



## *Rep. Ed Perlmutter (CO-07)*

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In 2006, Ed Perlmutter defeated Republican Rick O'Donnell, 55% to 42%, becoming the first Democrat to represent Colorado's 7th Congressional District since its creation in 2000. Congressman Perlmutter ran an aggressive campaign that focused on protecting and strengthening Social Security and bringing a new direction for America in Iraq.

A lifelong resident of Jefferson County in Colorado's 7th Congressional District, Ed is a product of public schools. Ed graduated from Jefferson High School in Edgewater and graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1975. Ed worked his way through law school as a laborer on construction projects.

Ed married Deana in 1980 and they are the proud parents of three daughters - Alexis (24), who works for "Grassroots Democrats", Abby who graduated from Wheat Ridge High School in 2005 and is currently attending the University of Northern Colorado and Zoey (14) who is a freshman at Wheat Ridge High School.

An active member in his community, Ed recently led the successful mill levy effort to improve Jefferson County Public Schools. As a busy dad, Ed has been involved with PTA's, Booster Club's, the Applewood Community Church, and with coaching the "Angels", Abby's competitive softball team.

Ed is a Trustee for the Midwest Research Institute (the primary operator of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory located in Golden), and a former Board Member of the National Jewish Medical & Research Center.

In 1994, Ed became the first Democrat elected in nearly 30 years to Senate District 20 located in the Wheat Ridge/Golden area.

In 2000, Ed helped lead the successful Democratic effort to takeover the Colorado State Senate for the first time since John F. Kennedy was President. Ed also was a co-chair of the Kerry Campaign in Colorado, and has consistently supported Democrats and built up the Democratic Party in the 7th District.

In the State Senate, Ed was the Chair of the Bi-Partisan Renewable Energy Caucus, and was elected by his colleagues as the President Pro Tem of the Senate during the 2001 and 2002 Session. Ed was recognized for his leadership in carrying legislation promoting renewable energy, consumer protection and responsible growth.