

Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to announce, pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 108-138, the publication of the 16th edition of the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774 – 2005. This Directory was first published in 1859; the last edition, the 15th, sixteen years ago in 1989.

The new edition, compiled and edited under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing, in consultation with the House Office of History and Preservation under the jurisdiction of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate Historical Office under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, has been revised and updated to include the biographies of the nearly 12,000 individuals who have served in the Congress of the United States and in the Continental Congresses between 1774 and 1789. In addition to the biographies of the Representatives, Senators, Delegates, Resident Commissioners, and Vice Presidents who have served, the new edition includes rosters of the state congressional delegations and elected officers of the Congress in the First through the One Hundred Eighth Congresses.

Each member will receive two hardbound copies of the new edition. Your copies will be delivered to your office this week by the Government Printing Office (GPO). Additional copies may be ordered on-line through the GPO Bookstore (<http://bookstore.gpo.gov/>). The price per copy is \$99.00.

A full PDF version of the Directory is available to the public on the internet via GPO's website at, <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/cdocuments/hd108-222/index.html> . You may also access an individual Member's biography through the Clerk's website at, <http://bioguide.congress.gov/biosearch/biosearch.asp>

If you have any questions, please contact the Committee on House Administration at x58281 (majority) or x52061 (minority).

Sincerely,

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