



STATE SENATOR DENNIS KRUSE

SENATE DISTRICT 14

BIOGRAPHY

State Sen. Dennis Kruse has represented the Hoosiers of northeast Indiana at the Statehouse for more than 30 years. He served in the Indiana House of Representatives from 1989 to 2004, and has served in the Senate since 2004 where he continues to serve today. As a state senator, Kruse represents Senate District 14, which includes portions of DeKalb and Allen counties.

Kruse serves as a member of the Senate Committees on Education and Career Development; Local Government; Pensions and Labor; and Rules and Legislative Procedure.

Professionally, Kruse is an auctioneer and owner of Dennis Kruse and Associates, an auctioneering and real estate company. He served as president of the National Auctioneers Association from 2005 to 2006 and was inducted into the national hall of fame in 2013. He also served as president of the Indiana Auctioneers Association from 2003 to 2004 and was inducted into the state hall of fame in 2007. Kruse owned the Reppert School of Auctioneering from 1996 to 2011. He holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana University's School of Education.

Kruse serves on Trine University's board of trustees. He is also an Indiana Republican Convention delegate and a precinct committeeman for Jackson Township South in DeKalb County.

Through the years, Kruse has received numerous awards for his civic service. He has been named Legislator of the Year by various organizations, including the Indiana School Counselors Association in 2013 and 2019, National Federation of Independent Business in 2010, Indiana Aviation Association in 2006 and Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 1996 and 2015. In 2012, he received an honorary doctorate from Harrison College, and he received an honorary degree from Ivy Tech Community College in 2016.

Kruse and his wife, Kay, reside in Auburn and have four sons and 11 grandchildren.



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