



JAMES H. BILBRAY (Class of 1956)

Jim Bilbray served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Nevada's 1st District from 1987 to 1995. He served as chairman of the Small Business Sub-Committee on Taxation, Tourism and Procurement and was also a member of the Foreign Affairs, Armed Services and Intelligence Committees.

Prior to that, Jim served in the Nevada State Senate from 1981 to 1987 where he was chairman of the Taxation Committee and was also a member of the Judiciary Committee.

He is a native Las Vegas. He attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, from 1959 to 1960. He received a B.A. in government and public administration from American University in Washington, D.C. in 1961 and a Juris Doctorate from the Washington College of Law in 1964.

Jim served in the Nevada Army National Guard from 1955 to 1956 and in the Nevada Army Reserves from 1957 to 1963.

Jim practiced law and was deputy District Attorney in Clark County, NV from 1965 to 1967. He was then chief legal counsel in the Clark County Juvenile Court from 1956 to 1966 to 1968, and was an alternate municipal judge in Las Vegas from 1978 to 1980. Jim became licensed to practice law before the Nevada Gaming Commission and the Nevada Gaming Control Board in 1970.

After leaving Congress, Jim joined the law firm of Kummer, Kaempfer, Bonner and Renshaw in 1996, where he has specialized in dealing with local, state and federal issues.

In 2001, he received an honorary doctorate of laws from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for his work in state and federal government.

Jim was appointed commissioner on the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission and in 2006 was appointed a member of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service by President George W. Bush for a term ending in 2015.

Jim was an official observer of the Ukraine election in Kiev in 2004.

Jim was responsible for putting 700,000 acres in new wilderness areas, creating Spring Mountain National Recreation area, and doubling the size of Red Rock Conservation area.

Jim has been married to his wife Mikey for 48 years. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

These biographies are based on research and could contain discrepancies.

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