

**A short list of rankings that show U.S. Rep. Dennis A. Ross (R-FL-15<sup>th</sup>) to be either the “most conservative” Congressman in the House of Representatives – or, at least, very close. (Compiled by myself, Gordon Wayne Watts, LAKELAND, Fla., USA., today, Monday, 04 April 2016)**

“Congressman Dennis Ross (R-FL) is currently ranked the most conservative Member of the House from Florida, according to our Legislative Scorecard. He first came to Congress thanks to the Tea Party wave of 2010, and has continued to live up to the conservative ideals he ran on.”

**Source:** “Congressional Profile: Rep. Dennis Ross (R-FL),” by Ashe Schow | May 22, 2012, *Heritage Action for America*: <http://heritageaction.com/2012/05/congressional-profile-rep-dennis-ross-r-fl/>

“LAKELAND | U.S. Rep. Dennis Ross has been ranked by the National Journal as the 15th most conservative member of the House.

The National Journal, a Washington, D.C. publication dealing with politics and government, based its annual rankings on the 2012 voting records of the 435 representatives and 100 senators. The rankings will be published next week.”

**Source:** “Journal Rates Ross 15th Most Conservative House Member,” By Bill Rufty, The Ledger, Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 2:46 p.m.:

<http://www.theledger.com/article/20130220/POLITICS/130229963>

Mirror link: <http://dennisross.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=345515>

“I had met Ross a few weeks earlier in his Capitol Hill office with a different sort of dissection in mind. National Journal had recently ranked him and nine other Republicans as the most conservative House members, and I wanted to see what made one of the most conservative members of the most conservative, powerful freshman class in the history of the House of Representatives tick.”

**Source:** “Hog Wild: Hunting Boars With Congress' Most Conservative Member,” by Ben Terris, May 31, 2012, *The Atlantic*: <http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2012/05/hog-wild-hunting-boars-with-congress-most-conservative-member/257946/>

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He went on to graduate from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in 1987. After graduation, Rep. Ross began working in the micro-computer industry before serving as an associate with the law firm of Holland & Knight as in-house counsel to Walt Disney World. After borrowing \$10,000 from his neighbor, Rep. Ross started his own law firm which represented business and industry in workers compensation matters for the next 20 years.

He was elected Chairman of the Polk County Republican Executive Committee, where he served until 1995. In 1996, Rep. Ross tried – unsuccessfully – to run for the State Senate. In 2000, he tried to run for public office once again, this time to represent Florida's 63<sup>rd</sup> district in the State House of Representatives, a seat vacated by Adam Putnam, who was elected to represent Florida in the U.S. House of Representatives. Rep. Ross won that election, and served his district until 2008, when term limit required him to retire.

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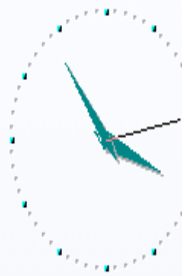
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