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SENATOR FRANK RUFF

Virginia Senate, 15th District

BIOGRAPHY

Senator Frank Ruff was elected to serve in the Virginia Senate in November 2000. Prior to Frank's election to the Virginia Senate, he served in the Virginia House of Delegates since first elected in 1993.

Frank serves on the Senate Standing Committees of Agriculture, Conversation and Natural Resources, Senate Finance and Appropriations, General Laws and Technology, and Privileges and Elections. He serves on the Booker T. Washington Commemorative Commission, Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board, Manufacturing Development Commission, MEI Project Approval Commission, Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee, Virginia Roanoke River Bi-State Commission, Center for Rural Virginia Board of Trustees on which he serves as Chair, Small Business Commission, Southern Virginia Higher Education Center Board of Trustees, Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission, and the State Water Commission. Frank is also involved in several national organizations.

For the last several years, Frank has focused on economic development, education, and workforce training in rural Virginia. He led the effort for forgivable student loans through the Tobacco Commission scholarships for students returning to the area after graduation. As well, he has worked with businesses and community colleges to create workforce training to independent certifications that is offered in several weeks rather than the traditional two year programs.

Frank and his wife, Jessie, have four children – sons Miller (wife Jessica) who have now made him a proud grandfather with the arrival of Julianna, Harper, and Abel; Thomas (wife Michelle), David, and daughter Genny (husband Nick). They are active members of Clarksville Presbyterian Church where Frank serves as an Elder.