



U.S. Rep. Lincoln Davis Tennessee's Fourth District

With an upbringing and background that is pure Tennessee, Lincoln Davis has proudly served Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District since January 7, 2003 and has been rated consistently as one of the most independent Members of Congress. Congressman Davis came to Congress with the promise to work beyond party lines and find practical solutions to improve the lives of Tennesseans, saying, *"I will take positions because they are right for the people of Tennessee's Fourth District, not because they are right for Democrats or Republicans alone."*

Davis's commitment to public service began in the early 70's when he served as Tennessee state Jaycee president. His Jaycee service, coupled with the lessons learned as a young man, opened his eyes to the good that can be done by serving the public.

First elected Mayor of Byrdstown in 1978, Davis went on to serve in both the Tennessee House of Representatives and the Tennessee State Senate. In the state legislature, Davis fought for long-term care for senior citizens, character education in schools and tough domestic violence legislation. In 2003, Davis was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Today, Davis continues to work for Tennesseans by fighting for legislation that will create opportunities for economic development, curb methamphetamine abuse, improve veterans' benefits, strengthen homeland security and fight for a balanced budget that will better serve the workers and families of the Fourth District.

Davis serves on the **House Appropriations Committee** and **House Science Committee**. The owner of his own company, Diversified Construction, Lincoln Davis understands the needs of small business owners in Tennessee. In addition to building homes and bridges throughout rural Tennessee, Davis met payroll and faced the challenges that all Tennessee small businesses face.

Raised in rural Fentress County, Congressman Davis was taught the importance of hard work, helping your neighbors and being trustworthy, and was instilled with a strong sense of principles he holds today. As a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and himself a soil scientist with a degree from **Tennessee Tech**, Davis uses the lessons learned working on the farm with his brother to fight for Tennessee growers in the Fourth District and across the state. When Tennessee suffered a historic drought in 2007, Congressman Davis fought hard to extend a cutoff deadline so distressed farmers would be eligible for disaster assistance.

Congressman Davis is also a member of the **Congressional Blue Dog Coalition**, a group of 52 fiscally conservative House Democrats whose goal is to balance the budget each year. As a

member of the Blue Dog's Majority Whip team, Davis plays a key role in developing strategies to foster bi-partisan solutions for writing legislation that makes government work better for Tennessee and the Nation.

Away from his work as a public servant, Davis has always dedicated himself to family. He married his high school sweetheart Lynda, an elementary school teacher, in 1963. Together, Congressman and Mrs. Davis raised three daughters: Larissa, Lynn, and Libby. In addition to hunting and working on the farm, Davis most enjoys spending his time with his five grandchildren: Ashton, Alexa, Andrew, Austin, and Adam.

Congressman and Mrs. Davis live in Pall Mall, Tennessee, on property his family purchased from Fentress County native, World War I hero, and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient **Sgt. Alvin C. York**. They are members of First Baptist Church in Byrdstown.

Committee Assignments:

House Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

House Committee on Science

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment

Subcommittee on Investigates and Oversight