**THOMAS A. DASCHLE**

Born in Aberdeen, South Dakota, Tom Daschle graduated from South Dakota State

University in 1969.  Upon graduation, he entered the United States Air Force where he served as an intelligence officer in the Strategic Air Command until mid-1972.

Following completion of his military service, Senator Daschle served on the staff of Senator James Abourezk.  In 1978, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives where he served for eight years.  In 1986, he was elected to the U.S. Senate and eight years later became its Democratic Leader.  Senator Daschle is one of the longest serving Senate Democratic Leaders in history and the only one to serve twice as both Majority and Minority Leader.  During his tenure, Senator Daschle navigated the Senate through some of its most historic economic and national security challenges.  In 2003, he chronicled some of these experiences in his book, *Like No Other Time: The 107th Congress and the Two Years That Changed America Forever*.

Today, Senator Daschle is a Senior Policy Advisor to the law firm of DLA Piper where he provides clients with strategic advice on public policy issues such as climate change, energy, health care, trade, financial services and telecommunications.  Since leaving the Senate, he has distinguished his expertise in health care through the publication of *Critical: What We Can Do About the Health-Care Crisis* and *GETTING IT DONE: How Obama and Congress Finally Broke the Stalemate to Make Way for Health Care Reform*. Daschle has continued to be a leader on climate change and renewable energy, as well as a variety of other public policy challenges.

In 2007, he joined with former Majority Leaders George Mitchell, Bob Dole, and Howard Baker to create the Bipartisan Policy Center, an organization dedicated to finding common ground on some of the pressing public policy challenges of our time.  Senator Daschle serves on the board of the Center for American Progress, acts as the Vice Chair of the National Democratic Institute, and is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations.

He also is a member of the Energy Future Coalition Steering Committee, the Health Policy and Management Executive Council at the Harvard School of Public and Co-Chair of the Aspen Global Policy Advisory Council for the Health Worker Migration Initiative.

In addition, Senator Daschle’s board memberships include the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation Board of Trustees; the Blum Center for Developing Economies; ZocDoc, Inc.; the US Global Leadership Coalition  Advisory Council and the Federal Advisory Board of Accenture.

He is married to Linda Hall Daschle and has three children and four grandchildren.