



Gillis W. Long

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House

State: LA • **District:** 8

Biography

A Representative from Louisiana. Born in Winnfield, Winn Parish, La. , May 4, 1923. Attended the public schools of Winnfield and Alexandria, La. Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, B. A. , 1949 and from the law school of the same university, J. D. , 1951. Was admitted to practice before the State supreme court in 1951 and before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1954. During the Second World War served in the Infantry as a private and rose through the ranks to captain. Awarded the Purple Heart. Was with the Internal Security Detachment at the Nuremberg war trials. Served as legal counsel to the Senate Select Committee on Small Business, 1951-1952. Chief counsel to the House of Representatives Special Committee on Campaign Expenditures, 1952-1954, and 1956. Elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-eighth Congress (January 3, 1963-January 3, 1965). Unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1964 to the Eighty-ninth Congress. Unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Louisiana in 1963. Assistant director, Office of Economic Opportunity, 1965-1966. Resumed the practice of law 1970-1972. President, board of commissioners, Louisiana Deep Draft Harbor and Terminal Authority, 1972. Investment banker. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-third and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1973-January 20, 1985). Died on January 20, 1985, in Washington, D. C. Interment in Alexandria National Cemetery, Pineville, Rapides Parish, La.

Legislative Activity (–)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0