**Frank W. Boykin**

Frank Boykin was born in Alabama to parents James and Glo Boykin. From a very young age, he ran a store and used this as his introduction into the world of business. At just eight years old, he decided to quit school and pursue something that he thought was more profitable- working as a water boy for a local railroad crew1. Learning through doing this type of work at such a young age led Frank to be a very tough and hardworking young man. He eventually married and moved to Mobile where he made a name for himself in the local community, eventually pushing him to run for the House of Representatives. In 1935, the current representative at the time resigned and Frank was encouraged to run for the position. He won the position then and has been in that seat since2.

**Lawrence Brooks Hays**

Hays was born in Arkansas in 1898, where he lived for most of his life. He attended public school there until he went on to university at the University of Arkansas Fayetteville and then George Washington University for law school3. Admitted to the bar in 1922, he began to practice in Arkansas after a brief time in the army in 1918. Prior to his election to the House of Representatives, he served as the assistant attorney general of Arkansas, Democratic National committeeman for Arkansas, and the NRA labor compliance officer, to name a few of his achievements4. After gaining traction and recognition, he ran for a house position and won in 19435.

**Bertrand W. Gearhart**

Gearhart was born in Fresco, California in 1890 and went on to attend public school there and then university at Boones University School in Berkeley6. After his university, he went on to law school at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles and was admitted to the bar in 19137. Following this, he went on to practice for many years in California until he served a brief time overseas in the army. Upon his return, he continued his law career and served as the assistant attorney and district attorney of Fresno County, California8. Eventually after much time spent on his law career, he decided to run for an open position in the house of representatives and was elected in 19359.

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**Edward E. Cox**

Edward, who was affectionately known as Eugene or Goober, was born in Camilla, Georgia. He went on to attend Mercer University where he completed his undergrad and earned his law degree10. Following this time, he served briefly as the mayor of Camilla, Georgia, but then went on to achieve other accomplishments such as being a delegate to the Democratic National Convention11. Eventually, after gaining recognition for himself based on his work in law and his brief election in local government, he decided to run for the house of representatives and ran and won in 1925 and has held that position since12.

**Compton I. White**

Compton was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1877, but moved at a very young age to Mississippi and then soon after to Idaho13. He attended business school and then went on to work in the railroad industry for many years- as a telegraph operator, a trainman, and a conductor14. He worked in many different labor fields such as lumber and agriculture, which inspired many of his political decisions later down the road. Following his many different careers, Compton decided to run for the house of representatives. He was initially unsuccessful in his attempt to run in 1930, however he was elected in 1932 and has served in that role since15.

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