

SENATOR CHUCK PAYNE

GEORGIA'S 54TH SENATE DISTRICT

Senator Chuck Payne, a Republican, was elected to the Georgia State Senate in 2017. He serves Georgia's 54th Senate District which covers Murray, Whitfield and portions of Gordon counties.

Sen. Payne serves as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security and Vice Chairman of the Senate Committees on Education and Youth and Science and Technology respectively.

Sen. Payne also serves as Secretary of the Senate Committee on Higher Education and as an Ex-Officio on the Senate Committees on Children and Families and Public Safety.

Sen. Payne served four years (1984-1988) in the Army and the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. It was during this time that he met the love of his life, Angie Sellers, and they were married in January of 1988. In that same year, they returned to Dalton and Sen. Payne began his 30 year career of public service dedicated to assisting troubled youth and their families within the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice. Sen. Payne retired from the Department of Juvenile Justice with 30 years of service on October 31, 2016.

Sen. Payne has always maintained his affinity for working with youth. In his 30 years with the Department of Juvenile Justice, he helped a countless number of juveniles who found themselves on the wrong side of the law, and many give him credit for helping to turn their lives around. Sen. Payne has volunteered to coach little league sports for both boys and girls, having coached basketball, softball, baseball and football over the course of many years.

Sen. Payne has also been very involved in civic efforts over the past 33 years. He has served as Chairman of the Whitfield County Republican Party both from 1997-2005 and 2013-2016. He was also elected among his peers to serve as Vice-Chair of both the GA-9th Congressional District Republican Party (2009) and the GA-14th District Republican Party (2010-2013). Throughout his twenty-eight years of volunteer effort, "Principle above politics" has remained the focus of his efforts in building consensus of conservative ideals and principle across North Georgia, devoting the balance of his time to his family and services of his faith.

Sen. Payne and his wife, Angie, have two children – Son, Chaz Payne and Daughter, Heather Johnson. He also has a Son In-Law, Daniel Johnson, a Daughter In-Law Tobey as well as five grandchildren, Jet, Jonah, Judah, June Ruth and Cohen.

