Young Elected Leaders
Spotlight: Earl Ray Tomblin

“We can learn from one another and work together to develop the methods that will enable us to reach the goals we've set”

Biography
- Current Age: 60
- Age when elected to first office: 22
- First office held – West Virginia State Legislature
- Party Affiliation: Democrat
- Residence: Logan County, West Virginia
- Education: Bachelors of Science – West Virginia University
  Masters of Business Administration – Marshall University

Platform
- Promoting private sector job growth
- Lowering state taxes
- Funding efficient energy technologies
- Improving public education system

Key Legislation Signed
- Victims Compensation Act (Bill 2841)
- West Virginia Contraband Forfeiture Act (Bill 2521)
- Bulletproof Vest bill (Bill 2717)

About the Young Elected Leaders Project (YELP)

Originating in 2002 with funding from the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Young Elected Leaders Project (YELP) studies and works with young people who run for public office. For this project, Eagleton established a database of young elected officials; conducted a survey of young elected leaders regarding their background and leadership experience; convened a conference of young leaders in May 2003; and issued a report entitled Political Generation Next: America's Young Elected Leaders. Currently, YELP is led by Dr. Elizabeth Matto, assistant research professor and director of Eagleton’s Youth Political Participation Program, working with a team of undergraduate researchers.

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