



Randy Forbes

& Isle of Wight and Smithfield

A Partnership for Local Solutions



Working to Revitalize Downtown Smithfield

Congressman Forbes has secured funding for Smithfield to address drainage issues and to improve roadway safety, pedestrian walkways, parking, and streetscape aesthetics, including removing or relocating overhead utilities.



Improving Isle of Wight Transportation Infrastructure

Congressman Randy Forbes has secured funds for message signs at the James River Bridge. The signs alert motorists of potential delays, alternate route suggestions, and bridge lifts and closings and provide important communication in cases such as a Homeland Security threat or incident, dangerous weather conditions, and Amber Alerts. Congressman Forbes is also working to ensure that the government places its priority on repairing structurally deficient bridges before taking on less critical transportation projects around the nation.



Equipping Isle of Wight Law Enforcement and First Responders

Isle of Wight is safest when our local law enforcement and first responders have cutting edge tools that give them a technological advantage to serve you better. Congressman Forbes has worked to bring federal dollars for technology improvements for Isle of Wight law enforcement. He has also worked to secure funding to be used to increase the effectiveness of Isle of Wight firefighting operations.



Bringing Jobs to Hampton Roads through Modeling & Simulation

Congressman Forbes was at the front-end of championing job growth in Hampton Roads through the expansion of the modeling and simulation industry which has brought 4,500 jobs with average \$83,000 salaries and an economic output of \$365 million to Hampton Roads just in 2007. Congressman Forbes founded the Congressional Modeling & Simulation Caucus in Congress and has worked to bring national attention to the vast potential of M&S application in the fields of health care, homeland security, engineering, construction, and defense.



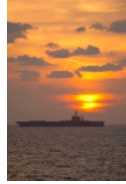
Preserving Fishing Industry at Tyler's Beach

Congressman Forbes has worked to secure funding to dredge the Tyler's Beach navigation channel, a critical step in ensuring the economic vitality, and stability of local fishermen who are in jeopardy of losing access to the James River's commercial fishing industry. Congressman Forbes has worked to secure funds to dredge the Pagan River in Smithfield.



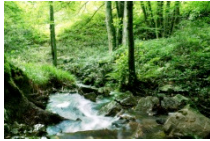
Preserving America's Historical Treasures in Isle of Wight

Congressman Forbes has worked to secure funds for the structural restoration and historical interpretation of the "Old Jail" located on the Isle of Wight Courthouse Complex. Built in approximately 1910, the "Old Jail" is currently structurally unsound, and is in need of restoration and preservation. Along with the "Old Jail," the Courthouse Complex houses the original 1800s courthouse and its associated Tavern, which are open for historical interpretation to the public.



Championing Strong Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Industries

In his roles as Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee and as Chairman of the Navy Marine Corps Caucus, Congressman Forbes has worked to strengthen the shipbuilding and ship repair industry in Suffolk – a critical component of the Hampton Roads economy. He has been a key voice in Congress calling for a systematic long-range plan for shipbuilding and he has actively supported measures to build the overall health of ship building and repair industries. He is working towards structural improvements at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, increased funding for ship maintenance, accelerated shipbuilding schedules, and increased production of submarines.



Preserving the Chesapeake Bay Natural Resources and Water Quality

Congressman Forbes has worked to protect our natural resources and water quality in the region. On a federal level he has partnered with the Elizabeth River Foundation for conservation and clean-up efforts along the Chesapeake Bay.