

## Jill Ashmore Dutton Personal and Political Biography 6/15/23

Jill Ashmore Dutton's great grandparents immigrated to the US from Lebanon around 1899, settling in Farmersville, TX and the Ashmore family later planted roots in Greenville, TX. Her father was US Army Captain stationed in Würzburg, Germany, where she was born to George and Lynn Ashmore. Raised in East Dallas, she attended the local public school, later transferred to Dallas Christian School in Mesquite, where she graduated in 1987. Jill later earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Texas at Tyler graduating Suma cum laude. Jill is married to David Dutton and have three adult children and three grandchildren. David and Jill moved to the Van area in 1999 to live near her husband's immediate and extended Tunnell family who have lived and settled in Van Zandt County before Texas was a Republic. They raised their children in the Van community, two graduated from Van High School and one from a home/private school mix, and are now enjoying three grandchildren ages 8, 9, and 10! Most important to Jill is her faith in Christ Jesus who is the cornerstone and foundation of all her political and social ideology. She and David are founding members of Connections Church in Van, TX. David and Jill share an appreciation for mid-century modern homes and historically significant architecture.

Jill has 22 years of entrepreneurial business experience at their commercial construction consulting firm in Dallas as the Director of Administration. She is a member of the Construction Industry Advisory Council at Texas A&M and a SHRM and Kiwanis member. She served 10 years as a School Board Trustee for Van Independent School District. During her tenure, notable accomplishments include serving as board secretary, hiring the current school superintendent, arming teachers to protect students, and encouraging parental and community involvement. She also served the Van ISD community as chairman of the School Health Advisory Council and was a founding board member, Vice President, and fundraiser for the Van ISD Education Foundation.

Politically, Jill began her involvement helping with numerous local, state, and congressional Republican campaigns by block walking, phone banking, event planning, and fundraising. She is currently precinct chair, deputy voter registrar, secretary for the Van Zandt County Executive Committee, has served as a delegate to three RPT conventions as well as the CD5 congressional caucus chair in 2016 and 2020. Two in a half years ago, Jill led a group of women to organize and start a TFRW chapter club in Van Zandt County. As president of Republican Women of Van Zandt, she has advocated for Republican unity, party growth, and education on issues important to Republican women. Jill is passionate, works well with others, is a leader when called, and has a desire to bring conservatives together, but never afraid to fight for what she believes when the occasion warrants.

Jill Ashmore Dutton is a strong conservative Republican who believes in a strong Texas border, low taxes, gun rights, a healthy education system, election integrity, and protecting our most vulnerable Texans from conception to natural death. As a candidate for State Representative HD2, she has a strong desire to help people, foster Republican unity, stand up for the district's needs, and accomplish results not rhetoric.