

Biography of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro

Rosa DeLauro is the Congresswoman from Connecticut's Third District that stretches from the Long Island Sound and New Haven to the Naugatuck Valley and Waterbury. Rosa serves in the Democratic leadership as co-chair of the Steering and Policy Committee, and she is the ranking member on the Labor, Health, Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, where she oversees our country's investments in education, health, and employment. She also serves on the subcommittee responsible for FDA and agriculture, where she oversees drug and food safety.

For Rosa, her work has been and will always be about helping people. That is why Congresswoman DeLauro believes our first priority must be to strengthen our economy and create good middle class jobs. She supports tax cuts for working and middle class families, fought to expand the Child Tax Credit to provide tax relief to millions of families, and introduced legislation to help grow our economy by making smart innovative investments in our infrastructure and helping manufacturing businesses to succeed.

As the ranking member dealing with appropriations for Labor, Health, Human Services, and Education, Rosa is determined to increase support for education and innovation, to fully implement the new health care reform law, to protect the rights of employees and unions, and raise living standards. Rosa has led the fight in Congress to achieve full pay equity for women and to ensure that all employees have access to paid sick days.

Rosa believes that we have a moral obligation to our nation's veterans and their families, and her concern for these heroes extends to both their physical and mental well-being. Rosa supports a transformation in how the Department of Veterans Affairs is funded, including advanced appropriations for health services, to ensure its fiscal soundness; and she successfully championed legislation to guarantee that troops deploying to combat theaters get the mental health screening they need both before and after deployment, as well as championed legislation that now provides assistance to today's Post-9/11 veterans choosing to pursue on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs.

Soon after earning degrees from Marymount College and Columbia University, Rosa followed her parents' footsteps into public service, serving as the first Executive Director of EMILY'S List, a national organization dedicated to increasing the number of women in elected office, Executive Director of Countdown '87, the national campaign that successfully stopped U.S. military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras, and as Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd. In 1990, Rosa was elected to the House of Representatives, and she has served as the Congresswoman from Connecticut's 3rd District since.

Rosa is married to Stanley Greenberg, President of Greenberg Quinlan Rosner, a public issues research firm. Their children—Anna, Kathryn and Jonathan Greenberg—all are grown and pursuing careers. They have four grandchildren, Rigby, Teo, Sadie, and Jasper.