

## Will Coursey

A native of Marshall County, Will Coursey was raised on a small cattle farm in the community of Elva. His father, the late Larry Coursey, was a union operating engineer. His mother, Lisa McIntyre, is a steel worker at Alcan Composites Alucobond of Benton. Coursey spent much of his youth working to help make ends meet, learning the struggles of the everyday working family life.

Coursey graduated from Marshall County High School and entered the University of Kentucky. During his time at the University, where he sought a Political Science degree, Coursey worked in Kentucky House Speaker Jody Richards' office. Most of his five years in the Speaker's office were spent as a local government liaison, primarily for the areas west of Interstate 65. He worked closely with Sixth District Representative J.R. Gray as a liaison for the House Labor and Industry Committee.

In 2006, Coursey returned to Marshall County to become a banker. He is an associate vice president, lending/public relations officer at Community Financial Services Bank in Benton. Involved in the community around him, Coursey spent time working with Needline and Habitat for Humanity on the family selection committee. He also served as interim director for West Kentucky Allied Services.

Coursey handily won a special election for Sixth District State Representative on February 5 of this year when the seat was vacated by J.R. Gray, who responded to Governor Beshear's call to join his Cabinet as Labor Secretary.

His knowledge of the legislative process and his personal acquaintance with legislators in both chambers of the General Assembly graced his transition into public office. Within his first two weeks in office, State Representative Coursey had his first bill passed on the House floor and also obtained \$2.6 million in the House Budget for water and sewer projects in Lyon and Marshall counties.

Coursey received choice committee assignments, becoming vice chair of the House Labor and Industry Committee, which oversees the efforts to help Kentucky's working men and women. He joined the Banking and Insurance, Economic Development and Tourism, and State Government Committees. In the Legislative Interim, he works on these committees and is also assigned to the Energy Special Subcommittee.

Coursey, a bachelor, lives in Elva and attends the Baptist Church.