

# Nancy Johnson



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## **Nancy Johnson Becomes Longest-Serving U.S. House Representative in Connecticut History** *Agenda Includes Job Creation, Health Care, and Retirement Security*

WASHINGTON, DC – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson became the longest-serving U.S. House Representative in Connecticut’s history today when she was sworn in for a 12<sup>th</sup> term.

“It’s been an honor to represent Connecticut’s Fifth District in Congress,” Johnson said. “I’m very grateful to all my constituents for having so much confidence in me and giving me the opportunity to serve.”

Johnson’s grandchildren joined her on the floor of the U.S. House today while Speaker J. Dennis Hastert administered the oath of office to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Johnson said she was looking forward to her continuing work on behalf of the people of the Fifth District, providing a strong and independent voice for them in Congress. She added that her legislative agenda during the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress will include job creation, more affordable and accessible health care, improved retirement security, better schools and a clean environment.

“I plan to lead the charge to ensure every American has access to affordable health care and that every American family enjoys the retirement security they deserve,” Johnson said. “A year from now seniors will begin receiving Medicare prescription drug coverage, and I will make sure these important new benefits are delivered as promised.

“I plan to continue my initiative to boost Connecticut manufacturing, create and keep jobs here, and keep taxes low for the middle-class. I will continue working with local educators to make sure our children have access to world class schools and that they inherit a clean and sustainable environment. I will support our Armed Forces defending our freedom and see that present and future veterans receive the benefits they have earned,” Johnson added.

The previous record for House service belonged to Congressman Robert N. Giaimo of North Haven. Giaimo represented Connecticut’s Third District for 11 terms from 1959 to 1981.

Johnson will continue to serve as a senior member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which exercises jurisdiction over Medicare, Social Security, taxes, trade, and human resources issues. Johnson will also continue as Chairman of the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee and will join the Trade Subcommittee.