



The Honorable Cliff Stearns (United States Congress, 1989-2013)

U.S. Representative Cliff Stearns represented Florida's 6th Congressional District for 12 terms, where he gained extensive experience in telecommunications, technology, cybersecurity and international trade during his 24 years of service. Currently, he serves as President of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress as well as an executive director based in APCO Worldwide's Washington, D.C., office and is a member of APCO's International Advisory Council.

Stearns was the Republican leader on the Communications, Technology and Internet Subcommittee and was chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade, where he enacted consumer privacy and data security legislation. He was chair of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. As chairman of the Transatlantic Dialogue for the European Union, Stearns was appointed primary liaison between the U.S. House of Representatives and elected members of the European Parliament. They would meet twice a year to discuss trade, security and environmental issues.

Prior to his election to the United States Congress, Stearns worked for CBS, Inc. and Kotula advertising company in Greenwich, Connecticut. He then started his own company as president and chief operating officer of Stearns House, Inc., which owned and operated motels and restaurants in North Central Florida. Earlier he was a captain in the United States Air Force and served four years as an aerospace project engineer. He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for distinguished service and meritorious achievement and later received the Air Force Association W. Stuart Symington Award, the highest honor presented to a civilian in the field of national security.

Stearns earned a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Board of the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management and is Co-Chairman of the Multicultural Media Telecommunications (MMTC) Council Telecom and Internet Policy Taskforce.



The Honorable Jason Altmire (United States Congress, 2007-2013)

U.S. Representative Jason Altmire represented Pennsylvania's 4th Congressional District for three terms, serving as a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce as well as the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. He is currently senior vice president of Florida Blue, not-for-profit health solutions company where he's responsible for leading and managing its Government and Community Affairs organization.

During his time in Congress, Altmire was a bipartisan centrist known for working with both sides of the aisle, which led to an extraordinary record of legislative success. He spoke on the House floor more than 200 times, went five and a half years without missing a single vote, had 29 of his legislative initiatives signed into law, and introduced a bill that gained the support of more cosponsors than any congressional bill in American history. He also made international news by leading a civilian rescue mission to Haiti following the 2010 earthquake. A nationally recognized leader on health care policy, he has been profiled by National Public Radio and in the pages of Times Magazine, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times and USA Today. In addition, he has been a frequent guest on a wide range of national television news programs.

Before being elected to Congress, Altmire spent his career in the health care industry, working for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and previously at the Federation of American Hospitals in Washington, DC. He has also been an adjunct professor at George Washington University, focusing on politics and policy.

Altmire holds a Master's degree in Health Administration from George Washington University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Florida State University.