



Randy Forbes

& the City of Suffolk

A Partnership for Local Solutions



Working To Rebuild the Kings Highway Bridge

Building, expanding, and maintaining a robust transportation network in Suffolk is key to the health of the City and critical to the quality of life of its citizens. Congressman Randy Forbes has worked with the City of Suffolk to develop a plan to meet federal requirements and fund the rebuilding of the Kings Highway Bridge, a critical thoroughfare in the City. Congressman Forbes is also working to ensure that the government places priority on repairing structurally deficient bridges before taking on less critical transportation projects around the nation.



Bringing Jobs to Suffolk through Modeling & Simulation

Congressman Forbes was at the front-end of championing job growth in Suffolk through the expansion of the modeling and simulation industry which has brought 4,500 jobs averaging salaries of \$83,000 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. Additionally, Congressman Forbes is working to meet the unfunded requirements our military has identified at Joint Forces Command and is working to secure funding for the expansion of modeling and simulation activities at the Virginia Modeling Analysis, and Simulation Center.



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.



Establishing Suffolk Employment and Training Initiatives

Congressman Forbes has secured funding for workforce development and employment training services in Suffolk. Since the program began nearly 4,000 individuals have received various levels of services including job training, school programs, General Equivalency Diplomas, and employment assistance. The program is focused with a special emphasis on providing universal access to the regional and state workforce system for low income, minority, women, and youth populations.



Providing High Quality, Low Cost Recreation for Suffolk Residents

Recreation and park lands are essential parts of quality of life in Suffolk. Congressman Forbes has worked to secure funding for the renovation and restoration of the East Suffolk Community Recreation center, and for bike trails across the City of Suffolk.

Preserving National African American Treasures in Suffolk

Congressman Forbes has secured funding to renovate and restore the former Phoenix Bank of Nansemond and to build a Museum of African-American History to celebrate Suffolk's African-American entrepreneurs, farmers, and laborers in Suffolk.



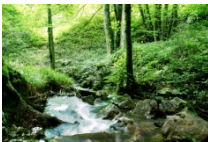
Equipping Suffolk Law Enforcement and First Responders

Suffolk 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 Suffolk law enforcement such as laptop computers, in-car cameras, and hardware and software upgrades. He has also worked to secure funding to be used to increase the effectiveness of Suffolk firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, emergency medical service programs, and fire prevention and safety programs. In short, those who put their lives on the line to ensure the safety of the Suffolk are safer and better equipped.



Partnering to Bring Innovative and Effective Gang Prevention Programs to Suffolk

Gangs have no place in on Suffolk streets. Congressman Forbes has introduced federal legislation to aid prosecutors and law enforcement officers in breaking down gang structures in local communities and is partnering with local elected officials in Suffolk to secure funding to develop a comprehensive prevention, suppression and intervention strategies related to gangs and gang-related crimes.



Preserving the Rich Historical and Environmental Heritage of the Great Dismal Swamp

Congressman Forbes is working with Suffolk elected officials to secure funding for the Great Dismal Swamp Interpretive Center to showcase the history of the swamp, build local eco-tourism and celebrate the rich significance of the Great Dismal Swamp in the Underground Railroad.



Preserving the Chesapeake Bay Natural Resources and Water Quality

Congressman Forbes has worked hand-in-hand 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 and he has worked with local citizens and federal agencies to stop the construction of mega-landfill in Camden N.C that threatened area water quality.