

Arizona

Jim Kolbe, U.S. House of Representatives



Hometown: Sonoita, Arizona
Nominated by: Arizona 4-H
Year Inducted: 2002
<http://www.house.gov/kolbe.html>

4-H Member in Arizona 1950-1958. 4-H Projects: Sheep, Beef, Livestock Judging

Honors: Founding member of Sonoita 4-H Club, numerous presentations by Arizona 4-H members, faculty and leaders.

Jim Kolbe is a long time and high ranking U.S. Representative from the 5th District of Arizona. A 4-H'er from Santa Cruz County, Arizona, Kolbe began his political career as a 15 year old page for Senator Barry

Goldwater in 1958. He is a Vietnam War Veteran and a graduate of Stanford and Northwestern Universities.

Congressman Kolbe chairs the Foreign Operations committee and serves on the Interior and Commerce committees. Jim Kolbe is a favorite Arizona 4-H Alumnus of all groups who visit Washington DC. He is instrumental in educating Arizona youth about their role in society and the importance of citizenship involvement and processes.

"My experience in 4-H taught me many life skills -- responsibility, discipline, free market principles, accounting, decision making, negotiations, and especially leadership."