

State Representative Jerry Shoemake is seeking re-election to House District 16, a position he has held since first elected in 2004. His district includes parts of Okmulgee, Muskogee, Wagoner and Tulsa counties. Since he began serving as a state representative, Shoemake has been appointed to the General Government Committee, the Agriculture, Wildlife and Tourism Committee and the Appropriations and Budgets Subcommittee of Natural Resources. In addition, he is a member of the Native American Caucus. "My focus has been on rural issues including health care, small business, education, rural fire departments and rural water," Shoemake said. In 2008, the Oklahoma Rural Water Association honored Rep. Shoemake as Legislator of the Year. He supports protecting the retirement systems for both retired and active fire fighters, teachers and state employees. When he is not at the state Capitol, Shoemake is also involved in a number of local organizations and activities. Examples of previous service to the area include serving on the Board of Directors of the Okmulgee County Fair, Okmulgee County Farm Bureau, Soil Conservation Service and the M & L Rural Water District (now RWD #20). During the Tulsa State Fair, Rep. Shoemake is Superintendent of the Horse Division. The representative said supporting activities for the youth of Oklahoma, including FFA and 4-H, is very important to him. Beyond his interest in district communities, Rep. Shoemake also served on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association and served two terms as president of the Oklahoma Fairs and Festivals Association. His work with others in these organizations provided many opportunities to promote tourism within the state. Born near Morris, he and his wife, Lynda, in partnership with his brother Max and Max's wife, Phyllis, continue to raise cattle on the family farm established by their parents, Luther and Mavis Shoemake. "Because I've always lived in District 16 and been actively involved in the area, I am aware of the concerns of area residents. My experience in agriculture, education, and service to the district and the state qualify me to be your representative," he said. "I am grateful that the voters have shown confidence in me in previous elections and am asking for your

vote so I may continue to serve District 16 in the Oklahoma House of
Representatives.â€•