

Jim Ramstad Biography

Jim Ramstad served in the House of Representatives from 1991 to 2009 representing the 3rd District of Minnesota.

Ending discrimination against those suffering from mental illness and addiction is a major part of his legacy. He founded and Co-Chaired the Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus, served on the Judiciary Committee, and Ways and Means Committee. He worked to pass a Mental Health Parity Bill which was signed into law in December, 2008. And, he has long been a champion in Washington, D.C. for Drug Courts.

Prior to being elected to Congress, Ramstad served in the United States Army Reserve and in the Minnesota State Senate. Ramstad received his Bachelor degree from the University of Minnesota and his Law degree from George Washington University.

Ramstad is currently a resident fellow at the Harvard Institute of Politics where he is leading a study group titled The Policy and Politics of Addiction, and serves as a Senior Policy Advisor for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals.