

## **M. Kirkland “Kirk” Cox, Virginia House of Delegates**

Delegate Kirk Cox was first elected from the 66th District to the House of Delegates in 1989. The 66th House District includes all of Colonial Heights and 13 precincts in Southern/Western Chesterfield County.

On December 5, 2010, the House Republican Caucus elected Kirk to serve as the House Majority Leader, the second highest leadership position in the House of Delegates.

In addition to his role as Majority Leader, Kirk serves on the House Appropriations Committee, the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee’s Higher Education Subcommittee, and a Budget Conferee. He sits on two additional Appropriations Subcommittees- the Commerce, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Technology Subcommittee; and the Elementary and Secondary Education Appropriations Subcommittee. He serves with other senior lawmakers on the Rules Committee where he is Vice-Chairman. He is also member of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission.

Kirk has worked tirelessly to make Virginia the best place to live, work, and raise a family through his leadership efforts on a wide variety of issues important to his constituents. A champion of quality public education, improved veteran services, support for citizens with disabilities, increased economic development opportunities, and job creation, Kirk has successfully advanced several legislative initiatives in recent sessions.

As chairman of the Republican Caucus Policy Committee, he helps set the conservative, issue-oriented legislative agenda for the 66-member majority Caucus.

Kirk’s deep commitment to veterans has lead him to be Chairman of the Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on Education Opportunities for Military Children and Chairman of the World War II 75th Anniversary Commemorative Commission. In particular, he is grateful for constituents who have proposed and testified for legislation to help support our military and veteran communities, of which he has carried over 130 pieces of legislation in support of veterans and their families.

His passion for history has lead him to be the Co-Chair of the Jamestown Yorktown Foundation’s 2019 celebration. The 2019 Commemoration will provide Virginia an opportunity to highlight the events of 1619 that shaped America’s beginnings. This includes recognition of the first Representative Assembly, arrival of first Africans, arrival of women, first official English Thanksgiving in North America, and the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurialism.

A graduate of Colonial Heights High School, Kirk holds a B.S. in both Political Science and General Social Science from James Madison University. He recently retired as a government teacher after 30 years of in classroom experience teaching in public schools. Kirk lives in Colonial Heights with his wife, Julie, and four sons, Lane, Carter, Blake and Cameron. The Coxes are members of Colonial Heights Baptist Church where he has served as a Deacon. Kirk is also active in the Colonial Heights community, where he served as a youth baseball coach for 14 years.