

## U.S. CONGRESSMAN MIKE ROSS

Arkansas's Fourth Congressional District

## **SHORT VERSION:**

A fifth generation Arkansan and former small business owner, U.S. Congressman Mike Ross of Prescott, Arkansas, has represented Arkansas's Fourth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2001. He serves on the House Energy & Commerce Committee and as ranking member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Ross is also Co-Chair of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, Co-Chair of the Second Amendment Taskforce and Co-Chair of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of fiscally conservative Democratic House members that advocates the principles of fiscal responsibility and government accountability.

## **LONG VERSION:**

Mike Ross of Prescott represents Arkansas's Fourth Congressional District, which includes 29 counties throughout much of the southern and western parts of the state. First elected in 2000, Mike is currently serving his sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

A fifth-generation Arkansan and former small business owner, Mike brings to Washington the same commonsense values he learned growing up in small towns like Prescott, Emmet and Hope.

Mike serves on the powerful House Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittees on Health; Oversight & Investigations; and Commerce, Trade & Manufacturing. He also serves as the ranking member of the U.S. Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, an association of lawmakers from each of the NATO-member countries.

Mike is a key leader of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of fiscally conservative Democratic House members that advocates the principles of fiscal responsibility, government accountability and national security.

Mike also Co-Chairs the Congressional Delta Caucus, the I-49 Congressional Caucus and the I-69 Congressional Caucus and serves as President of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association. As an avid hunter and outdoorsmen, Mike also serves as Co-Chair of the bipartisan Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus – one of the largest caucuses in the U.S. Congress – and as Co-Chair of the Second Amendment Taskforce.

The son of public school educators, Mike was born in Texarkana, Arkansas. He and his wife, Holly, have two grown children together and are active members of the United Methodist Church.

In 1990, Mike was elected, at age 29, as the youngest member of the Arkansas State Senate where he served for ten years. He is also a former member of the Nevada County Quorum Court and a graduate of Hope High School in Hope, Arkansas, and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He worked his way through college as a radio announcer.

When Mike is not working in the nation's capital or visiting the 150 towns in the Fourth Congressional District, he spends time with his family and enjoys hunting and fishing right here in Arkansas.