

CONGRESSWOMAN NANCY L. JOHNSON

Fifth District, Connecticut

Congresswoman Nancy L. Johnson was first elected in 1982 to represent Connecticut's Sixth Congressional District. In 2002, she was re-elected in the new Fifth District, created because of reapportionment. The voters of the Fifth District overwhelmingly re-elected Johnson to serve a 12th term in 2004. She has served longer in the U.S. House of Representatives than anyone in Connecticut's history.

Hailed by the non-partisan *Almanac of American Politics* as "one of the most active and productive legislators in the House," Johnson has paved a record of legislative accomplishment that improved health care for seniors and children, lowered taxes for working families, strengthened the economy, improved our schools, and protected the environment.



She is a senior member of the powerful tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee and the first woman to chair one of its subcommittees. As the current chairman of the Health Subcommittee, Johnson co-authored the law that added prescription drug benefits and other 21st century modernizations to Medicare. Johnson also wrote the law that created the children's health insurance program (known as HUSKY in Connecticut). She has worked successfully to cut taxes for Connecticut families and level the economic playing field so small businesses and manufacturers can compete in the global economy and create good jobs.

Johnson's political career began when she ran for the Connecticut State Senate in 1976, becoming the first Republican elected to the New Britain seat in 30 years – a seat she held for three terms. Prior to seeking elective office, she was active in community affairs in New Britain. A native of Chicago and a Radcliffe College graduate, Johnson and her husband Ted live in New Britain. They have three married daughters and ten wonderful grandchildren.