DOWN HOME NORTH CAROLINA

Richard Ojeda
United States House District 9

BIOGRAPHY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

	Bio: Richard Ojeda is a retired U.S. Army Major, former West Virginia state senator, and teacher who spent more than 15 years stationed at Fort Bragg. After 24 years of military service and deployments overseas, he continued serving his community as an educator and elected official. He is now running for Congress to fight for working families, veterans, affordable healthcare, and strong communities. **Why he's running:** Richard Ojeda is running because he believes government should work for everyday people, not powerful interests. After decades of military service, he wants to continue serving by fighting for working families, protecting access to quality healthcare and education, supporting veterans, and ensuring North Carolinians' voices are heard in Washington.

Fighting for Veterans:	• Will fight to stop the assault on the VA workforce from politicians like Richard Hudson • Protect pensions and benefits veterans have already earned. • Prioritize mental health care for veterans and families.
Protecting Education:	• Advocate for and defend the Department of Education and public schools. • Will fight to pass legislation like the Pay Teachers Act and raise the national pay scale to at least 60k per year. • Strong proponent of securing federal funding for rural schools and educators so every child has a chance.
Investing in NC:	• Protect essential services that veterans, families, and students count on every day. • Fighting to stop the constant attacks on healthcare access and keep rural hospitals open. • Will push Washington insiders out of North Carolina's local

	decisions.
Ensuring Quality Healthcare:	• Expand Medicaid in North Carolina and stop federal sabotage by corrupt politicians. • Cap prescription drug costs and hold Big Pharma accountable. • Fully fund rural hospitals, so care is never hours away
Standing up for working families:	• Raise wages so full-time work means security, not poverty. • Repeal "Right to Work" laws that weaken unions and keep pay low. • Support family farms, support trades, and invest in the infrastructure to bring good jobs home.
Saving Social Security:	• Protect and strengthen Social Security for current and future generations. • Oppose raising the retirement age or privatizing the system. • Make billionaires pay their fair share to keep the program strong.