

Former Congressman Zach Wamp

Zach Wamp represented Tennessee's Third District in the United States Congress from 1995-2011. In Congress, he served as the ranking member of the Military Construction/Veterans Affairs Subcommittee and other leadership positions on the U.S. House Appropriations Committee where he served for fourteen years. He is presently engaged as a consultant in the energy and security sectors for some of the most prominent companies in the world. He is also an active investor with multiple business interests.

Among his notable achievements in Congress, Zach was credited with establishing The Tennessee Valley Technology Corridor, The Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force, the Enterprise Center in Chattanooga and the United States Department of Homeland Security following the events of September 11, 2001. He wrote and passed legislation to establish the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District as a part of the National Park System and led the replacement of the Chickamauga Lock on the Tennessee River. While in Congress, Zach chaired the Renewable Energy Caucus, the Robotics Caucus, the TVA Caucus and was the founder and co-chairman of the Congressional Fitness Caucus. During his 16 years in Congress, he served on the Transportation Committee, the Science Committee, the Small Business Committee, the Republican Steering Committee, the Commerce/Justice/State Subcommittee, the Interior Subcommittee and the influential Energy and Water Subcommittee. He was the chairman of the weekly prayer breakfast in the U.S. House and chaired the National Prayer Breakfast in 2001. Zach was a regular panelist for four years on *The News Hour with Jim Lehrer*. He has appeared on virtually every major news show and in every major publication in the United States over two decades.

Zach served as the founding board chair and partner of Learning Blade-the nation's premier STEM education/CS and coding curriculum. He was a founding member of the National Council on Election Integrity and currently serves on the National Steering Committee for Trusted Elections. He is Chairman of the Gospel Music Foundation and serves as an advisor to several local and national non-profit organizations. Zach chaired the host committee for the National Prayer Breakfast from 2016 to 2023 and currently serves on the Advisory Board of The Museum of the Bible. He attended the University of North Carolina and The University of Tennessee and holds Honorary Doctorate degrees from Carson Newman University and Lincoln Memorial University.

A Chattanooga native, Zach and his wife Kim are members of Red Bank Baptist Church and have two children and six grandchildren. Their son Weston is currently serving as the Mayor of Hamilton County, Tennessee. Weston and his wife Shelby have four sons, River, Aldridge, Smith and Trehitt and a daughter, Griffin.

Their daughter, Coty, currently serves as The District Attorney General of the 11th Judicial District in the State of Tennessee and is married to SFC Marcus Boykin, a United States Special Forces "Green Beret". Coty and Marcus have one son, Crockett Mark Boykin.