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Congressman Roy Blunt (R-MO)



Missouri Congressman Roy Blunt came to the United States House of Representatives in 1997 with a background as a public servant, university president and administrator. He became the Majority Whip earlier in his career than any Member of Congress in the last eight decades and also served as Majority Leader.

Blunt is now the second-highest Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and is also a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The people of Southwest Missouri have overwhelmingly sent Blunt to Washington to represent them seven times, most recently reelecting him to Congress with 68 percent of the vote.

Before coming to Congress, Blunt was elected in 1984 as Missouri's first Republican Secretary of State in more than 50 years, a position he held for two terms, and served four years as the president of Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri.

Blunt was named Missouri's Republican of the Year in 2001. As Whip, the second highest Republican in the House, he led a team of deputies and assistants that columnist Robert Novak described as "the most efficient party whip operation in congressional history."

In one of Novak's last regular columns with the Washington Post he wrote about Blunt's efforts to ensure that the votes of our military men and women serving overseas are counted.

Other legislation Blunt championed in recent Congresses includes the Combat Meth Act, the Charitable Giving expansion and legislation to enhance transparency in federal spending by establishing a searchable database of all federal grants and contracts. Blunt has become a recognized leader on energy issues and led the fight for more American-made energy in 2008. He also played a key role in helping negotiate an update of our nation's foreign intelligence surveillance laws.

Blunt is a member of the Smithsonian Council for American Art.

The Congressman is married to Abigail Blunt. Blunt has four children: Matt Blunt, Missouri's 54th Governor; Amy Blunt, an attorney in Kansas City, Mo.; Andy Blunt, an attorney in Jefferson City; and Charlie (age 4). Blunt has five grandchildren: Davis Mosby, Ben Blunt, Branch Blunt, Eva Mosby, and Allyson Blunt.