



Rep. Rick Jasperse
District 11

Biography

Rick grew up in Kingsport, Tennessee. Upon graduation from The University of Georgia's College of Agriculture with a degree in Food Science, Rick started work as the Assistant County Agent in Bartow County in 1980. He stayed there for a few years, wisely married Marcia Rowlett, and then went to Bleckley County in Middle Georgia to further his experience in agriculture. Pickens County was their final stop and has been their home since 1983. Rick and Marcia live on a small farm, and over the years, have grown a little bit of everything including three fine children.

Rick has been very active in his community over the years. He has served on various boards and clubs. He has been on the Mountain Conservation Trust Board, Chattahoochee Technical College Board and Appalachian Cattlemen's Association. He was a long-time member of the Jasper Lion's Club and now a member of the Jasper Rotary Club. He was President and game announcer of the Pickens High School Tip-Off Club. He has cooked pork and chicken BBQ for many organizations and events to raise money for charity. He coached little league baseball for years with some great parents. Rick and his family had a small landscaping business for a number of years.

Rick's relationship with God has always been an important part of his life. Christian principles are an important part of his everyday approach to life and to making decisions. It is the basis of his enthusiasm to display a servant-leadership approach to public office just like he has in work, family and in community activities.

Rick retired in 2009 after 29 years as a County Agent with the University of Georgia College of Agriculture. Budget reductions at the University put a few of the older employees out to pasture. As an educator with the University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Pickens County, his role was to teach, inform and empower folks. Rick loved the job, as each day, he helped members of the community.

Rick entered a new world of service in 2010 when he was elected to be the State Representative for what is now the 11th District, which is parts of Cherokee and Forsyth County and all of Pickens County.

Rick currently serves as the Chairman of the House Transportation Committee. He also serves on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, Agriculture & Consumer Affairs, Education, Health, Public Safety and Homeland Security, Regulated Industries and Rules committees.

Don't hesitate to call on Rick if you need his assistance.