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### **Biography**

David Ralston is the 73<sup>rd</sup> Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, a position he has held since 2010. He was first elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2002, and represents House District 7, which includes Fannin and Gilmer counties and a portion of Dawson County.

As a member of the House of Representatives, Ralston previously served as Chairman of the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee and Vice Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Prior to serving in the House, Ralston served in the Georgia State Senate from 1992 until 1998 when he won the Republican nomination for Attorney General of Georgia.

He is the immediate past Chair of the Southern Legislative Conference and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the National Speakers Conference.

Ralston was named the 2010 Georgian of the Year by Georgia Trend Magazine.

Born in Ellijay, Ralston is a graduate of Gilmer County High School. He went on to attend Young Harris College and North Georgia College (now the University of North Georgia), where he earned his bachelor's degree with honors. He later received his law degree from the University Of Georgia.

Aside from his legislative duties, Ralston is an attorney in Blue Ridge. He is an active member of his community, participating with the Fannin County Chamber of Commerce, Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association, and the Blue Ridge Lions Club.