

TENNESSEE

(Population 2010, 6,346,105)

SENATORS

LAMAR ALEXANDER, Republican, of Maryville, TN; born in Maryville, July 3, 1940; only Tennessean ever popularly elected both Governor and U.S. Senator; 2008 general election vote total of 1,579,477 is the largest ever received by a statewide candidate; in October 2019, will have served more combined years (24 years, 9 months) as Governor and U.S. Senator than any other Tennessean; education: graduated with honors in Latin American history, Phi Beta Kappa, Vanderbilt University; New York University Law School; served as *Law Review* editor; professional: clerk to Judge John Minor Wisdom, U.S. Court of Appeals in New Orleans; legislative assistant to Senator Howard Baker (R-TN), 1967; staff assistant to Bryce Harlow, counselor to President Nixon, 1969; manager of Winfield Dunn's general election campaign, 1970; president, University of Tennessee, 1988–91; co-founded Nashville's Dearborn & Ewing law firm, 1972, and two successful businesses: Blackberry Farm, Inc., 1976, and Corporate Child Care Inc., 1987, which merged with Bright Horizons, becoming the largest provider of worksite day care; public service: Republican nominee for Governor of Tennessee, 1974; Governor of Tennessee, 1979–87; chairman of the National Governors Association, 1985–86; chairman, President Reagan's Commission on Americans Outdoors, 1986; U.S. Secretary of Education under President George H.W. Bush, 1991–93; candidate for President of the United States, 1995–96 and 1999–2000; professor of practice in public service, Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, 2001–02; community service: chairman, Salvation Army Red Shield Family Initiative; chairman, Museum of Appalachia in Norris, TN; received Tennessee Conservation League Conservationist of the Year Award; family: married to Honey Alexander; four children; nine grandchildren; chair, Senate Republican Conference, 2007–12; committees: chair, Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Appropriations; Energy and Natural Resources; Rules and Administration; elected to the U.S. Senate on November 5, 2002; reelected to each succeeding Senate term.

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