



The Honorable Robert Walker

Wexler & Walker Chairman Robert S. Walker has an insider's knowledge of politics and policy based on decades of high-level government experience. Recognized as one of Washington's leading political strategists, Congressman Walker is in constant demand for his in-depth counsel on public policy issues and trends.

Mr. Walker retired from service in the U.S. House of Representatives after 20 years representing Pennsylvania's 16th District. During that time he was Chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology (then called the Science Committee), Chief Deputy Whip, Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee, Chairman of the Republican Leadership and Speaker Pro Tempore.

Presently, Congressman Walker's long-time involvement in alternative fuels and climate policy have made him a recognized world leader in this arena. From 2004 to 2011 he was a member of the U.S. Department of Energy's Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) where he served as its Chairman and Vice Chairman.

His expertise in aerospace issues also is recognized and utilized. In 2001, he was appointed to chair the Commission on the Future of the U.S. Aerospace Industry. In 2004, he served on the President's Commission on Implementation of the U.S. Space Exploration Policy. For several years Congressman Walker was a member of the Aeronautics and Space Engineering Board of the National Research Council. Back in 1996 he was the first sitting House Member to be awarded NASA's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Medal and in 2004 received the NASA Distinguished Public Services Medal. Today he is on the boards of the Aerospace Corporation and Space Adventures. From 2006 – 2008, he was Chairman of the Space Foundation and is presently a Director Emeritus of that board. Additionally, Congressman Walker is presently the Chairman of the American-Australian Education Leadership Foundation.

For more than thirty years, Congressman Walker has played a key role in the development and implementation of major public strategies related to science, space, technology, energy and legislative procedure. For example, he participated in some of the earliest congressional hearings and legislation related to the internet and development of the internet. He appears regularly on Fox News and PBS. He lectures frequently at the Brookings Institute, the Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown University, and the Woodrow Wilson Institute.

Walker has a deep background in U.S. foreign policy issues. In 1996, he chaired the committee which drafted the foreign policy section of the Republican Platform. He has traveled and studied on all seven continents.



Presently, he chairs the American-Australian Education Leadership Foundation that provides a yearly forum for officials from both countries to conduct a high level dialogue. In 2011 Walker traveled to China as a part of a Former Members delegation to meet with Chinese government, business and academic leaders.

Congressman Walker holds a B.S. in Education from Millersville University where the Walker Center for Civic Responsibility and Leadership is located. Additionally, he has an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Delaware and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Franklin and Marshall College.