

Thom Tillis

North Carolina Speaker of the House



Biography of the Speaker

THOM TILLIS, age 50, and his wife of 23 years, Susan, and their children Lindsay and Ryan, have lived in the North Mecklenburg area for 12 years. Thom and his family relocated from Fairfax, Virginia to Cornelius in 1998.

Thom's management consulting career has provided him with a deep understanding of fiscal management, policy making, and transformation of complex organizations. Thom was a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, one of the world's largest accounting and management consulting firms, which sold its management consulting practice to IBM in 2002.

In 2006, Thom was elected by the 98th District to the North Carolina House of Representatives, and was re-elected in 2008. Thom left IBM in 2009 to focus his attention on serving in the North Carolina House of Representatives and leading the 2010 House Republican Caucus Campaign Committee as the Chairman. Thom's efforts as Committee Chairman helped Republicans win a majority in the NC House for the first time in over a decade.

After the 2010 elections, Thom was elected Speaker-Designate by the members of the House Republican Caucus. When the House convened in January 2011, Thom was elected the Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives. He is only the second Republican to serve as House Speaker. He led the House to one of the most efficiently productive sessions in recent memory, and orchestrated the first bipartisan override of the Governor's veto of the state budget.

RECENT RECOGNITIONS & POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:

2009-2010	#1 Rated legislator for promoting a business-friendly environment in North Carolina by the nonpartisan North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation.
2009-2010	Rated in the Top 25% most effective legislators by the nonpartisan NC Center for Public Policy. Jumped 62 positions after freshman year.
2010	Rated in the Top 33% most conservative member by the Civitas Institute, a nonpartisan conservative think tank.
2008	Elected House Republican Whip and 2010 House Caucus Campaign Committee Chairman
2010	Elected Speaker-Designate by Republican House Caucus
2011	Elected Speaker of the House the North Carolina House of Representatives
2011	Only the second Republican to serve as Speaker
2011	Oversaw the most efficient and productive House sessions in modern history
2011	Named "National Legislator of the Year" by the American Legislative Exchange Council