

The Honorable Tim Walz

Ranking Member, House Veterans Affairs Committee
Co-Sponsor of HR 1705, *The Clean Water Affordability Act*
U.S. House of Representative
Washington, DC

U.S. Congressman **Tim Walz** is currently serving his fifth term representing Minnesota's First Congressional District. The First Congressional District spans the southern part of Minnesota – from the South Dakota border in the west to the Wisconsin border in the east.

Congressman Walz proudly serves the people of southern Minnesota on three committees in the United States House of Representatives: Agriculture, Armed Services, and Veterans' Affairs. He is the ranking member of the Agriculture Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. He also is one of nine House Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. He serves as co-chair of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, and has leadership posts with the National Guard and Reserve Caucus and the Congressional Veterans Jobs Caucus.

Congressman Walz was born in West Point, Nebraska and is the son of a public school administrator and community activist. As a child, Tim's parents instilled in him the values of hard work and community service.

Congressman Walz enlisted in the Army National Guard at the young age of 17, and retired 24 years later as Command Sergeant Major. Before retiring, he served overseas with his battalion in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is the highest ranking enlisted soldier ever to serve in Congress.

In 1989, Congressman Walz earned a BS in Social Science education from Chadron State College in Nebraska. He spent 1989-1990 teaching high school in China as a part of the first government sanctioned groups of American educators to teach in China through a program at Harvard University.

Since coming to Congress, Congressman Walz has made improving the care of our nation's veterans a top priority. The Rochester Post Bulletin has described him as having "relentless energy" and touted his strong work ethic, stating that "he brings a soldier's work ethic to the House."

Congressman Walz has been recognized for his work in Congress with awards from AMVETS, the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, the American Cancer Society, the National Association of Development Organizations, the National Farmers Union and the Matthew Shepard Foundation.