



Biography of Chairman Michael T. McCaul

Congressman Michael T. McCaul is currently serving his tenth term representing Texas' 10th District in the United States Congress. The 10th Congressional District of Texas stretches from Lake Travis to the Brazos Valley and includes Austin, Bastrop, Brazos, Burleson, Colorado, Fayette, Grimes, Lee, Madison, Travis, Washington, Waller, and Williamson Counties.

Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee

At the beginning of the 118th Congress, Congressman McCaul became the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee. This committee considers legislation that impacts the diplomatic community, which includes the Department of State, the Agency for International Development (USAID), the Peace Corps, the United Nations, and the enforcement of the Arms Export Control Act.

In his capacity as the committee's chairman, McCaul is committed to ensuring we promote America's leadership on the global stage. In his view, it is essential the United States bolsters international engagement with our allies, counters the aggressive policies of our adversaries, and advances the common interests of nations in defense of stability and democracy around the globe. He will continue to use his national security expertise to work to counter threats facing the United States, especially the increasing threat we face from nation state actors such as China, Iran, Russia, North Korea, among others.

Chairman Emeritus of the House Committee on Homeland Security

Prior to being term-limited, Congressman McCaul served as the Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security during the 113th, 115th, and 116th Congresses. As Chairman, McCaul introduced numerous bills to ensure to the Department of Homeland Security has the best policies and resources to carry out its vital mission of protecting the American people.

Fighting Childhood Cancer

Shortly after he was first elected to Congress, McCaul founded the Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus to give a voice to the nearly 16,000 children diagnosed with cancer every year; and the survivors who face long-term health issues stemming from the treatments they received as children. In the 115th Congress, there have been two major accomplishments in the fight against childhood cancer. First, the RACE for Children Act (Research to Accelerate Cures and Equity for Children Act) was signed into law in January of 2018. *RACE* now requires the most innovative adult treatments for cancer to be studied for use in children.

Then, the Childhood Cancer STAR Act was signed into law in June of 2018. The *STAR Act* is the most comprehensive childhood cancer bill ever signed into law. It addresses the four major concerns facing the pediatric cancer community: Survivorship, Treatment, Access, and Research, and will elevate and prioritize the fight against childhood cancer at the National Institute of Health (NIH).

In the 112th Congress, McCaul's legislation, the Creating Hope Act, was signed by the president and became law in October 2012, creating incentives for pharmaceutical companies to create new treatments for pediatric cancer patients.

High Tech Leadership

With many NASA employees, universities, and high tech companies in the 10th District, Congressman McCaul's leadership as co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional High Tech Caucus and the Cybersecurity Caucus provides him the ability to enhance Texas' role as a global leader in technology.

Personal

Prior to Congress, Michael McCaul served as Chief of Counter Terrorism and National Security in the U.S. Attorney's office, Western District of Texas, and led the Joint Terrorism Task Force charged with detecting, deterring, and preventing terrorist activity. McCaul also served as Texas Deputy Attorney General under current U.S. Senator John Cornyn, and served as a federal prosecutor in the Department of Justice's Public Integrity Section in Washington, DC.

A fourth generation Texan, Congressman McCaul earned a B.A. in Business and History from Trinity University and holds a J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law. In 2009 Congressman McCaul was honored with St. Mary's Distinguished Graduate award. He is also a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program of the School of Government, Harvard University. Congressman McCaul is married to his wife, Linda. They are proud parents of five children: Caroline, Jewell, and the triplets Lauren, Michael, and Avery.