

Jack David Woodrum

Jack David Woodrum, a proud native of Hinton, West Virginia, has dedicated his life to serving his community and state. He resides in Summers County with his wife, Debra Brookman Woodrum. Jack is the father of three children and the grandfather of three. He is the son of the late Dr. Jack D. and Joan Briers Woodrum, M.D., and comes from a family with deep roots in the region, dating back to the early 1800s. Jack attributes his values and work ethic to his upbringing, as he was raised among railroaders, carpenters, engineers, farmers, outdoorsmen, and medical providers. Jack feels incredibly fortunate to have had the rare opportunity to know and be guided by the influence of not just his parents and grandparents but also several of his great-grandparents.

Jack is now serving his second term as a West Virginia State Senate member. He currently serves as the Chairman of Enrolled Bills. He is the immediate past chairman of the Government Organization Committee, Enrolled Bills, and the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee in the West Virginia Senate. In addition to enrolled bills, he serves on several other committees, including Vice Chair of Government Organization and Workforce. He is also a member of the economic development, finance, and natural resources committees. A commitment to education, infrastructure, and economic development marks his legislative career.

Before his tenure in the Senate, Jack served as a Summers County Commissioner for ten years, including three terms as President. He worked on local, state, and federal legislation, addressing issues that impact his community. In the private sector, Jack has been involved in the funeral service industry since 1981 and is a licensed Real Estate Sales associate and Pyrotechnic operator. As a trumpet player, he has performed with Military Honor Guards in Summers and surrounding counties, honoring veterans and active service members.

Jack's leadership extends beyond the Senate. He has served as an officer in numerous organizations, including the County Commissioners Association of West Virginia, the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority, Workforce West Virginia, and the Veterans Memorial Museum of Southern West Virginia. He has also served on the boards of directors for the National Association of Counties and the WV Records Management and Preservation Board, among others.

Jack's dedication to his community is evident through his involvement in local initiatives, such as co-founding the New River Gateway Convention and Visitors' Bureau. He has actively preserved many of the outdoor recreational opportunities in Summers County, and it's still very engaged in developing new trail systems and associated activities around hiking, cycling, equestrian, and water trails. He has also contributed to education and the arts. He takes pride in having helped to structure the funding package that was made possible through state and local resources with the VH1 grant that provided new instruments for the Summers County Schools' music program.

Jack David has received numerous awards for his service, including the West Virginia Governors Arts Award and the West Virginia History Advocate Legislative Leadership Award. He has also represented West Virginia as a delegate at the 2020 and 2024 Republican National Conventions and served on the 2024 RNC Platform Committee as a member and a designated subcommittee chairman. Jack is also an elected member of the West Virginia State Republican Executive Committee, serving as chairman of the Rules and Bylaws Committee.

Most recently, Senator Woodrum has been deeply involved in initiatives across Africa to improve local economies and create new opportunities for their citizens. These efforts are designed to benefit the countries involved and foster peace and stability across several regions of the continent.

Senator Woodrum also champions using West Virginia's existing coal mining infrastructure to support rare earth mineral extraction agreements in Africa. He believes this strategy will generate new jobs and industries in West Virginia while building strong partnerships with African nations to achieve shared goals. This collaboration, he hopes, will bring mutual benefits to West Virginia, the United States, and the African countries involved.

Jack David acknowledges that it is highly unusual for a state senator to engage in international diplomacy and commerce. During his travels, he has had the privilege of meeting with presidents, ambassadors, and generals. He firmly believes that his presence in these roles is guided by the Lord, who has a purpose for him in this position.

At the time of this writing, Jack is awaiting a visa to travel to a country in a civil war. The goal is to promote peace and prevent conflict from escalating into a broader regional crisis. He is dedicated to fostering peace and prosperity in these

regions while supporting the development of new industries and job opportunities in Africa and West Virginia.

Jack also recognizes the national security implications of these efforts, particularly given China's and Russia's involvement on the continent. He humbly asks that you keep him, his colleagues, and the leaders they are engaging with in your thoughts and prayers.

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We Salute You!

