

Bio

GILBERT GUDE, R-MD.,



serving his fourth term in the U.S. Congress from Maryland's Eighth District (most of Montgomery County) has been called by House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford: *"a Congressman's Congressman who strives steadily, independently and sensibly for solutions..."*

His voting record has received high scores from the League of Conservation Voters, the League of Women Voters, and Common Cause. Long committed to solving the Nation's environmental problems, he is a member of the conservation and natural resources subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee, as well as its subcommittee on foreign operations and government information, and has recently been reelected chairman of the Environmental Committee of Members of Congress for Peace through Law. Mr. Gude is also a member of the House District of Columbia Committee -- and a very active member since the city and Mr. Gude's Congressional District share many of the same metropolitan problems. (He was born in the District of Columbia and attended public schools there.)

Mr. Gude led the successful fight to create a National Historical Park from the C&O Canal and adjacent lands. He is now working for further park development and wilderness preservation through his proposed Potomac National River legislation.

Youngsters know him as the champion of the wild horse, now protected by law following a massive letter-writing campaign by the youngsters themselves.

In metropolitan matters, he has championed the subway system and regional cooperation in the solving of narcotics and crime problems, and in the cleaning up of the Potomac. He was a sponsor of the legislation providing for the purchase of the area's bus lines by the regional subway authority.

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Born: March 9, 1923, in Washington, D.C.

Education: Attended D.C. and Montgomery County public schools; the University of Maryland, 1941-43; Cornell University, B.S., 1948; George Washington University, M.A., 1958.

Military: U.S. Army, 1943-6, in the Pacific.

Family: Married Jane Wheeler Callaghan in 1948. Their children: Sharon (Mrs. Al Giraldi), 1950; Gilbert Jr., 1952; Gregory, 1960; Daniel, 1960; Adrienne Ann, 1962.

Offices: Maryland House of Delegates, 1952-58; state Senate, 1962-66;

won election to the U.S. House, with 52.2 percent of the vote, in 1966;

won subsequent elections to House by increasing margins which reached roughly 64 percent in 1972.

Home: Bethesda, Md.

Hobbies: History and architecture. He is a "level walker" -- a volunteer who routinely walks along a section of the C&O Canal to report changes and/or damage.

Profession: Landscape nurseryman.

Miscellanea: Keeps fit by avoiding elevators, striding up the stairs to the House chamber in the Capitol and up to his third floor office in the Cannon House Office Building. Refuses speaking fees. When his schedule permits, likes to drop in on businesses in his Congressional District and talk to owners and employees, and see the kind of work being done.