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Richard Funke



Senator Rich Funke was elected to represent the New York State Senate’s 55th District, covering parts of Monroe and Ontario counties. He chairs the Senate Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks & Recreation and serves on the Committees on Aging, Agriculture, Cities, Commerce, Economic Development & Small Business, on Consumer Protection, Environmental Conservation, and Higher Education.

A Hall of Fame broadcaster and trusted community voice, Senator Funke served on-air at News 10NBC Rochester for over 40 years until his retirement in December, 2012. He has devoted his time and energy to Golisano Children’s Hospital, Cancer Action, Ronald McDonald House, Camp Good Days and Special times, and other charitable causes. Rich is also a member of the Monroe County Sheriff’s Foundation and serves as a Lector at St John of Rochester Church. He is a Graduate of Adelphi University, where he played quarterback and earned a degree in business.