



As a 6th generation Texan, Congressman Ted Poe learned very early on the meaning of “God and Texas.” Born and raised in Texas, his grandmother instilled in him a love for Texas, faith, public service and conservative principles. Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2004 to represent the Second Congressional District of Texas, Congressman Poe brings his no-nonsense style to Washington, DC. He is a leading voice for Texans standing up for conservative principles, reducing the size of the federal government and promoting constitutional and individual liberties.

Prior to serving in Congress, Ted Poe served in the United States Air Force Reserves, taught high school and college classes and earned a law degree from the University of Houston. Soon after graduation, he accepted a position as a prosecutor in Houston, Texas. During his eight years of service with the Harris County District Attorney’s Office, he became the chief felony prosecutor and never lost a jury trial. He later became one of the youngest judges ever appointed in Texas and one of the first Republicans elected since Reconstruction. Judge Poe was elected six times over twenty plus years on the bench and heard more than 20,000 of the worst criminal cases.

On the bench, Judge Poe garnered national media attention for his creative sentencing for criminals and hard-nosed approach to enforcing the law. Dubbed by the media as “Poetic Justice” punishments, he ordered thieves to carry signs in front of stores

from which they stole; commanded sex offenders to place warning signs on their homes after serving jail time; and directed murderers to place a photo of their victims on the wall of their prison cells reminding them of their crime.

Congressman Poe proudly serves on the House Judiciary Committee, and the House Foreign Affairs Committee as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade. An outspoken advocate in Washington on border security, Congressman Poe travels regularly to the southern border to meet directly with local law enforcement and residents. Combating illegal immigration and supporting law enforcement on the border led to Congressman Poe's push to exonerate wrongfully convicted Border Patrol Agents Ramos and Compean.

In 2005, Congressman Poe established the bipartisan Victims' Rights Caucus (VRC) to advocate on behalf of victims in our nation's capital. As co-chair of the VRC, Ted Poe plays a vital role in passing legislation to safeguard our children and to ensure that the needs and issues facing victims of crime are equally represented. In addition, in 2011, Congressman Poe founded the bipartisan PORTS (Ports Opportunity, Renewal, Trade, and Security) Caucus to promote the importance of U.S. ports to the nation's economy.

Congressman Poe is recognized nationally for his efforts to secure our borders and to establish a plan for energy independence. He regularly visits our troops in the War Zones of Iraq and Afghanistan. He is a strong Constitutionalist and stands firmly in the principle of "We the People" not "We the Subjects."