



STATE SENATOR R. MICHAEL YOUNG

SENATE DISTRICT 35

BIOGRAPHY

State Sen. R. Michael Young has represented Hoosiers in the General Assembly first, as a state Representative from 1986 to 2000 and then as state Senator from 2000 to present. He currently serves parts of Decatur and Wayne Townships (Speedway) in Marion County and Guilford (Plainfield) and Liberty Townships in Hendricks County since 2012.

He was named Legislator of the Year by Indiana State Public Employees in 1995, by Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 2004, by the Indiana Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking and the Mental Health Association in 2014, and by the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council in 2020. Young also received the Golden Sling Award in 1990 and the National Federation of Independent Business Guardian of Small Business award in 1995.

In 2011, Young received a Mid-year Integrity Award from a grassroots legal reform organization called Power Over Poverty Under Laws of America Restored for seeking reconsideration of a controversial Indiana Supreme Court ruling regarding Hoosiers' rights to resist unlawful police entry into their homes.

He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, in 2009, and is an attorney.

He resides in Indianapolis and has three children and five grandchildren.

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