

House District 37

Bob Herron, Democrat



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AGE: 61

PLACE OF BIRTH: La Grande, OR

NAME OF SPOUSE: Margaret (my bride of 32 years)

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Buddy, Charles, Jalene
grandchildren-Keith, Kendal,
Briella, Honey Kay, Emily

OCCUPATION: Legislator

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 44 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Fairbanks 1968 – 1972
Military Service 1973-1977 (home of record-Bethel)
Bethel 1978-present

EDUCATION:
Lathrop High School – Fairbanks – Diploma 1969

MILITARY SERVICE:
United States Marine Corps 1973-1977, E-5 Sergeant,
computer programmer

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Bethel Planning & Port Commissions
Alaska Legislature legislative aide 1987-1994
Lower Kuskokwim School District Board (elected) 1992-2002
Bethel City Manager 1998-2005
Alaska Congressional Delegation, Bethel office 2005-2007
Bethel Advisory School Board (elected) 2007-2008
Alaska House of Representatives 2008-2012

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Former owner of Bethel Cablevision, North Star Gas,
Bethel Drilling & Welding
Current owner of Golden Eagle LLC, Blue Sky Estates
Alaska Public Entities Insurance, director
Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, director

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

VFW Post #10041, Life Member

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family, boating on the Kuskokwim River, time at our
remote cabin, hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding

STATEMENT:

Living, playing and working in western Alaska is a blessing
and challenge to all of us. The land and water provides for
our families and it is important to protect these valuable
resources for our children. The fish and game in our region
provides food and financial security that must be protected,
and not diminished or threatened by outside interests.

Since elected to the Alaska House, I have chaired Health
& Social Services, Community Regional Affairs, Economic
Development, Tourism, Trade, and served on Judiciary,
Resources, Fisheries, Legislative Council, Bush Caucus
& Veterans' Caucus.

I also served on the Alaska Northern Waters Task Force
that has highlighted the Bering Sea and how its vitality
and economic potential will require local infrastructure
funding for docks, ports, harbors and airports. The Bering
Sea and the Arctic are inseparable and, with careful
guidance, the future will bring economic opportunities that
will benefit our region.

I have had the privilege to work with a Southwest
Alaska legislative team that has focused on addressing
the high cost of energy. Alaska does have the capacity
to help its citizens with energy savings opportunities
and alternative energy infrastructures to create energy
independence. A debate on a gasoline for Alaska must
include on how the western part of our state is equally
treated for its energy needs.

I support full funding for education and public safety that
insures safe families, communities and an educated local
workforce.

I respectfully request your vote.

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