

The Honorable John Boozman

Senator

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Senator John Boozman, a successful businessman and life-long resident of Arkansas, was sworn-in as U.S. Senator on January 5, 2011.

Raised in Fort Smith, Sen. Boozman graduated from Northside High School and went on to play 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 co-founding a family business with his brother that would ultimately become a major provider of eye care to Northwest Arkansas.

For five terms, Sen. Boozman served the people of the Third District of Arkansas in the U.S. House of Representatives, establishing a reputation as an advocate for Arkansans, especially our veterans and our state's infrastructure needs.

During his tenure in the House, Sen. Boozman dedicated much of his work to improving Arkansas's infrastructure, which is vital to economic development in the state. He served as Ranking Member of the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee of the House Transportation Committee which holds jurisdiction over water resources development, conservation and management, water pollution control, water infrastructure, and hazardous waste cleanup. John was also one of the founding members of the Congressional I-49 Caucus to promote completion of Interstate 49.

In the 112th Congress, Sen. Boozman has been selected to sit on four committees in the Senate: Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee; Environment and Public Works; Commerce, Science and Transportation; and Veterans' Affairs. He serves as ranking member of the Conservation, Forestry and Natural Resources Subcommittee of the Agriculture Committee; ranking member of the Science and Space Subcommittee of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; and ranking member of the Environment and Public Works' Green Jobs Subcommittee.

Prior to his election to Congress, Sen. 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. John successfully raised Polled Hereford cattle that were competitive in the show ring, as well as in bull testing at Oklahoma State University.