

Susan Myshka, DC, Campaigns for Congress

On election day, November 7, 2000, Arkansas voters will elect a new member of Congress - and Susan Myshka, DC, wants to be that person.

"We need leaders who understand that true compassion is giving of yourself and who won't throw in the towel on the tough issues facing our nation," Myshka said in a statement on her website. "I'll take my values and my vision to Congress to bring a brighter future to the people of the First District. I'll be the kind of leader that gets things done and one the people can be proud of."

Born in 1960 to Bob and Bruxie Myska, Susan is one of 10 siblings. Her father, a military man, moved his family from station to station before finally settling in 1972 in Jonesboro, Arkansas, where Susan completed her secondary schooling. Susan excelled in athletics and was the class valedictorian at Brookland High School in 1979.

Susan attended Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, where she decided her calling was to help people, a motivation that led her to choose chiropractic as a career. Susan enrolled at Life Chiropractic College in Marietta, Georgia, graduating *cum laude* in 1984.

Susan opened a practice in Jonesboro, which quickly developed into one of the most successful chiropractic practices in the state. Susan is currently licensed in Arkansas and Wisconsin, and is a member of the American Chiropractic Association, the Arkansas Chiropractic Association, and the Arkansas Chiropractic Society.

When Susan was a child, the Myshka family engaged in mission work with underprivileged families. Although she operates a busy chiropractic practice, Susan has continued that tradition of service by providing volunteer ministry work with female athletes at the Craighead County Jail; conducting biannual food drives; organizing local Toys-for-Tots campaigns; and sponsoring a 5K running event to raise funds for the United Way.

Arkansas' First District is in the eastern part of the state, which has a strong tradition of family farming. Unemployment is an important issue, as is the local economy in general. The First District is strongly Democratic, with Representative Marion Berry (not to be confused with the former Washington, D.C. mayor and sometimes actor), a Democrat, running as the incumbent.

Dr. Myshka's campaign has attacked Rep. Berry for voting against a number of tax relief bills, including: a bill that would cut taxes for farmers; the marriage penalty tax; and the \$500-per-child tax credit. She has also attacked Berry for not supporting initiatives of the National Rifle Association.

"If I believed that our district was getting the kind of representation it deserved, I wouldn't have gotten into this race," explained Dr. Myshka. "But, when you look at the First District, if you see what I see, you see families losing their farms; families spending more on taxes than they do on housing, food and clothing combined; families and senior citizens who are being denied access to quality health care; bureaucrats who want to herd our children into huge schools and wipe out part of the heart of our communities; and people losing jobs while the rest of the country enjoys an economic boon."

Dr. Myshka's campaign platform is built around several sensitive issues, including: tax and education reform; the elimination of unnecessary regulations; better aid to farmers; greater consumer choices in health care; Social Security reform that ensures payment of promised benefits; restoration of veterans' benefits; and a strong commitment to national defense. For more information on Dr. Myshka and her campaign, visit www.myshkacongress.com.

SEPTEMBER 2000