

Jason Smith is a seventh-generation Missourian, a citizen-legislator, and a champion for the rights and values of rural Missourians.

Jason was raised in Salem, Missouri, where he still owns the same family farm that was started by his great grandfather. He attended Salem High School, where he was an active member of FFA. At the University of Missouri-Columbia, Jason earned degrees in Agricultural Economics and Business Administration. After receiving degrees from both programs in three years, he attended law school at Oklahoma City University before returning home to serve his community. Back home in Missouri, Jason began running the family farm and practicing law. It was during this time that he recognized the harm that the overbearing government was inflicting on Missourians and our economy. This inspired Jason to run for office himself so he could begin to undo the damage.

Jason was elected to the Missouri General Assembly in 2005. In the General Assembly, Jason fought to shrink the size of state government, eliminate burdensome rules and regulations, increase government transparency, protect property rights, require drug testing for welfare recipients, and defend Missouri agriculture. Thanks to his efforts, Jason's colleagues selected him to serve in leadership: first as the Majority Whip and then as Speaker Pro Tem—one of the youngest in state history.

In June of 2013, Jason was elected to represent Missouri's Eighth Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. In Washington, Jason has made a name for himself as a strong defender of rural America. He is committed to fighting intrusive government regulations, increasing markets for farmers and ranchers, and protecting his constituents' rural way of life. Congressman Smith served in House leadership during all four years of President Trump's term from 2016 to 2020. Jason used this role to be a strong advocate for holding government and Washington accountable to the folks of Missouri.

After serving two years as Republican Leader of the House Budget Committee, where he fought the wasteful Washington spending that drove inflation to a 40-year high, Jason's colleagues elected him to serve as the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee at the beginning of the 118th Congress. He is the first Missourian since the 1850's to serve as the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. As Chairman, Smith's top priority is delivering results for the working-class, whether it's ending the IRS's harassment of low- and middle-income families, building a stronger economy that creates a better foundation for Americans to achieve prosperity, securing our strategic supply chains to promote U.S. independence from adversarial nations like China, and more.

In 2021, Jason was rated as the top conservative in the Missouri Delegation by the American Conservative Union; he is a life member of the National Rifle Association, pro-life and supports traditional values.

Jason attends Grace Community Church in Salem.