



Biography for Bob Goodlatte (VA-06)

Bob Goodlatte represented the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia in the United States House of Representatives from January 1993 to January 2019.

Bob's service to the people of the Sixth District began in 1977 when he became District Director for former Congressman Caldwell Butler. He served in this position until 1979 and was responsible for helping folks across the Sixth District who sought assistance related to problems they encountered with federal agencies. In 1979, he founded his own private law practice in Roanoke. Later, he was a partner in the law firm of Bird, Kinder and Huffman, working there from 1981 until taking office in 1993.

In the 113th Congress, Bob was elected to serve as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. He was the first Judiciary Committee Chairman from Virginia in 125 years. Bob was a continuously-serving member of the Judiciary Committee from the time he arrived in Congress, holding a variety of leadership positions on the Committee, including Chairman of the Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet (112th Congress), Vice Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee and Ranking Member of the Task Force on Judicial Impeachment (111th Congress), Ranking Member of the Antitrust Task Force (110th Congress), and Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property (109th Congress). Additionally, Bob also served on the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

In addition to serving on the House Judiciary Committee, Bob served on the House Agriculture Committee. He was a member of the Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development, and Credit, which was of particular importance to the Sixth District since it is one of the leading turkey and poultry producing districts in the nation. He also served on the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Nutrition. Bob served the Agriculture Committee in a variety of leadership roles including Chairman of the Agriculture Committee (108-109th Congresses), Ranking Member of the Agriculture Committee (110th Congress), Vice Chairman of the Agriculture Committee (112-113th Congresses), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry (105-107th Congresses), and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research (111th Congress).

During his time in Congress, Bob also made a name for himself as a leader on internet and high-tech issues. He served as Co-Chair of the Congressional Internet Caucus and the Congressional International Creativity and Theft-Prevention Caucus as well as Chairman of the House Republican Technology Working Group. He also served as a Deputy Whip.

Bob is a graduate of Washington and Lee University School of Law, and his undergraduate degree in Government was earned at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. He resides in Roanoke with his wife of over 40 years, Maryellen. They have two adult children, Jennifer and Bobby; a son-in-law, Matt Barblan; and two granddaughters.