

## **SECRETARY HILLARY CLINTON**

HILLARY CLINTON has served as Secretary of State, Senator from New York, First Lady of the United States, First Lady of Arkansas, a practicing lawyer and law professor, activist, and volunteer, but the first things her friends and family will tell you is that she's never forgotten where she came from or who she's been fighting for throughout her life.

In 2000, Hillary was elected to the U.S. Senate, becoming the first woman senator from New York. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Hillary pushed the Bush administration to secure \$20 billion to rebuild New York and fought to provide health care for first responders who were contaminated at Ground Zero. She repeatedly worked across the aisle to get things done, including working alongside Republicans to expand TRICARE so that members of the Reserves and National Guard and their families could get better access to health care.

In 2008, Hillary ran for president. When she came up short, she told her supporters, "Although we weren't able to shatter that highest, hardest glass ceiling this time, thanks to you, it's got about 18 million cracks in it."

When President Obama asked Hillary to serve as his secretary of state, she put aside their hard-fought campaign and answered the call to public service once again. After eight years of Bush foreign policy, Hillary was instrumental in starting to restore America's standing in the world. Even former Republican Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said she "ran the State Department in the most effective way that I've ever seen."

## **U.S. SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS**

BERNIE SANDERS was elected to the U.S. Senate after 16 years as Vermont's sole congressman in the House of Representatives. Bernie is now serving his second term in the U.S. Senate after winning re-election in 2012 with 71 percent of the vote.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he attended James Madison High School, Brooklyn College, and the University of Chicago. After graduating, he moved to Vermont where he worked as a carpenter and documentary filmmaker. In 1981, he was elected as mayor of Burlington, the state's largest city, by a mere 10 votes.

As mayor, Bernie's leadership helped transform Burlington into one of the most exciting and livable small cities in America. Under his administration, the city made major strides in affordable housing, progressive taxation, environmental protection, child care, women's rights, youth programs and the arts. Bernie and Jane

In Congress, Bernie has fought tirelessly for working families, focusing on the shrinking middle class and growing gap between the rich and everyone else. Bernie has been called a "practical and successful legislator" and he was dubbed the "amendment king" in the House of Representatives for passing more amendments than any other member of Congress. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Bernie worked across the aisle to "bridge Washington's toxic partisan divide and cut one of the most significant deals in years." In 2015, Democratic leadership tapped Bernie to serve as the caucus' ranking member on the Senate Budget Committee.