



Rep. Earnest G. Smith
(D-125)

Biography

A distinguished career in aviation combined with a sincere heart for community and government service led Earnest G. Smith to run for a seat in the Georgia House of Representatives. Equipped with a strong desire to raise the quality of life for citizens in his district and the people of Georgia, he was elected in 2009.

Rep. Smith, who represents House District 125 in Richmond County, serves on four committees: Banks and Banking; Defense and Veterans Affairs; Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications; and Game, Fish, and Parks. His legislative priority are: 1). Ensuring that the anchor tenants; Fort Gordon, the newly appointed Military “Cyber Center” of excellence continues its mercurial International Communications Transformation in support of America’s National Security needs 2).The continued growth of medical education, research, and technology advancements at Georgia Regents University: 3). The positive, on-going curriculum transformations i.e. (CYBER Technology, and Nuclear Reactor Operator) certifications along with the best Plumber certification program in the Southeast continues at Augusta Technical College in Augusta, Georgia, and 4). The Preservation and sanctity of our most valuable resource, the Savannah River; Creating an environment for water conservation and economic vibrancy as we craft a master plan for the enrichment of nuclear energy at both Plant Vogtle in Augusta and the Savannah River site in Aiken County, South Carolina.

Rep. Smith, is a Service-Connected Disabled American Veteran, A Small Business Owner, “ Small Disadvantaged Veteran Owned Small Businessman (SDVOSB)with a concentration in “CYBER Security Tactical Planning & Site Sensitivity “Transportation management (All Modes) Air (Passenger/Cargo), Ground, Harbor/Shipping (Inter/Intra-Modal), Rail, (Passenger, and Cargo/Freight) with Registered DUNS, and SAMS Certifications.

Rep. Smith is a Six Sigma qualified “Black Belt,” and has extensive experience as a Certified “Project Management Fellow, PMP.”

Rep. Smith is a former United States Air Force Air Traffic Control Commander, Air Traffic Controller, and Air Traffic Control Liaison Coordinator. He is also a former Accredited Aviation Executive (AAE) and member of the American Association of Aviation Executives (AAAE). Rep. Smith is also a former “Hostage Negotiator” for the Savannah River Site in Aiken, S.C., for Wackenhut Nuclear Security. As Aviation Commissioner for Augusta’s Regional Airport at Bush Field in Augusta, Georgia, he coordinated, assisted, and oversaw the construction of the first-ever Air Passenger Terminal in Augusta’s history.

His outstanding community work includes serving as a member of the Board of Directors for Christ Community Health Services in Augusta, Georgia. He is a former President of the Olde Town Neighborhood Association (OTNA) also in Augusta.

A graduate of Augusta State University's now (GRU) Hull School of Business with a BBA in Marketing and minor in International Business and Finance, he also attended South Carolina State University in Orangeburg with a concentration in Business Management. Rep. Smith received an Associates Degree in Aviation Business Management from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), is multi-lingual, fluent in Spanish and Turkish

A committed Christian, Rep. Smith is well known as a Motivational Speaker and Process Reengineering professional throughout the United States. He is an active member of the Second Baptist Church, located in Aiken, SC.

Rep. Smith is married to Patricia Childs Smith, and they are the proud parents of one daughter, Marki.