

# HONORARY LIFETIME AWARD

## Cynthia Lummis Sponsored by


Cynthia Lummis (pronounced "Luh-miss") was elected to represent the people of Wyoming in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2008. She was raised on her family ranch in Laramie County and graduated from the University of Wyoming with bachelor degrees in Animal Science and Biology. In 1979, Cynthia became the youngest woman ever elected to the Wyoming Legislature. She returned to the University of Wyoming for a law degree, which she received in 1985.

Cynthia then clerked at the Wyoming Supreme Court, practiced law in Cheyenne, and served a total of fourteen years in the Wyoming House and Senate, concentrating on natural resource and taxation issues. She completed her legislative service in 1994 and then chaired Governor-elect Jim Geringer's transition team. She continued to work in the Governor's office for two more years, primarily on natural resource issues. Cynthia also served as the interim Director of the Office of State Lands and Investments.



Cynthia was elected Wyoming State Treasurer in 1998. In eight years (two terms) as Wyoming State Treasurer, she converted Wyoming's primarily fixed income investment portfolio of \$3.5 billion to a fully diversified portfolio of equities, real estate and fixed income investments, public and private, domestic and international, totaling \$8.5 billion. Her term of office as State Treasurer ended in January 2007.

Cynthia continues to be involved in the daily operations of the Lummis family ranch. She and her late husband, Al Wiederspahn, a former Wyoming legislator and Cheyenne attorney, have one daughter, Annaliese.

As the sole House Representative for the state of Wyoming, Cynthia is a staunch advocate for fiscal responsibility, limiting the size and scope of the federal government and developing our nation's domestic energy capabilities. Cynthia is a member of the House Natural Resources and Oversight and Government Reform Committees. 

- As Vice-Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, has supported H.R. 4680, the National Park Service Centennial Act.
- As Chairman of the Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on the Interior, held hearing to improve concession programs. (<https://oversight.house.gov/hearing/modernizing-the-national-park-service-concession-program/>)
- Introduced H.R. 974, the Yellowstone and Grand Teton Paddling Act. The boating community is simply asking for an open and transparent public process by park managers to allow controlled access to the river and streams in the parks. The River Paddling Protection Act would ensure they get a seat at the table in the process.
- Ensured our national parks and public lands have access for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.