



## Political Biography

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### Bill Calhoun (TX)

#### **Business Career**

Bill Calhoun was in the insurance and financial services business for almost 35 years before his retirement in 2004.

Mr. Calhoun began his career with a Fortune 100 Company as a Business Insurance Underwriter in 1971. Five years later, he was selected to head the Agency Sales and Marketing Unit. In that capacity, he managed a team of 100 agents and brokers with annual sales in excess of 100 million dollars.

In December 1979, Mr. Calhoun left the company to start his own brokerage firm.

In 1989, Mr. Calhoun along with four other investors purchased Riverside National Bank, changing its name to Unity National Bank. Mr. Calhoun was elected Vice-Chairman of the board by his fellow directors a position he maintained until he sold his interest in 1998.

In 2004, he and his wife Jeannette sold the family's insurance brokerage business.

Mr. Calhoun owns and operates Ilex Consulting Corp, an energy marketing company.

In 2005, Mr. Calhoun was chosen "Volunteer of the year" by the *State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) of the Republican Party of Texas from Texas Senate District 13*.

Mr. Calhoun has served on the board of several civic organizations including the *Sam Houston Council of the Boy Scouts of America* and the *Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of Texas* where he was elected Chairman and as a member of the Founders Club of the *Buffalo Soldiers National Museum*. He is a Life Member of the *NAACP* and a graduate of *Leadership Houston*.

Mr. Calhoun has also served as a delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business.

Mr. Calhoun now serves as the fourth Chairman of the *Texas Federation for Republican Outreach* formerly the Federation of Black Republicans.

He is the Chairman of the *Common Sense Coalition*. He also is the Executive Director and a lay member of the Board of Directors of the *Texas Black Clergy Network*. Mr. Calhoun holds a Bachelors Degree in Management & Marketing from *Prairie View A & M University of Texas* and has done post-graduate work at the *University of Houston*. He is a fellow in the Society of *Certified Insurance Counselors* where he holds the title ***CIC Emeritus***

## **POLITICAL SERVICE**

- Chairman, Texas Federation for Republican Outreach
- Campaign for Phil Gramm for US Senator
- Campaign for Kay Bailey Hutchison for US Senator
- Bush-Quayle '88
- Bush-Quayle '92
- George W. Bush for Governor '94
- Committee to Re-elect Governor George W. Bush '98
- Bush-Cheney 2000
- Bush-Cheney '04
- Texans for Governor Rick Perry '06
- Texans to Re-elect David Dewhurst Lt. Governor '06
- Delegate to the 1992 and 2004 Republican National Conventions
- Political Director to Chairman of Texas Senate District 13, Harris County, Texas
- Chairman of African Americans for School Choice '06
- Member, Texans for School Choice '06
- Re-elect Commissioner Michael Williams '08
- Delegate to the Platform Committee of the State Republican Party from Senate District 13 (TX) '08.
- Appointed Texas Advisory Committee *U.S. Commission of Civil Rights* '08
- African American Advisory Committee, (TX) McCain For President '08
- Appointed Director of Outreach, Harris County (TX) Republican Party, March '09
- Perry for Texas 2010
- James White for East Texas-HD 12
- Harris County Republican Candidates - 2012
- Mitt Romney for President - 2012
- Harris County Republican Candidates - 2014
- Donald J. Trump for President - 2016
- Harris County Republican Candidates - 2016