



## *Quick Facts*

### ***Hometown***

Charleston, SC

### ***Family***

Married to Cathy

Children: Trey and Charlotte

### ***Born***

March 7, 1956 in Orangeburg, SC

Raised in Charleston, SC

### ***Education***

High School: Middleton High School (Charleston County public schools)

College: The University of South Carolina; degree in Business Administration

### ***Career***

Owner and operator of a State Farm Insurance Agency for more than 30 years

### ***Public Service***

- Elected Speaker of the House in 2005
- Became House Ways and Means Committee Chairman in 1999 after only seven years in politics
- Served as Chairman of the Economic Development and Public Education Subcommittees of the Ways and Means Committee
- Elected to serve as Majority Leader in 1997
- Appointed to House Ways and Means Committee in 1994
- First elected to the S.C. House of Representatives in 1992

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### *Awards and Recognition*

- 2009 Champion of Health Care from the SC Medical Assn
- 2009 Farm Bureau Legislator of the Year
- 2008 SC Economic Developers Assn Legislator of the Year
- 2008 Carolina Film Alliance Legislator of the Year
- 2007 Wilkins Award for Excellence in Legislative Leadership from Furman University's Riley Institute (recognizes legislator with leadership, integrity, vision, civility, and courage)
- 2007 SC Association of Taxpayers' Friend of the Taxpayer Award
- 2007 YesCarolina (Youth Entrepreneurship South Carolina) Outstanding Leadership Award
- 2007 Townes Award from Governor's School of Science & Math
- 2007 Pathfinder Award from U.S. Fuel Cell Council
- 2007 Top 10 People Who Made a Difference by Southern Business & Development magazine
- 2006 The South Carolina Public Health Association's Legislator of the Year Award
- 2006 The YMCA's Legislator of the Year Award
- 2006 SC Association of Taxpayers' Friend of the Taxpayer Award
- 2006 SC Public Health Association Douglas E. Bryant Legislator of the Year Award
- 2006 SC Department of Transportation Advocate of the Year Award
- 2006 SC Research Authority Knowledge Economist Award
- 2005 The SC Association of Taxpayers Friend to the Tax Payer Award
- 2005 SC Area Health Education Consortium Legislator of the Year
- 2005 SC Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity Award
- 2005 Special Olympics Legislator of the Year Award
- 2005 Award for outstanding contributions to public education by chairman of the Governor's Workforce Education Task Force and the State Superintendent of Education
- 2005 Business & Community Advancement Award by College of Charleston School of Business & Economics
- 2004 SC Recreation and Parks Association Legislator of the Year Award
- 2004 Fraternal Order of Police House Member of the Year Award
- 2004 SC Solicitors Association Legislator of the Year Award
- 2000 SC Association of Taxpayers Friend of the Taxpayer Award
- 2000 SC Adult Education Directors Legislator of the Year Award
- 1999 Palmetto State Teacher Association Service Award for Contributions in Public Education
- 1998 National Federation of Small Businesses Guardian of Small Business Award
- 1997 National Republican Legislators Association Legislator of the Year Award
- 1997 SC State Chamber of Commerce Public Servant of the Year Award
- 1995 Association of School Librarians Legislator of the Year Award



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### ***Honorary Doctorate Degrees:***

University of South Carolina - Fall 2009

Winthrop University - Fall 2008

South Carolina State University - Fall 2006

College of Charleston - Fall 2004

Charleston Southern University - Spring 2003

The Citadel - Spring 2002

Francis Marion University - Spring 2002

Medical University of South Carolina - Spring 2001