

NAME: Melissa Davis
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Congress, District 7



Why are you seeking your office?

I believe that the citizens of the 7th district are looking for someone that will listen and represent their interests in Washington D.C. Growing up in Dillon, South Carolina there were many odds against me, but I had a community that fought for opportunity and equality so that I may succeed. I want to fight for the 7th district like my community fought for me.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I expect to join my Democratic colleagues in strengthening the Affordable Care Act. I believe that together we can find common ground on common sense gun reform so we keep guns out of the hands of those that should not have them. Most importantly I want to be a voice and resource for our Veterans. Both my husband and my father in law served this country in the military. Unfortunately, our country has not served our Veterans as well as they have served us. I will be a resource for our Veterans and active duty service members.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

I am the only African American running in the 7th District, a mother of a school age child and the daughter of a retired educator. I am the only candidate that resides in Forsyth county. I know what it is like to struggle, I know what it is like to overcome adversity which will serve me well in making decisions in Congress. I bring over 20 years of experience in finance in the public sector managing multi-million-dollar budgets for a variety of municipal and county governments.

How can we improve school safety?

Passing and signing the Stop School Violence Act was a good first step, but we must be willing to pass measures that will strengthen our gun laws and help keep guns out of the hands of those who should not have them. We must develop more programs between school counselors, mental health professionals and law enforcement to work together when signs of violence, instability and lack of support arise from our students.

Pick one issue. Expand on how you will address it.

One issue that is important to me is fully supporting our Veterans after their service to our country. I will be a conduit between the VA and our citizens. I will aid in

cutting through the red tape with a constituent services team that is trained in meeting the needs of our Veterans and active duty service members with health care, jobs and opportunities. Being a part of the Veterans Affairs committee would allow me to be an active voice in policy and legislation changes needed and necessary to make a difference for our former service members.

Please give a 100 word summary on your background:

I am a native of rural Dillon, South Carolina where I watched my mother raise three children, earning minimum wage as a waitress while finishing her teaching requirements as a single parent. Although my family struggled at times, we were loved and taught the value of an education. My career in public service started with the City of Fort Worth, Texas and have since managed multi-million-dollar budgets for a variety of municipal and county governments. I and my husband, Army Veteran, Lawrence Davis, are the proud parents of a beautiful daughter, Zora and we live in Cumming, GA.