



## Melvin H. Evans

**Party:** Republican • **Chamber:** House

**State:** VI

### Biography

A Delegate from the Virgin Islands. Born in Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. , August 7, 1917. Attended the public schools. B. S. , Howard University, Washington, D. C. , 1940. M. D. , Howard University College of Medicine, 1944. M. P. H. , University of California, Berkeley, Calif. , 1967. Virgin Islands Health Commissioner, 1959-1967. Private practice of medicine, 1967-1969. Appointed Governor of Virgin Islands, and served from 1969 until 1971. First elected Governor of Virgin Islands in 1970 and served from 1971 until 1975. Republican National Committeeman for United States, Virgin Islands, 1976-1980. Delegate, Republican National Conventions, 1972 and 1976. Elected as a Republican to the Ninety-sixth Congress (January 3, 1979-January 3, 1981). Unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1980 to the Ninety-seventh Congress. United States ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, December 1, 1981, until his death. Was a resident of Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. , until his death there on November 27, 1984. Interment in Christiansted Cemetery.

### Legislative Activity (-)

**Bills sponsored:** 0

**Bills cosponsored:** 0