

KENTUCKY

(Population 1995, 3,860,000)

SENATORS

WENDELL H. FORD, Democrat, of Owensboro, KY; born in Daviess County, KY, September 8, 1924; University of Kentucky; served in the U.S. Army, 1944–46, Kentucky National Guard, 1949–62; former partner, E.M. Ford and Company Insurance; former chief assistant to the Governor of Kentucky; State Senator, 1965–67; Lieutenant Governor, 1967–71; Governor, 1971–74; president of the Kentucky and national Jaycees; Junior Chamber of Commerce; chairman, National Democratic Governors Caucus, 1973–74; member, Democratic National Committee, 1976; member of Carter-Mondale Steering Committee and chairman of National Democratic Campaign Committee, 1976; chairman, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; recipient of awards from the March of Dimes, Veterans of Foreign Wars, U.S. National Guard Association, American Legion, Boy Scouts of America, National Cancer Society, Kentucky Educational Television, Kentucky Housing Corporation, National Association of Regional Councils, Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts; son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Ford; holds honorary degrees from Universities of Kentucky, Morehead, Eastern Kentucky, Murray State, Kentucky Wesleyan, Spalding University, Union College, and Brescia College; married the former Jean Neel, 1943; two children: Shirley (Mrs. William Dexter) and Steven; five grandchildren; assistant majority leader, 1991; committees: Commerce, Science and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Rules and Administration; Joint Committee on Printing; elected to the U.S. Senate, November 5, 1974, for the term ending January 3, 1981; reelected to each succeeding term; elected Democratic Whip on November 13, 1990; reelected November 10, 1992, December 2, 1994, and December 3, 1996.

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MITCH MCCONNELL, Republican, of Louisville, KY; born in Colbert County, AL, February 20, 1942; graduated Manual High School, Louisville, 1960, president of the student body; B.A. with honors, University of Louisville, 1964, president of the student council, president of the student body of the College of Arts and Sciences; J.D., University of Kentucky Law School, 1967, president of student bar association, outstanding oral advocate; attorney, admitted to the Kentucky bar, 1967; chief legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Marlow Cook, 1968–70; Deputy Assistant U.S. Attorney General, 1974–75; elected judge/executive of Jefferson County, KY, 1977, reelected 1981; president, Kentucky Association of County Judge/Executives, 1982; named Outstanding Young Man in Jefferson County, 1974; named Outstanding Young Man in Kentucky, 1977; named Conservationist of the Year by the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, 1983; founder and chairman, Kentucky Task Force on Exploited and Missing Children, 1982; cochairman, National Child Tragedies Coalition, 1981; advisory board member, National Institute of Justice, 1982–84; appointed chairman of the Council of Elected Officials by Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour; member, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, KY; three children: Elly, Claire, and Porter; married Elaine Chao, president of the United Way of America, February 6, 1993; committees: Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Labor and Human Resources; Rules and Administration; Joint Committee on Printing; elected to the U.S. Senate, November 6, 1984, for the term expiring January 3, 1991; reelected November 6, 1990, for the term expiring January 3, 1997.

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