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#### **“The Iconoclast”**

Inglis is famous among aides and friends for consuming vast amounts of information before making key decisions. He e-mails soldiers in Iraq to get front-line views of the war.

Inglis stirred up conservative activists in early 2007 by voting against Bush’s military surge. He sleeps on an air mattress in his D.C. office while Congress is in session and swims a mile every morning at dawn. His early calls for a gift ban and other congressional ethics reforms were first rejected, later adopted.

Inglis is more moderate now than he was during his first House stint in the 1990s, crediting the change to a spiritual awakening sparked by a devastating 1998 loss to incumbent U.S. Sen. Fritz Hollings. His voting record is more moderate this time around. He refused to take PAC campaign donations in his first stint in House, but now accepts them.

**Age:** 48

**Born:** Bluffton

**Home:** Travelers Rest

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Years in Congress:** 9 years in House

**Previous jobs:** Lawyer, 1984-92

**Military service:** None

**Education:** Bachelor’s degree, Duke; law degree, University of Virginia

**Family:** Wife, Mary Anne; daughters Mary Ashton, McCullough and Meade; sons Andrews and Robert Jr.

**Last election, victory margin:** 2006, 64 percent

**House committees:** Foreign Affairs; Education & Labor; Science & Technology

**2007 votes against majority of fellow Republicans:** 10.7 percent

**Independence:** High. 346 of 434 other representatives voted more often with their party majorities.

#### **Top career donors (sectors)**

Business: \$451,512

Finance/insurance/real estate: \$421,371

Lawyers/lobbyists: \$172,998

#### **Top career donors (firms and their employees)**

Leatherwood, Walker, Todd & Mann: \$51,725

Professional Mortgage Company: \$25,200

Wyche, Burgess, Freeman & Parham: \$22,500

#### **Top career donors (ZIP codes)**

29302 (Spartanburg): \$287,574

29605 (Greenville): \$234,818

29607 (Greenville): \$203,539

**Most time-consuming activities**

- 1.) Correspondence and e-mails with constituents, campaign supporters
- 2.) Town hall meetings, phone calls, other direct contact with constituents
- 3.) Voting on House bills
- 4.) Fundraising

**Most important issues**

- 1.) Energy
- 2.) Iraq
- 3.) Immigration

**Proudest achievement in Congress**

- 1.) "Winning the confidence of some folks in the black community through minority affairs councils. More broadly, individual opportunities to be an agent of reconciliation."
- 2.) Inglis' provisions creating federal cash awards for groups and individuals who accelerate development of hydrogen-fueled cars. Part of energy bill Bush signed into law Dec. 19.

**Best friends on Capitol Hill**

- 1.) Rep. Dan Lipinski, D-Ill.
- 2.) Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga.

**Most important votes:**

- 1.) February 2007 vote against U.S. military surge in Iraq.
- 2.) "Every appropriations bill because that's where we're spending taxpayers' hard-earned money."
- 3.) 1993 vote against North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- 4.) 1998 vote for all four articles of impeachment against President Clinton

**How he views his job**

"I want to be an agent of reconciliation focused on solutions that work. That comes from this observation, based on my previous time in Congress (1993-99) and this time around: You have to have leadership aimed at consensus, plus a crisis, in order to get change in Washington. This is the equation. On Social Security, for example, the reason we didn't get change is, maybe we weren't exactly focused on consensus. The big problem with Social Security is there is no crisis, no catalyzing event right now. "

**A top Democratic operative sizes him up**

"Ambitious. Been around a while. Keeps his promises — on term limits in the '90s, still anti-pork barrel spending. Pushes Republican establishment. Voice is heard. He's taken independent stands on Iraq and follows his conscience."