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Biography

Congressman John Boozman, a successful businessman and life-long resident of Arkansas, is in his third 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 at the University of Arkansas 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 International Relations. 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 January 2003, Boozman was named an Assistant Whip, making him responsible for helping House Majority 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 advises House Speaker Dennis Hastert on major drug policy issues and advocates common sense legislative solutions to our nation's illegal drug problem.

In May 2004, Rep. Boozman was appointed by the Speaker of the House to the House Policy Committee, the committee of key Republicans who vet issues and formulate legislation to address them.

Boozman is also a 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. He 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 by Speaker Hastert.

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