



**Rep. Buddy Harden**  
**R-148**

### Biography

Representative Harden is a native on Tifton, Georgia and a graduate of Tifton High School and the University Of Georgia College Of Pharmacy. During his career he practiced pharmacy in a variety of practice sites including Hospital, Independent Community, Chain, Consultant and Military prior to purchasing two independent pharmacy practices. The last ten years of his career, he served as Executive Director and CEO of the Georgia Pharmacy Association (GPhA), a professional association of over 2000 members. In his position with the GPhA, he also served as CEO of the Georgia Pharmacy Foundation, the Insurance Trust and Georgia Pharmaceutical Services. Following his retirement in 2006 Representative Harden was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2008 where he currently serves House District 148 which includes Crisp, Pulaski, Wilcox and part of Houston County.

Representative Harden has served as Chairman or President of numerous professional Boards and Commissions; local, State and National including the University Of Georgia College Of Pharmacy Advisory Council, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy, and the Pharmacy Advisory Committee to the Georgia Department of Medical Assistance. He was a member of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, the Georgia Statewide Health Coordinating Committee, and the Executive Committee of the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations. He served as a consultant to Georgia Department of Community Health on several healthcare issues. Harden testified before a U.S. Congressional Committee on the implementation of the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan and worked with the Georgia Medical Care Foundation, the Georgia Medicare Quality Improvement organization, to establish a project to improve quality of care in the Medicare program.

His community service includes two terms as Mayor of Sylvester, Georgia; a charter member of Code 50, an organization for drug abuse prevention; President of the Sylvester Kiwanis Club, and the Second District of the Georgia Municipal Association; member Board of Directors of the Worth County Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Municipal Association and the Worth County Board of Education. He currently serves as Treasurer of the State YMCA of Georgia, a youth leadership development organization focused on youth in civic leadership. He also currently is a member of the Cordele Lions Club, the American Legion, and the Abraham Baldwin College President's Club.

Representative Harden has been a member, Deacon, and Youth Sunday School Teacher at First Baptist Church Tifton and a member, Chairman of Deacons, Sunday School Director, Sunday School Teacher and Associational Brotherhood Director at First Baptist Church Sylvester. Currently he is a member of Cordele First Baptist Church where he also has served as a Deacon.

Buddy and Linda have two children and five Grandchildren. Daughter, Beth McIntyre is Director of the Piedmont Library System. Son, Hall is senior Sales Director for Farm Bureau In assurance.