

State Representative Holly Cheeseman was elected to serve the 37th district of East Lyme and Salem in November 2016. After being sworn into office in January 2017, Rep. Cheeseman is serving her first legislative term. She works on the [Finance, Revenue & Bonding](#), [Energy & Technology](#) and [Higher Education & Employment Advancement](#) General Assembly Committees.

A New London, CT native, Rep. Cheeseman has been a resident of East Lyme for 25 years. She currently works as the Executive Director for the Southeastern CT Children's Museum. In the past, she partnered with her late husband, Ian, in LVA Corporate Communications in Niantic, CT. Between 1977 and 1988, she was also employed as a publishing executive in the United Kingdom. There, she was involved in the launch and publication of nine magazines relating to the computer industry, in both the general consumer and trade and technical markets.

Rep. Cheeseman received a Bachelor of Arts from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA with a major in German and minors in Physics and History. She also attended and graduated from the Williams School in New London CT.

In the community, Rep. Cheeseman has served on the East Lyme Board of Selectmen since 2011, is the current President of the East Lyme Library Board, the Vice Chair and past Chair of the East Lyme Republican Town Committee and a member of the East Lyme Board of Assessment Appeals. She also served as President and Vice-President of the Creative Playschool, President of the Mount Holyoke Club of Southeastern CT, member of the Curriculum Council of the East Lyme School system and member of the Board of Trustees of the East Lyme Public Library.

Rep. Cheeseman enjoys spending time with her two sons, David (age 29) and Douglas (age 27), as well as her three stepdaughters, Victoria, Abigail and Sarah; her four grandchildren, Emma, Kieran, Ethan and Zoe; and her two Chesapeake Bay retrievers, Belle and Madducks.