



News from **Senator Rich Funke**

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BIOGRAPHY:

Senator Rich Funke was elected to represent the New York State Senate's 55th District, covering parts of Monroe and Ontario counties, on November 4, 2014. He Chairs the Senate Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks & Recreation and serves as Vice-Chair of the Committee on Science, Technology, Incubation & Entrepreneurship, in addition to serving on the Committees on Aging, on Agriculture, on Cities, on Commerce, Economic Development & Small Business, on Environmental Conservation, on Consumer Protection and on Higher Education. A Hall of Fame broadcaster and trusted community voice, Rich worked on-air at News10NBC Rochester for over 40 years until his retirement in December, 2012. He has devoted his time and energy to Golisano Children's Hospital, Cancer Action, Ronald McDonald House, Camp Good Days and Special times, and other charitable causes. Rich is also a member of the Monroe County Sheriff's Foundation and serves as a Lector at St. John of Rochester Church. He is a Graduate of Adelphi University, where he played quarterback and earned a degree in business. Rich is married to his wife Pat of 47 years.

DISTRICT PROFILE:

New York's 55th Senate District is incredibly diverse, stretching from the shores of Lake Ontario, through Rochester's Neighborhood of the Arts, and south to the Finger Lakes wine country. It includes the towns of Victor, East Bloomfield, West Bloomfield, Richmond, Bristol, South Bristol, Canadice, and Naples in Ontario County and the towns of Rush, Mendon, Pittsford, Perinton, Penfield, East Rochester, and Irondequoit, plus the east side of the City of Rochester in Monroe County.