing California's poor business climate to create more opportunities for California workers and businesses.

McCarthy and his wife, Judy, have two children, Connor and Meghan, and reside in Bakersfield.

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# Michael McCaul

## Texas' 10th District

Michael McCaul is currently serving his second term representing Texas' 10th District in the United States Congress. The 10th Congressional District of Texas stretches across 8 counties from Austin to the Houston suburbs, and includes Austin, Bastrop, Burleson, Harris, Lee, Travis, Washington and Waller Counties.

As member of the Homeland Security Committee, and former Chairman of the Subcommittee on Investigations for the 109th Congress, Congressman McCaul worked to strengthen and secure our borders and prevent waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayer funds. During the 110th Congress, Congressman McCaul serves as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, Science and Technology where he focuses on making our nation safer and protecting America from terrorists.



Also serving on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Congressman McCaul works with other nations to open new markets and protect America's interests abroad.

With many NASA employees, universities and high tech companies in the 10th District, Congressman McCaul's service on the Committee on Science and Technology provides him the ability to enhance Texas' role as a global leader in technology.

Additionally, Congressman McCaul serves on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (commonly known as the Ethics Committee) which is in charge of upholding ethical standards in the House of Representatives.

Congressman McCaul has been asked to serve for a second term as an Assistant Whip for the 110th Congress by House Republican Whip Roy Blunt. As a member of the Whip team, he helps the Republican Whip manage the voting process and pass critical legislation in the House of Representatives. This leadership position gives Congressman McCaul and Texas' Tenth District a larger voice in the decision-making process in the House.

Minority Leader John Boehner has also appointed Congressman McCaul to serve on the House Republican Policy Committee, which plays an integral role in shaping the House Republican position on major policy initiatives and formulating legislation to address them.

During the 109th Congress, Congressman McCaul was selected by his freshman peers to serve as their liaison to the Republican Leadership.

In 2005, Congressman McCaul was named Vice Chairman of the U.S.-Mexico Inter-Parliamentary Group (I.P.G.) by then Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert (R-IL). Every year the U.S.-Mexico Inter-Parliamentary Group meets to discuss issues and events involving the two nations. These meetings give both American and Mexican lawmakers the opportunity to address the challenges facing our two countries.

Prior to coming to Congress, Michael McCaul served as Chief of Counter Terrorism and National Security in the U.S. Attorney's office in Texas, and led the Joint Terrorism Task Force charged with detecting, deterring and preventing terrorist activity. Congressman McCaul also served as Texas Deputy Attorney General under current U.S. Senator John Cornyn, and served as a federal prosecutor in the Department of Justice's Public Integrity Section in Washington, D.C.

A fourth generation Texan, Congressman McCaul earned a B.A. in Business and History from Trinity University and holds a J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law. He is also a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program of the School of Government, Harvard University.

Congressman McCaul and his wife Linda live in Austin, Texas with their five children Caroline, Jewell, and the triplets Lauren, Michael and Avery. He continues to live in Austin and returns home from Washington almost every week to be with his family and constituents.

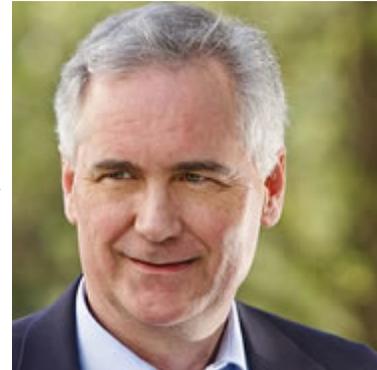
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## Tom McClintock

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### California's 4th District

During 22 years in the state legislature, and most recently as a candidate for governor in California's historic recall election, State Senator Tom McClintock has become one of the most recognizable political leaders in California. According to every major public opinion poll during 2003 campaign, Californians consistently rated McClintock as the best-qualified and most capable candidate in the field. McClintock ended the election with higher favorable ratings than any other politician in California.



First elected to the California Assembly at the age of 26, McClintock quickly distinguished himself as an expert in parliamentary procedure and fiscal policy. He served in the Assembly from 1982 to 1992 and again from 1996 to 2000. During these years, he authored California's current lethal injection death penalty law, spearheaded the campaign to rebate \$1.1 billion in tax over-collections to the people of California, and became the driving force in the legislature to abolish the car tax. He has proposed hundreds of specific reforms to streamline state government and reduce state spending.

In 2000, McClintock was elected to the California State Senate, where he has continued to develop innovative budget solutions such as the Bureaucracy Reduction and Closure Commission and performance based budgeting, and to advocate for restoring California's public works. From 1992 to 1994, McClintock served as Director of the Center for the California Taxpayer, a project of the National Tax Limitation Foundation. In 1995, he was named Director of Economic Regulatory Affairs for the Claremont Institute's Golden State Center for Policy Studies, a position he held until his return to the Assembly in 1996. In that capacity, he wrote and lectured extensively on state fiscal policy, privatization, bureaucratic reform and governmental streamlining.

McClintock's commentaries on California public policy have appeared in every major newspaper in California and he is a frequent guest on radio and television broadcasts across the nation. Numerous taxpayer associations have honored him for his leadership on state budget issues.

McClintock has twice received the Republican nomination for the office of State Controller, narrowly missing election in 2002 by the closest margin in California history – 23/100ths of one percent of the votes cast. Senator McClintock currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee. He also serves on the Senate committees on Energy and Public Utilities, Banking, Commerce and International Trade, labor and Industrial Relations and Constitutional Amendments. Tom McClintock and his wife, Lori, have two children, Shannah and Justin.

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## Thaddeus McCotter

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### Michigan's 11th District

A life-long resident of southeast Michigan, U.S. Representative Thaddeus McCotter was first elected to Congress in 2002 to represent the citizens of Western Oakland and Western Wayne Counties.

Congressman McCotter has focused his efforts on preserving and promoting manufacturing and small businesses, because he knows they form the back bone of our community's economy. He has steadfastly supported winning the War for Freedom and increasing our homeland security; tirelessly fought to reduce taxes and the size and scope of government; and, most importantly, Congressman McCotter has dedicated every effort to listen to and serve his constituents.



Congressman McCotter was elected by his colleagues in Nov. 2006 to serve as Chairman of the Republican House Policy Committee, a leadership position once held by Vice President Dick Cheney. Congressman McCotter is also a member of the House Financial Services Committee, where he serves on the Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises and the Housing and Community Opportunity subcommittees.

Congressman McCotter is a graduate of Catholic Central High School; the University of Detroit; and the University of Detroit Law School. He is a bar admitted attorney by profession. Thaddeus and Rita McCotter, a registered nurse, have three young children, George, Timothy, and Emilia. The McCotter family lives in his home town of Livonia. Congressman McCotter travels to and from our nation's capital every week to serve our community.

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## Patrick McHenry

### North Carolina's 10th District

Congressman Patrick McHenry became only the third person in 40 years to represent the people of North Carolina's 10th Congressional District when he was elected in 2004.

Upon entering Congress, Mr. McHenry won membership on the House Financial Services Committee, which drafts and reviews all federal legislation involving the banking and financial services industry. He also serves on two additional committees: the House Budget Committee, which drafts the federal budget each year, and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which has jurisdiction to investigate any matter with federal policy implications. Congressman McHenry serves as Deputy Republican Whip and Vice Chairman of Finance for the National Republican Congressional Committee's Executive Committee.



Congressman McHenry is the recipient of several awards including: the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council's (SBE) "Small Business Champion"; the Americans for Tax Reform's (ATR) "Hero of the Taxpayer"; the Property Rights Alliance's (PRA) "Protector of Property Rights"; and, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's "Spirit of Enterprise" Award.

Congressman McHenry previously represented North Carolina House District 109 in the North Carolina House of Representatives. He is a graduate of Ashbrook High School in Gastonia, North Carolina and Belmont Abbey College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in History. Congressman McHenry worked on the 1996 campaign staff of Robin Hayes for Governor, has been involved in two technology companies, and served as Coalition Director in the Bush for President Campaign in 2000. He also served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the United States Department of Labor, a post he was appointed to by President Bush.

Congressman McHenry is a member of the Chambers of Commerce in all 10 counties of the Tenth District, the Gastonia Rotary Club, the National Rifle Association and Saint Michael's Church. He also sits on the Board of Directors of the United Way's Success by Six Youth Program.

Congressman McHenry maintains his residence in the Tenth District and commutes to Washington each week from his home in Cherryville, North Carolina.

Legislative priorities:

- **Energy:** America's energy crisis is having a disastrous effect on family budgets in Western North Carolina and on the overall health of our economy. Gas prices are rising primarily because supply, which dropped by 126,000 barrels per day last year, is not keeping pace with demand, which increased by one million barrels per day. Congressman McHenry believes we need a new energy policy balanced between increasing supply using America's abundant energy resources and investing in alternative energy sources. Patrick McHenry authored the Independence Prize Act, which would award up to \$1 billion to any American enterprise that develops workable products or technologies that break our dependence on foreign oil.
- **Jobs:** Congressman McHenry supports four principles to help bring good jobs to Western North Carolina. As small businesses are responsible for two-thirds of all new job creation, Patrick McHenry supports cutting regulations on small business that strangle job growth. He supports tort reform to limit frivolous lawsuits that put local small businesses out-of-business. He supports investments in the continuing education and training of workers through institutions like community colleges. Lastly, Congressman McHenry supports tax relief, which will spur economic growth and job creation, as taxpayers will spend more of their hard-earned dollars in the private sector.
- **Second Amendment:** Congressman McHenry is a strong proponent of the right to keep and bear firearms. He supports efforts to allow active and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed

- weapons in any part of America. He also sponsored "reciprocity" legislation, which allows people with concealed carry permits issued in one state to carry their weapons in other states.
- **Pro-Life:** Congressman McHenry strongly believes in protecting the rights of the unborn. He supports legislation that would put an end to abortion and assisted suicide, prohibit euthanasia, and opposes legislation that generally disregards the sanctity of human life.
  - **Traditional Marriage:** Congressman McHenry believes that marriage is between one man and one woman, and is the principal institution that holds society together. He opposes efforts to allow same-sex marriage, and opposes the appointment of activist judges who legislate from the bench.

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## John McHugh

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### New York's 23rd District

John M. McHugh was first sworn in to the U.S. House of Representatives in January 1993, as the voice in Congress for Northern New Yorkers. In 2003, his district was redrawn to include new territory in Central New York and renamed the 23rd Congressional District. And with the start of the 110th Congress in January 2007, Rep. McHugh began his eighth consecutive term in office.



During this time, Rep. McHugh has been a champion of fiscal responsibility; lower taxes; protecting Social Security and Medicare; providing stronger, better schools; and protecting America's farmers. He has also been a leader in the country's policy on national defense. He brings to the House of Representatives more than 30 years of demonstrated public service to upstate New York, including eight years as a State Senator.

In addition to lowering taxes, Rep. McHugh believes one of Congress' top priorities is to make our government less intrusive and more efficient. He has been on the front-line fighting to eliminate the marriage tax, the telephone tax, and the death tax. With Rep. McHugh's support, Congress has maintained critical services, protected vital programs like Social Security and Medicare, and provided American taxpayers with the first meaningful tax relief since 1984.

As a result of his travels throughout his eleven-county Congressional District, Rep. McHugh knows that many individuals do not have access to health insurance, either because their employer does not offer a health care plan, they cannot afford premiums on an individual policy, or some other reason. Consequently, affordable and accessible health care for people residing in rural areas is a priority for Rep. McHugh. He firmly believes that any discussion of health care reform must include the issue of cost and whether the enactment of reforms adversely impacts individuals' pocketbooks and their ability to secure adequate health care coverage.

The Congressman has also been in the forefront in the fight to help farmers secure better prices for their crops. He has voted to extend crop insurance protections to specialty crop farmers, such as apple and onion growers. This effort ensures that farmers will have a better safety net in place to make it through the tough times that occur because of falling prices or extreme weather. Rep. McHugh is also pushing for a new "Value-Added Producer Package" that would help farmers and producer groups earn more by reaching up the agricultural marketing chain to capture more of the profits their product generates. The package is aimed at jump-starting agricultural enterprises by assisting cash-strapped producers to help them reap more of the profits themselves.

Rep. McHugh is recognized as a "Champion of Dairy Farmers" for his aggressive approach to forcing Congress to address the needs of dairy farmers. By rallying Members of Congress from across the country, Rep. McHugh was successful in enacting the Option 1-A pricing system, which provides higher payments to our farmers for their milk. When faced with a major obstacle in the expiration of the Northeast Dairy Compact, Rep. McHugh continued to fight for New York's farmers through the creation of the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program. And because he has long believed that the entire dairy industry stands to benefit from the stable milk prices brought about by a market-based pricing system, Rep. McHugh continues to push for reform of the MILC program to provide greater assistance to more of our family farmers and ultimately replacement of that program with the National Dairy Equity Act. Everyone – from farmers to processors to consumers – would benefit from its existence.

Education is another one of Rep. McHugh's top priorities. He believes that a good educational foundation allows children to reach their full potential and lead responsible adult lives. As such, Rep. McHugh has been a strong supporter of a bill that would subsidize \$25 billion in zero-interest school modernization bonds. Funds that would have gone to pay bond interest would be freed for other educational needs. Additionally, Rep. McHugh has voted to send education money directly to the classroom to provide stronger, better schools through local control.

Congressman McHugh is a senior member of both the House Armed Services Committee and the House

Oversight and Government Reform Committee. The Armed Services Committee oversees the Pentagon and America's defense policies. Rep. McHugh is the Ranking Member on the Committee's Subcommittee on Military Personnel, which oversees more than \$70 billion in federal defense spending related to personnel issues and \$15 billion in health benefits. Military Personnel is also responsible for reserve component integration, military education, POW/MIA, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation and quality of life programs. In addition, he serves on the Committee's Readiness Subcommittee that is responsible for military readiness, training, logistics and maintenance issues and programs, as well as all military construction, installations and family housing issues, including the base closure process.

The Committee on Government Reform reviews, on a continuing basis, government activities at all levels with a view to determining their economy and efficiency. As a recognized authority on postal matters in light of his six years as Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Postal Service, Rep. McHugh was appointed to serve as the chairman of the Committee's Special Panel on Postal Reform and Oversight in early 2003. At the close of the 109th Congress, Rep. McHugh's bill to significantly reform the Postal Service for the first time in 35 years, was signed into law by President Bush.

At the start of the 110th Congress, Rep. McHugh began his second term as a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He was appointed in 2005 by then Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert. The committee is responsible for overseeing activities of the U.S. Intelligence Community, including the annual legislation that directs its operations and spending. It maintains an effective oversight process to ensure that intelligence resources are not misused and that intelligence activities are conducted lawfully. Many aspects of the committee's work are, and must be, classified for reasons of national security. Rep. McHugh serves on three Intelligence Subcommittees: Terrorism/Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence; Technical and Tactical Intelligence; and Intelligence Policy.

Rep. McHugh began his public service career in 1971 in his hometown of Watertown, where he served for five years as a Confidential Assistant to the City Manager. Thereafter, he joined the staff of New York State Senator H. Douglas Barclay, where he served as Chief of Research and Liaison with local governments for nine years. Succeeding Senator Barclay in 1984, Rep. McHugh served four terms in the legislature's upper house before coming to Congress.

Rep. McHugh is a resident of Pierrepont Manor in Jefferson County, New York. Born on September 29, 1948, the Congressman was educated in Watertown public schools, graduating in 1966. He received a B.A. in Political Science from Utica College of Syracuse University in 1970, and earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the State University's Nelson A. Rockefeller Graduate School of Public Affairs in 1977.

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## Howard "Buck" McKeon

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### California's 25th District

Over his sixteen years in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Howard P. "Buck" McKeon has proven to be a vocal advocate for preserving Social Security, cutting the national debt, providing tax cuts for America's working families and strengthening the military.

First elected to represent the 25th Congressional District of California in 1992, Rep. McKeon has earned a reputation as a leader in the national education reform movement. Because of this, McKeon was elected by his colleagues to serve as Chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce in 2006 to replace Rep. John Boehner (R-OH) who was required by House rules to resign his committee assignment upon becoming House Majority Leader.



In the wake of the November, 2006 mid-term elections, Rep. McKeon is now Senior Republican Member on the House Education and Labor Committee, (formerly the Education and the Workforce Committee.) Rep. McKeon also serves on the House Armed Services Committee.

Prior to becoming Chairman of the Education and the Workforce Committee, Rep. McKeon headed the House Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, with jurisdiction over higher education, technology in education, teacher training, job training and welfare reform. In this role, McKeon helped to negotiate the formula that resulted in interest rates for the student loan program dropping to the lowest level in the Federal Aid Program's 38-year history.

Born Sept. 9, 1938, in Tujunga, California, Rep. McKeon grew up in the Tujunga area and graduated from Verdugo Hills High School in 1956. After serving a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, he attended Brigham Young University. After several terms, McKeon embarked on a temporary "hiatus" from his studies.

During this hiatus, Rep. McKeon married his wife, Patricia, began raising his family and started his career as a businessman in the Santa Clarita Valley. McKeon was soon involved in his community through such organizations as the Boy Scouts, Little League, the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital Board and the Chamber of Commerce, among others. He subsequently returned to school and completed his bachelor's degree in 1985.

Before coming to Congress, Rep. McKeon served on the William S. Hart Union High School District Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1987. During that time, the city of Santa Clarita was incorporated and its citizens selected McKeon as a member of the city council. It was during the city council's first meeting that McKeon was chosen by his colleagues as Santa Clarita's first mayor. During his tenure on the City Council, Santa Clarita expanded its sheriff's and parks programs and earned a reputation as one of the safest cities in America.

Rep. McKeon's legislative efforts have been recognized by several national organizations. He has been consistently recognized by The Watchdogs of the Treasury, the National Taxpayers Union and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for his leadership in cutting Federal spending and reducing taxes. He has also been recognized for his advocacy of higher education issues by many organizations, among them, The National Association of Independent Colleges.

Rep. McKeon and his wife, Patricia, have six children and 29 grandchildren, and currently live in Santa Clarita.

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# Cathy McMorris Rodgers

## Washington's 5th District

Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers is serving her second term in the U.S. House of Representatives representing the people of Washington's Fifth Congressional District. In Congress, McMorris Rodgers is working to expand economic opportunities for the Northwest region; improve access to quality, affordable health care; and keep our communities and nation safe.

McMorris Rodgers currently serves on the House Armed Services Committee, the Education and Labor Committee and the Natural Resources Committee, where she serves as ranking member on the Water and Power Subcommittee. She is the Sophomore Class representative on the Steering Committee, is a member of the Republican Whip Team, and is a member of the House Republicans High-Tech Working Group. McMorris Rodgers is also the Co-Chair of the bipartisan Congressional Women's Caucus with Representative Lois Capps (D-CA). The Caucus works on issues to better to the lives of women and families.



Since coming to Congress, McMorris Rodgers has worked in a bipartisan fashion on issues that are most important to Eastern Washington. She actively supports missions to protect and expand Fairchild Air Force Base and was successful in helping to keep the base off the recent Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) list. Along with Congressman Adam Smith, she introduced Health IT legislation and is co-leading a statewide Health IT task force to position Washington state for future Health IT advancements. Understanding that a well-trained and competitive workforce starts with educational opportunities, McMorris Rodgers sponsored the American Competitiveness Amendment to the College Access and Opportunity Act. The bi-partisan amendment takes steps to improve math, science, and critical foreign language education.

Prior to coming to Congress, McMorris Rodgers served the people of Eastern Washington as the 7th District Washington State Representative for ten years. She was elected by her peers to serve as House Republican leader, the top leadership post in the House Republican Caucus.

McMorris Rodgers is the descendent of pioneers who traveled the Oregon Trail in the early 1850s to the Pacific Northwest where her father's family pursued agriculture and her mother's family worked in the forestry industry. She was born and raised on a farm and worked in the family owned business, Peachcrest Fruit Basket, for 13 years. She earned her B.A. in pre-law from Pensacola Christian College in Florida and an executive MBA from the University of Washington.

She is married to Brian Rodgers. They have a son, Cole, who was born in April 2007. She enjoys playing the piano, swimming, and reading biographies. She lives by President Reagan's motto: "There's no limit to what a person can do or where one can go if one doesn't mind who gets the credit."

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## John Mica

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### Florida's 7th District

John L. Mica was first elected to the United States Congress on November 3, 1992, to represent the 7th Congressional District of Florida, which stretches across six counties from the suburban areas north of Orlando to the Jacksonville city limits. Major cities in the district include Winter Park, Altamonte Springs, Lake Mary, Sanford, Deltona, DeBary, DeLand, Daytona Beach, Ormond Beach, Palm Coast, Palatka and St. Augustine.



In the 110th Congress, Mica was elected by his peers in the House of Representatives to serve as the Republican Leader of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the largest Congressional panel in Congress. As the House Transportation GOP Leader, Mica serves on all six Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittees.

These subcommittees include Aviation; Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation; Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management; Highways and Transit; Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials; and Water Resources and Environment. He has been recognized as a national leader on a variety of transportation issues. Mica also is a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors the Kennedy Center Board of Trustees. Rep. Mica served six years as the Speaker's Representative to the U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission and was formerly a Member of the House Administration Committee.

As a recognized national transportation leader, Rep. Mica was named Chairman of the Subcommittee on Aviation in 2001 and served through 2006. After the September 11th terrorist attacks, Rep. Mica led the effort in Congress to restore stability to the aviation industry and co-authored the Aviation and Transportation Security Law.

Mica is a senior Member on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and former Chairman of two of its Subcommittees. As Chairman of the House Civil Service Subcommittee from 1995-1999, Mica authored landmark legislation dealing with veterans preferences, expanding healthcare access for military dependents and establishing one of the federal government's largest employee stock ownership programs.

From 1999-2001, Mica served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources. As Chairman he became a national principal leader in the development of our nation's counter-narcotics policy. Appointed by then-House Speaker Dennis Hastert as a Co-Chairman of the Speaker's Drug Free Task Force from 1999-2006, he has been a respected national voice in advocating drug education, prevention, enforcement, eradication and interdiction programs.

Mica has been recognized for his work in the War on Drugs by the U.S Customs Service and Scotland Yard and has received the Legislator of the Year Award from the Florida/National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors.

In Mica's first term in Congress, his freshman Republican colleagues honored him with their Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award for new Members of Congress. Each year since 1993, he has consistently received the Golden Bulldog Award from the Watchdogs of the Treasury, the Taxpayer's Hero Award from the National Taxpayers Union, the Thomas Jefferson Award for Distinguished Service (Food Distributors International) and the Spirit of Enterprise Award (the U. S. Chamber of Commerce). In 1995, he was honored as one of 100 Americans to receive the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

As a strong advocate for our country's veterans and seniors, the Congressman has received nearly every national military service association award. They include national recognition from the Blinded American Veterans Foundation, the National Military Family Association, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Reserve Officers Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, the Non Commissioned Officers Association, The Seniors Coalition, the United Seniors Association and 60 Plus Association.

Prior to his election to Congress, Mica established several successful business ventures including real estate, communications, international trade consulting and governmental affairs firms. In 1973, the

Florida Jaycees recognized Mica's work in reorganizing local government by awarding him the Florida State Good Government Award. As a member of the Florida House of Representatives (1976-1980), Mica served on the Appropriations, the Select Energy, the Ethics and Elections and the Community Affairs Committees. He was recognized for his service by being named one of Florida's Five Outstanding Young Men in 1978. From 1981 to 1985, Mica served as Chief of Staff and Administrative Assistant to Florida Republican United States Senator Paula Hawkins.

The Congressman worked his way through and graduated from the University of Florida (1967) and Miami-Dade Community College (1965). Mica has also been awarded honorary doctorate degrees from Bethune-Cookman University, Flagler College and Stetson University and an honorary degree from Daytona Beach Community College. He is active in national and community affairs, and is listed in Who's Who in American Politics. In addition, Mica is a member of the Delta Chi Fraternity and Florida Blue Key.

Mica's wife, Patricia, is a former public schoolteacher who served on the Associate Board of the Florida Symphony, the Board of the Citrus Council of Girl Scouts and the Central Florida Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Currently, Mrs. Mica is a member of the Board of Directors of Florida House, the Capitol Historical Society Board and the Congressional Families for Cancer Awareness Committee. She Co-Chaired the 90th National Girl Scouts Annual Dinner and is a past President of the Republican Congressional Spouses Organization. Mrs. Mica also led the Flight 93 Capitol Heroes Campaign after the September 11th attack.

The Congressman's brother, Dan Mica, served for ten years as a United States Representative from South Florida. Another brother, David, is a former aide to the late U.S. Senator and Governor Lawton Chiles.

Rep. John Mica, 64, and his wife were married in 1972 and have resided in Central Florida since they were married. They have two adult children, D'Anne and Clark.

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## Candice Miller

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### Michigan's 10th District

Congresswoman Candice Miller's career in public service reflects a long history of efficiency and effectiveness – from her early roots on the Harrison Township Board of Trustees, nearly 28 years ago, to her current responsibilities representing Michigan's 10th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.



#### **Committees**

Congresswoman Miller is currently serving her third term after first being elected to office in November 2002. She proudly sits on two committees: the House Committee on Homeland Security and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

#### **Homeland Security**

Congresswoman Miller was appointed to the House Homeland Security Committee in March 2008 and is the only member from Michigan to serve on this important committee. This committee assignment is helpful for a district that faces many homeland security challenges.

The 10th District is a border district. It is home to the Blue Water Bridge which is the second busiest commercial border crossing on the northern tier, Selfridge Air National Guard Base which has expanding missions in the area of homeland security, Coast Guard stations at Selfridge, Port Huron and Harbor Beach, it borders Chemical Valley which is one of the largest collections of petro-chemical operations in North America, the CN Rail Tunnel which is the busiest rail artery in the U.S., and is where the genesis of important trade arteries interstates I-94 and I-69.

Miller has focused her efforts on building a stronger presence of homeland security assets at Selfridge, enhancing the security of our airways, roadways, railways and waterways in addition to securing our food and water supplies by enhancing Northern Border security.

The Committee on Homeland Security was established in 2002 to provide Congressional oversight for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and better protect the American people against a possible terrorist attack. Many of the programs at Selfridge and the armed service reserves throughout the 10th Congressional District fall under the purview of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Committee on Homeland Security provides oversight for the department and handles issues dealing with transportation security, border and port security, critical infrastructure protection, cyber security and science and technology, emergency preparedness, emerging threats, intelligence and information sharing, investigations, and management and procurement.

#### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

In 2007, Congresswoman Miller was appointed to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. This marked her first appointment to this committee.

As its name implies, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee oversees all issues related to transportation. This appointment was particularly important because Congresswoman Miller has long held that Michigan has never gotten its fair share of tax dollars returned for its many infrastructure needs, particularly in Southeast Michigan. She believes the explosive growth areas of northern Macomb County have been particularly shortchanged.

Furthermore, the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron, MI is the second most traveled border crossing in North America. It is a vital component of economic expansion, not just for the district, but for the region, state and nation. This Committee allows her to offer enhanced oversight and influence to ensure this portal and others like it receive the federal attention they need and deserve.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee also holds jurisdiction over water quality issues. Throughout her career in public service, protecting the Great Lakes has been one of Congresswoman Miller's principal advocacies. She is a vocal proponent for policy designed to preserve and protect Michigan's most cherished natural resource.

Congresswoman Miller serves on both the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

#### **Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming**

Congresswoman Miller was also selected as a member of the House Select Committee on Climate Change in the 110th Congress. The Committee's responsibility is to investigate study, make findings and develop recommendations on policies, strategies, technologies and other innovations. This work is intended to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign sources of energy and achieve substantial and permanent reductions in emissions and other activities that contribute to climate change and global warming.

#### **Michigan Secretary of State**

Prior to her election to Congress, Congresswoman Miller served two terms as Michigan's Secretary of State from 1994 until 2002. "Customer service" stood as the operative phrase of her administration. During her first term, she visited every branch office in the state to get a firsthand look at the operations on the front lines. Those visits became the impetus for wholesale changes to modernize and redesign branch offices and streamline transactions for millions of Michigan drivers.

As Secretary of State, Congresswoman Miller became a national leader in election reform, using technology to enhance Michigan's qualified voter file. She was recognized by the Ford-Carter Commission on National Election Reform as a national model for states developing similar programs.

#### **Background**

Congresswoman Miller's career in public service began when she was elected to the Harrison Township Board of Trustees in 1979. Only one year later, she was elected Harrison Township Supervisor, becoming the youngest Supervisor in her township's history and the first woman elected to the post. During her 12 years as Supervisor, Harrison Township underwent explosive growth. Congresswoman Miller made tremendous strides in her effort to hold the line on taxes and encourage business growth; all while being hailed for doing so in an environmentally sensible manner.

Congresswoman Miller is a lifelong resident of Macomb County. Before being elected to her first position in public office, she worked for her family's marina business on the Clinton River.

She and her husband, Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Donald Miller, continue to reside in Harrison Township. Judge Miller formerly served as Colonel in the Air National Guard. He flew missions in Vietnam and was the base commander at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. They have one daughter.

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## Gary Miller

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### California's 42nd District

Congressman Gary G. Miller was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1998 to represent California's 42nd Congressional District. Mr. Miller serves on the House Financial Services Committee, which oversees the United States' banks, stock exchanges, real estate market and insurance industry, and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which oversees the nation's highways, railroads, airports and water infrastructure. As a member of these committees and a former business owner, Mr. Miller brings real-world experience to address the transportation, water and housing needs of the 42nd district.



In addition, he is working to reduce the United States' debt, create a fairer tax system, improve access to healthcare, ensure students receive a quality education, and stop the flow of illegal immigrants into our country.

Mr. Miller is chairman of the Building a Better America Caucus, a congressional organization promoting quality growth. He is also a member of the Republican leadership team as assistant whip.

Mr. Miller was born in Arkansas, but grew up in Whittier, California. In his early twenties, he founded the G. Miller Development Company and met his wife, Cathy. They married in 1972 and raised three sons and one daughter. As his family grew, so did his business. G. Miller Development expanded from building single family and custom homes to eventually developing planned communities.

In 1982, Mr. Miller was asked to serve on the board of directors of Sunrise Christian School. His service to the community was expanded in 1988 when he was appointed to the Diamond Bar Municipal Advisory Council. Upon the incorporation of the City of Diamond Bar in 1989, Gary Miller was elected to its first city council and served as Mayor in 1992.

On May 16, 1995, Mr. Miller was elected to the California State Assembly. There he served as chairman of the Budget Committee and the Banking and Finance Committee, as well as vice chairman of the Transportation Committee. His distinguished California State Assembly career is highlighted by 24 bills signed into law, successfully negotiating funding of the first class size reduction program, and a balanced budget that reduced the business tax rate to 1973 levels while maintaining a \$310 million reserve.

Mr. Miller currently resides in the city of Diamond Bar.

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## Jeff Miller

### Florida's 1st District

#### U.S. House of Representatives

United States Representative Jeff Miller was sworn in as the Congressman of the First Congressional District of Florida in October of 2001. In 2006, the people of Northwest Florida sent Congressman Miller back to Washington for a fourth term.

After taking the oath of office, Congressman Miller was appointed to the House Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. He has quickly established himself within Washington as a strong advocate for veterans' concerns including his successful support for changes to concurrent receipt and his initiation of a greater co-sharing policy between the military and veterans' clinics.



Appointed to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Air and Land Forces Subcommittee, Mr. Miller is critically positioned to support U.S. troops as they evolve to meet the continuing threat of the War on Terrorism.

In 2007, Congressman Miller was appointed Ranking Member of the Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health. The Subcommittee on Health has legislative and oversight jurisdiction for the Department of Veterans Affairs' health care system, programs and research apparatus. Over the past decade, VA has transformed the health care system to include over 600 health care facilities, including medical centers, nursing homes and hundreds of community-based outpatient clinics organized into service networks throughout the nation, now caring for an estimated 5.2 million veterans. VA's health care budget currently exceeds \$30 billion per year.

Since coming to Congress, Miller has established himself as one of the staunchest conservatives in the House and an emerging leader on the House Armed Services Committee. He has championed numerous tax relief and veterans' measures and fought for less government, less taxes, and more personal freedom.

Miller has appeared on the Fox News Channel, CNN, MSNBC, and ITN Television. He has been a guest on national radio programs such as G. Gordon Liddy Show and the Oliver North Show.

#### Florida House of Representatives

Mr. Miller was sworn in as State Representative in 1998 and again in 2000 to serve District 1. He has served as Chairman of the Utilities & Telecommunications Committee. He was also a member of the Congressional Redistricting Committee, the Committee on General Government Appropriations, the Committee on Rules, Ethics & Elections, and the Council for Ready Infrastructure. He is the past Chairman of the Escambia County Legislative Delegation for 1999-2000.

#### Community Service

In addition to his prior service as a State Legislator, Congressman Miller is active in the community as a board member of the Santa Rosa County United Way, the Pregnancy Resource Center of Milton, the Gulf Coast Council of Boy Scouts of America, and the Florida FFA Foundation. He is a member of the Florida Historical Society and various area Chambers of Commerce. Congressman Miller is a native Floridian and was born in 1959. Prior to serving in elected office, he was a real estate broker and deputy sheriff. He earned his Bachelor's degree in 1984 at the University of Florida.

#### Family

Representative Miller is married to the former Vicki Griswold. They are both active members of Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church in Chumuckla. They have two children and two grandchildren.

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## Tim Murphy

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### Pennsylvania's 18th District

Congressman Tim Murphy is currently serving his third term in Congress. When he began representing the 18th District of Pennsylvania in 2003, Tim vowed to be the most visible Congressman the region had ever seen. To this day, he is actively connected throughout the district, whether it is at a community day, meeting with employees at a local business, speaking to school children, or walking the neighborhoods and talking with people.



Congressman Murphy relies on his three decades as a child psychologist to advocate for meaningful reforms in the U.S. healthcare system. As one of only a handful of members of Congress with a background in healthcare, Tim quickly established himself as a leader on the issue. He is Co-chair of both the 21st Century Healthcare Caucus and Mental Health Caucus, giving him a platform to educate other members of Congress and the public on ways to make healthcare more affordable and accessible for all families.

Tim is a leading proponent of the use of healthcare information technology to improve patient safety and reduce wasteful costs in healthcare. He established a grant program to make electronic medical records and electronic prescribing available to Medicaid families, and has led a bipartisan effort to increase the use of health IT across the nation. These efforts reduce the number of medication and medical errors, eliminate costly duplicative tests, ensure a patient has a complete medical file, and ultimately save lives.

With his healthcare experience, Congressman Murphy recognized the need to eliminate healthcare-acquired infections, and before the national MRSA outbreak in the summer of 2007, Tim introduced the Healthy Hospitals Act requiring the public reporting of healthcare-acquired infections so patients can make better informed decisions on their healthcare. The Department of Health and Human Services used Congressman Murphy's recommendations, instituting a policy where Medicare will no longer pay hospitals for preventable infections. As a result, hospitals are taking the necessary steps to eliminate infections.

To further reduce infection risks, as part of the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act, Congressman Murphy required the federal government to investigate whether the use of medical devices led to healthcare-acquired infections and to understand the cause of some of these infections and what better can be done to prevent them in the future.

The National Association of Community Health Centers has recognized Congressman Murphy as champion for leading the effort in Congress to ensure doctors are available to all American families. Congressman Murphy introduced Family Health Care Accessibility to expand the number of doctors at Community Health Centers to keep costs down so parents can sleep easier at night knowing there is a neighborhood doctor they can use.

As a national leading advocate on mental health issues, Dr. Murphy has worked in a bipartisan manner to raise awareness and reduces the stigma associated with mental illness. To draw attention to how mental health services are not covered equally to other healthcare services, Congressman Murphy authored legislation, the Seniors Access to Mental Health Act, to increase Medicare's mental health coverage benefits for seniors to equal its regular healthcare coverage.

Congressman Murphy also introduced the Mental Health Security for American Families in Education Act and passed legislation to get college students suffering from depression or other mental illnesses the help they need before tragedy strikes. Previously, legal barriers prevented schools from notifying parents if a student needed help and was in danger of hurting himself or others. Congressman Murphy broke down these barriers so parents can take an active role in getting their child help.

Tim led the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation's efforts to fix the Medicare prescription drug bill so that Pennsylvania's prescription drug program, PACE, would be properly integrated with Medicare. This has allowed Pennsylvanians to save \$170 million which has allowed PACE to extend its coverage and may lead to additional savings in the future.

Tim's efforts as a healthcare leader are a continuation of his work in the Pennsylvania State Senate where he served from 1997-2002. There he penned the state's historic Patient Bill of Rights and increased funding for medical research, while consistently supporting responsible fiscal management of government to promote job creation and reduce the tax burden on families.

With tens of thousands of veterans living in Southwestern Pennsylvania, Congressman Murphy has worked to ensure each and everyone gets the benefits they were promised and deserve. Tim also secured \$4 million in federal funds to build a new commissary in Southwestern Pennsylvania that will serve more than 160,000 veterans, military personnel, and their families. He continues his work with local, state, and community leaders, as well as local veterans to make the new commissary a reality.

After the 911th Airlift Wing was put on the Pentagon's list of base closures, Congressman Murphy led the effort in Congress to get it removed, saving 1,600 jobs, and ensuring a strong military presence in the region.

Congressman Murphy continues to work on ensuring the VA meets its obligations to providing local veterans with the healthcare benefits they were promised. Joining with other members of the Pennsylvania delegation, Tim introduced legislation to provide the necessary federal funds to keep the renovation and construction of the Pittsburgh VA facilities on schedule after the VA in Washington shifted money to other facilities where renovations were over-budget and further behind schedule.

Having earned a PhD in psychology, Tim worked at a number of hospitals across Western Pennsylvania, opened his own practice, consulted for schools and Head Start, and taught at the University of Pittsburgh. He authored several publications, including two books: the award-winning "The Angry Child," and "Overcoming Passive-Aggression." During this time, he became widely known as "Dr. Tim" through regular appearances on local and national radio and television.

When dealing with education issues in Congress, Tim relies on this experience to do what is best for children. Using his more than three decades of evaluating children's academic performance, Congressman Murphy has worked closely with officials at the Department of Education and leaders in Congress to improve and Strengthen No Child Left Behind and to change how student achievement is measured to more accurately reflect the success of individual students.

Since coming to Congress, Tim has shown the ability of finding federal solutions to local issues. After a local family's house was destroyed and their children injured when a ruptured gas line caused an explosion, Congressman Murphy introduced Marc and Chelsea's Law and passed legislation to establish a consistent, national standard to follow in the event of pipeline damage.

Following the massive flooding in the region in 2004, Congressman Murphy has worked hard to help businesses and homeowners recover. As part of the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA), Congressman Murphy directed the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a study of flood control projects in the Chartiers/Fulton, Chartiers/Houston and Burgettstown flood control plains that were damaged. Tim also held a Congressional field hearing in Carnegie to ensure the availability of Community Development Block Grants for the region. He has also directed federal funds to repair sewer systems and roads damaged by the floods.

Tim also worked with local farmers to keep the Farm Service Agency office in Washington County open. This helped earn him the Friend of the Farmer award by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

Congressman Murphy serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee, where he sits on three subcommittees: Health; Oversight and Investigations; and Environment and Hazardous Materials.

Tim was one of eleven children, born to working class parents who stressed the importance of family, education and self-reliance. He and his wife Nan now reside in Upper St. Clair with their daughter, Bevin who is currently attending college. They attend St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Bethel Park.

He earned a bachelors degree from Wheeling Jesuit University, a master's degree from Cleveland State University, and his PhD from the University of Pittsburgh.

A fierce proponent of community involvement, he is a strong advocate of the Rails to Trails programs, an

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## Sue Myrick

### North Carolina's 9th District

Representative Sue Myrick (NC-9) came to Congress in 1995 after building a successful advertising and public relations business, and serving two terms as mayor of Charlotte, NC, the state's largest city and commercial hub. She is currently in her seventh term representing North Carolina's 9th district, which covers portions of Union, Mecklenburg, and Gaston Counties.



Sue serves on the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee, which is the oldest legislative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. It enjoys the broadest legislative responsibility of any House committee, including public health, telecommunications, energy, consumer protection, food and drug safety, air quality, environmental health, and interstate and foreign commerce. In addition, the jurisdiction extends over five Cabinet-level departments and seven independent agencies. Sue is a member of the Health subcommittee, the Energy subcommittee, and the Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection subcommittee.

From 2002 to 2004, Sue served as chairman of the Republican Study Committee (RSC), the largest voting bloc in Congress. The RSC is a group of House Republicans that are organized for the purpose of advancing a conservative economic and social agenda for America. Under Sue's tenure, the RSC grew from 65 to over 96 members and became an influential force in shaping policy in Congress. Her leadership of this group and dedication to controlling government spending has made her a national voice for House conservatives.

In January 2003, Sue was appointed as a Deputy Whip of the 108th Congress. As Deputy Whip, Sue is one of only a handful of Republican House members with a seat at the leadership table. Due to her hard work, She has continued to serve as a Deputy Whip through the 109th Congress and into the 110th.

A breast cancer survivor, Sue co-chairs the House Cancer Caucus. She has successfully championed legislation aimed at stopping the deadly disease through increased research, education, early detection, and development of promising new medical therapies.

A small businesswoman herself, Sue is the former President and CEO of Myrick Advertising and Public Relations and Myrick Enterprises. Before Congress, she served on the Charlotte City Council and was a two-term mayor of the City of Charlotte. Sue remains the first and only female mayor in Charlotte history.

As Mayor, Sue hit the streets, going nose-to-nose with drug dealers, telling them to get the heck out of the neighborhoods. Sue also gained much praise for greatly improving Charlotte's transportation infrastructure, while never raising taxes.

Sue has extensive experience in disaster relief and recovery from tornadoes, floods and hurricanes. She knows local communities can't always depend on the federal government to help solve their emergencies. Many times, they are on their own. She also understands the role that FEMA, the Red Cross, Salvation Army and organizations like the Mennonite Disaster Service play in emergency situations, having worked extensively on-site in coordination with them.

Sue is also leading the charge nationally on issues related to terrorism. She is the founder of the Congressional Anti-Terrorism Caucus, which has more than 120 Members. This caucus meets with experts on terrorism and works to educate the public about the dangers we face from Islamofascism.

Sue is a wife; a mother of two children and three step-children. She and her husband, Ed, have 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

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## Devin Nunes

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### California's 21st District

#### Background

Rep. Devin Nunes is a Congressman from the agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley of California. He is currently serving in his third term in the House of Representatives and is a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax policy, Social Security, Medicare, and trade.

Congressman Nunes is a native of Tulare County, where his family has farmed for three generations. The Nunes family immigrated to America from Portugal's Azores islands. They are part of a large Portuguese community living in the San Joaquin Valley, many of whom help to cultivate our nation's most productive farmland.



The 21st Congressional District, which includes all of Tulare County and parts of Fresno County, is the most diverse and valuable farm land in the United States. The region consistently ranks first in the nation; both in terms of crop diversity and crop value. It is also the largest milk shed in the world.

Congressman Nunes graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where he received a bachelor's degree in agricultural business and a master's degree in agriculture. Following college, he focused his attention on educational issues and was elected to the Board of Trustees for the College of the Sequoias (COS). During his tenure on the COS Board of Trustees, Nunes led the effort to provide smaller communities greater access to the Internet and satellite educational services. He also worked to provide more opportunities for high school students to access community college classes.

In 2001, Nunes was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as California State Director for the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. However, when congressional boundaries were redrawn in 2002, Nunes was afforded a unique opportunity to represent his home town in the House of Representatives.

Devin and his wife Elizabeth have one child, Evelyn Rose Nunes, and live in Tulare.

#### Committee Assignments

Nunes currently serves on the powerful Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over taxes, healthcare, Social Security, trade and other important federal programs.

Prior to his selection to serve on the Ways and Means Committee, Nunes was Chairman of the Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, where he pursued common sense management principles for the nation's vast public lands, national parks and monuments. Additionally, he served on the Agriculture Committee, where he aggressively defended the interests of farmers.

The 21st Congressional District is the largest agriculture district in the United States, both in terms of cash value and crop diversity. While on the Agriculture Committee, Nunes focused on policies that affected agricultural trade. He also participated in reviews concerning major farm policies, including crop insurance and food security.

In addition, Nunes was honored to serve on the Veterans' Affairs Committee where he contributed to the oversight of federal programs affecting the well being of the nation's veterans. During his time in Congress, Nunes has worked to ensure efficient and effective delivery of services to veterans. He has worked to increase pay and benefits and has intervened in hundreds of cases to directly assist veterans experiencing challenges with federal agencies.

As a leader in the Republican Conference, Nunes currently serves as an Assistant Republican Whip.

#### Advocacy

The unique geography, climate, demographics and economic factors of the Central Valley pose many challenges to its residents, including water supply, trade, health care and transportation.

During his tenure in Congress, Nunes has spearheaded many local efforts to bring attention to these challenges. In 2005, he introduced H.R. 99, which designated State Route 99 as a Congressional High Priority Corridor. The bill also provided federal authorization for SR 99 to become part of the national interstate system. The bill became law as part of H.R. 3 in August of 2005.

Nunes has also championed investments in California's water infrastructure system and introduced legislation in 2003 that authorized a feasibility study for a new water reservoir near Temperance Flat in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The feasibility study is scheduled to be completed in 2009.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining strong ties with Portugal and her former colonies around the world, Nunes has been active in dialogue with officials from Brazil, Cape Verde, Mozambique and Angola. Nunes has used his position to advocate the establishment of democratic institutions, free trade, and more open government.

In 2006, Nunes distinguished himself in the Republican conference as a leader on energy issues. His legislation, the American Made Energy Freedom Act, received bi-partisan praise and has become an important part of the national energy debate. The bill, which proposes the largest investment in clean renewable energy in history, represents Nunes' view that we must use all of our domestic resources to achieve energy independence. In July 2008, the Republican conference in the House introduced the American Energy Act, which is largely based on the Nunes plan.

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## Ron Paul

### Texas' 14th District

Congressman Ron Paul of Texas enjoys a national reputation as the premier advocate for liberty in politics today. Dr. Paul is the leading spokesman in Washington for limited constitutional government, low taxes, free markets, and a return to sound monetary policies based on commodity-backed currency. He is known among both his colleagues in Congress and his constituents for his consistent voting record in the House of Representatives: Dr. Paul never votes for legislation unless the proposed measure is expressly authorized by the Constitution. In the words of former Treasury Secretary William Simon, Dr. Paul is the "one exception to the Gang of 535" on Capitol Hill.



Ron Paul was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Gettysburg College and the Duke University School of Medicine, before proudly serving as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force during the 1960s. He and his wife Carol moved to Texas in 1968, where he began his medical practice in Brazoria County. As a specialist in obstetrics/gynecology, Dr. Paul has delivered more than 4,000 babies! He and Carol, who reside in Lake Jackson, Texas, are the proud parents of five children and have seventeen grandchildren.

While serving in Congress during the late 1970s and early 1980s, Dr. Paul's limited-government ideals were not popular in Washington. He served on the House Banking committee, where he was a strong advocate for sound monetary policy and an outspoken critic of the Federal Reserve's inflationary measures. He also was a key member of the Gold Commission, advocating a return to a gold standard for our currency. He was an unwavering advocate of pro-life and pro-family values. Dr. Paul consistently voted to lower or abolish federal taxes, spending, and regulation, and used his House seat to actively promote the return of government to its proper constitutional levels. In 1984, he voluntarily relinquished his House seat and returned to his medical practice.

Dr. Paul returned to Congress in 1997 to represent the 14th Congressional district of Texas. He serves on the House Financial Services Committee, the International Relations committee, and the Joint Economic Committee. On the Financial Services Committee, Rep. Paul serves as the vice-chairman of the Oversight and Investigations subcommittee. He continues to advocate a dramatic reduction in the size of the federal government and a return to constitutional principles.

Dr. Paul is the author of several books, including *Challenge to Liberty*; *The Case for Gold*; and *A Republic, If You Can Keep It*. He has been a distinguished counselor to the Ludwig von Mises Institute, and is widely quoted by scholars and writers in the fields of monetary policy, banking, and political economy. He has received many awards and honors during his career in Congress, from organizations such as the National Taxpayers Union, Citizens Against Government Waste, the Council for a Competitive Economy, Young Americans for Freedom, and countless others.

Dr. Paul's consistent voting record prompted one Congressman to comment that "Ron Paul personifies the Founding Fathers' ideal of the citizen-statesman. He makes it clear that his principles will never be compromised, and they never are." Another Congresswoman added that "There are few people in public life who, through thick and thin, rain or shine, stick to their principles. Ron Paul is one of those few."

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## Mike Pence

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### Indiana's 6th District

Mike Pence was born in Columbus, Indiana, graduated from Hanover College in 1981 and earned his Doctorate in Jurisprudence from Indiana University School of Law in 1986.

Following graduation from law school, Congressman Pence ran for Congress in 1988 and 1990. In 1991, Pence was named president of a conservative state think tank based in Fort Wayne known as the Indiana Policy Review Foundation.

In 1992, Pence started a career in radio broadcasting and, two years later, Network Indiana syndicated his show statewide. The Mike Pence Show aired weekdays on 18 radio stations. Pence also hosted a Sunday morning political television show in Indianapolis from 1995 to 1999.



Mike and his wife Karen have three children and reside in Columbus, Indiana. The Pence family lives in Arlington, Virginia, while Congress is in session.

Mike describes himself as "a Christian, a conservative and a Republican, in that order."

Congressman Pence was elected to Congress in November 2000 and was re-elected to represent the Sixth Congressional District, encompassing much of the eastern half of Indiana, for a fourth term in 2006.

#### Committees

Congressman Mike Pence is a member of the Judiciary Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee. He also serves as Ranking Member on the Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007.

At the start of the 110th Congress, Pence was selected to serve as Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Pence traveled to visit troops serving in Iraq in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. He also led congressional delegations to Afghanistan, Egypt, Turkey, and Pakistan. A strong supporter of Israel, Congressman Pence visited Israel in 2004, and he has authored amendments to protect Israel's right to build a security fence in disputed territories as well as cut off American funding of organizations supporting Palestinian terrorist organizations.

Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Pence was appointed to the Judiciary Committee, where he serves on the Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties and the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property. In his time on the Judiciary Committee, Pence participated in drafting the Patriot Act and legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security. During the last Congress Pence developed a comprehensive immigration solution involving a no-amnesty guest worker proposal.

#### Legislation

During the 108th Congress, Pence authored the Truth in Domain Names Act, which President Bush signed into law as part of historic child protection legislation. The law will punish those who use misleading domain names to attract children to sexually explicit Internet sites and it has already been employed by federal prosecutors to clean up the Internet.

In the 109th Congress, Pence authored two bipartisan measures to advance the principles of freedom in the press and American politics. The Free Flow of Information Act (or "Federal Media Shield") would establish statutory protections for reporters under federal law. Pence plans to re-introduce this important piece of legislation in the 110th Congress.

In addition, Pence is author of the 527 Fairness Act would strengthen political parties and free speech rights by bringing changes to campaign finance law.

As a member of the Agriculture Committee, Pence participated in drafting the 2002 Farm Bill. He has worked closely with Senator Richard Lugar to advance the vision of Freedom to Farm and is the author of the Farm Flexibility Act (or "Farm Flex"), which would give American farmers freedom to diversify their crops without fear of excessive penalties.

### **Conservative Leader**

During the 109th Congress, Congressman Pence served as Chairman of the House Republican Study Committee. The Republican Study Committee is the largest caucus in the House of Representatives; membership grew to 110 House Republicans under his leadership, and has been the leading voice for advancing conservative social and economic issues in Congress since the mid-1980s.

Congressman Pence has emerged as a national spokesman for conservative principles. In March of 2005, The Washington Post described Pence as "A New Face on Conservatism" observing, "he delivered conservative opinions with the even tones and polite demeanor of his Midwest upbringing." In November 2005, Business Week described Pence as a "new power broker" and syndicated columnist George Will singled out Pence and Governor Mitch Daniels' brand of conservatism as the "wave of the future." Peggy Noonan has complimented Pence on his ability to maintain an upbeat attitude even in a partisan environment, quoting him as saying "I'm a conservative, but I'm not in a bad mood about it." An April 2006 profile in U.S. News and World Report said Pence "has emerged as a powerful force, moving Congress further to the right."

Pence's role as a conservative leader has been profiled in The Chicago Tribune, Business Week, the Weekly Standard, U.S. News and World Report and The New York Times. He appears regularly on Fox News, CNN and MSNBC. Pence also appears weekly on Indiana's most prominent talk radio stations.

### **Awards**

Congressman Pence has received many national and local awards during his time in Congress.

In November of 2007, Congressman Pence was named one of the top 100 most influential conservatives in America, coming in at nineteen according to the London Daily Telegraph.

On Martin Luther King Day in January 2007, he was honored with the Duerson Award during a ceremony in Muncie. The award is named for former Chicago Bear and Muncie native Dave Duerson's parents and is given for extraordinary commitment to the community.

The ACU honored Congressman Pence in 2006 with the Courage Under Fire Award, which recognizes those who have stood for principle when doing so puts them at risk physically, politically or economically. Past recipients include Charlton Heston, Wayne LaPierre, Ambassador John Bolton and the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth.

In 2005, Congressman Pence was named "Man of the Year" by the leading conservative publication Human Events for his leadership on behalf of fiscal discipline. Previous honorees include President Ronald Reagan and the late Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia.

He was also awarded the Friend of the Family Award by the Indiana Family Institute. In addition, he was recognized by the Inland Press Association for his work in advocating for the Freedom of Information Act, or federal media shield law.

For the past four years, he has received the "True Blue Award" from the Family Research Council for his commitment to the family and sanctity of human life and for the past five years,

Congressman Pence has received the "Tax Payers' Friend" award from the National Taxpayers' Union for his commitment to advocating for responsible tax and spending policies.

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# Thomas Petri

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## Wisconsin's 6th District

Tom Petri, who represents Wisconsin's 6th Congressional District, is serving his 15th term in the U.S. House of Representatives. First elected in April 1979, Petri has been returned to office every two years since.

Petri is the Ranking Republican on the Aviation Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He served for 12 years as Chairman of that committee's Highways, Transit and Pipelines Subcommittee and of an earlier subcommittee with similar responsibilities.

He is a former Vice Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, now named the Committee on Education and Labor.



From 1987 through 1990, Petri served as a member of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, better known as the House Ethics Committee.

Petri is a former Chairman of the House British-American Parliamentary Group, an official organization formed to strengthen relations with the British Parliament.

A persistent foe of government waste, Petri has repeatedly earned high marks from such organizations as the National Taxpayers Union, the Concord Coalition, Citizens Against Government Waste, Americans for Tax Reform, and the Watchdogs of the Treasury. Over many years he has repeatedly been named a "Guardian of Small Business" by the National Federation of Independent Business, and has won the "National Security Leadership Award" from the American Security Council.

Petri is known for his efforts to apply innovative solutions to problems, with a firm commitment to cost-effectiveness. Accordingly, Norm Ornstein, a prominent political scholar and expert on Congress has called Petri "one of the most thoughtful members of Congress, filled with lots of ideas about how to make government better," while senior Washington Post columnist David Broder has called him "a notably independent, creative legislator.

Important Petri legislative initiatives have included those in the areas of student loan reform, the allocation of money for federal highway spending, cost-sharing for federal water projects, tax and welfare reform, banking policy, campaign reform, and health care reform. The 1996 Almanac of American Politics states that Petri specializes in "thoughtful and original solutions to problems" which "cut across ideological and party lines."

Petri attended Goodrich High School in Fond du Lac and received undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard. He served in the Peace Corps and in the White House focusing on anti-drug efforts. He is married to Anne Neal Petri and has one daughter, Alexandra.

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## Joe Pitts

### Pennsylvania's 16th District

Joe Pitts is a sixth-term Congressman who represents the 16th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, a district that stretches from the far western suburbs of Philadelphia in Chester County, north to Reading and Berks County, and west into the rolling countryside of Lancaster County famous for its Amish and Mennonite culture.

The son of an Army officer, Joe spent several years of his youth living in the Philippines. He attended Asbury College in Kentucky and received his Master's Degree from West Chester University in Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Air Force from 1963 to 1969, rising to the rank of Captain and flying 116 combat missions as a navigator and electronic warfare officer in Vietnam.



After leaving the Air Force, Joe returned to teaching math and science and coaching basketball at Great Valley High School, near Malvern College in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

In 1972, Joe began his service in the Pennsylvania state legislature. During his 24 years in Harrisburg, he served as chairman of the Labor and Industry Committee. He was then chosen by his colleagues to chair the powerful House Appropriations Committee for eight years.

In 1997, Joe was sworn into Congress, replacing Congressman Bob Walker as representative of Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional District.

During his first term, Joe served on the Budget, Transportation, and Small Business committees, working hard to balance the federal budget and acquire much-needed and long-overdue funding for highway safety improvements in Lancaster and Chester counties.

In his second term, he moved from the Transportation Committee to the Armed Services Committee, where he became a champion of electronic warfare technology. During his third and fourth terms, Joe moved to the Energy and Commerce and Foreign Affairs Committees. On each, Joe established himself a leading conservative voice.

Now in his sixth term Joe has taken leave from the International Relations Committee to focus his efforts on the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee, the oldest and most prestigious committee in Congress. From his posts on the Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection; Environment and Hazardous Materials; and Health subcommittees, Joe will play a key role in the writing of a national energy policy, national health care policy, the reauthorization of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, reauthorization of the National Institutes of Health, and the reauthorization of Medicaid. Joe is recognized as a leader on wireless privacy issues, medical devices, and oversight of federal agencies that fall within the committee's jurisdiction.

Since he came to Congress in 1997, Joe has been a staunch fiscal conservative and promoter of traditional family values. He is chairman of the Central Asia Caucus, the Electronic Warfare Working Group, the Fatherhood Promotion Task Force, the Religious Prisoners Congressional Task Force, the Values Action Team, and the Wilberforce Group. He belongs to the Alzheimer's Caucus, the Air Force Caucus, the Fire Caucus, the Helsinki Commission, the Human Rights Caucus, the Pro-Life Caucus, the Republican Study Committee, the Steel Caucus, and the Congressional Caucus on the Western Sahara.

Both as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and apart from it, Joe worked hard to champion human rights and humanitarian efforts around the world. He has coordinated humanitarian aid to Western Sahara, Pakistan, and many other countries. He regularly advocates for people who have been imprisoned for their religious beliefs.

Joe is active with many organizations at home in Pennsylvania as well, including the Brandywine Valley Association, Bridges of Peace International, Crosslinks, Eastern College, the Keystone State Games, the Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company, the Retired Officers Association, Rotary Club International, HOPE International and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Among the many awards and honors he has received are the Award for Manufacturing Legislation Excellence from the National Association of Manufacturers, the Guardian of Small Business Award from the National Federation of Independent Business, the Spirit of Enterprise Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the William Wilberforce Award from Prison Fellowship Ministries, the Taxpayer Hero Award from Citizens Against Government Waste, and the Hero of the Taxpayer Award from Americans for Tax Reform.

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## Todd Platts

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### Pennsylvania's 19th District

Todd Platts is a Member of the United States Congress, representing the 19th District of Pennsylvania. Sworn in as a member of the House of Representatives in January 2001, Congressman Platts serves the residents of Adams, Cumberland, and York Counties.

Within the House of Representatives, Congressman Platts serves on three standing committees: the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Education and Labor, and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Within those committees, Congressman Platts serves as a member of seven subcommittees and as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities.



In his freshman and sophomore terms, Congressman Platts was elected by his peers as their class representative on the Republican Policy Committee. Members of Congress in their third or more senior terms are not elected to seats on that committee.

Congressman Platts serves the 19th District in other ways as well. His community board appointments include serving as a member of the York County Transportation Coalition and as a member of the York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. In the past, Todd was active with the Statewide Children's Health Insurance Advisory Committee, the Central Pennsylvania Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, and Junior Achievement of South Central Pennsylvania.

A lifelong resident of York, Pennsylvania, Congressman Platts is a member of York Suburban High School's graduating class of 1980. He continued his education locally, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania in 1984. He then attended Pepperdine University School of Law, and graduated Cum Laude with a Juris Doctorate degree in 1991.

Congressman Platts started his career as an attorney and an associate with the law firm of Barley, Snyder, Senft, & Cohen. He left the firm to begin his career in public service in 1993 when he was elected to serve the people of York County as a State Representative in the Pennsylvania General Assembly. He was re-elected to his post three times, serving in that role until his 2000 election to the United States Congress.

Congressman Platts is a devoted husband to wife Leslie, and a proud father to their children T.J. (12) and Tommy (9).

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## Tom Price

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### Georgia's 6th District

Congressman Tom Price is recognized as a vibrant leader in Georgia and a diligent and tireless problem solver in Congress.

First elected to Congress, representing the Sixth District of Georgia, in November 2004, Price was re-elected with broad support in both primary and general elections in 2006. Prior to going to Washington, Price served four terms in the Georgia State Senate – two as Minority Whip. In 2002, he became the first Republican Majority Leader in the history of Georgia. This year he was promoted to Deputy Whip, part of the Republican Leadership Team.

In Congress, Price's priorities are reforming the tax system, strengthening health care and education, bringing common sense to the litigation system, and finding transportation solutions for Atlanta's residents and commuters. Congressman Price serves on the Committee on Education and Labor, as well as the Committee on Financial Services in which he is the Deputy Ranking Member on the Financial Institutions Subcommittee.

Congressman Price received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Michigan and completed his Orthopaedic Surgery residency at Emory University. Price established an orthopaedic clinic just north of Atlanta. After nearly twenty years of private practice he returned to Emory University School of Medicine as an Assistant Professor. Before coming to Congress, Price was Medical Director of the Orthopaedic Clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, teaching resident doctors in training.

In Washington, Price has been an outspoken advocate for patient-centered health reform and finding solutions for covering the uninsured. His credits include legislative efforts to move the nation's health care delivery system toward a defined contribution plan, allowing for greater patient access and choice. Congressman Price has also spearheaded efforts to cover the uninsured by co-authoring the bipartisan Health Partnership through Creative Federalism Act. This innovative approach to covering the uninsured would accelerate state initiatives. In order to preserve access to quality care for all Americans, including seniors, Price has fought for appropriate physician reimbursement for treating patients.

Price is active in the Atlanta community, is a past President of the Roswell Rotary Club and has served on Boards of the North Fulton Chamber of Commerce, Orchestra Atlanta, the Arthritis Foundation, the North Metro YMCA, and the Mount Vernon Presbyterian School. Congressman Price with his wife, Elizabeth, and son reside in Roswell. They are members of the Georgia Ensemble Theater, Roswell Clean and Beautiful, the Chattahoochee Nature Center and the Roswell Presbyterian Church.



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## Adam Putnam

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### Florida's 12th District

Congressman Adam H. Putnam has represented the people of Florida's 12th District in the U.S. House of Representatives since January 2001, when at the age of 26 he became one of the youngest members of Congress in history. Today, no longer the youngest, he has risen to become the chairman of the Republican Conference, third-highest ranking post in his party's leadership. He is also a member of the Committee on Financial Services, which oversees all components of the nation's housing and financial services sectors.



A fifth generation Floridian, Adam brings to Capitol Hill the common sense values he learned growing up in a farming family. He has led improvements to a wide array of laws affecting Floridians, ranging from agriculture and children to small business and social security. During his time in Congress, Adam has served as a member of the committees on Agriculture, Budget, Government Reform, and the powerful committee on Rules. In 2003, was selected to lead the subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Census, making him the youngest subcommittee chairman since World War II. In that post, he worked to reduce the risk of cyberterrorism, and was responsible for legislation that strengthened federal computer security.

Before being elected by his peers to chair the Republican Conference, Adam served as the chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, another leadership post. As Conference Chairman, he is responsible for being his party's chief spokesman, but Adam describes it as "turning the lights back on in the Idea Factory. We can't just say 'no,' we have to provide constructive ideas to move the nation forward."

Florida's 12th District is composed of most of Polk County and portions of Hillsborough and Osceola counties. Positioned along the I-4 Corridor, the district reflects the economic and cultural diversity the Sunshine State. Here are rapidly changing communities near the major metropolitan areas of Tampa and Orlando, as well as cattle ranches, citrus groves, and small towns that still evoke Old Florida.

Adam was born in the heart of the 12th District, in the city of Bartow in 1974. There, he graduated from Bartow High School and went on to the University of Florida, where he graduated with his bachelor's degree in economics. After graduating from UF he returned to work in his family's citrus and cattle operation and won election to the Florida House of Representatives, where he served from 1996-2000. Today, Adam, his wife, Melissa, and their four children reside in Bartow.

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## George Radanovich

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### California's 19th District

Congressman George Radanovich (rah-DON-oh-vitch), a Republican, represents California's 19th

Congressional District and is currently serving his seventh term in Congress.

A California native, Radanovich was born in the Sierra foothills community of Mariposa in 1955. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural business management from California State Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo in 1978. Radanovich is married to the former Ethie Weaver, a California political consultant. They have one son, King.



George's observation of a microclimate in Mariposa led him to pioneer grape growing to the area in 1982. Four years later he opened the region's first winery and was the first full-time winemaker to serve in Congress since Thomas Jefferson. He also served as President of the historic, 74-member, 1994 House Republican Freshmen Class.

He has won the US Chamber's "Spirit of Enterprise Award" and the NFIB's "Guardian of Business Award." In 2002, he was named UC Merced's "Legislator of the Year," and the Armenian National Committee named him "Man of the Year." He also received the Fresno NAACP's 2005 "Image Award."

The Congressman currently serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee and its Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, Subcommittee on the Environment and Hazardous Materials and Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. Previously, he has served on the Resources Committee, and was Chairman of the Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power and the Subcommittee on National Parks.

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## Denny Rehberg

### Montana

U.S. Congressman Denny Rehberg, in his fourth term representing the state of Montana, is a fifth generation Montana rancher, with more than a quarter century of ranching and public service experience.

In 1977 he began his life-long dedication to public service by working as an intern in the Montana State Senate and two years later he joined the Washington, D.C. staff of Montana Congressman Ron Marlenee as a legislative assistant. In 1982, Denny returned to Montana and the family business of ranching.

In 1984, Rehberg was again called to public service when his fellow Montanans elected him to the state House of Representatives. After serving three successful terms where he led the effort to bring fiscal accountability to state government, balanced the budget and fought off attempts to raise taxes, Denny was appointed Lieutenant Governor by Governor Stan Stephens.



Following his appointed term, Rehberg joined the statewide ticket with Attorney General and candidate for Governor Marc Racicot and was elected to his first full term as Montana's Lieutenant Governor in 1992.

As Lieutenant Governor, Denny sought to bring government back to the local level by traveling to all 56 counties every year - a practice he has maintained as Montana's Congressman. He chaired the Drought Advisory Committee and the Task Force credited with reforming Worker's Compensation, the Montana Rural Development Council, and several health care initiatives.

A life long steward of the land, Denny managed the Rehberg Ranch near Billings prior to his election to Congress, where he oversaw a herd of 500 cattle and 600 cashmere goats.

Since 2001, Denny Rehberg has served as Montana's sole member in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Denny serves as a member of the highly regarded U.S. House Committee on Appropriations, which has budget jurisdiction of the 13 annual spending bills and controls one-third of the federal government's \$2.5 trillion budget. He serves on two Appropriation Subcommittees:

\* Labor Health and Human Services

\* Financial Services

In the wake of the terrible tragedies of September 11th, Congressman Rehberg has been an outspoken proponent of common sense reform. He has joined successful majorities in voting to re-build America's neglected military infrastructure, eliminate the failed INS agency in favor of a more accountable system and dramatically increase efforts to secure America's borders.

Congressman Rehberg's priorities for the future are clear: he wants to ensure American security at home and abroad, provide for a quality public education so that every child has the ability to achieve his or her fullest potential, and is committed to keeping America's promise to our senior citizens by preserving Social Security and Medicare, which now offers a comprehensive prescription drug benefit.

Denny Rehberg has been happily married to his high school sweetheart, Jan, for over 25 years. Together they have three children, A.J. (22), Katie (18), and Elsie (8). A graduate of Washington State University (1977), Rehberg attended Billings West High School and Montana State University.

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## Dave Reichert

### Washington's 8th District

Congressman Dave Reichert brings over 35 years of public service experience to Washington. Reichert is serving his second term as the Representative from the Eighth Congressional District of Washington.

Congressman Reichert serves on three committees: Homeland Security, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science and Technology. During his first term in Congress, Reichert was only the sixth freshman in the history of the House of Representatives to be given a committee chairmanship. Reichert was appointed Chairman of the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology. In this position, Chairman Reichert led the way in drafting comprehensive legislation to fix the emergency response problems associated with FEMA following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This legislation included a section on improving the ability of first responders to communicate during emergencies and it was signed into law on October 4, 2006.



Reichert, once again, has a leadership role on the Homeland Security Committee, serving as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment. In this capacity, Congressman Reichert works to protect the security of Americans against threats and homegrown terrorism. The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over federal, state, and local intelligence and information-sharing efforts within the United States; terrorism-related threat, vulnerability, and risk analyses at the Department of Homeland Security; terrorism threat advisories and warnings; Homeland Security Advisory System; liaison of the Department with U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies; and, the role of terrorism threat prioritization. Congressman Reichert also serves on the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism.

Reichert has a remarkable record of service. Decisive leadership, integrity and tireless dedication are his hallmarks. From 1971 through 1976, Reichert was a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserve. In 1972 Reichert joined the King County Sheriff's Office and in 1997 he became the first elected sheriff in 30 years. Under his leadership, the county saw a significant drop in violent crime. Reichert brought national recognition to the Sheriff's Office as head of the Green River Task Force solving the largest serial murder case in U.S. history. As Sheriff, Reichert also brought an unprecedented \$28 million in federal funding to King County law enforcement efforts.

Sheriff Reichert established himself as a leading voice against domestic violence and an advocate of strong family values. In 2004 Reichert received the prestigious National Sheriffs' Association's "Sheriff of the Year" award. He is a two-time Medal of Valor Award recipient from the King County Sheriff's Office and was honored with Washington Policy Center's Champion of Freedom Award. Reichert received the Families Northwest Public Policy Award and took top honors in a local television network's (King 5) leadership poll.

Reichert served as president of the Washington State Sheriffs' Association and an executive board member of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. He has served on numerous advisory boards including the King County Criminal Justice Council and the King County Domestic Violence Council. Reichert co-chaired the Washington State Partners in Crisis, a statewide coalition targeting issues related to mental health. Reichert also was a leader in the fight against Meth in Washington State by implementing annual Statewide Conferences, State Meth Action Teams, and was co-chair of the KC Meth Coalition. As Sheriff, he was also a member of the KC Committee to End Homelessness. He currently serves as a member of the Special Olympics of Washington State Board of Directors.

Dave Reichert was born in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, in 1950, the oldest of seven children and grandson of the town marshal. His family moved to Washington State in 1951, living first in Renton and later in Kent, where Reichert attended Kent Meridian High School. He graduated from Concordia Lutheran College in Portland, Oregon, where he played football and met his wife of more than 35 years, Julie. The Reicherts currently live in Auburn and have three grown children, Angela, Tabitha and Daniel, and six grandchildren.

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## Harold "Hal" Rogers

### Kentucky's 5th District

Elected to Congress in 1980, Harold "Hal" Rogers is currently serving his 14th term representing Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District. In his 28th year on Capitol Hill, Rogers is the longest serving Kentucky Republican ever elected to federal office. Rogers has a reputation of using the appropriations process to affect measurable outcomes from government. Nationally, his focus is on homeland security, applying strong Congressional oversight in capital-intensive programs to secure the borders, aviation and maritime security and grant distribution to the nation's emergency responders. In Kentucky, designated funding he has worked to secure since the early 80's has made a measurable difference in people's lives - reducing the scourge of addictive drugs, attracting jobs and tourists, and improving the environment.



A member of the House Appropriations Committee since his second term, Rogers assumed the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary in 1995, when Republicans became the majority party in Congress. This placed him in the "College of Cardinals," the elite group of 12 House members who chair a House Appropriations Subcommittee and have jurisdiction over the \$900 billion in federal appropriations that fund the nation's government programs.

In January of 2003, Rogers' colleagues selected him to serve as the first chairman of the Subcommittee on Homeland Security, which is responsible for funding and oversight of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Under Rogers' leadership, the Subcommittee has overseen the successful integration of 22 legacy agencies into one unified structure at DHS. The Department is the third-largest cabinet agency behind the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs and is home to more than 180,000 employees. Security-related entities such as the Transportation Security Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Secret Service, and Coast Guard fall under the DHS umbrella.

Rogers has a reputation for tough oversight and has repeatedly held the Department's feet to the fire. One of the strongest critics of wasteful spending by the Transportation Security Administration, Rogers continues pushing the agency to deliver the highest level of security in the most efficient and fiscally responsible manner possible. When concerns arose over funding for America's first responders, Rogers worked with the Department to streamline all grants into a "one-stop-shop" to simplify the process for states and localities. Rogers also wrote into law a provision requiring States to move at least 80-percent of their first responder formula grants to local governments within sixty days of receipt. Rogers continues to serve on this important committee as the top Republican.

During his 27 years in Congress, Rogers has worked to address a wide range of national issues. From 2001 to 2002, he served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation and worked to ensure the security of America's highways, railways, ports, and airways. As chairman, Rogers brought members of the Federal Aviation Administration and senior representatives of the aviation industry before his Subcommittee to develop a list of action items to solve the multi-million dollar problem of flight delays. A working group of industry and government officials was later formed which lead to a dramatic decrease in system-wide delays.

As chairman of the Commerce, Justice, State Subcommittee from 1995 through 2000, Rogers helped write some of the toughest anti-crime appropriations bills ever produced by the Congress. During that time, Rogers lead efforts to reform the Immigration and Naturalization Service and introduced legislation to split the agency into two units – one to enforce immigration laws and one to distribute benefits and manage services. This concept ultimately became law in the Homeland Security Act of 2002. Rogers rejoined the newly configured Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee in 2007. Rogers' congressional district consists of 29 counties in southern and eastern Kentucky. It is one of the poorest in the country, and Rogers works tirelessly to bring jobs, better education, and greater opportunities to the families living in his district.

Born in rural Kentucky, Rogers earned his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Kentucky. An

attorney by profession, he stepped into the public arena during the 1960s by promoting industrial development in his hometown of Somerset. In 1969, he was elected as Commonwealth Attorney for two Kentucky counties and served in that position for 11 years. In 1979, Rogers was the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor. Although not elected, the race was instrumental in providing the name recognition that helped him to victory during his first House campaign in 1980. Rogers has won re-election handily, even after a major 1991 redistricting that cost him half of his original district.

Rogers was married to Shirley McDowell Rogers for 37 years until her death in 1995. Together, they raised three grown children, Anthony, Allison and John. Rogers remarried to Cynthia Doyle Rogers in May of 1999. They make their home in Somerset, Kentucky.

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## Mike Rogers

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### Alabama's 3rd District

Mike Rogers was sworn in to the U.S. House of Representatives in January 2003 and represents East Alabama's Third Congressional District.

A fifth generation resident of East Alabama, Mike graduated from Saks High School and earned both his undergraduate degree in Political Science and Masters of Public Administration at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama.

At 28 years old, Mike became the youngest person and first Republican to join the Calhoun County Commission. While serving on the Commission and working for the United Way, Mike enrolled at the Birmingham School of Law along with his wife, Beth, and upon graduating with honors began a general law practice in Anniston. Three years later he started his own firm, which grew to become Anniston's largest.

Mike says he considers himself most blessed to be the father of Emily (age 14), Evan (age 13) and Elliot (age 10), and to be married to his wife Beth for 25 years. He and his family reside in the Saks community and attend Saks Baptist Church, the same church his grandfather attended.

In 1994 Mike began his service in the Alabama House of Representatives, and became House Minority Leader in 1998 during his second term.

Mike is Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, and serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Committee on Agriculture. His top priorities include strengthening East Alabama's vital military facilities, advocating strongly the state's agriculture interests, and helping grow the state's economy to provide new opportunities for jobs and development.



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## Mike Rogers

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### Michigan's 8th District

U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers' leadership positions, experience and legislative record make him an effective advocate for the citizens of Michigan's 8th District in a multitude of areas that affect our everyday lives. Mike consistently reaches out to assist citizens in dealing with federal agencies on issues related to Social Security, veterans care, education, IRS, health care, and many others. He also is proactive in helping workers and businesses with job growth and retention, and supporting communities with a variety of development, funding, and service-related matters.



Mike's leadership skills are acknowledged by House leaders in his appointment to serve on two major committees, the powerful Energy and Commerce panel and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Mike was appointed to the Intelligence Committee for his experience and personal interest in national security. The panel oversees the intelligence community, including operations and budgetary oversight, and is the primary panel responsible for overseeing implementation of the intelligence community restructuring.

In Congress, in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Mike's expertise was sought out during development of the USA PATRIOT Act, which gives law enforcement the tools necessary for tracking terrorists with today's technology. Mike's expertise proved invaluable in understanding how wiretaps are obtained and used, the complex checks and balances that prevent abuse of wire taps, and why the rules based on 1970s technology were no longer applicable in the day of cell phones and the Internet.

Only a few weeks before 9/11, Mike traveled in the Middle East where he talked with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, and has since made more than a dozen Middle East visits. Mike visited Afghanistan where he met with U.S. troops as well as leaders of Afghanistan, including President Karzai. Later he traveled in Israel and Saudi Arabia, and then to Turkey, Qatar, Bahrain and Kuwait, where he met with U.S. military troops as well as leaders of those four nations. He was sent again to Turkey to talk with new leaders there about basing U.S. military troops on Turkish bases. Mike was a member of the first official Congressional delegation to Iraq following major combat operations, and has returned to the country multiple times. The first-hand knowledge gained from these fact-finding missions, and his own personal interest in national defense and world affairs, make Mike a valuable resource for his Congressional colleagues and the citizens he serves in Michigan.

On the Energy and Commerce Committee, Mike's subcommittee assignments include: Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection; Health; and Environment and Hazardous Materials. Energy and Commerce is the oldest standing committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. It serves as the principal guide for the House in matters relating to the promotion of commerce and to the public's health and marketplace interests.

Mike has been aggressive in Congress on a number of issues, including measures that strengthen the economy and help build a stronger jobs base for Michigan communities, including more investment in developing alternative fuels to help get America off its dependence on foreign oil, and a focus on issues that will make health care affordable and accessible to all Americans. Mike is fighting to get U.S. officials to enforce trade laws that would prevent China from manipulating its currency to give its businesses an unfair advantage over American business and workers. He has authored legislation to help stop scam artists from defrauding Americans and stealing their hard-earned savings and investments, to stop the flow of Canadian trash into Michigan and other border states, to empower low-income and minority families to become homeowners, and to establish protocols and provide treatment for millions of Americans suffering from severe chronic pain. Rogers' measures already signed into law include a segment of tax cut legislation that makes college savings account earnings free from federal taxes; the Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act, to protect families at funerals for their fallen heroes by keeping away demonstrators; and making Health Savings Accounts available to low-income families.

In the Michigan Senate (1995-2000), Mike earned a reputation as a leader on education, jobs, and Internet crime prevention. He authored laws creating Michigan's highly successful college and vocational training tax-free savings plan, created laws leading to thousands of new jobs, and led the fight to protect children from sexual predators while surfing the Internet and creating higher penalties for using the Internet to commit crimes related to stalking, gambling or bombing. He championed telecommunications consumer protection laws and spearheaded efforts to put Michigan's Veteran's Trust Fund in a "lockbox" to guarantee its availability to meet veteran's needs.

A 1985 graduate of Adrian College in Michigan, Mike earned his reputation as a leader, problem solver and "people person" during service as a U.S. Army officer/company commander (1985-88), FBI Special Agent investigating public corruption as a member of the Chicago Bureau's organized crime unit (1988-94), and in the Michigan Senate (1995-2000) where he served as Senate Majority Floor Leader (1999-2000).

Mike also has a strong business background. He is a co-founder of E.B.I. Builders, Inc., a family-owned home construction business in Brighton, and is a member of several chambers of commerce. Mike served in the University of Michigan Reserve Officer Training Corp (R.O.T.C.), belongs to the Society of Former Special Agents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and is an honorary member of Brighton Rotary Club.

Mike has two children, a daughter and a son. He commutes to the nation's Capital each week, and can often be seen in the 8th District where he is a familiar face at many community events and activities.

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## Dana Rohrabacher

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### California's 46th District

Currently serving his ninth term in Congress, Dana Rohrabacher represents California's scenic 46th District. Stretching along the Pacific coastline of Orange County and Los Angeles from Huntington Beach to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, the district includes Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Seal Beach, Santa Catalina Island, Midway City, Sunset Beach, Surfside, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes Estates and Rolling Hills Estates as well as portions of Long Beach, Westminster, Santa Ana and San Pedro, and Newport Beach.



As Ranking Member of the International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rohrabacher is a most forceful spokesman for human rights and democracy around the world. For example, during the 110th Congress, Rep. Rohrabacher will champion the effort to boycott the 2008 Beijing Olympics by introducing a resolution to that effect emphasizing China's litany of human rights violations. Rohrabacher is also committed to securing our borders and a staunch opponent of amnesty for illegal immigrants. During his tenure as Chairman, one of his first priorities was to investigate the U.N. Oil for Food program and potential foreign influence in the Oklahoma City Bombing. Rep. Rohrabacher will continue to look into technology transfer issues, visa policies practiced by the State Department, Chinese proliferation of nuclear weapons technology as well as other volatile areas of concern such as the massive cultivation of opium poppies in Afghanistan. As a senior member of the International Relations Committee, Rohrabacher led the effort to deny Most Favored Nation trading status to Communist China, citing the rogue nation's dismal human rights record and opposition to democracy.

Rohrabacher is a strong voice for lower government spending and taxes. His record of fiscal restraint and pro-growth policies has won him acclaim from the National Taxpayers Union, Citizens Against Government Waste, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business.

#### **Past Accomplishments**

Rohrabacher served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics from 1997 to January 2005, having been given a two-year waiver to serve beyond the normal six-year term limit. His final achievement as chairman was to secure the enactment of his Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act, signed into law by President Bush on December 23, 2004. The law clears the way for small and middle-sized entrepreneurs to build commercial space passenger vehicles and bolsters private sector participation in space travel.

Rohrabacher led efforts in the 104th and 105th Congresses to restore the intellectual property rights of American inventors legislated away with the implementation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), authoring the Patent Term Restoration Act.

The 46th congressional district is the birthplace of California's Proposition 187, a reform initiative which removes illegal aliens from the state's welfare and education rolls. Rohrabacher inspired the grassroots movement and, as a principal congressional spokesman for Prop. 187, framed the debate that led to the passage of the popular measure.

Prior to his first election to Congress in 1988, Dana served as Special Assistant to President Reagan. For seven years he was one of the President's senior speechwriters. During his tenure at the White House, Rohrabacher played a pivotal role in the formulation of the Reagan Doctrine and in championing the cause of a strong national defense. He also helped formulate President Reagan's Economic Bill of Rights, a package of economic reforms that the President introduced in a historic speech before the Jefferson Memorial.

Rohrabacher's roots in Orange County run deep. He attended elementary school locally and during his college days, he resided in Sunset Beach. Prior to joining Ronald Reagan's White House staff, he was an editorial writer for the Orange County Register. Rohrabacher was born June 21, 1947, in Coronado, California. He graduated from Palos Verdes High School, attended Harbor Junior College and received his

bachelor degree in history from Long Beach State College in 1969. He received his master's degree in American Studies from the University of Southern California. In August 1997 he married an Orange County native (and fellow surfer), Rhonda Carmony and April 27, 2004, they became the proud parents of triplets.

**Committee Assignments**

Congressman Rohrabacher serves as Ranking Member of the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee of the House Committee on International Relations and is a senior member on the House Committee on Science.

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## Peter Roskam

### Illinois' 6th District

Peter Roskam is the U.S. Representative for the Sixth District of Illinois. Upon his election, the Chicago Sun-Times and Roll Call newspapers called Roskam a "rising star."

Roskam's priorities in Washington include providing tax relief for hard working families and businesses, reining in federal spending, expanding healthcare access and affordability, and promoting energy independence. The Daily Herald described him as an "avowed fiscal conservative who could lay claim to the anti-tax mantel."

As the people of the Sixth District are heavily impacted by the financial services sector, Roskam sought and received an appointment to the exclusive House Financial Services Committee and sits on the subcommittees for Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government-Sponsored Enterprises; Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology; and Oversight and Investigations. House Republican Leader John Boehner said about Roskam, "as a former Member of the Illinois State House, he has shown an unyielding commitment to the people of Illinois and will continue to do so while serving as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Financial Services Committee." Financial Services Committee Ranking Member Spencer Bachus called Roskam "a top-notch legislator who will perform his new duties with integrity, thoughtfulness, and energy."



In 1993 Roskam was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives where he served six years. In 2000, he was appointed to the Illinois Senate and served in the leadership as the Republican Whip and Floor Leader. He has received numerous awards from businesses, health care and pro-family organizations. He has also earned the praise of environmental and law enforcement groups for his leadership. In 2005, Americans for Tax Reform named him "Hero of the Taxpayer."

He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois and his law degree from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law. He took a hiatus from his legal studies to teach high school history and government in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Following law school, Peter pursued his interest in public policy and moved to our nation's capitol, where he worked for then freshman Congressman Tom DeLay and his predecessor from the Sixth District, Congressman Henry Hyde.

Back in Illinois, Peter served as Executive Director of Educational Assistance Ltd., a nonprofit scholarship program for disadvantaged youngsters. This organization received President Reagan's Volunteer Action Award for outstanding service to the community.

Peter's roots in the district go back to Hill Avenue in Glen Ellyn where he lived as a toddler. Growing up, Peter started a house cleaning service, served as Student Senate President at Glenbard West High School and was a varsity gymnast. At one point, he bicycled across America - from San Diego to Virginia Beach.

During his years on Capitol Hill, Peter met his wife Elizabeth. Congressman and Mrs. Roskam now live in Wheaton where they are raising their four children.

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## Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

### Florida's 18th District

#### Introduction

Since my election in 1989 to the United States Congress, I have proudly represented Florida's 18th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Forced to flee with my family from the oppressive communist regime of Fidel Castro, I became the first Hispanic woman and first Cuban-American elected to Congress.



#### Public Service

Throughout my life, I have been dedicated to serving our community. After completing public education in Miami and graduating from Miami-Dade Community College, I followed my passion for education and earned a Bachelors of Arts in Education from Florida International University. I then founded and served as the principal and teacher of a private bilingual elementary school in Hialeah. My passion for education continued while completing a Masters in Educational Leadership at FIU, and earning a Doctorate of Higher Education from the University of Miami.

Understanding the issues facing South Florida, I was elected in 1982 to the Florida State House of Representatives, becoming the first Hispanic woman in that body. In 1986, I was elected to the Florida State Senate in 1986. While serving, I met and married fellow Florida legislator Dexter Lehtinen, who became the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. We have two children, Amanda Michelle and Patricia Marie, and two step-children, Katharine and Douglas.

When the 18th Congressional District seat was vacated by the passing of Claude Pepper in 1989, I won the seat, and have been strongly returned to Congress since, winning 62% of the vote in 2006.

#### A Powerful Voice for South Florida

I have been a strong leader in the United States Congress, fighting to advance the needs of South Florida and ensuring that the nation continues to prosper. Addressing the needs of the unique community in South Florida, I have worked so our precious ecosystems are preserved for future generations to enjoy. I have consistently opposed any efforts to drill off Florida's coasts.

In addition to preventing offshore drilling, I have fought to secure in excess of \$27 million to provide for the dredging of the Miami River, ensuring that the river remains a vibrant natural resource. This important project removes contaminated materials from the river, protecting coral reefs and other important marine life in Biscayne Bay.

I have voted consistently on helping homeowners not lose their homes during this period of market uncertainty. I voted in favor of the American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act, which recently passed the House. This legislation provides mortgage refinancing assistance to keep families from losing their homes, protects neighboring home values, and helps stabilize the housing market. I also supported the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act. This bill establishes a national affordable housing trust fund to build or preserve over a million homes over the next decade. Increasing the supply of affordable housing will help ensure that South Florida families who have lost their homes can find housing.

I voted in favor of the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008. This bi-partisan legislation was enacted as an effort to reinvigorate the economy and help hard-working South Floridians who are struggling with rising costs of fuel and groceries. I have worked hard to lower the burden of high taxes on families so that they can keep more of their money. I have supported legislation to lower the income tax rate, eliminate the death tax and reduce the marriage penalty tax. I have cosponsored the 401Kids Family Savings Act to allow tax-free distributions from a Coverdell education savings account for first-time homebuyer expenses and permit rollovers from Coverdell education savings accounts to Roth individual retirement accounts. I also cosponsored the Financial Security Accounts for Individuals with Disabilities Act to establish tax-exempt financial security accounts for individuals with disabilities to pay certain expenses of such individuals, including expenses for education, medical care, and employment training.

Given the importance of the Port of Miami to the South Florida economy, and its position as the gateway to the Americas, it is vital that the port receives the security it requires to meet the challenges of the 21st

century. I have fought to bring attention to the critical needs of our ports, which are high priority targets for those who aiming to inflict chaos on the United States. Working with the County, Port of Miami officials and the State of Florida, I have ensured that the cargo facilities are equipped with security resources to keep this important piece of infrastructure safe, in turn protecting the local community and the economy.

As a former educator, I have has been a strong voice for addressing the education needs of our community. While in the Florida Senate, I introduced legislation to create Florida's first Pre-Paid College Tuition Plan. This plan has enabled students to attend college, equipping them with the resources to reach their highest ambitions. Without this plan, many of these students would have been denied this opportunity. Continuing my support for the education of our future leaders, I recently voted in favor the Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act. This will give the Department of Education the authority to purchase student loans from lenders, increase the unsubsidized Stafford loan limit, and provided an optional grace period so that parents can defer certain loan payments until after their children graduate.

I have been a strong advocate of programs that address the serious problem of violence against women. As a co-sponsor of H.R. 2876, which reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act, I sent a strong message to the community that violence against women is unacceptable, and ensured that programs to address this problem continued to be funded into the future.

#### **A Strong Commitment to Foreign Affairs**

I am the Ranking Member on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Serving in this role, I have been a tireless advocate for the advancement of human rights across the globe, as well as continuing to be a strong voice in opposition to Castro's dictatorial regime in Cuba. This marks a long involvement in foreign affairs, having previously served as Chair of the Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, the Subcommittee on Africa, the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights and as Vice-Chair on the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.

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## Ed Royce

### California's 40th District

U.S. Representative Ed Royce (R) is serving his eighth term in Congress representing Southern California's 40th District, based in Orange County. He and his wife, Marie, are longtime residents of Fullerton, CA.

Royce's priorities in Congress are: protecting our homeland, supporting our troops and veterans, providing meaningful tax relief for workers, protecting the budget and cutting excessive government spending, fighting crime and supporting victims of crime, strengthening education for all students, and preserving Social Security and Medicare.

Royce has a strong history of public service. In 1982, he was elected to the California State Senate where he began his fight for victims' rights. He was also the legislative author and campaign co-chairman of California's Proposition 115, the Crime Victims/Speedy Trial Initiative, approved by the voters in 1990. In Congress, Royce continues his fight for victims' rights. He wrote and passed the Interstate Stalking Punishment and Prevention Act in 1996. This law makes it a federal crime to pursue a victim across state lines and enables law enforcement to intervene before violence occurs. Royce was active in passing AMBER Alert legislation in 2003, and legislation in 2004 to enhance rights for victims of crime.



For the 110th Congress, Royce serves as a senior member of two important Committees in the House: Foreign Affairs and Financial Services. As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Royce has been named Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade; member of the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment.

As Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, Royce is at the forefront of some of the most important issues facing our country. The Subcommittee explores issues including the threat posed by Islamist terrorism, especially the Al-Qaeda network; terrorist financing; terrorist sanctuaries and failed states; and capacity building of foreign forces to fight terrorism. The Subcommittee's jurisdiction over nonproliferation issues is crucial given the severity of the threat of weapons of mass destruction falling into terrorist hands.

Within the Financial Services Committee, Royce sits on three Subcommittees: Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises; Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit; and Oversight and Investigations. Royce has served on the conference committees for some of the most significant legislation in the financial services arena. For more than a decade Royce has called for a stronger federal regulator to limit Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's excessive risk taking at the expense of taxpayers. In 2003, he offered the first legislation that sought to bring Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Home Loan Bank System under a strong federal regulator.

Royce has consistently earned honors and awards from the National Taxpayers Union, Citizens Against Government Waste, National Federation of Independent Businesses, Watchdogs of the Treasury, Americans for Tax Reform, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, United Seniors Association, 60 Plus, American Share Holders Association, Citizens for a Sound Economy and the Small Business Survival Committee.

A California native, Royce is a graduate of California State University, Fullerton, and School of Business Administration. Prior to entering public service, his professional background includes experience as a small business owner, a controller, a capital projects manager, and a corporate tax manager for a Southern California company.

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## Paul Ryan

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### Wisconsin's 1st District

Born and raised in the community of Janesville, Paul Ryan is a fifth-generation Wisconsin native. Currently serving his fifth term as a Member of Congress, Paul works to address the many important issues affecting Wisconsin residents and serve as an effective advocate for the First Congressional District.

He is the Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee, where he works to bring fiscal discipline and accountability to the federal government. He also serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax policy, Social Security, health care and trade laws. Paul has focused his recent legislative efforts on addressing our long-term fiscal crisis: the explosion of entitlement spending.



Paul is a graduate of Joseph A. Craig High School in Janesville and earned a degree in economics and political science from Miami University in Ohio.

Paul and his wife Janna live in Janesville with their children, daughter Liza and sons Charlie and Sam. The youngest of four children, Paul is the son of Paul Sr. (deceased) and Betty Ryan. He is a member of St. John Vianney's Parish.

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## Steve Scalise

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### Louisiana's 1st District

Congressman Steve Scalise is the newest Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Scalise won a special election to fill Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal's vacated Congressional seat on Saturday, May 3. Scalise won with 75% of the vote against three other opponents.

Scalise is known as a staunch conservative who advocates for the conservative principles of lowering taxes, fiscal constraint, creating a strong national defense and fighting for traditional family values. Scalise has already emerged as one of the leaders in Congress pushing for a strong national energy policy to increase the supply of American oil and lower gas prices at the pump.



Along with Scalise's legislative priorities he is committed to maintaining an open line of communication with his constituents to better serve them in Congress. Scalise held 10 town hall meetings throughout the district during his first two months in office.

#### Personal

Steve Scalise was born in New Orleans on October 6, 1965. A native of Jefferson Parish, Steve grew up in Metairie, and attended James Madison Elementary School and John Quincy Adams Middle School.

Scalise attended Rummel High School where he wrestled and played tennis for the Raiders. He went to Louisiana State University where he earned a Computer Science degree and minored in political science. Scalise started his political career at LSU, serving as Speaker of the Student Government Association.

Scalise has been married to the former Jennifer Letulle since 2005 and has a one year old daughter, Madison Carol.

Scalise served in the Louisiana Legislature for 12 1/2 years. In the State Senate Scalise served as the Chairman of the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee.

Scalise has many proud legislative accomplishments especially his creation of the tax incentives for Louisiana's film industry. The tax incentives made Louisiana the third most popular place to film in the United States, generating over \$500 million in film activity and creating more than 3,000 jobs in Louisiana in 2006.

Among Scalise's many other legislative accomplishments, he has been a leader in reforming Louisiana's ethics laws, consolidating the state's system of levee boards after hurricane Katrina to impose professional requirements and comprehensive earmark reform. Scalise has championed tax cuts for working families and businesses. He has strongly fought to defend 2nd Amendment rights, passing landmark legislation ending lawsuits against gun makers.

Scalise also successfully changed Louisiana's constitution by passing the Defense of Marriage Amendment, which was approved by 78% of the state's voters. While not an attorney, Scalise has a 2-0 legislative record before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In addition to his service in the Louisiana Legislature Scalise has also worked as a systems engineer for local technology companies. He and his wife are members of St. Agnes Catholic Church.

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## Jean Schmidt

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### Ohio's 2nd District

A lifelong resident of Clermont County, Jean Schmidt is the first woman ever elected to represent Southern Ohio in Congress. The diverse Second Congressional District, which includes seven counties, stretches from downtown Cincinnati to the riverside town of Portsmouth in Scioto County.

Congresswoman Schmidt was elected to office to fill the remaining term of former Congressman Rob Portman. Ambassador Portman resigned from the Second Congressional District seat in 2005 after being confirmed as the United State Trade Representative. Congresswoman Schmidt was re-elected in November 2006 to serve a full term in Congress.



Jean serves on Committees that deal with issues that directly impact Southern Ohio. Her assignments include the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Throughout her career, Congresswoman Schmidt has held various public offices and continues to be actively involved in civic and community groups. She served for two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives where the Cincinnati Enquirer described her tenure by saying she "...proved effective in passing legislation to address her district's concerns." While serving in the Ohio General Assembly, Schmidt enacted legislation to create jobs, protect Ohio's children and ensure access to quality healthcare.

Prior to Jean's election to Ohio's House of Representatives, she served 10 years as a Miami Township Trustee. She helped Miami Township to become a world-class community by initiating a variety of projects and improvements, including creating a 300 acre first class park system, securing funds for critical transportation improvements, and attracting more than 2,000 high paying jobs in the Township.

Congresswoman Schmidt holds a degree in Political Science from the University of Cincinnati and her interests include auto racing and long distance running. She has competed in more than 60 marathons and continues to compete across the country. She resides in Miami Township with her husband Peter. They have one grown daughter, Emilie.

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## F. James Sensenbrenner

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### Wisconsin's 5th District

F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., (Jim), is a Republican Member of Congress representing the Fifth Congressional District of Wisconsin. He won his race to become a Member of Congress in November of 1978, after serving ten years in the Wisconsin State Legislature. Congressman Sensenbrenner assumed the chairmanship of the House Committee on the Judiciary beginning in 2001. He has established a strong record on crime, constitutional, and intellectual property issues as a long-serving member of the Judiciary Committee. Previously, Congressman Sensenbrenner also served as Chairman of the House Committee on Science, where he solidified his reputation as an independent leader on science issues, as well as oversight.



Throughout his public life, Congressman Sensenbrenner has been at the forefront of efforts to eliminate wasteful government spending and protect the interests of American taxpayers. He has regularly been cited by the National Taxpayers Union as one of the most fiscally responsible House Members.

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## Pete Sessions

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### Texas' 32nd District

A conservative community leader, United States Congressman Pete Sessions has combined hard work, innovative thinking, free-market solutions and common sense principles and values to build a successful family, business, and congressional career.

Congressman Sessions was born on March 22, 1955 and grew up in Waco, Texas. He graduated from Southwestern University in 1978, and married Juanita Diaz in 1984. They have two sons, Bill (age 18) and Alex (age 14), and they make their home in East Dallas.

After graduating from Southwestern University, Congressman Sessions worked for then-Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for 16 years, retiring as District Manager for Marketing in Dallas. Thanks to this private sector experience, Congressman Sessions understands the need to fight bureaucracy and to utilize market-driven solutions to effectively solve problems in our communities and in government.



In 1996, the people of Dallas and the 5th Congressional District sent Congressman Sessions to Washington, DC to represent them in the United States House of Representatives. In 2002, Congressman Sessions began representing the 32nd Congressional District, created from redistricting. In 2006, the people of the 32nd Congressional District called him back to Congress for his sixth term.

Congressman Sessions is a stalwart defender of U.S. homeland and national security interests, as well as the men and women who defend them. As the parent of a child with Down Syndrome, he is a passionate advocate for people with disabilities. Congressman Sessions also believes that taxpayers deserve to get results from government, and has pursued common-sense, market-based reforms to help government operate more efficiently.

Congressman Sessions pursues his goals on these and other issues through his work on various Congressional committees and caucuses. He serves as a Member of the powerful House Committee on Rules.

Congressman Sessions is an Eagle Scout and a former Scout Master for 13 Eagle Scouts. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Circle Ten Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1999, Congressman Sessions was honored as a recipient of the National Distinguished Eagle Scout Award for service to his community as a Representative in Congress and for his commitment to furthering the role of the Boy Scouts of America in the lives of young men in the Dallas Community.

Congressman Sessions is also a member of the United Methodist Church. He is active in his community, where he is currently an honorary East Dallas Rotarian, and an Adopt-A-Shoreline Team Leader volunteer in the effort to maintain and conserve White Rock Lake in Dallas. As a businessman, he served as Chairman of the Northeast Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

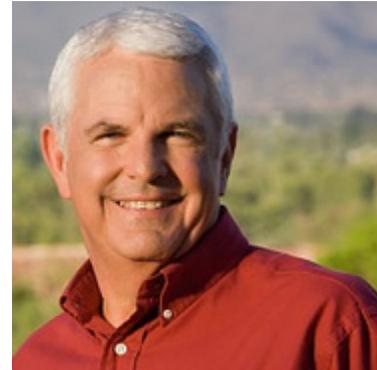
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## John Shadegg

### Arizona's 3rd District

John Shadegg has represented Arizona's Third Congressional District since 1994. He has established a reputation in Congress as a leading advocate for reduced government spending, federal tax relief, and the re-establishment of state and individual rights.

Shadegg gained a national profile when he ran for House Majority Leader to fill the vacancy created by Tom DeLay's resignation. Shadegg was widely credited with changing the dynamic of the debate and ultimately the outcome. Following John Boehner's election as Majority Leader, Robert Novak wrote: "It is clear that [Roy] Blunt would have been routinely elected as majority leader had Shadegg not entered the race." During the race, Shadegg received the endorsement of newspapers, magazines, and blogs from across the country, including the Arizona Republic, The San Diego Union Tribune, The Rocky Mountain News, The Indianapolis Star, The Mobile Register, National Review, Human Events, and Townhall.com.



Shadegg served as Chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee, the fifth-ranking position in the House Leadership, from 2005 to 2006. At the time, he was the only member of the Republican Class of 1994 serving in the House Leadership. He resigned that position when he entered the race for Majority Leader.

From 2000 to 2002, Shadegg was chairman of the Republican Study Committee (RSC), the largest conservative organization in the House of Representatives. Under Shadegg's leadership, the organization grew from 40 to more than 70 members, and became the most influential and respected force in the U.S. House shaping conservative policy for the country.

John Shadegg is a leader on health care issues, energy issues, and environmental policy.

He has introduced several bills to address the problem of the uninsured, lessen the bureaucracy of Medicare, give patients the right to hold HMOs accountable and strengthen the doctor/patient relationship.

Shadegg has also worked to promote greater choice, ownership, and portability in health insurance. His two bills – the Patients Health Care Reform Act and the Health Care Choice Act – offer comprehensive, free-market solutions to the rapidly rising cost of healthcare by allowing individuals to choose a health care plan that best meets their needs.

On energy policy, Shadegg has been a key player in shaping the comprehensive national energy legislation, which was enacted into law on August 8, 2005. He has also actively supported the advancement of hydroelectric power - the cleanest, non-polluting renewable resource available. His efforts to promote hydroelectricity have spilled over into his fight to save and preserve Lake Powell. Radical environmental groups have called for Lake Powell to be drained, which would have devastating economic and environmental consequences throughout the Southwest. Shadegg helped form the Friends of Lake Powell to fight efforts to drain the lake.

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## John Shimkus

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### Illinois' 19th District

#### Personal

John M. Shimkus is serving his 12th year in Congress and represents the 19th District of Illinois.

John serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. He has gained seniority and is now the ranking Republican on the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. He also sits on the Subcommittees on Telecommunications and the Internet, Energy and Air Quality, and Environment and Hazardous Materials.



#### Legislative Success

John has been quite successful in getting legislation passed and signed into law. His efforts have focused on safety issues and alternative fuels, particularly important in his rural district.

##### *Legislation on emergency safety*

John sponsored legislation that was signed into law in 1999 by President Clinton designating 9-1-1 as the universal emergency number, including cellular phones.

In 2004 he was able to get E-911 legislation signed into law by President Bush. This law expanded federal grants for deployment of equipment able to locate 9-1-1 callers from wireless devices.

##### *Legislation on other safety issues*

In 2002 John sponsored legislation signed into law that increased federal oversight of automobile tires.

Also in 2002 John sponsored legislation signed into law that established the [www.kids.us](http://www.kids.us) Internet domain that provides a safe place on the web for young children to surf and learn without potential predators looming online.

In 2003 John sponsored legislation signed into law providing for the placement of heart defibrillators in schools.

##### *Legislation on alternative fuels*

In 1998 John sponsored legislation signed into law that put biodiesel on the map. His bill changed our nation's alternative fuel policy from one of vehicle purchases to actual alternative fuel usage.

John has been tireless since then in fighting for increased use of biodiesel, made from soybeans and other products, and ethanol, made from corn and other products. His efforts on behalf of the renewable fuel standard were instrumental in its inclusion in the energy bill signed into law in 2005. He has subsequently introduced and fought for legislation encouraging coal to liquid fuel production.

#### Family

John married Karen Muth in 1987. They met while he was assigned to his last active Army duty station in California. They have three sons: David, 15, Joshua, 13, and Daniel, 8. The family maintains their residence in Collinsville, Illinois, John's hometown. The Shimkus family are active members of both Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Collinsville.

#### Education and Work History

John received his Bachelor of Science degree in general engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He served over five years active duty in the Army following his graduation, then entered the Army Reserves. John retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel as of June 1, 2008, closing out 28 years of military service.

After leaving active duty John obtained his teaching certificate from Christ College Irvine, California (now Concordia University Irvine). He returned home to teach at Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, Illinois.

In 1989 John won his first election, becoming a Collinsville Township trustee. He quit his teaching job the following year and won a successful campaign for Madison County (Illinois) treasurer. While serving as county treasurer John began studies for his master's degree in business administration. He graduated with his MBA from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in 1997.

In 1996 John won his first term as a United States Representative.

**Service**

John maintains offices in Collinsville, Springfield, Harrisburg, Centralia, and Olney, Illinois, in addition to his office in Washington, D.C. John's Congressional staff assisted over 1,000 people in 2006 alone with their problems dealing with various government agencies.

In addition to serving on his committee and on various caucuses, John is a United States delegate to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He is the ranking Republican of this delegation and serves on the NATO-PA Defense and Security Committee. This is the inter-parliamentary organization of legislators from the member states of the North Atlantic Alliance.

**Honors and Awards**

John has been conferred with honorary doctor of laws degrees from Concordia University Irvine (2004) and Concordia University Nebraska (2005). In 2007 he was presented the Christus Vivit award by Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

John has received hundreds of awards in appreciation of his work in the U.S. House. Some of the more special honors have been from the Southwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, the Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois, and various Boy Scout groups.

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## Bill Shuster

### Pennsylvania's 9th District

2009 marked the beginning of the 111th Congress and Congressman Bill Shuster's fifth term in the House of Representatives. Throughout his career in the House, Congressman Shuster has proven himself to be a leader on local and national issues, and an outspoken advocate for the people of the 9th district in Washington, DC.

Congressman Shuster is committed to bringing greater opportunity and a better standard of living to the people of the 9th district through his focus on economic development and transportation infrastructure. As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Shuster was able to secure important funding for roadway projects in the 9th district as well as infrastructure improvements throughout Western Pennsylvania.



In Congress, Shuster's commitment to representing his constituents has provided him with a unique opportunity to serve in leadership positions in the House and the Republican Party. For the 110th Congress, Congressman Shuster has been elevated to the post of Deputy Republican Whip. In this capacity, Shuster will assist the Republican leadership in crafting its legislative agenda on the House floor.

Additionally, Congressman Shuster has been named as the Ranking Member on the Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Material making him the highest ranking Republican on that subcommittee. This subcommittee is one of the most important transportation subcommittees due to its jurisdiction over everything involving rail transportation, from Amtrak to cargo, employee contracts, and rail security. This new position will allow Shuster to promote and expand the 9th district's already historic involvement in railroading.

Congressman Shuster has also been named to the House Committee on Natural Resources, where he will serve on the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. Shuster's participation on this committee will enable him to bring greater attention and investment into Western Pennsylvania's rich coal and timber resources.

Congressman Shuster continues to be an active voice in national security matters. His position on the House Armed Services Committee provides him valuable insight into the Global War on Terror and how our military should transform to meet emerging threats, especially the threat of Islamic fundamentalism.

In addition to gaining experience in agriculture by working on his family's farm in Bedford County, Shuster earned valuable marketing and management experience with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Corporation as well as with Bandag Incorporated where he served as District Manager. He is also an experienced small business owner. Prior to his arrival in the House of Representatives, Shuster owned and operated his own small business, an automobile dealership, in East Freedom, Pennsylvania.

Bill Shuster was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania on January 10, 1961. After graduating from Everett High School he attended Dickinson College in Carlisle, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History. Shortly thereafter he went on to earn a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from American University in Washington, D.C.

Congressman Shuster resides in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania with his wife and two children.

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## Mike Simpson

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### Idaho's 2nd District

Michael (Mike) K. Simpson is serving his fifth term in the House of Representatives for Idaho's Second Congressional District.

Mike serves on the House Appropriations Committee. His subcommittee assignments directly reflect Idaho's diverse economy and concerns; Energy and Water Development; and Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. In addition to serving on the Appropriations Committee, Congressman Simpson serves on the House Budget Committee.

Simpson is one of the House's leading advocates for a new energy policy and a renewed commitment to research and development of improved nuclear energy technologies. Mike has also gained national attention for his bill to split the massive, overburdened 9th Circuit Court of Appeals as well as his bill, the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act which addresses the concerns of economic growth and stability for rural Idaho and resolves long time wilderness debate over the Boulder-White Clouds.

His political career began in 1980, when he was elected to the Blackfoot City Council. In 1984, he was elected to the Idaho Legislature where he served until 1998, the last six years serving as Speaker.

Simpson was born in Burley, Idaho and raised in Blackfoot. He graduated from Utah State University and Washington University School of Dental Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. After graduation, he joined his father and uncle at the Simpson Family Dental Practice in Blackfoot.

Mike is an avid golfer, a fervent reader and enjoys painting. He has been married to his wife Kathy for 36 years.

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## Christopher Smith

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### New Jersey's 4th District

As a Member of the United States House of Representatives from New Jersey, Chris Smith has championed the rights and interests of many - from children forced to toil in sweatshops to women kidnapped and sold into lives of prostitution to unborn children whose opportunity for life is threatened. Smith has dedicated his life to protecting human rights and helping the world's most vulnerable.

Smith has represented the citizens of New Jersey's Fourth Congressional District since 1981, when he was sworn into office at the age of 27. Throughout his 28 years of service, he has established himself as one of the hardest-working, most compassionate and dedicated members of the House.



Smith - a nationally and internationally renowned leader in Congress particularly in the areas of human rights, religious freedom, veterans' affairs and healthcare - is an equally passionate local advocate who tirelessly applies his energy toward meeting local and state challenges.

As a champion of global human rights since being elected to Congress, Smith is a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Ranking Republican of the Committee's Africa and Global Health Subcommittee.

Smith also serves as a Ranking Member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (also known as the United States Helsinki Commission), which works to promote and foster democracy, human rights, and stability in Eastern and Central Europe, and on the Congressional-Executive Commission on China which monitors human rights and the development of the rule of law in China.

One of Smith's significant legislative achievements is his landmark Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Law, the nation's first law that deals specifically with human trafficking. In January, 2006, President Bush signed Smith's third trafficking law - the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2005. Smith authored the legislation to strengthen the nation's current trafficking law, provide new funds for investigation and prosecution of domestic trafficking within the United States and to help the young women and children who are most often the victims of human trafficking operations. This bill will provide \$361 million over the next two years to combat trafficking.

He began investigating and working to end the human trafficking epidemic in the mid-1990's. Trafficking is a \$9 billion industry, the third largest source of income for organized crime and the second fastest growing criminal activity in the world, equal with illegal arms sales.

Smith's original law provided government prosecutors with the resources needed to prosecute offenders as well as resources to help victims rebuild their lives. In 2003, a second Smith trafficking law - the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act - took effect and further strengthened his original law.

His original trafficking law also reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act, the most significant law to help protect women who are victims of rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Like the trafficking component, the VAWA reauthorization works to ensure prosecution of offenders and help the victims recover.

Smith authored the landmark Embassy Security Act. This law recognized the threat posed by global terrorism years before the September 11 terror attacks and authorized an investment of billions of dollars to better fortify U.S. embassies.

Over the years, Smith has also played a key role in promoting human rights reforms in the former Soviet Union, Romania, Vietnam, China, the Sudan, Cuba, and elsewhere. He has worked toward a just and lasting peace in Northern Ireland and an end of the discrimination against Catholics. He wrote the provision of the law that barred Northern Ireland Police (formerly the RUC) from training in the United States with U.S. law enforcement personnel until it was certified that the police met stringent human rights standards. That

certification was granted in December 2001 by President Bush.

In 2005, Smith's tireless work paid dividends when four of his bills were signed into law by President Bush, including the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005. Also signed into law was Smith's "Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005," which provides \$265 million for stem cell therapy, umbilical cord blood and bone marrow treatment. It also authorizes \$79 million for the collection of cord blood stem cells. Thousands have been successfully treated with cord blood stem cells for more than 67 diseases including Leukemia and Sickle Cell Anemia – which affects thousands of African Americans – and Smith's bill assures that these miracle treatments will now be available to tens of thousands of patients in need of transplant.

Smith wrote the "Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act," which also became law. This law provides \$90 million in assistance to torture victims around the world over the next two years, including 400,000 survivors in the United States. It also provides \$75 million in grants for rehabilitation services to assist victims of torture in foreign and domestic treatment centers and other torture relief assistance.

Smith also authored a law that would allow for United States participation in the Regional Emerging Diseases Intervention Center in Singapore in order to promote regional health security. The law will allow the federal government to send Health and Human Services infectious disease experts to the REDI Center to provide training and research to workers there so they can respond to disease outbreaks and bioterrorism attacks. One of the first priorities of the Center will be to combat the threat of pandemic flu.

From 2001 to 2004, Smith served as Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, a panel responsible for the well-being of our nation's 25 million military veterans. The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs oversees the \$63.8 billion provided to the Department of Veterans Affairs for healthcare and other benefit programs. Smith worked to improve the delivery of healthcare and benefits promised to our nation's veterans, and has delivered with several new laws to significantly expand and enhance veterans' health care and benefits programs.

Veterans laws authored by Smith include one providing a record 60 percent increase in the GI Bill which helps veterans pay for college. The increase is the largest ever since the GI Bill went into effect following World War II, helping to build the American middle class.

Smith also wrote the nation's first law that addresses and combats the plague of chronic homelessness among veterans. The Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act authorizes \$1 billion in programs to help veterans find and retain jobs and provides them with housing, counseling, and medical care they need to rebuild their lives.

In addition to his work on human rights, veterans, and international relations issues, Congressman Smith is very active in several healthcare issues, serving as Co-Chairman of the bipartisan Congressional Alzheimer's Task Force, Coalition for Autism Research and Education, and Congressional Spina Bifida Caucus. He also Co-Chairs the bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus.

One of his most notable health laws is Title I of the Children's Health Act which authorized a massive surveillance project in an effort to learn what causes autism. The bill established Centers of Excellence to conduct this vital work. One of the surveillance centers is currently operating in New Jersey.

A resident of Hamilton, Chris and his wife Marie have four adult children.

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## Lamar Smith

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### Texas' 21st District

As a senior Member of the Texas Congressional Delegation, Congressman Lamar Smith has represented residents of the 21st Congressional District since 1987.

Congressman Smith has shaped American public policy and left his imprint on national politics through a variety of leadership positions and by advancing dozens of pieces of key legislation.

Congressman Smith has been named one of the 100 most influential people in Washington by the National Journal.

In this Congress, Lamar Smith was selected by his colleagues to lead House Republicans on the Judiciary Committee. As the Ranking Republican Member, he serves as a spokesman for the party and helps shape committee policy. Representative Smith has been Chairman of three of the Judiciary Committee's five subcommittees: Intellectual Property, Crime, and Immigration.



Congressman Smith also was selected to serve on both the Homeland Security Committee, which considers legislation involving the war on terror, and the Science and Technology Committee, which has jurisdiction over America's space program, renewable energy policies, and environmental research.

In 2004, Representative Smith was elected to the House Republican Steering Committee to represent Republican Members of Congress from Texas. The 29-member House Steering Committee appoints members and chairmen of committees.

Representative Smith previously served as Chairman of the Ethics Committee and currently is the Ranking Republican on the Ethics Task Force.

A fifth-generation Texan, Congressman Smith graduated from Yale University and Southern Methodist University School of Law. Before his election to Congress, he practiced law, managed a family ranch and served as a state representative and county commissioner. He and his wife, Beth, have an adult daughter and son.

The 21st Congressional District includes portions of Bexar and Travis Counties and all of Comal, Real, Kerr, Bandera, Kendall and Blanco Counties. More than 650,000 people live in the District.

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## Mark Souder

### Indiana's 3rd District

U.S. Representative Mark Edward Souder was first elected to Congress in 1994 after working for U.S. Senator Dan Coats (R-IN) for 10 years during Coats' tenure in the House and Senate.

A senior member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, Congressman Souder is the lead Republican on the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism. He is also a senior member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the House Committee on Education and Labor.

From 2001 to early 2007, Congressman Souder served as Chairman of the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources. The subcommittee had jurisdiction over the domestic and international anti-drug efforts throughout the federal government, and it was the authorizing subcommittee for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). In addition, the panel had oversight of several other agencies, including the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the National Park Service, as well as the Departments of Justice, Education, Health and Human Services, Commerce, and Housing and Urban Development.



In 2002, Congressman Souder's subcommittee released a comprehensive 100-page report on our nation's border security, the first ever such report issued by a congressional committee. Over the years, the subcommittee proceeded to conduct extensive hearings examining faith-based organizations and the National Park System. In 2006, Souder authored much of the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act, the most comprehensive anti-meth law ever passed by Congress. Later that year, his ONDCP Reauthorization Act was signed into law.

Through his committee and floor work, Souder has been a champion of legislation to make faith-based organizations eligible to receive federal grants to help address cultural problems such as drug addiction, teen pregnancy and gang activity. The co-founder and co-chairman of the National Parks Caucus, he is one of Congress's strongest supporters of our nation's national parks, monuments and historical sites.

During the 106th Congress, the prestigious Congressional Quarterly magazine named Souder one of the four most effective "conservative true believers" in Congress. He and Senator Richard Lugar were highlighted as two of CQ's Top 50 leaders in the premier edition of the publication's honorary list.

Mark Souder graduated from Leo High School in 1968 and from Indiana University at Fort Wayne in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. Had he not been elected to Congress, perhaps his most significant achievement would have been his involvement in naming the IPFW "Mastodons" while he was student body president. Souder was one of the founders of the IPFW Alumni Association and one of its first Indiana University alumni presidents. He received an MBA from the University of Notre Dame in 1974, and in 1999 Souder and the three other members of Congress who are Notre Dame graduates were featured in the university's television ads on NBC during home football games.

Mark's family founded Souder's of Grabill in 1907. He is currently managing partner of Historic Souder's of Grabill, which owns the land and buildings of Souder's General Store, the Country Shops of Grabill and is the home of Elias Ruff Restaurant.

Mark married the former Diane Zimmer of South Bend in 1974. They have three grown children - Brooke, Nathan and Zachary - and one grandson, Grant. The Souders reside in Fort Wayne where they attend Emmanuel Community Church.

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## Cliff Stearns

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### Florida's 6th District

Cliff Stearns was elected in 1988 to the U.S. House of Representative, his only elected office. He was born in Washington, D.C., attended Woodrow Wilson High School there, and then went to George Washington University (GWU). He participated in Air Force ROTC at GWU and was honored as the Air Force ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate. He graduated with a degree in electrical engineering and then started his four years of service in the Air Force.



Serving during the Vietnam War, Stearns worked as an aerospace engineer in satellite reconnaissance. He left the service with the rank of Captain. He worked in the private sector before starting his own business by purchasing a motel. He sold his first property, moved to Florida, and started a successful motel/restaurant business in Ocala and Gainesville.

Active in his community, Stearns was president of the Kiwanis Club, was on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club, and on the Board of Directors for Munroe Regional Hospital. Because of his community involvement, he was urged to run for Congress.

Well known for fiscal responsibility, Stearns in 2007 is one of only 48 House members to receive an "A" rating from the National Taxpayers Union.

Stearns is the Ranking Republican on the Telecommunications and the Internet Subcommittee. Stearns is active through the Telecommunications Subcommittee in reforming antiquated laws that hinder the development and expansion of new products and services. From 2001 until 2007, Stearns was Chairman of the Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection Subcommittee. Leading that panel, Stearns worked to expand consumer protection by enhancing cyber-security, consumer privacy, spyware control, and international trade agreements dealing with telecommunication service agreements. In addition, the House approved the legislation he amended to combat the abuse of spyware, which is software that allows a third party to monitor the computer use of individuals without their knowledge.

In addition, he is Co-Chairman and Co-Founder of the U.S. Air Force Caucus, leading a congressional delegation to Iraq in 2005, and he is Co-Chairman and Co-Founder of the Congressional Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Caucus.

President Bush signed Stearns' legislation curbing frivolous lawsuits against the firearms industry into law in October 2005. Currently, Stearns is working in his Commerce, Trade & Consumer Protection Subcommittee on legislation to protect consumers' personal information and to prevent identity theft. In addition, the House approved the legislation he amended to combat the abuse of spyware, which is software that allows a third party to monitor the computer use of individuals without their knowledge.

Stearns is a leading advocate for increasing funding for the VA. For years, Stearns pushed for establishing a VA cemetery in the Jacksonville area, and his proposal was enacted leading to a new VA cemetery set to open in 2009. Stearns actively supports the VA's CARES plan, which calls for a new Regional Health Care Facility in Marion County and expansion of the VA Hospital in Gainesville.

Stearns is leading an effort to give Florida permanent control over its offshore resources after current moratoria on offshore drilling expire. He has championed programs at Central Florida Community College in Ocala, Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, and the University of Florida in Gainesville, and obtained funding for these schools to expand and enhance their programs. After years of controversy, he forged a consensus among state, local, and federal officials to return the Cross Florida Canal Lands to the state of Florida, resulting in a 77,000-acre greenway and \$32 million in repayments to six Florida counties. As the representative for Cecil Field, Stearns actively promotes the expansion of commercial activities at the former base. He is instrumental in gaining grants for converting Cecil and for training students in the Jacksonville area in aviation technology.

Stearns lives with his wife Joan in Ocala; they have three adult sons. He is extremely accessible to constituents. Returning to his home in Ocala often, he has held nearly 500 town meetings across North Central Florida.

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## John Sullivan

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### Oklahoma's 1st District

Congressman John Sullivan is a fourth generation Oklahoman, who has tackled many key policy issues since being elected to Congress in 2002.

During his time in Congress, Congressman Sullivan has fought hard for his constituents with the common sense Oklahoma values of less government, fiscal restraint and working to ensure that Americans keep more of their hard earned tax dollars in their pockets and out of the hands of Washington bureaucrats. Congressman Sullivan is a cosponsor of the Fair Tax Act, which will abolish our nation's dated tax system. As a member of the Republican Study Committee, a fiscally-conservative group of House members, Congressman Sullivan has taken the lead to slow the growth of the federal government and control runaway spending.



Congressman Sullivan is pleased to continue his service on the influential House Committee on Energy and Commerce. The oldest legislative standing committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, this committee is responsible for legislative oversight relating to telecommunications, consumer protection, food and drug safety, public health, air quality and environmental health, the supply and delivery of energy, and interstate and foreign commerce. Within the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Congressman Sullivan is proud to serve on the Health, Environment and Hazardous Materials, and Energy and Air Quality Subcommittees.

As a member of the powerful House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Congressman Sullivan has continually called for a comprehensive national energy policy, which includes decreasing our dependence on foreign oil and increasing refining capacity in the United States. His seat on the Subcommittee on Health will help him develop a plan for a comprehensive overhaul of our nation's health care system. It is essential that all Americans have access to affordable health care and that we focus on both preventative care and long term care solutions. He also serves on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Congressman Sullivan has also been influential in the area of immigration reform. He has continually called for an increase in border security and for no amnesty for those who are already in the United States illegally. Congressman Sullivan is responsible for increasing the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency's Oklahoma City field office from a mere four field agents to their current twelve agents and bringing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's 287(g) immigration training program to Tulsa. In addition, he previously introduced legislation to expand their operations to eastern Oklahoma and open a field office in the Tulsa area. A visit to the U.S.-Mexico border in October 2005 confirmed his fears that too many illegal aliens and potential terrorists were slipping into the United States undetected.

Congressman Sullivan was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The oldest of four siblings, Congressman Sullivan's parents, Daniel and Mag Sullivan taught their son the importance of faith and family. He still resides in Tulsa with his wife, Judy, and his four children: Tommy, Meredith, Sydney and Daniel. Congressman Sullivan graduated from Northeastern State University and, prior to being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, worked as a small businessman in Tulsa in the fields of energy, transportation, real estate and investments. His prior experience in the Tulsa business community gives him a unique understanding of some of the major legislative issues facing the First District. Congressman Sullivan was also proud to serve the Tulsa area in the Oklahoma House of Representatives for seven years, including acting as minority whip. During his time in Tulsa, Congressman Sullivan and his family continue their long and abiding history of volunteerism through active involvement in organizations such as Tulsa Catholic Charities and Bishop Kelley High School.

**Congressman Sullivan is also proud to be a member of the following Congressional Caucuses:**

*Co-Chair*

Congressional Task Force on Responsible Fatherhood

*Vice-Chair*

Congressional Native American Caucus  
Values Action Team  
Republican Study Committee  
Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus

- Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine
- Congressional USO Caucus
- Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease
- Congressional Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus
- Congressional Manufactured Housing Caucus
- Congressional Rural Caucus
- Congressional Sex and Violence in the Media Caucus
- Congressional Waterway Caucus
- Congressional Wireless Caucus
- Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus
- Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus
- Congressional Diabetes Caucus
- Congressional Taiwan Caucus
- Congressional China Caucus
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# Lee Terry

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## Nebraska's 2nd District

Congressman Lee Terry is the senior member of the Nebraska delegation of the United States House of Representatives, proudly serving Nebraska's Second Congressional District. Congressman Terry first came to the United States House of Representatives in 1998. He grew up in a family that believes service is a way of life. Congressman Terry considers serving the people of the Second District of Nebraska the greatest honor of his career. He believes in the necessity of energy independence, the promotion of telecommunications, and encouragement of businesses large and small; these beliefs are central to his philosophy of public service.



Before being elected to Congress, Congressman Terry served eight years on the Omaha City Council, serving two years as president and two years as vice president. During his time at the Omaha City Council, Congressman Terry consistently advocated lower taxes and community enterprise through public-private partnerships. He was also a four-year member of the Omaha/Douglas County Public Building Commission. Congressman Terry is a respected Omaha attorney, having been a managing partner of a small law firm that specializes in civil cases. Congressman Terry received his Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1984 and his Juris Doctorate from Creighton University Law School in 1987.

Congressman Terry currently serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which oversees energy, telecommunications, finance, trade, consumer protection, and business-related legislative issues, to name a few. Jurisdiction over a wide variety of subjects makes the Committee on Energy and Commerce one of the most influential in the United States Congress. Congressman Terry is a strong advocate of pro-business legislation, free trade, and he is the first Nebraskan to serve on the committee in 24 years.

Congressman Terry serves on the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications, the Subcommittee on the Environment, and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection.

As co-chairman of the Impact Aid Coalition, Congressman Terry supports funding for federally-impacted communities such as those school districts surrounding Offutt Air Force Base near Bellevue, Nebraska.

A lifetime Nebraskan, Congressman Terry has always been involved in political and charitable activities in Eastern Nebraska. He was a member of the board of directors of the American Diabetes Association and represented the Great Plains Region. He hosts an annual golf tournament, Swing for a Cure, to benefit the ADA.

Congressman Terry, his wife, Robyn, and their three sons, Nolan, Ryan, and Jack reside in Omaha, Nebraska.

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# Mac Thornberry

## Texas' 13th District

A fifth generation Texan, Mac Thornberry has strong ties to the people he serves in the U.S. House of Representatives. Mac is a lifelong resident of the 13th District of Texas. And, his family has been ranching in the area since 1881 - a family business in which Mac remains actively involved.

Mac shares the values of the people he represents and continues to fight for the things that are important to them. He is a longtime advocate of tax reduction and limited government. Boosting domestic energy production, expanding private property rights, and strengthening rural health care are top priorities for Mac. And, as one of the few Members of Congress personally involved in agriculture, Mac understands the challenges agricultural producers face and has been a key player in efforts to support them.



Since first being elected in 1994, Mac has established himself as a leader on national security. He currently serves on the Armed Services Committee and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He is the Top Republican on the Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats, and Capabilities.

Mac was one of the first in Congress to recognize the need to confront the threat of terrorism. Six months before the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, Mac introduced a bill to create a new Department of Homeland Security, which formed the basis of legislation signed into law by President Bush 20 months later. Mac has also played a major role in shaping national policy on transformation of the military and nuclear proliferation. Recently, Mac served on the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Smart Power Commission examining how to manage our military and diplomatic efforts to achieve our national security goals. For more on Mac's National Security accomplishments click [here](#).

Born in Clarendon and raised on the family ranch in Donley County, Mac graduated from Clarendon High School before continuing his education at Texas Tech University. After obtaining a B.A. in history from Tech in 1980, he went on to the University of Texas Law School where he graduated in 1983. For the next several years, he worked in Washington, including serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs in the State Department under President Reagan.

In 1989, Mac joined his brothers in the cattle business and began to practice law in Amarillo.

Mac's wife, Sally, is also a native Texan. They have two teenage children.

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## Todd Tiaht

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### Kansas' 4th District

Todd Tiaht (R-Goddard) began serving the 4th District of Kansas in Congress in 1995. He was appointed to the powerful House Appropriations Committee in 1997 and currently serves as the senior Republican on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies.

Todd is a champion of taxpayers and those who believe in the traditional American values of integrity, faith and family. Todd grew up on his family's farm where, at a young age, he learned the values of hard work and frugality.

Before his service in Congress, he was employed by the Boeing Company in Wichita for nearly 14 years, where he worked on various aerospace projects including the Space Station, Air Force One and the Comanche Helicopter.



As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Todd is in a unique position to fight for the interests of all Kansans and for fiscal responsibility in the federal budget process. All discretionary spending bills pass through this important committee. In addition to serving as Ranking Member on the Interior Subcommittee, Todd is a member of the Defense Subcommittee.

Todd is the only Member currently serving in the U.S. House of Representatives to sit on both the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Todd founded and serves as chairman of the House Economic Competitiveness Caucus and is leading the effort to help keep and create jobs in Kansas and the U.S. Under Todd's leadership in advancing the competitiveness agenda, the House of Representatives passed more than 50 pieces of legislation directly related to increasing the ability of U.S. workers to compete in a global economy.

As a Member of Congress, Todd has received numerous honors for his voting record on behalf of taxpayers, seniors and American families, including the Spirit of Enterprise Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, being named a Super Friend of Seniors, a Champion of Private Property Rights and a Taxpayer's Hero.

Todd attended the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and later transferred to Evangel College where he graduated and met his wife Vicki. Todd went on to earn his MBA from Southwest Missouri State. Todd and Vicki were blessed with three children, Jessica, John and Luke.

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## Pat Tiberi

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### Ohio's 12th District

Congressman Pat Tiberi (TEE-berry) is serving his fourth consecutive term as a common-sense leader representing the people of Ohio's 12th District, working to achieve a more fiscally responsible and accountable government. During the 110th Congress, he was named to the powerful Ways and Means Committee that oversees issues that affect us all, like taxes, Social Security, Medicare, trade and healthcare. Congressman Tiberi hopes to use his new position to ensure retirement security, make health care more available and affordable, and encourage responsible tax reform. He sits on the Oversight Subcommittee and is a Ways and Means Designee to the House Budget Committee.



Congressman Tiberi's new responsibilities reflect his effective leadership over his tenure in the House of Representatives. On October 17, 2006, the President signed legislation written by Congressman Tiberi, the Older Americans Act Amendments, into law. This crucial bill reauthorized and improved critical programs for our nation's seniors. The Alzheimer's Association – Central Ohio Chapter awarded Congressman Tiberi the "Giving from the Heart" award for expanding access to federal assistance for Alzheimer's Disease patients. His work on this legislation also earned praise from the American Association of Retired People (AARP), and the "Golden Meal" award from the Meals on Wheels Association of America.

His work has not gone unnoticed. The authoritative Politics in America 2006 termed Congressman Tiberi "an able and diligent lawmaker." In an October 24, 2006 editorial the Newark Advocate called Tiberi "a compassionate, intelligent man who approaches issues from a balanced perspective not often found in today's partisan Congress...we think he stands out from every politician we interviewed this year."

Congressman Tiberi believes his main purpose in Washington is to help his constituents, whether that's helping residents cut through the red tape at federal agencies, or helping to improve high school graduation rates and college attendance.

Before coming to the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Tiberi served in the Ohio House of Representatives (1993-2000) where he rose to the position of Majority Leader, the third highest post in the House. Throughout his tenure he played a prominent role as a legislative leader who got things done. Prior to his election to the Ohio House, Congressman Tiberi served for eight years as an assistant to Congressman John Kasich. He also worked as a realtor with ReMax Achievers in Westerville.

Congressman Tiberi is an honorary member of the Prevent Blindness America Board and is an honorary member of the Kids Voting Ohio Board. He was appointed in 2005 and again in 2007 to serve on the National Council for the Arts, the advisory board for the National Endowment for the Arts. He is the co-founder of the Windsor Terrace Learning Center in Columbus and chaired the Columbus Italian Festival in 1999.

A life-long resident of Ohio's 12th District, the 46 year-old is the son of Italian immigrants. He attended Northland High School in Columbus and is the first in his family to graduate from college. Congressman Tiberi received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism in 1985 from The Ohio State University where he proudly played the trumpet in the OSU Marching Band. Capital University awarded Pat an honorary Ph.D. in Humanities in 2005.

His work in public office has gained him numerous honors, including more than a dozen statewide "Legislator of the Year" awards from groups ranging from the Buckeye State Sheriffs Association to the National Federation of Independent Business in Ohio. He's also been named a Watchdog of the Treasury for his efforts to protect taxpayers.

Congressman Tiberi, his wife Denice, and their daughter, Angelina, attend St. Paul Catholic Church in Westerville.

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## Michael Turner

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### Ohio's 3rd District

Michael R. Turner, the Ohio Third District Representative to the United States Congress, brings broad experience in leadership roles, community activities, and elected public office to his Congressional position.

A strong proponent of family values and traditional principles, Congressman Turner is a devoted husband and father. He and his wife Lori have two daughters, Jessica and Carolyn. Mrs. Turner is a professional marketer and is the sole proprietor of the Dayton-based Turner Effect.

A life long resident of Dayton, Ohio, Congressman Turner has family roots in Eastern Kentucky. His parents, Ray and Vivian, moved to Dayton in the 1950's to take advantage of the job opportunities in the manufacturing industry. Mr. Ray Turner worked at General Motors, retiring after 42 years as a member of IUE local 801; and Mrs. Vivian Turner retired from teaching in the Huber Heights School District.



Congressman Turner attended Dayton Public Schools and graduated from Belmont High School. He has a bachelor's degree from Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio; an MBA from the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio; and a Juris Doctorate from Case Western University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Turner was in private practice and corporate law for 13 years before his election to Congress.

Congressman Turner has a background of community activism with service to not-for-profit groups focusing on neighborhood concerns, zoning issues, housing code enforcement, and historical preservation. As the two-term Mayor of the City of Dayton, he was a strong proponent of neighborhood revitalization, crime reduction, increased funding for safety forces, economic development and job creation. He created Rehabarama, a private-public partnership to rehabilitate neglected housing in Dayton's historic neighborhoods, which had significant economic impact on the region, and received national awards from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

As Mayor of Dayton, Congressman Turner established a development fund providing more than \$19 million in grants for housing and job-producing projects. The development fund sparked investment which resulted in a renaissance of Dayton's downtown, after two decades of decline, including a \$130 million arts center, a minor league baseball stadium, river front development, loft and upscale housing, additional corporate headquarters, and redevelopment of a brownfield area into a tool and die business industrial park. Under Mayor Turner's leadership, the City of Dayton had a balanced budget for all eight years of his tenure (having not been balanced for the previous five years), added 54 police officers on the street resulting in a nearly 40% reduction in police response time, and closed two adult movie theaters in residential neighborhoods, thus improving the quality of life for Dayton residents.

Congressman Turner has state-wide, national, and international experience. As mayor, he served on the Ohio Governor's Urban Revitalization Task Force, which provided input for urban planning which led to the Clean Ohio Fund, concentrating on brownfield redevelopment and greenspace preservation. On the national level, he co-chaired the Bankers and Brownfields Task Force for the U.S. Conference of Mayors, testifying before Congress to support grant funding and liability relief to third party brownfield property owners. On the international level he pursued trade opportunities with the countries of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia as a result of the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords. He also established cultural exchange programs by developing Sister City partnerships with Holon, Israel, and Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Zagreb, Croatia.

In January, 2003, Congressman Turner was appointed to the Armed Services Committee, from which he is able to assist Wright- Patterson Air Force Base located in the Ohio Third District, and to the Government Reform Committee, which allows him to contribute his experience as mayor to government reform.

In December, 2003, Congressman Turner's urban experience was called upon by then House Speaker Dennis Hastert who appointed him Chairman of the new Saving America's Cities working group. The 24 Member working group was charged with developing goals and principles to help urban America by focusing

on economic development issues and encouraging private sector investment in cities.

At the beginning of the 109th Congress, Mr. Turner was appointed to serve on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, in addition to his work on the House Armed Services and Government Reform Committees. In the 110th Congress, in addition to his work on these three committees Congressman Turner founded and is co-chair of the House Historic Preservation Caucus, the Former Mayors Caucus, and the Real Estate Caucus. He also chairs the House Republican Policy Committee's task force on Urban Revitalization.

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## Fred Upton

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### Michigan's 6th District

Representing the Midwestern common-sense of his Michigan district for the last 20 years, Fred Upton is one of the most active members of Congress working to ensure our nation is on a path toward a smaller, more efficient, more effective federal government.

First and foremost, Fred is a leader in and for all of Southwest Michigan. As such, he has left a distinct mark on our communities. He has secured tens of millions of dollars for his number one transportation priority in Congress, the widening of I-94 - a project which is now underway that will ease traffic congestion and improve safety. He has worked to deliver millions of dollars to local first responders, and authored the law that created a billion dollar program to improve the communications capabilities so that local first responders can communicate with one another during times of emergency. Fred is also a strong supporter of the region's institutions of higher learning.



While in Congress, Fred has also been a leading advocate for children. He coauthored "dot kids" legislation to create a kid friendly area on the Internet, safe from obscene material and child predators. Fred has also been working to clean up the public airwaves, writing the new law that raised the fines the FCC can levy for indecent material aired over broadcast TV and radio during the family hour.

In the House of Representatives, Fred is a senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and is currently the top Republican of the powerful Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, a critical position as the nation seeks to reduce its dependence on Mideast oil through a greater emphasis on nuclear power, alternative fuels and advanced technologies. Fred also continues to play an active role on the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet which has jurisdiction over newly emerging high-tech issues such as telemedicine, broadband deployment, and the wiring of America's classrooms for Internet technology - issues Fred believes are essential to continued economic growth in America.

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## Greg Walden

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### Oregon's 2nd District

Congressman Greg Walden is currently in his fifth term representing the people of Oregon's Second Congressional District, which includes twenty counties in central, southern and eastern Oregon. Greg brings solid private and public sector experience to his work in the Congress. He began his public service in the Oregon State Legislature, serving in both the House and Senate and earning leadership posts in both. He was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November 1998 and was sworn in the following January.



He and his wife, Mylene, live in Hood River where their son, Anthony, attends public school. Greg commutes from Hood River to Washington, D.C. virtually every week when Congress is in session; he has completed 352 round trips between Oregon and D.C. since taking office. The Waldens are an active family that enjoys taking advantage of Oregon's vast outdoor recreational opportunities including skiing, kayaking and hiking.

Greg has made a name for himself in Washington, D.C. as an effective and hardworking legislator. He has a deep commitment to the diverse and beautiful Second District of Oregon, and addressing the issues that most concern its citizens, including renewing the county timber payments program, promoting forest health, increasing rural health care access, and fighting the scourge of meth.

His solid reputation has afforded Greg key appointments to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming where he promotes the Northwest's tradition of independent thinking on challenges like climate change and increasing the country's renewable energy portfolio.

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## Zach Wamp

### Tennessee's 3rd District

Known for his energy and determination, Congressman Zach Wamp serves with seniority as a member of the influential House Appropriations Committee. Using conservative principles, he has established himself as a leader on national issues like alternative energy, preventive health care and global security.

Congressman Wamp is the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, which funds our military installations at home and abroad and resources the important benefits for our nation's 23 million veterans. Zach has served for 10 years on the Energy and Water Subcommittee, which oversees and funds our national missions at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Y-12 National Security Complex and the replacement of the Chickamauga Lock on the Tennessee River.



#### Among Zach's legislative accomplishments are:

- Modernizing the National Trail of Tears legislation adding sites and trails to more accurately depict the Cherokee removal.
- Replacing the Chickamauga Lock on the Tennessee River, which was first built in 1940 and remains one of the oldest locks on the Tennessee River.
- Establishing the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District as part of the National Park Service to protect Moccasin Bend for future generations and create a living monument to the area's rich heritage.
- Naming the largest public space in the U.S. Capitol building "Emancipation Hall" to honor the slaves that helped build this "temple of freedom."
- Including landmark energy efficiency measures as part of the National Energy Policy Act of 2005.
- Helping to establish and fund the nation's premier statewide task force to combat methamphetamine production and passing legislation to protect the innocent children taken from "meth homes."
- Building on regional assets in the Tennessee Valley, Zach was instrumental in forming the Tennessee Valley Technology Corridor in 1995. Over the last 14 years, nearly 20 regional technology "summits" have been held advancing a manufacturing and technology-based economic development agenda.

#### He currently serves as:

- Co-chairman of the 221-member Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus,
- Founder and co-chairman of the Congressional Fitness Caucus,
- Co-chairman of the Congressional Robotics Caucus, and
- Republican Policy Committee's energy policy leader

Congressman Wamp has appeared on virtually every national media outlet and has been featured in a number of national publications effectively articulating sound social and economic policy.

A Chattanooga native, Zach spent twelve years as a small businessman and commercial real estate broker before being elected to Congress. He and his wife, Kim, have a son and daughter in college and actively attend Red Bank Baptist Church.

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## Lynn Westmoreland

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### Georgia's 3rd District

U.S. Rep. Lynn Westmoreland, of Grantville, entered Congress in January 2005 after serving 12 years in the Georgia House. He represents Georgia's 3rd District, which stretches from the southern suburbs of metro Atlanta into Middle Georgia.

In Congress, Lynn serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure, Small Business and Government Oversight and Reform committees.

Serving on the Small Business Committee affords Lynn the opportunity to consistently focus on ways to enhance the business climate for one of our nation's most important economic engines. Within the Small Business Committee, he is the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care, and Trade. This subcommittee examines the regulatory activities of issues that affect small businesses, as well as oversight on health care coverage and trade issues. He is also a member of the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight. This subcommittee works to oversee the Small Business Administration.



Lynn also serves on the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform, created to ensure government accountability. The panel is considered the chief investigative and oversight committee and exercises government-wide oversight and expanded legislative authority. Within the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform, Lynn is a member of the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs. This subcommittee has jurisdiction over national security, homeland security, and foreign affairs.

Lynn was also honored with the opportunity to serve on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He is a member of the Subcommittee on Aviation, an industry important to the people of the 3rd District. The Aviation Subcommittee oversees funding and organization of the Federal Aviation Administration, safety and security programs, and oversight of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). He was also selected to serve on the Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee, which oversees railroad infrastructure programs, reauthorization of the Federal Railroad Administration's Safety Program, and reauthorization of Amtrak.

In the state House, Lynn served three years as Republican leader, fighting for low taxes and less government. He played a major role in delivering a Republican majority in the state House for the first time.

The Westmorelands reside in Coweta County, after living for more than 25 years in Fayette County, where he started a building company, L.A.W. Builders. In the construction industry, Lynn worked in all aspects of the trade, including commercial and residential construction, and land development.

He and his wife Joan have been married for 39 years. They have three children and six grandchildren.

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## Ed Whitfield

### Kentucky's 1st District

Ed Whitfield was elected to Congress in 1994 as the first Republican to represent Kentucky's First Congressional District since the Civil War. Congressman Whitfield came to the House of Representatives to help reverse a 40-year reign of leadership that expanded the cost, reach and size of the federal government and showed indifference to America's common-sense values.

Whitfield is a native of Hopkinsville, Kentucky and attended Madisonville High School. He earned a Bachelor's Degree and Juris Doctorate from the University of Kentucky. He also studied at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., where he now serves on the Board of Governors. Whitfield served as a 1st Lieutenant in the 100th Division of the U.S. Army Reserves.



Congressman Whitfield served in the Kentucky House of Representatives from 1974-75 while practicing law in Hopkinsville, where he operated a successful oil distributorship in the west Kentucky coal fields. In 1979, he became Counsel to the President of Seaboard System Railroad in Washington, D.C. Later, he was named Vice President of State Relations and then Vice President for Federal Railroad Affairs for CSX Corporation. Whitfield served as Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) from 1991 to 1993 where he worked to reduce regulation of the nation's barge, railroad and trucking industries.

Congressman Whitfield serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Whitfield is the ranking member on the Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection (CTCP) Subcommittee. The Subcommittee is responsible for matters relating to interstate and foreign commerce, regulation of commercial practices and the regulation of travel and tourism. In addition to CTCP, Whitfield serves on the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, which oversees national energy policy as well as utility issues and regulation of nuclear facilities, and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations which has jurisdiction over a wide range of Departments, Agencies and issues.

During his seven terms in Congress, Whitfield has championed the needs and views of his constituents. The First District is home to Fort Campbell, base for the 101st Airborne Division, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Command, and the 5th Special Forces Group. Whitfield has consistently voted in favor of a strong national defense, including enhanced benefits for all active duty service personnel, retirees and veterans. He has pursued a pro-family agenda to permit prayer in schools, stop child pornography and outlaw flag burning. Through his Committee assignment, Whitfield has worked to promote access to health care, and to protect Medicare and Medicaid. He also has helped modernize our national energy policy, while promoting clean uses of coal and protecting domestic uranium enrichment capabilities at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, where he has been an advocate for the health and welfare of its active and retired employees.

Congressman Whitfield's major legislative accomplishments include creating the 170,000 acre National Recreation Area at the Land Between the Lakes; introducing and passing legislation to create a Health Compensation Program at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, which has paid over \$315,000,000 in compensation to 3,139 employees and their survivors; helping to create the first Medicare Prescription drug benefit plan for seniors; and advocating for the humane treatment of animals.

The Congressman is married to Connie Harriman, who served as Assistant Secretary of the Interior and Director of the U.S. Export-Import Bank and, currently, as Senior Vice-President of the Humane Society.

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## Joe Wilson

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### South Carolina's 2nd District

From his involvement as a Teenage Republican at the High School of Charleston in 1962 to his current work in Congress, Congressman Joe Wilson has led a life dedicated to public service.

Addison (Joe) Graves Wilson was born on July 31, 1947, in Charleston, South Carolina. After graduating from the High School of Charleston, he received his undergraduate degree from Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia and completed his law degree at the University

of South Carolina. A real estate attorney by trade, Joe was a founding partner of the West Columbia law firm Kirkland, Wilson, Moore, Taylor & Thomas.



His career in public service officially began when he served on the staffs of South Carolina legends Senator Strom Thurmond and Congressman Floyd Spence. As part of the visionary Ronald Reagan administration, Joe was Deputy General Counsel to the United States Department of Energy Secretary and former South Carolina Governor, Jim Edwards.

Throughout his life, Joe has also had a tremendous passion to serve his country as a member of the United States Armed Forces. After serving in the United States Army Reserves from 1972-1975, he also served in the South Carolina Army National Guard. In the summer of 2003, Joe retired as a Colonel, having served as a Staff Judge Advocate assigned to the 218th Mechanized Infantry Brigade. At the time, he was the only active Guard member serving in Congress.

Before being elected to the United States Congress in 2001, Joe served seventeen years, with perfect attendance, in the South Carolina State Senate where he was elected Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, the first Republican Chairman since Reconstruction.

Today, Joe serves on the House Armed Services Committee, the Committee on Education and Labor - where he serves as Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections - and the Committee on Foreign Affairs. For further information on these committees, please [click here](#). He was appointed by the Republican Leader to the highly influential Republican Policy Committee and works as an Assistant Republican Whip. He is Co-Chair of the Bulgaria Caucus, the Caucus on India and Indian Americans, the Americans Abroad Caucus, and the Victory in Iraq Caucus.

While serving the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, Joe is committed to promoting peace through a strong national defense, decreasing taxes for all Americans, and limiting the size of the federal government.

Joe is married to Roxanne Dusenbury McCrory, who continues to offer him strength and support in his every endeavor. They are the parents of four sons, all of whom serve in the U.S. military, and the proud grandparents of two boys. Alan, his oldest son, is a Major in the Army National Guard who proudly served for a year in Iraq; Addison is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and a physician who recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq; Julian was recently inducted into the South Carolina Army National Guard after graduation from Clemson University and served on a peacekeeping tour in Egypt; and Hunter is a freshman at Clemson University where he is enrolled in Army ROTC. Their four sons are all Eagle Scouts.

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## Rob Wittman

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### Virginia's 1st District

Rob Wittman was elected to serve the 1st Congressional District of Virginia - America's First District - on December 11, 2007, in a special election to fill the seat of the late Jo Ann Davis.

For more than 20 years, Rob has served in several levels of government, from Montross Town Council to the Virginia General Assembly. Rob won his first campaign for public office in 1986 when he was elected to the Montross Town Council, where he served for 10 years, four of them as Mayor. During his tenure, he helped build a municipal sewer system and developed a computerized tax billing system that cut burdensome paperwork, saving the taxpayers money.



In 1995, Rob was elected to the Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors and was elected its Chairman in 2003. As a member of the board, Rob Wittman's leadership paved the way for the construction of three new libraries, provided tax relief for seniors, and raised teacher salaries to competitive levels.

In 2005, voters in the 99th Legislative District elected Rob to the Virginia House of Delegates, where he served on three important committees - Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources; Militia, Police and Public Safety; and Transportation - and was a strong voice for keeping taxes low, supporting education, and protecting the environment while encouraging new jobs.

Rob, 48, spent over 20 years working in state government, most recently as Field Director for the Virginia Health Department's Division of Shellfish Sanitation. Earlier, he worked for many years as an environmental health specialist for local health departments in Virginia's Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula regions. He holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy and Administration from the University of North Carolina, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Virginia Tech.

Rob's wife, Kathryn, a teacher at Cople Elementary School in Hague, is a Westmoreland County native whom he met when he spent high school and college summer recesses working in a Leedstown tomato cannery and on a Reedville fishing boat in the Northern Neck. They live in Montross and have two children: a daughter, Devon, 25, son-in-law Daniel Gooch, and a son, Josh, 21. Rob and Kathryn recently became grandparents for the first time when Devon gave birth to Morgan Elizabeth Gooch.

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## Frank Wolf

### Virginia's 10th District

Congressman Wolf, the most senior of the 11 members of the House of Representatives from Virginia, is serving in his 14th term in Congress. He represents the 10th District of Virginia, which stretches from McLean to Winchester.

Congressman Wolf sits on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, where he is the senior Republican on the State and Foreign Operations subcommittee. He also serves on the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development subcommittee.

His committee assignment provides him with an ideal vantage point from which to address the varying needs of the 10th District. The 10th District is home to some of the world's leading Internet and high-tech companies, thousands of federal employees and other professionals. Agriculture and manufacturing also are an important part of the 10th District's economy. Clarke and Frederick counties in the western end of the District produce about half of Virginia's apples and peaches; Henkel-Harris furniture and Rubbermaid have large manufacturing plants in the District. Tourism is important, too. Civil War battlefields, including Manassas National Battlefield Park, dot the 10th District. The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District includes Fisher's Hill/Cedar Creek; Cross Keys/Port Republic; Second Winchester; Third Winchester/Opequon, and New Market. One of the nation's newest national parks is also in the 10th District. Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Park, established in 2002 through Congressman Wolf's efforts, will serve as a model for future parks because private landowners and organizations will continue to live, work and operate within the park's borders. Other major tourism draws are Skyline Drive in the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Shenandoah River, and the Appalachian Trail.



Congressman Wolf led the effort in Congress to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, which was created through legislation enacted in May 2008. This area will tie together all the rich historical and cultural sites along U.S. Route 15 from Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in Charlottesville north through Fauquier, Prince William and Loudoun counties to Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania.

From 2001- 2006, Congressman Wolf was the chairman of the then named Science-State-Justice-Commerce (SSJC) Appropriations subcommittee, which had jurisdiction over the Commerce Department, the State Department, the Justice Department, NASA, NIST, and the National Science Foundation. The FBI, DEA, U.S. Marshals Service, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Trade Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Small Business Administration also were under the jurisdiction of the SSJC subcommittee before its jurisdiction was changed in 2007 when the Democrats regained majority control of the House.

During his tenure as SSJC chairman, Congressman Wolf pushed several initiatives, including the formation of the two anti-gang task forces operating in the region. Both the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force and the Northern Shenandoah Valley Drug Task Force have made great strides in cracking down on gang-related crimes in the region. The task forces have taken a three-pronged approach to the problem: suppression, prevention and education, knowing that there is more to addressing the situation than just cracking down on violent gang members. Congressman Wolf also pushed for the creation of the National Gang Intelligence Center in the FBI, which allows law enforcement across the country to share information about gangs and gang violence, similar to the way data on organized crime is shared.

Congressman Wolf also used his chairmanship to ensure that America remains competitive in the 21st century marketplace. Recognizing that America's position as the world's leader in technology and innovation is facing unprecedented challenges from countries like China and India, he called for – and succeeded in – devoting more federal dollars toward basic science research. He also proposed legislation to provide interest-free loans to math, engineering and physical science majors as a way to entice more students into the sciences. In 2006, the Science Coalition, an alliance of more than 400 organizations, institutions and individuals dedicated to promoting U.S. leadership in the sciences, awarded Congressman Wolf with its prestigious "Champion of Science" award for his efforts.

From 1995-2000, Congressman Wolf was the chairman of the Transportation Appropriations subcommittee. Congressman Wolf has long been recognized for his efforts to improve transportation in northern Virginia over the last 25 years. He worked to obtain full funding for the 103-mile Metro rail system and is leading the way to bring mass transit to Dulles airport and beyond. He pushed to lower car pool restrictions on I-66 inside the Beltway and to widen the highway outside the Beltway. He is now working to add an additional westbound lane inside the Beltway. He convinced the District of Columbia to set up the reversible lane on the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge during rush hours and has led the effort to improve safety and driving conditions on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, including the additional lane from Spout Run to the Roosevelt Bridge and guardrails on the Potomac River side of the Parkway. He is a leading advocate for telecommuting, in both the private sector and the federal government. Congressman Wolf also led the effort to place Ronald Reagan Washington National and Washington Dulles International airports under a regional authority, providing the capital to build a new terminal at Reagan National and vastly expand Dulles. The expansion of both airports has helped spur the region's economy over the last decade.

On the national level, when Congressman Wolf chaired the Transportation appropriations subcommittee, he made the issue of truck safety a priority. Particularly concerned about the number of truck-related highway deaths, he was instrumental in the creation of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to oversee the trucking industry. He also worked with Mothers Against Drunk Driving to enact a uniform national blood alcohol limit of .08 for drunk driving.

Congressman Wolf is one of the House's leading crusaders for human rights. He is the co-chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, a bipartisan organization of over 200 House members that identifies and works to alleviate human rights abuses worldwide.

Congressman Wolf believes members of Congress have an obligation to speak out for those who are persecuted around the world. He has traveled to Ethiopia, Sudan, Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and other countries in Africa to see firsthand the tremendous suffering of the people at the hands of corrupt governments, war, AIDS and famine. He led the first congressional delegation to Darfur in western Sudan to bring attention to the crisis there, later officially declared by the U.S. government as genocide. He also has worked to call attention to the human rights abuses and religious persecution in the People's Republic of China, Tibet, Romania, Nagorno-Karabakh, Chechnya, Bosnia, Kosovo, East Timor, and the Middle East.

Congressman Wolf's international travels have allowed him to see the destruction caused by terrorists. He has visited Lebanon, where in 1983 car bombs were used to destroy a U.S. Marine barracks, killing 241 Marines. He has been to Algeria, where more than 70,000 people have been killed by terrorists, and has traveled to Sudan – which gave safe haven to Osama bin Laden for several years in the early 1990s – five times, most recently in July 2004. He also has traveled to Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Israel.

In 1998, he authored the bill creating the National Commission on Terrorism. Chaired by L. Paul Bremer, President Ronald Reagan's counterterrorism czar, the commission closely examined the problem of terrorism, studying its origins and its key players. The commission also developed a policy response and made a number of wide-ranging recommendations when it released its report in June 2000. The report can be found at <http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/commission.html>.

Following his September 2005 trip to Iraq (click here for Trip Report), Congressman Wolf called for the creation of an independent, bipartisan panel to bring what he called “fresh eyes” to U.S. efforts in Iraq. The result was the establishment of the Iraq Study Group headed by James Baker and Lee Hamilton. The 10-member panel spent eight months developing a series of recommendations that were released in December 2006.

Congressman Wolf also is one of Congress's leading opponents of gambling, citing its destructive force on society and on children in particular. In 1997, he pushed for the creation of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, which uncovered a myriad of destructive effects caused by gambling. The commission showed that as gambling has spread quickly throughout the country, it has had negative social and economic impacts on communities. When he saw the explosion of casino gambling on tribal lands and how the vast majority of Native Americans continue to suffer in abject poverty, he proposed legislation to examine U.S. policy toward Native Americans and develop policy recommendations to improve the welfare of tribes in the areas of health, economic development, housing and transportation infrastructure. He also called for a moratorium on the opening of any new tribal casinos and a halt to the federal recognition

process of tribes until Congress can review the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 and consider a reform package. Congressman Wolf also has worked to support laws to stop the proliferation of gambling on the Internet and on high school and college athletics. In addition, he also has worked to educate elected officials who potentially see legalized gambling as a quick fix to economic problems.

Congressman Wolf was born in 1939 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his B.A. degree from Penn State University in 1961 and his law degree from Georgetown University in 1965. He lives in Vienna with his wife, Carolyn. They have five adult children and 13 grandchildren.

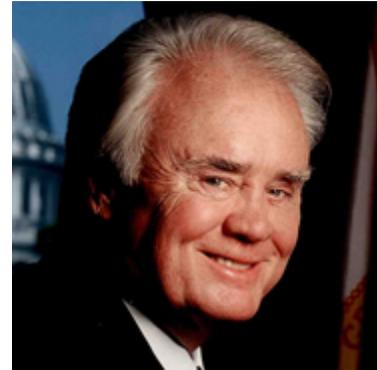
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## C.W. "Bill" Young

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### Florida's 10th District

Congressman Bill Young (R-Indian Shores) is serving his 20th term in Congress as a representative of the Tenth Congressional District of Florida. He is the senior member of the Florida congressional delegation and is the senior Republican in the entire Congress - House and Senate. When he completes his current term in office, he will have served 50 years in public office (10 in the Florida State Senate and 40 in the United States Congress). With the swearing in of Barack Obama as President, Congressman Young will have served with eight Presidents of the United States.



A nine-year veteran of the Army National Guard, six as a reservist, Young is nationally known for his expertise on defense and security issues. He currently serves as Ranking Republican Member on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, which he chaired from 1995-1998 and 2005-2006. He is also a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and the Appropriations Select Intelligence Oversight Panel.

From 1999-2005, Congressman Young served as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, overseeing the entire federal discretionary budget. In addition to his previous tenure as Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, Young has also served as a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Throughout his service on the Appropriations Committee, Young has been dedicated to improving the quality of life of the men and women who serve in the military. He regularly meets with enlisted personnel and officers to assess their needs, and as a result, Congress has invested in improved base housing, better medical care, increased pay, and more modern equipment for the military.

Young has also been a leading advocate for increased biomedical research. During his Chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee, he successfully led the effort in Congress to double federal medical research funding over five years. He has likewise led the fight for federal funding for a variety of medical issues, including an increased immunization rate for preschoolers, improved public health programs nationwide, and cures for Parkinson's and Alzheimer's Diseases.

In 1986, Young was instrumental in founding a national registry for bone marrow donors. Now named the "C.W. Bill Young Marrow Donor Recruitment and Research Program" in his honor, the registry lists more than seven million volunteer donors for patients with leukemia and other life-threatening diseases and has served as a model for similar programs throughout the world. It has provided the living gift of life to more than 30,000 individuals and facilitates an average of 10 bone marrow transplants every day of the year.

Throughout his career of public service, Young has been a strong advocate for the needs of Pinellas County. Among other issues, he has worked to ease congestion along U.S. Highway 19; attract high-tech jobs to St. Petersburg; improve health care for low-income children and families; protect neighboring MacDill Air Force Base; build a state of the art medical center for veterans at Bay Pines; ensure a steady supply of water for the Tampa Bay area; and offset the effects of erosion on the area's beaches.

Young was born in Harmarville, Pennsylvania, and moved to Pinellas County at the age of 15. Congressman Young and his wife Beverly have three adult sons, Rob, Billy, and Patrick.

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# Donald Young

## Alaska

Congressman Don Young was re-elected to the 110th Congress in 2006 to serve his 18th term as Alaska's only Representative to the United States House of Representatives. First sworn in as a freshman to the 93rd Congress after winning a special election on March 6, 1973, Congressman Young is today the 3rd ranking Republican member and the 7th ranking overall member of the House of Representatives.

Congressman Young served as Chairman of the House Resources Committee from 1994 to 2000 and then as the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee from 2000-2006. In the 110th Congress, Representative Young has returned to the helm of the Resources Committee to lead his fellow Republicans as the Ranking Member.



Congressman Young's calls Fort Yukon, Alaska home; a remote village of approximately 700 people located 7 miles above the Arctic Circle in Alaska's central interior region. Born on June 9, 1933 in Meridian, California, he earned his associate degree at Yuba Junior College in 1952, and his bachelor's degree in teaching at Chico State College in 1958. Between earning these degrees, he served in the US Army's 41st Tank Battalion from 1955 to 1957.

When first moving to Alaska, Congressman Young made a living in construction and tried his hand at commercial fishing, trapping, and in the search for gold. In Fort Yukon he taught in a 25-student, 5th grade elementary class in the Bureau of Indian Affairs school. Constructed of logs, the school had a wood stove that kept his Alaska Native students warm in the sub-freezing, arctic winter. With the annual spring break-up of the river ice, he captained his own tug and barge operation to deliver products and supplies to villages along the Yukon River. Even today, he remains the only licensed mariner in Congress.

It was in Fort Yukon that Rep. Young met and married a young bookkeeper named Lu. Lu Young has been at Congressman Young's side since then and supported him throughout his public service career. Married now for over 40 years, they are blessed with and raised two daughters, Joni and Dawn, and have 14 grandchildren.

Congressman Young first entered public service in 1964 when he was elected Mayor of Fort Yukon. Two years later, Alaskan voters elected him to the State Legislature in Juneau where he served in the State House from 1966 to 1970, and later in the State Senate from 1970 to 1973. Just hours after being sworn in to United States House of Representatives in 1973, he found himself leading the historic battle for approval of the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline. Often citing this as the single most important achievement in his career, Congressman Young stated, "Next to statehood itself, the most historical legislation passed that affected every Alaskan then, now, and in the future, was the passage of the pipeline legislation."

That same year, his colleagues honored him as the "Freshman Congressman of the Year." He went on to gain a key appointment on the then Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee where he pushed through the 200-mile fishing limit critical to Alaska's fishing industry. He fought against federal control of lands and resources to which Alaskans are rightfully entitled – a battle he continues today with the same vigor. In 1997, he passed by 419-1, the National Wildlife Improvement Act, which sets guidelines for the nation's 500-plus wildlife refuges.

Congressman Young proudly serves as the "Congressman for All Alaska" and loves his role as the only Alaskan Representative in Congress. Renewed by the challenges and goals of the 110th Congress and of his position as Ranking Member of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Congressman Young will continue to champion legislation and funding for programs benefiting Alaska and the nation. His vision remains the same – to provide citizens with the opportunity for a better life not just for today, but also for tomorrow and the future.

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