



Biography of The Honorable **Solomon P. Ortiz** **(D, TX-27)**

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Representing the 27th Congressional District of Texas:

Including the South Texas counties of Cameron (part), Kenedy, Kleberg, Nueces, San Patricio (part) and Willacy

Public career synopsis:

1964, elected Nueces County Constable

1968, elected Nueces County Commissioner, re-elected in 1972

1976, elected Nueces County Sheriff, re-elected in 1980

1982, elected to the 98th United States Congress, re-elected each subsequent Congress

Congressional committees:

House Armed Services Committee

Subcommittees:

Readiness (Ranking Democrat)
Installations/Facilities
Morale, Welfare and Recreation Panel

House Resources Committee

Subcommittees:

Energy and Mineral Resources
Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans

Military service:

United States Army, 1960-62; Specialist 4th Class, Military Policeman and Investigator in Verdun, France.

Personal:

Born June 3, 1937, in Robstown, Texas. Methodist, divorced, two children; Yvette (husband, Carlos Sanchez; son, Oscar) and Solomon, Jr.

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Affiliations:

Airpower Caucus	American Red Cross
Congressional Border Caucus, (Co-Chairman)	Bipartisan Senate Task Force of Fatherhood Promotion
Congressional Aerospace Caucus	Congressional Arts Caucus
Army Caucus	Congressional Coast Guard Caucus
Congressional Fatherhood Task Force	Congressional Fire Services Caucus
Congressional Hispanic Caucus, (Chairman, 102nd Congress)	Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, (Chairman, 102nd Congress)
Congressional Mine Warfare Caucus, (founder and co-chairman)	Congressional Oil and Gas Caucus
Congressional Sunbelt Caucus	Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus
Congressional Travel/Tourism Caucus	Corpus Christi Rotary Club (Honorary)
Depot Caucus, (Co-Chairman)	Impact Aid Coalition (Steering Committee)
Interstate 69 Caucus	Law Enforcement Caucus
Minor League Baseball Caucus	Narcotics Abuse and Control Caucus
National Deputy Sheriff's Association	Navy/Marine Corps Caucus
Reserve Component Caucus	Romanian Caucus

Honors attained for community and public achievement:

- 1980, Boss of the Year (American Businesswomen Association)
- 1981, Man of the Year (International Order of Foresters)
- 1986, Conservation Legislator of the Year (Sportsman Clubs of Texas)
- 1987, Tree of Life Award (Jewish National Fund)
- 1990, Who's Who among Hispanic Americans
- 1991, Leadership Award (Latin American Management Association)
- 1991, Doctorate of Humane Letters from Southeastern University (Honorary)
- 1992 and 1994, National Security Leadership Award (American Security Council)
- 1992, National Government Hispanic Business Advocate (U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce)
- 1994, Outstanding Achievement Award (American Logistics Association)
- 1996, Minuteman Award (National Guard Association)
- 1997, Man of the Year Award (National Association of Free Trade Zones)
- 2001, First annual Quality of Life Award (USO)
- 2002, Congressional Aerospace "Wings of Liberty" Award (Aerospace Industries Association)
- 2003, Independent Oil and Natural Gas Award (Independent Petroleum Assoc. of America)
- 2004, President's Award (Corpus Christi Chapter, NAACP)
- 2004, Legislator of the Year (Texas Public Power Association)
- 2004, Veteran Champion of the Year (Corpus Christi Branch, Small Business Administration)
- 2004, Congressional Partnership Award (National Association of Development Organizations)

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