

Biography

House District 99 is home to one of the youngest state-elected officials in Oklahoma. Representative Ajay Pittman is honored to serve a third-term in the 59th Legislature as an uncontested senior member. She is a sixth-generation Oklahoman, who is an American political leader for health equity, economic development and social justice. Pittman is the first millennial female elected, and first statewide second-generation female legacy member to serve in House District 99. Senator Anastasia A. Pittman, her mother, held the office for eight years.

She is a proud seventh-generation Native American, with dual citizenship in the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. Pittman is the third Seminole elected to serve in the Oklahoma State Legislature. In 2019, House Speaker Charles McCall appointed her to serve on the joint committee on State-Tribal Relations, and in 2020-21 to serve as vice-chair of the state-wide redistricting committee for Oklahoma County. In 2023, Pittman was appointed as the first Democratic vice-chair of the Tourism committee for the 59th Legislature. She currently serves on the Agriculture, Appropriations & Budget for Health, and Transportation committees, in addition to serving as co-chair to the Native American caucus, and member of the Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus, Mental Health Caucus, Early Childhood Caucus and the Aerospace Caucus. Pittman is also co-chair of the Millennial Action Project, Future Caucus, a statewide millennial bi-partisan caucus.

Pittman serves as a national surrogate and member of League 46 Coalition of Young Elected Officials for Vice President Joe Biden, 2020 Democratic President-Elect, to serve as the 46th President of the United States of America.

She also received national appointments to serve on the NCSL-CSG National Task Force on Workforce Mental Health Policy. EOPA's National Climate and Energy Security Taskforce and National Leadership Council. NCSL Health Equity Committee, elected as the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators Secretary and Health co-chair. Appointed as the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Interim Health and Human Services Chair(2021), and served as Region X Chair to include Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico (2020-2022), NBCSL Children Youth & family Committee Co-Chair (2020-2022), SiX's Reproductive Freedom Leadership Council member, Criminal Justice Reform Advisory board Member for Millennial Action Project, a Defense Innovation Council Member in partnership with National Security Innovation Network, the Department of Entrepreneurship & Innovation for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Pittman also serves as the National Chaplin of the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (N.O.B.E.L.), National Federation of

Women Legislators, the State Innovation Exchange of Progressive Legislators and National Council of Negro Women.

Pittman serves as a facilitator and community organizer for the Coalition for Civic Leadership of Greater Oklahoma City, Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma Leadership Alumni that speaks to fight hunger in the state of Oklahoma, board member of the National Women in Agriculture Association (Oklahoma Chapter), board member of COPE International and COPE. Inc., and KIPP Reach College Preparatory Public School, Oklahoma Generation Citizen's Policy & Advocacy Committee Member, OKCPS Student Experience and Equity Committee Member, and the American Heart Association 2022 Go Red for Women Executive Leadership Team. Pittman serves as one of the leading legislators throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, a member of the 2020 Community Health Needs Assessment External OUHSC Advisory Committee. She supports healthcare workers, advocates for first responders to receive the proper healthcare personal protective equipment with OU Medicine, participates in COVID-19 calls with the Governor, and Oklahoma House of Representatives. Pittman has initiated legislation to fight hunger, require minority teacher recruitment, basic life skills in the classroom and maternal Health Issues. She is a known champion for health equity, social justice and serves as a featured speaker for millennials on public panels and workshops across the Nation.

Pittman was featured by National News CNN, MSNBC, KOCO-News Channel 5, KWTU-News 9. She received the 2022 NOBEL Women Spark Award, 2022 Oklahoma Turning Point Council Public Health Innovator Award, 2022 Millennial Action Project Cherisse Eatmon Collective Impact Award, NBCSL 2021 Crystal Gavel President's Award, the 2021 Council of State Governments "20 under 40 Award," the 2021 International Peace Ambassador Award, and the 2021 "Achiever's 40 Under 40" Award from the Journal Record. Pittman is a 2021 New Leaders Council Alumni. She is noted as a 2020 Oklahoma City Friday's Top 100 Most Powerful Women, and a recipient of the 2020 Teacher Appreciation Foundation Dignitary of Supreme Excellence Award, 2020 Infant Mortality Alliance Trailblazer Award, Young Elected Officials (Y.E.O.) Network's Class of 2020, the "35 Under 35" Top Young Elected Officials in the Nation Award, 2019 Oklahoma Sovereign Arts Foundation Ambassador of HOPE Award, 2019 Langston University Black Caucus Recognition Award.

Pittman is a second century leader who advocates for healthy foods, access to healthcare, affordable housing, quality education, criminal justice reform, and promotes entrepreneurship opportunities through the Pittman Community Action Program. Her leadership of HOPE is a shining example to emerging young leaders, as she inspires diverse youth to become authentic servant leaders. Her career experience began with the correctional system at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department, and Health &

Wellness as coordinator for OU Physicians in Corporate Health. She also worked as the Assistant to the Director of the OU Henderson Scholars program. Pittman attended the University of Oklahoma as a scholar in the President's Leadership Class, and scholar on the Dean's Honor roll at Langston University. She is a graduate of the Oklahoma Policy Institute, and alumni of the Leadership Exchange Academy of Oklahoma. Pittman is a member of the Church of Christ, the great, great-granddaughter of 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Survivor Abner Burnett, and great-granddaughter of educator and Jazz Hall of Fame Musician C.E. Pittman.

She is the founder of Global Millennial Project, served as a voice for childhood obesity with the Oklahoma Child Advocacy Institute Fit Kids Coalition, YWCA "Empower Me" Community Youth Forum, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Oklahoma City NAACP Youth Council president for over 10 years. Her motto is: "Service is the price that you pay for the space you occupy." This quote embodies the belief that she and her family share. Pittman is committed to the legacy of service established by the strong women elected in House District 99, and the many leaders who served in the State of Oklahoma. House District 99 is one of Oklahoma's few progressive minority districts in the state. The highlights of District 99 include: the Oklahoma State Capitol, Deep Deuce, Bricktown, the Boathouse District, First American's Museum, Hotel and Resorts, Oklahoma History Museum, and Governor's Mansion. Residents range from Eastern Oklahoma City to Northwest Oklahoma City who share progressive economic development projects and thriving businesses in Chisholm Creek.