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# **Gene Jeffress**

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Harmon "Gene" Jeffress (b. October 18, 1948) is a former Democratic member of the Arkansas State Senate, representing District 25 from 2003 to 2013

Jeffress served in the Arkansas House of Representatives from 1999 to 2002.

limits. He instead ran for election to the U.S. House.

Jeffress was ineligible to run for re-election to the Arkansas State Senate in 2012 due to term

### Jeffress earned his BME from the University of Arkansas, Monticello, in 1971. His professional experience includes working as a teacher.

Biography

Committee assignments

## Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development Committee, Arkansas State Senate, Chair

2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 legislative session, Jeffress served on these committees:

- Legislative Council, Arkansas Assembly Joint Budget Committee, Arkansas Assembly
- Subcommittee on Claims
- Education Committee, Arkansas State Senate
- Joint Energy Committee, Arkansas Assembly Public Retirement and Social Security Programs Committee, Arkansas Assembly

## Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development

2009-2010

 Children and Youth Committee, Arkansas State Senate · Education Committee, Arkansas State Senate

In the 2009-2010 legislative session, Jeffress served on these committees:

- Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee, Arkansas State Senate

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## 2012

#### Jeffress was defeated by Republican Tom Cotton.[1] Jeffress ran in the 2012 election for the U.S. House to represent Arkansas's 4th District. He and Q. Byrum Hurst defeated D.C. Morrison in the May 22, 2012, Democratic primary and advanced to the June 12,

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2012, primary runoff election. Jeffress defeated Q. Byrum Hurst in the runoff and faced Tom Cotton (R) in the general election on November 6, 2012.[2] Jeffress was termed-out in 2012 and therefore ineligible to run for re-election to the Arkansas State Senate. U.S. House, Arkansas District 4 General Election, 2012 [Collapse]

|           | mocratic   | Gene Jeffress | 36.7% | 95,013  |
|-----------|------------|---------------|-------|---------|
| Rer       |            |               |       |         |
| 110       | oublican   | ✓Tom Cotton   | 59.5% | 154,149 |
| Gre       | een        | Joshua Drake  | 1.9%  | 4,807   |
| Lib       | ertarian   | Bobby Tullis  | 1.9%  | 4,984   |
| otal Vote | otal Votes |               |       | 258,953 |

2008 On November 4, 2008, Jeffress won re-election to the 25th District Seat in the Arkansas State Senate, running unopposed in the

Campaign donors

Jeffress raised \$56,375 for his campaign.<sup>[4]</sup>

## 2012

#### cycle, Jeffress' campaign committee raised a total of \$100,330 and spent \$98,040.[5]

general election.[3]

U.S. House, Arkansas District 4, 2012 - Gene Jeffress Campaign

Contributions

Jeffress did not win election to the U.S. House in 2012. During that election



Individual contributions

PAC contributions

Small Contributions

Large Contributions

\$2,110

\$29,220

\$23,500

(2%)

(29%)(23%)

2010 (Off-cycle) Jeffress raised no money in the 2010 election cycle.

## 2008 In 2008, Jeffress collected \$56,375 in donations. [6]

Stephens Group

Arkansas Hospital

Donor

His eight largest contributors in 2008 were:

**Amount** 

\$3,000

| Association                        | \$2,250 |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| RATS                               | \$2,000 |
| Arkansas Healthcare<br>Association | \$2,000 |
| Wal-Mart                           | \$2,000 |
| SATCO                              | \$2,000 |
| Michael S. Morton                  | \$2,000 |
| Friedkin Business Services         | \$2,000 |

## The Advance Arkansas Institute, an Arkansas-based nonprofit research and educational organization, released Arkansas's Freedom Scorecard in 2012 and 2013. The scorecard graded legislators based on how they voted on the principles the group

## freedom, education reform, good government, personal liberty, small government, and tax/budget policy." Scores range from 100 percent (the highest score) to 0 percent (the lowest score). A higher score indicates that the legislator voted more in favor of the

Jeffress and his wife, Cynthia, have three children.

**Arkansas's Freedom Scorecard** 

values supported by this group. [7] Jeffress received a score of 57% in the 2012 scorecard, ranking 25th out of 34 members of the Arkansas State Senate that were evaluated for the study. Personal

sought to promote. The group identified the following six categories as interest areas tracked by this scorecard: "economic

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1. ↑ Politico, "2012 Election Map, Arkansas" ₽

**Footnotes** 

Official Arkansas State Senate website of Senator Gene Jeffress ₽

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7 ↑ Advance Arkansas Institute "Arkansas's Freedom Scorecard 2012 " accessed January 14, 2014 &

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