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Charlie Schnabel is a native Texan with a long career in public service to the state and the nation. He received a B.A. in Bacteriology and an M.A. in Public Administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

Charlie was elected Secretary of the Texas Senate (the youngest ever elected to that position) and, what was supposed to be a temporary post, became a 23-year career. Charlie served under Lt. Governors Ramsey, Preston Smith, Ben Barnes and Bill Hobby. He was additionally elected President of the National Association of Clerks and Secretaries.

After his career in the Senate, Schnabel worked for seven years as the Executive Assistant Commissioner of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. In 1985, he received a call from Congressman Charlie Wilson, serving the U. S. House of Representatives 2nd Congressional district, offering him a job as his Chief of Staff and Security Advisor. After several refusals, he finally accepted - not knowing that within a year he would be in the middle of covert operations in Afghanistan which have been famously revealed in the 2003 New York best seller book *Charlie Wilson's War* and the film version of the same name, starring Tom Hanks, in 2007. Schnabel was sent to Afghanistan 12 times and to Angola to report on the wars against the Communists in those countries.

Upon returning to Austin, Charlie continued civic service as the President of the Heart Association, the Northwest Austin Kiwanis Club, the Austin Woods and Waters Club and served on the Executive Committee of the National Legislative Conference. He currently serves on the board of the German-American Farm Mutual Insurance Company, and the Manville Water Supply Corporation. Since 1991, Schnabel has represented a variety of clients as a consultant/lobbyist. The list includes environmental, insurance, business and health interests.

As graduate of the University of Texas, Charlie is an avid follower of the Texas Longhorns and enjoys hunting, fishing and squash, and lives on a small farm close to Austin where his bird dogs have room to run.