



Curt Clawson Biography

Curt Clawson is a business leader, former college basketball player and hardworking American who is fed up with the revolving door of career politicians, lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington DC. He is running for Congress to change the direction of our country and improve opportunities for future generations.

Clawson attended Batesville High School in Batesville, Indiana – a typical small Midwestern town and a hotbed of Indiana high school basketball. As a senior in high school, Clawson led the state of Indiana in scoring and was recruited by Purdue Head Basketball Coach Gene Keady.

Clawson attended Purdue from 1981 through 1984. While at Purdue, Clawson served as a senior captain on the 1984 Big Ten Championship Team. He is known for making the first 3-point basket in Purdue history and making two clutch free throws to clinch the Big Ten Championship.

After graduating from Purdue, Clawson served a year-long Ambassadorial Scholarship for Rotary International, doing graduate MBA studies in Monterrey, Mexico, and taking some time to play for the local university basketball team. Clawson began his working career in manufacturing in 1986, as a supervisor on a muffler production line in Columbus, Indiana for Arvin Industries, the world's largest maker of automotive exhaust systems.

In 1988 Clawson entered Harvard Business School for a two year Masters of Business Administration degree, sponsored by Arvin. After graduating from business school, Clawson held a variety of management positions of increasing responsibility at Arvin and Allied Signal/Honeywell. Eventually, he became President and Chief Operating Officer of American National Can – the largest global manufacturer of beverage cans (soft drinks and beer).

From 2001 until 2012, Clawson was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc., the world's largest maker of steel and aluminum wheels for cars and trucks, with facilities in over a dozen countries around the globe. Customers include benchmark auto and truck manufacturers such as Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, Freightliner, Wabash National, Utility Trailer, Daimler, Mercedes Benz, BMW, Toyota and Honda.

Clawson guided Hayes Lemmerz through a period of dramatic change and upheaval in the global automotive industry. Clawson and his team reduced costs and improved productivity to remain competitive and strategically refocused the company's manufacturing facilities and customer base to more closely match economic growth around the world. His leadership during the recent global financial crisis saved the company and thousands of jobs across the country and around the world.