

## **Harry T. Crawford, Jr.-Democrat-Senate District N**

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**Age:** 62

**Place of Birth:** Shreveport, LA

**Name of Spouse:** Gwen Perry-Crawford

**Children's Names:** Beau (30), Clarissa (28), Andrew (20), Trevor (18)

**Occupation:** Retired Iron worker

**Length of Residency in Alaska:** 39 years

### **Alaskan communities lived in:**

Valdez 1975-1977, 1980

Anchorage 1981-present

**Education:** C.E. Byrd High School (Shreveport, Louisiana) 1966-1970;  
Louisiana State University, 1970, 1978-1981.

### **Political and Government Positions:**

State Representative, 2001-2010;

Chugach Electric Board Member, 2011-Present

Past President and past Secretary Treasurer, Scenic Foothills Community Council.

### **Business and Professional Positions:**

Board of Directors, Renewable Energy Alaska Project

Former Executive Board member, Iron Workers Local #751.

**Special Interests:** Spending time with my family, camping, hunting, fishing, Cajun cooking.

**Statement:**

I am running for the State Senate because I know we can do better.

Recently, my oldest son, a skilled journeyman carpenter and his Harvard educated sweetheart, left Alaska for Seattle. They didn't want to leave. They felt they had to go because our economy is stuck in neutral. This is unacceptable. Alaska is blessed in so many ways; tremendous natural resources, huge supplies of energy, and energetic people with a "Can Do" attitude.

Our economy is stalled because of a lack of leadership. Our state's current leaders either have no vision for the future or no courage to fight for it. I agree in this instance with Don Young that "You can't cut your way to prosperity." You have to invest in the future.

We can do three things right now to jump start our economy.

- 1) Education - Reduce class size now. Flat funding threatens our schools and our economic growth.
- 2) Jobs - Provide an incentive for new value-added industries. This is the first bill I will introduce.
- 3) Energy - Develop our traditional and renewable resources. I led the fight to bring the last generation of alternative power projects on-line and am ready to build the next.

We don't need a study or a task force to get these done. We can get them done now.

Working together, we can develop our resources, create jobs, improve our schools, and bring our children back home.

I would appreciate your vote.

Harry T. Crawford, Jr.



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