

Biography of
THE HONORABLE UVALDE LINDSLEY
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



**CHAIRMAN – LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON THE BEST
PRACTICES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION
SENATE DISTRICT 4**

Senator Uvalde Lindsey represents Senate District 4, which is comprised of a portion of Washington County. He is serving his first term in the Arkansas Senate. He is chairman the Legislative Task Force on the Best Practices for Special Education and the Task Force on Autism. He is co-chairman ALC-Personnel and vice chairman of both JBC-Personnel and Senate Education Committee. In the current 90th General Assembly, his committee memberships include: Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials; Senate Insurance and Commerce; Legislative Joint Auditing; Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC); Joint Public Retirement and Social Security Programs; Joint Budget Committee; ALC-Review; Legislative Joint Auditing-Educational Institutions; ALC-Peer; Legislative Task Force to Study the Realignment of Higher Education; ALC-Higher Education Subcommittee and ALC-Lottery Oversight Subcommittee.

In the 89th General Assembly, he was chairman of three committees: Joint Budge Committee (JBC) –Personnel, Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) Personnel and the Task Force on Autism. He was also vice-chairman of Joint Performance Review. His other memberships included Senate Education Committee, Senate City, County & Local Affairs Committee, Senate Rules, Resolutions & Memorials, Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC), Joint Budge Committee, ALC-Peer and ALC-Administrative Rules & Regulations.

Regionally and nationally, Senator Lindsey works with legislators from around the country as a member of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), and the Councils of State Governments (CSG).

Lindsey sits on the Human Services and Public Safety Committee of SLC, the Education Standing Committee of NCSL, and the Education Policy/Public Policy Committee of CSG.

In 2008, Senator Lindsey was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives and served three consecutive terms. He championed several legislative initiatives in that span including:

- Act 196 of 2011 – Providing insurance coverage of autism
- Act 209 of 2011 – Addressing solid waste district fees
- Act 640 of 2011 – Creating a training program for 9-1-1 operators
- Act 706 of 2011 – The Arkansas Acceleration Fund Act
- Act 736 of 2011 – Tax reform for the head of household
- Act 771 of 2011 – Cutting the red tape in the ARKids enrollment process

During his political career, he has been recognized by many organizations. In 2013, he was named Outstanding Senator by the Arkansas State Employees Association; Outstanding Legislator by the Arkansas Autism research and Outreach Center and Outstanding Legislator by the Arkansas Developmental Disabilities Council. In 2011 alone, he received the following:

- Outstanding House Legislator Award, Arkansas Legislative Black Caucus
- AARP Award for improving the lives of Arkansans for work on the Autism Task Force
- Arkansas Advocates for children & Families Award for work on the Autism Task Force
- Arkansas Citizens First Congress Champion Legislator Award for his tax reform efforts
- Northwest Arkansas Community College Award for his work with higher education work
- The Arkansas Support Network's Michael Donald Carner Award for his dedication and commitment to an inclusive and welcoming community
- Boston Mountain Solid Waste District Leadership Award

In past years, he received the Northwest Arkansas Community College Eagle Award for Leadership and the North Arkansas Leadership Award. Civically, he has been active as a board member with the Illinois River Watershed Partnership and the Harrison City Council Member, where he served as budget chairman for several years.

Professionally, Senator Lindsey is the president of Ozark International Consultants and holds a degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. In past years, he was the executive director of the Northwest Arkansas Economic District, the staff director for the Northwest Arkansas Council and served as budget officer for then Governor Bill Clinton. A native of Harrison, Senator Lindsley and his wife, Jo, have three sons and two daughters. They also have eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.