

## OKLAHOMA STATE SENATOR

# Joe NEWHOUSE

*Class of 1996*

A product of Broken Arrow Public Schools K-12, State Senator Joe Newhouse played basketball, ran track, completed his first triathlon and as a senior, studied as an exchange student in Germany.

Following high school, this year's Great Graduate from the class of 1996 earned a degree in international economics from Georgetown University, became a jet pilot in the U.S. Navy and married Laura, his college sweetheart. Assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, then lieutenant Newhouse flew multiple combat missions in support of Marine ground troops during the Iraq War and earned the Air Medal.

Returning home, he taught fighter tactics at the Navy Flight School in Pensacola, Fla. and was named Instructor Pilot of the Year.

Newhouse graduated number one in his master's class at Chapman University in Los Angeles and earned certifica-

tion as a Project Management Professional and Lean Six Sigma Green Belt. A real estate broker, he owns and operates his own property investment business and continues to serve part-time in the Navy Reserve as a Commander. In that capacity, he completed a tour as a military advisor to NATO and earned Special Qualifications as an International Affairs Officer and Joint Strategic Plans and Policy Officer.

He began his public life as a field representative for Congressman Jim Bridenstine, a member of the Governor's Task Force to bring the F-35 to Tulsa and a board member of Coffee Bunker, a veteran's service organization. He was elected to the State Senate in 2016 but had to put that job on hold for a year after being recalled to active duty. Now back home, he has dedicated himself to providing the best service possible to some 75,000 residents of District 25, which includes part of Broken Arrow, south Tulsa and Jenks.

