

Charles Jeter ~ Republican candidate for US Congress

South Carolina's Fourth District



Personal Highlights

- A native of Carlisle, SC in Union County
- Currently resides in Greer, SC in Greenville County
- Married for 40 years to the former Helen Bohlen of Charleston, SC
- 3 children and 8 grandchildren
- Family has lived in the 4th District for more than 250 years
- Masters Degree, Environmental Systems Engineering, Clemson University

Professional Highlights

- Served in the Reagan Administration as Southeast Regional Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other appointed policy positions. (1981–1986)
- US Army Officer. (1965-1967)
- Worked as Director of SC's Water Quality Programs at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). (1967–1981)
- Currently employed as a professional engineer and Vice-President for Environmental Affairs for RMT, Inc., a major, national and international engineering firm. RMT, Inc. assists industry in protecting and preserving the quality of the environment and in developing and engineering renewable and alternative energy sources. (1986–present)

On the Issues

- **Jobs:** Believes our top priority should be bringing new, quality jobs and expanding current job opportunities in our District. His experience in industrial recruitment provides the knowledge necessary to actively seek job growth and opportunities. Will work with state, local and private groups to recruit companies that provide jobs that meet the local needs.
- **Economic Stimulus / Taxes:** Believes we should lower taxes to help small businesses keep more of their income and promote job creation. Wants to give existing industries access to similar incentives offered to new industries. Strongly believes that the tax cuts expiring in 2010 should be permanent and would like to cut corporate tax rate to 25%. Will work diligently to reduce inefficiencies and careless spending in government.
- **Iraq:** Acknowledges we went to war in Iraq based on faulty intelligence system. Opposes scheduling a troop withdrawal. Realizes we must finish the fight to ensure no safe haven exists for terrorists who would then have access to vast amounts of money from Iraqi oil. Believes we will have to engage in fight with terrorists there or we will end up fighting terrorists here in the United States.
- **Immigration:** Knows that our borders are broken and must be fixed now. Supports border fence and high technology surveillance. Supports plan to have much of the border fence built by 2011 and to also have a major increase in border patrols. Believes increased numbers of workers' visas, with strong enforcement of these visas, will lessen the impact on US businesses. Believes that people who



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come to our country must respect and abide by our laws, embrace our values, and follow established rules to become American citizens.

- **Social Security:** Supports continuing current benefits for those already receiving benefits. Supports a bipartisan approach to ensure that the Social Security program remains healthy.
- **Healthcare:** Believes the United States has one of the best quality healthcare systems in the world, and is accessible to most. Strongly believes that healthcare should be available to all. However, does not believe in a government run national healthcare system.
- **Housing:** Believes that people should honor their obligations and financial commitments. Supports helping homeowners facing foreclosure if they are "legitimate borrowers" and not speculators. Will consider well-reasoned legislation designed to curb irresponsible lending / borrowing practices and conflicts of interest within the lending industry.
- **Education:** Believes teachers should be allowed to teach and not have to "police." Supports more teachers in the classrooms, not as administrative positions. Favors parental choice of schools when approved by local officials and right of parents to choose home schooling.
- **Pro-Life:** Believes all life is sacred and should not be terminated except in extreme cases such as rape, incest or danger to the life of the mother.
- **Death Penalty:** Supports death penalty.
- **Gun Control:** Supports an individual's right to own guns as protected by the 2nd Amendment. Supports background checks for gun buyers, as the law requires.
- **Veteran's Benefits:** Believes military personnel should have superior health benefits. Also believes that military personnel who serve their country and risk their lives to protect our rights and freedoms as Americans should be compensated appropriately. Has two pieces of legislation ready to introduce: "The Reservists and National Guard Military Deployment Dependents Act" which will provide an increase in money received per month by the dependents of an individual called to serve on active duty; and "The Active Service Bereavement Pay Act" which will significantly increase the bereavement payment to the beneficiary of any active service personnel killed in the line of duty.
- **Trade:** Supports trade agreements that are favorable to the United States. Advocate of trade that is "fair," without foreign government subsidy or manipulative pressures that will endanger US industries. Blames China's currency manipulation and weak US regulatory enforcement for imbalance in trade. Believes strongly that the passage of CAFTA hurt the 4th Congressional District and was the wrong decision.
- **Energy Independence:** Believes the US should accelerate efforts in conservation and use of alternative and renewable energy sources. These sources include hydroelectric, wind, thermal, solar, biofuel and landfill gas. Realizes that in the near future fossil fuels - coal and gas - are required and beyond that, nuclear energy will be needed to meet our energy demands.
- **Climate Change:** Believes the earth is a living planet unique in the universe. It has always been warming or cooling. Believes we are now in a modest, but not catastrophic, warming period. Provides opportunity to develop new, sustainable energy technologies.
- **Cuba:** Believes the time may be right to explore ways to renew talks with Cuba. But, Cuba must make additional strides in restoring human rights, free speech and a move towards some form of representative government before official positions on Cuba change.



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