

Senator Wes Shoemyer represents Senate District 18, which includes the counties of Adair, Audrain, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Marion, Monroe, Pike, Putnam, Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland and Shelby.

Wes was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in November 2000 representing the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District which includes parts of Monroe, Audrain, Boone, Chariton and all of Howard County. He served 3 terms before running for and elected to the Missouri Senate in 2006.

Senator Shoemyer lives on his family farm and has owned and operated the farm in Monroe County for over 20 years.

He is the voice for independent family farmers and northeast Missouri.

Senator Shoemyer is a recipient of the American Farmer degree from FFA, a member of the Missouri Farm Bureau, Monroe County Democratic Club, NEMO Grain Processors, an ethanol production facility; National Farmers Organization and Missouri Farmers Union, State President; Institute for Rural America, President; Ozark Mountain Pork Processing Plant, member of Premium Ag and has served as vice president for the Monroe County Farm Bureau.

He attends Oak Grove Baptist Church and is a member of Shelbina Lodge #228.

Wes is the recipient of the 2000 Governor's Advisory Council on Agriculture Award, the Concerned Agriculturalist of Missouri Award, the 2002 Family Farm Leadership Award from Missouri Farmers Union, the 2002 Assessors Association Service Award, the 2004 Farm Forum Dedicated Service to Rural America Award, the 2005 Betty Saunders Award, the 2005 County Advocate Award from the Missouri Association of Counties, the 2006 Missouri Watch Defender of Patient Safety Award, the 2006 and 2007 Collision Industry Appreciation of Service Award, the 2007 Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education, the 2007 Disabled American Veterans Appreciation Award, the 2007 Missouri Professional Bail Bonds Association Outstanding Legislative Achievement Award and the 2007 Rural Health Clinic Recognition of Service Award.

He is a 1979 graduate of South Shelby County R-IV High School, and attended the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Born March 30, 1961 in Hannibal, Senator Shoemyer lives in rural Monroe County with his wife, Cheryl. They have four children: Wendy, Laura, Amy and Andrew.

COMMITTEES:

Senate Committee on Economic Development and Local Government

Senate Committee on Health and Mental Health

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

2007 - Senate Interim Committee on Funding for County Sheriff's Offices

2007 – Governor's Rural High Speed Internet Task Force