

Sylvester Turner Description of Qualifications

Sylvester Turner served two terms as Mayor of Houston and 13 terms as the State Representative from District 139 in the 18th Congressional District, including six years as Speaker Pro Tempore.

He has served in leadership capacities in a number of national organizations, including: U.S. Conference of Mayors, Trustee; African American Mayors Association, President; U.S. Climate Mayors, Chair; Resilient Cities Networks, Inaugural Chair; National Climate Action Agenda (Climate Mayors), Co-Chair; and Environmental Protection Agency, Local Government Advisory Committee member.

Sylvester Turner has received numerous national and local awards that speak to his experience and relationships that will benefit the 18th Congressional District. Some examples include: President's Award, National Urban League Conference; Local Arts Leadership Award, Americans for the Arts and The United States Conference of Mayors; University of Houston Master of Public Administration Program Pioneer of Public Service Award; Legacy of Leadership Award, The Ensemble Theatre; Stephen L. Klineberg Award, Rice Kinder Institute; Inspire Change Changemakers Award, Houston Texans; and Community Ambassador Award, Alliance for Multicultural Community Services

During his years in public service, he has worked closely not only with the late Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, but also U.S. Presidents, Presidential Cabinet secretaries, and federal departments at the highest levels to bring federal resources into the 18th Congressional District.

Congressional District 18 has been Sylvester Turner's home for his entire life. In addition to fulfilling the Washington duties of a member of Congress, he will meet the high bar of compassion, caring, and humanity that was the hallmark of the Congresswoman's leadership and public service – from comforting families who have lost loved ones, to spending quality time with seniors while offering a helping hand, and so much more.