

## About Rob

Rob Wittman was elected to serve the 1st Congressional District of Virginia - America's First District - on December 11, 2007, in a special election to fill the seat of the late Jo Ann Davis.

For more than 20 years, Rob has served in several levels of government, from Montross Town Council to the Virginia General Assembly. Rob won his first campaign for public office in 1986 when he was elected to the Montross Town Council, where he served for 10 years, four of them as Mayor. During his tenure, he helped build a municipal sewer system and developed a computerized tax billing system that cut burdensome paperwork, saving the taxpayers money.

In 1995, Rob was elected to the Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors and was elected its Chairman in 2003. As a member of the board, Rob Wittman's leadership paved the way for the construction of three new libraries, provided tax relief for seniors, and raised teacher salaries to competitive levels.

In 2005, voters in the 99th Legislative District elected Rob to the Virginia House of Delegates, where he served on three important committees - Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources; Militia, Police and Public Safety; and Transportation - and was a strong voice for keeping taxes low, supporting education, and protecting the environment while encouraging new jobs.

Rob, 48, spent over 20 years working in state government, most recently as Field Director for the Virginia Health Department's Division of Shellfish Sanitation. Earlier, he worked for many years as an environmental health specialist for local health departments in Virginia's Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula regions. He holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy and Administration from the University of North Carolina, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Virginia Tech.

Rob's wife, Kathryn, a teacher at Cople Elementary School in Hague, is a Westmoreland County native whom he met when he spent high school and college summer recesses working in a Leedstown tomato cannery and on a Reedville fishing boat in the Northern Neck. They live in Montross and have two children: a daughter, Devon, 25, son-in-law Daniel Gooch, and a son, Josh, 21. Rob and Kathryn recently became grandparents for the first time when Devon gave birth to Morgan Elizabeth Gooch.