



James R. Jones

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House

State: OK • **District:** 1

Biography

A Representative from Oklahoma. Born in Muskogee, Muskogee County, Okla. , May 5, 1939. Attended Sacred Heart School, Muskogee, Okla. Graduated, Muskogee Central High School, 1957. B. A. , University of Oklahoma, Norman, 1961. LL. B. , Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D. C. , 1964. Served in United States Army Counterintelligence Corps, captain, 1964-1965. United States Army Reserve, 1961-1968. Admitted to the Oklahoma and District of Columbia bars in 1964 and commenced practice in Tulsa. Legislative assistant to United States Representative Ed Edmondson, 1961-1964. Special assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson, 1965-1969. Resumed the practice of law in Tulsa, 1969-1972. Delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1984. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-third and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1973-January 3, 1987). Chairman, Committee on the Budget (Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth Congresses). Was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundredth Congress in 1986, but was an unsuccessful nominee for the United States Senate. Resumed the practice of law. Chairman, American Stock Exchange, November 1989- 1993. Appointed by President Clinton as Ambassador to Mexico and served from 1993-1997. Is a resident of Tulsa, Okla. , and Washington, D. C.

Legislative Activity (–)

Bills sponsored: 0

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