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Eliot Engel is Dedicated to Public Service

Eliot Engel, the son of an ironworker and a homemaker, was born in the Bronx and raised in public housing. He attended New York City public schools, earned a BA degree from Hunter-Lehman College, an MA degree from Lehman College of the City University of New York, and later earned his law degree attending New York Law School at nights.

Eliot was a teacher and guidance counselor in the New York public school system.

He became active in his community and served as a leader in neighborhood organizations, working to make lives better. Eliot earned a reputation as a hard working, dedicated problem solver.

His community involvement resulted in Eliot becoming a candidate for State Assembly in a 1977 Special Election. As an independent reform Democrat, he ran as a third party candidate against the handpicked candidate of the old Bronx Democratic Party machine and a Republican. Eliot won by 107 votes.

Eliot was elected to Congress in 1988, defeating an incumbent in the Democratic Primary and again in the General Election. He was once again the independent reform Democratic candidate in the race.

He has District Offices in the Bronx, Westchester, and Co-op City to help people and communities solve problems. Hundreds of community issues have been solved and thousands of people have been assisted. Eliot believes that every problem solved, whether large or small, improves all of our lives.

Eliot has used his experience to bring back millions in Federal funds to our communities: New Senior housing has been built, repairs have been made to our schools and streets, bridges are under construction, our mass transit has been improved, community health care services expanded and preserved, and funds secure for flood control and our police and fire departments. His work is making a difference.

In Congress, Eliot is the ranking member on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, as well as its Subcommittee on Health and Subcommittee on Energy and Power. He is the founder and Co-Chair of the House Oil and National Security Caucus and a member of the 9/11 Health Caucus and the Pro-Choice Caucus.

Eliot has earned the highest ratings during his service in Congress from such diverse groups the Alliance for Retired Americans, NARAL, League of Conservation Voters, AFL-CIO, Disabled American Veterans, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, and American Public Health Association.

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