## Biography of THE HONORABLE RICKY HILL ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



## VICE CHAIR AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SENATE DISTRICT 29

Senator Ricky Hill of Cabot represents District 29, which includes parts of Faulkner, Lonoke, Pulaski and White Counties.

He grew up in rural Lonoke County on his parents' farm. He helped with the farming and the family's residential construction business. He graduated from Cabot High School, then earned a Master's Degree in Agriculture Business and Economics from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

Senator Hill is vice chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development. He is a member of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs and the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology. He is a member of the Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials Committee, the Joint Budget Committee and the Legislative Council. He chairs the Council's Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee and the Joint Budget Subcommittee on Peer Review.

During the 2021 regular session Senator Hill sponsored legislation to establish a day of prayer for Arkansas students, and to allow government entities to issue bonds for broadband infrastructure. Also he sponsored Act 135 of 2021 to help military members and their spouses who hold an occupational license more easily transfer their licenses so they can work in Arkansas.

In past sessions, Senator Hill co-sponsored legislation to raise teacher salaries, fund 911 emergency response systems and modernize the practice of optometry.

As a young man, he joined the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and competed on the professional rodeo circuit as a professional bull rider for four years. During that time he married his wife, Cynthia, who was a professional barrel racer.

After a professional rodeo career, he returned to Cabot. He was hired by SF Services and was the company's youngest general manager, and for 10 years managed three stores in central Arkansas.

Then he went into banking. He now is an Executive Vice President with Bank of the Ozarks, and he continues to operate his family farm. He and Cynthia own residential rental property, which she manages.

Prior to his election to the legislature, Senator Hill served on the Cabot School Board from 2012 through 2017, becoming the Board President for a year. He is involved with the Cabot Chamber of Commerce, where he is a former Secretary, and Lonoke County CASA, where he is a former board member.

Senator Hill is a founding board member of the Keep the Faith Foundation and is active in Cabot Rotary, the Little Rock Air Force Base Community Council, Ducks Unlimited and the NRA. He and his family are members of Mount Carmel Baptist Church.

He and Cynthia have two children. Their son Glenn is an officer in the U.S. Navy, where he is a naval aviator. Their daughter Julie is at Texas A&M University. Besides majoring in Supply Chain Management, she is a barrel racer on the Texas Aggie Rodeo Team.