

Congressman Jerry McNerney Official Biography

Congressman Jerry McNerney was sworn into office on January 4, 2007. He is proud to represent California's 9th District, which includes a large portion of San Joaquin County and parts of Contra Costa and Sacramento Counties.

McNerney was inspired to run for Congress by his son Michael, who in response to the attacks of September 11th, sought and received a commission in the Air Force. Michael suggested that his Dad serve his country by running for Congress. With a deep sense of duty and his family's support, McNerney began his journey to Congress.

Congressman McNerney is honored to serve on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the oldest standing legislative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. The committee is vested with broad jurisdiction on a number of issues including telecommunications, consumer protection, food and drug safety, public health research, environmental quality, energy policy, and interstate and foreign commerce.

McNerney, who has his Ph.D. in mathematics, served several years as an engineering contractor to Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico. In 1990, McNerney moved with his family to California, accepting a senior engineering position with U.S. Windpower, Kenetech. McNerney later began working as an energy consultant for PG&E, FloWind, the Electric Power Research Institute, and other utility companies. Prior to his election to Congress, he formed a start-up company to manufacture wind turbines. During his career in wind energy, McNerney's work contributed to saving the equivalent of approximately 30 million barrels of oil, or 8.3 million tons of carbon dioxide.

McNerney and Mary, his wife of 36 years, live in Stockton, California. Their oldest son, Michael is a reserve officer in the U.S. Air Force and a graduate of American University with a degree in law. Their daughter Windy received a Ph.D. from Notre Dame in neuroscience and is working as a Post Doctorate researcher in Neurotoxicology at Lawrence Livermore National Labs. Their youngest son, Greg, received his Ph.D. in biophysics and is working as an engineer at Intel Corporation.