

Georgia – 2009



Saxby Chambliss

U. S. Senator

Efforts: Tennessee 4-H alumnus. National Co-Chair of the Senate 4-H Caucus. Elected U.S. House of Representatives in 1994 and Senate in 2002. Senate Committees: Armed Services Committee; Select Committee on Intelligence; Rules Committee; Ranking Republican, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

Honors: Friend of the Farm Bureau; Congressional Support for Science Award, Inst. of Food & Technologies; Golden Plow Award, American Farm Bureau Federation; Golden Triangle Award, National Farmers Union; Intl. Foodservice Distributors Assn. 2006 Thomas Jefferson Award; Clyde R. Payne Legislator of the Year Award, National Assn. of Farm Service Agency County Office Employees.

Saxby Chambliss is a former Tennessee 4-H member. He says he got his start in public speaking at a 4-H meeting. "I stood on a table at our local 4-H meeting, gave a speech that I know began me on a 4-H career that helped me prepare for the United States Senate." Senator Chambliss is the National Co-Chair of the Senate 4-H Caucus. As the 4-H caucus was being formed, he was asked if he would consider chairing the group. Chambliss didn't hesitate to say he would be honored to serve as co-chair. As Co-Chair, Senator Chambliss has been a great champion for 4-H issues across the nation.

Home: Moultrie, GA

Nominated by: Year Inducted: 2009

Chambliss was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994 and the Senator in 2002. *Georgia Trend Magazine* named him one of Georgia's Most Influential Georgians and says "he is a highly visible and well-respected presence in Washington," and "has a reputation as an affable but straight-talking lawmaker." Chambliss is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Rules Committee and he is the Ranking Republican Member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. He is the only senator since 1947 to have chaired a full standing Senate Committee after serving in the Senate for just two years.

Quote: As the largest youth development organization in America, 4-H has the ability to help shape our nation's future leaders and I am very proud to support its efforts. My first public speech was as a sixth-grader in a 4-H competition in Tracy City, Tenn., standing on a table in the lunch room. Since then, I have delivered many speeches, but I will never forget that experience 4-H afforded me as a child. It is truly an honor and privilege to support the mission and principles of the 4-H organization as the co-chair of the Senate 4-H Caucus.



GA 4-H members visit with Senators Chambliss and Isakson.



Sen. Chambliss meets with 2005 GA National 4-H Conference delegation.