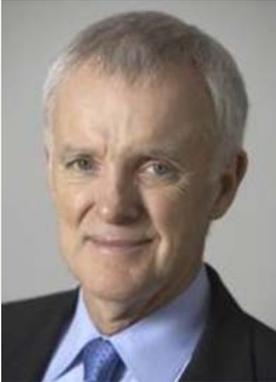




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Hon. J. Robert (Bob) Kerrey



J. Robert (Bob) Kerrey was a Senator from Nebraska from 1989 to 2001, serving on the Appropriations Committee, the Finance Committee, the Agriculture Committee, and as vice chairman of the Intelligence Committee from 1995 to 1999. He also served on the bi-partisan National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, commonly known as the 9/11 Commission. Today, he is a member of the Carmen Group, providing strategic insight and campaign leadership in practice areas including defense, international affairs, finance, education, and energy.

Following his tenure in Congress, Senator Kerrey served as President of the New School from 2001 to 2010. He more than doubled the university's endowment and also secured substantial federal funding. He led the New School to major academic growth and expansion including numerous new academic programs and several joint degree programs. Enrollment increased 44%, online course enrollment doubled, and full-time, tenure track faculty was increased.

Prior to coming to the Senate, he served as Governor of the State of Nebraska from 1983 to 1987. Governor Kerrey inherited a three percent deficit and was faced with severe Federal cutbacks during the greatest economic depression since the 1930's. By making tough budget cuts, he brought the deficit under control and balanced Nebraska's budget in each of his four years, ultimately turning the deficit he inherited into a seven percent surplus. Governor Kerrey's programs on welfare reform, education, job training, and the environment became models for the nation.

Senator Kerrey is a former member of the elite Navy SEAL Team and is a highly decorated Vietnam veteran who earned the Congressional Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty." Senator Kerrey enlisted in the U.S.

Navy in 1966, attended Officer's Candidate School, and was deployed to Vietnam in 1969 as the platoon officer of a 14-man SEAL team. He has also been awarded the Vietnamese Campaign ribbon, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star.

Senator Kerrey attended Lincoln Public Schools and graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He is a self-made businessman who, upon returning from the war and starting from scratch in 1972, built a chain of highly successful restaurants and health clubs that spanned four states. He is the author of *When I Was A Young Man: A Memoir*.