

NEBRASKA

(Population 2000, 1,711,263)

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CHUCK HAGEL, Republican, of Omaha, NE; born in North Platte, NE, October 4, 1946; education: graduated, St. Bonaventure High School, Columbus, NE, 1964; Brown Institute for Radio and Television, Minneapolis, MN; University of Nebraska, Omaha; military service: served with U.S. Army in Vietnam, 1968, receiving two Purple Hearts, other decorations; president, McCarthy and Company, Omaha, NE; president and CEO, Private Sector Council (PSC), Washington, DC; deputy director and CEO, Economic Summit of Industrialized Nations (G-7 Summit), 1990; president and CEO, World USO; cofounder, director, and executive vice president, VANGUARD Cellular Systems, Inc.; cofounder and chairman of VANGUARD subsidiary, Communications Corporation International, Ltd.; president, Collins, Hagel and Clarke, Inc.; former deputy administrator, Veterans' Administration; former administrative assistant to Congressman John Y. McCollister (R-NE); former newscaster and talk show host, Omaha radio stations KBON and KLNG; member: American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Disabled American Veterans; Military Order of the Purple Heart; Business-Government Relations Council, Washington, DC; Council for Excellence in Government; University of Nebraska Chancellors Club; board of directors, Omaha Chamber of Commerce; board of trustees: Bellevue University, Hastings College, Heartland Chapter of the American Red Cross; chairman: Building Campaign, Great Plains Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America; 10th Anniversary Vietnam Veterans' Memorial; board of directors and national advisory committee, Friends of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial; board of directors, Arlington National Cemetery Historical Society; chairman of the board, No Greater Love, Inc.; awards: first-ever World USO Leadership Award; International Men of Achievement; Outstanding Young Men of America; Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Nebraska, Omaha, 1988; Freedom Foundation (Omaha Chapter) 1993 Recognition Award; married: the former Lilibet Ziller, 1985; children: Allyn and Ziller; committees: Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Budget; Energy and Natural Resources; Foreign Relations; Special Committee on Aging; subcommittees: ranking member, International Trade and Finance; ranking member, East Asian and Pacific Affairs; deputy Republican whip; elected to the U.S. Senate on November 5, 1996.

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