DOWN HOME NORTH CAROLINA

Raymond Smith
US House Representative District 3

BIOGRAPHY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:



Bio:
Dr. Raymond E. Smith Jr. is a former educator, decorated Gulf War combat veteran, and two-term North Carolina state legislator representing Wayne and Sampson Counties. A lifelong Goldsboro resident, he has dedicated his career to education, transportation, public service, and improving opportunities for Eastern North Carolina. He previously served on the Wayne County Board of Education, where he became its first African American at-large member and vice chairman. He holds three degrees from HBCUs and has experience in education, transportation planning, and military service.

Why he's running:
Raymond is running to continue fighting for stronger schools, better infrastructure, economic opportunity, and accessible healthcare in Eastern North Carolina. His record includes helping control transportation costs, advocating for public education, working to revitalize Eastern North Carolina communities, and supporting Medicaid expansion. His campaign is rooted in service, equity, and making sure Eastern North Carolina receives the investment and opportunities it deserves.

Fighting Corruption & Promoting Good Government:	• Dedicated to pushing major campaign finance reform, bringing an end to Citizens United, and banning stock trading from members of Congress. We must fight corruption in all forms in both parties.
Lower Cost for Working Families:	• Will focus on lowering the cost of necessities and raising the standard of living for all North Carolinians. By focusing on affordability, job creation, and infrastructure, we can build a better future for all our neighbors.
Quality Accessible Healthcare:	• We will work to build a healthcare system that lowers costs, expands access, and makes quality care affordable for more people.
Infrastructure for the 21st Century:	• Will fight for our fair share of project funding and investment.
Protecting Veterans & Military Families:	• Will work across the aisle to ensure America's veterans and soldiers get the benefits and respect they deserve. By improving the VA, expanding childcare access for the families of service members, and addressing the base housing crisis, we can ensure that we can protect those who risked their lives to protect our country.
Strong Public Education	• Will fight to protect the fundamental right to a sound, basic education.