

## The Honorable Lamar Smith



Congressman Lamar Smith served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 32 years, from 1987 to 2019. He chaired the Science, Space and Technology Committee, along with the Judiciary Committee and Ethics Committee, making him the only recent member to have chaired three House Committees. He also was the most senior member of the Homeland Security Committee.

Congressman Smith was named Texan of the Year in 2019 by the bipartisan Texas Legislative Conference. And he was ranked as the most effective member of the House in the 112th Congress (2011-2012) in a study jointly conducted by the University of Virginia and Vanderbilt University. In 2011, Politico named him Policymaker of the Year in Technology for his work on patent reform legislation.

Congressman Smith is our kind of Texan. He expressed his faith in the future of our great state—and our energy sector—in a Fox News op-ed in 2018. He wrote prophetically, “The way to address climate change is not by increasing regulations and taxes. The future lies with research and development. Forget the alarmists’ hysteria and look to technology and innovation to solve climate change challenges.”

Prior to his service in Congress, Lamar served in the Texas House of Representatives and as a county commissioner in Bexar County. He was born and raised in San Antonio. Lamar and his wife, Beth, have an adult daughter and son and two grandsons.

Lamar joined the law firm of Akin Gump when he retired from Congress and now advises clients on public policy.