



James Claud Wright

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House

State: TX • **District:** 12

Service: 1955–1991

Most recent Congress: 101

Biography

A Representative from Texas. Born in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Tex. , December 22, 1922. Graduated from Adamson High School, Dallas, Tex. , 1939. Student at Weatherford College, Weatherford, Tex. , 1939-1940, and the University of Texas, Austin, Tex. , 1940-1941. Enlisted in the United States Army Air Force in December 1941. Commissioned in 1942 and flew combat missions in the South Pacific. Was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Partner in a national trade extension and advertising firm. Member of the Texas state house of representatives, 1947-1949. Mayor of Weatherford, Tex. , 1950-1954. Served as president, League of Texas Municipalities, 1953. Delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1956, 1960, 1964, and 1968, and Democratic National Convention chairman in 1988. Elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-fourth and to the seventeen succeeding Congresses and served until his resignation on June 30, 1989 (January 3, 1955-June 30, 1989). Majority leader (Ninety-fifth through Ninety-ninth Congresses), Speaker of the House (One Hundredth and One Hundred First Congresses). Died on May 6, 2015, in Fort Worth, Tex. Interment at City Greenwood Cemetery, Weatherford, Tex.

Legislative Activity (1955–1991)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0