



The State Legislature

The General Assembly is the oldest governmental body in North Carolina. According to tradition, a “legislative assembly of free holders” met for the first time around 1666. No documentary proof, however, exists proving that this assembly actually met. Provisions for a representative assembly in Proprietary North Carolina can be traced to the Concessions and Agreements, adopted in 1665, which called for an unicameral body composed of the governor, his council and twelve delegates selected annually to sit as a legislature.

This system of representation prevailed until 1670, when Albemarle County was divided into three precincts. Berkeley Precinct, Carteret Precinct and Shaftsbury Precinct were apparently each allowed five representatives. Around 1682, four new precincts were created from the original three as the colony’s population grew and the frontier moved westward. The new precincts were usually allotted two representatives, although some were granted more. Beginning with the Assembly of 1723, several of the larger, more important towns were allowed to elect their own representatives. Edenton was the first town granted this privilege, followed by Bath, New Bern, Wilmington, Brunswick, Halifax, Campbellton (Fayetteville), Salisbury, Hillsborough and Tarborough. Around 1735 Albemarle and Bath Counties were dissolved and the precincts became counties.

The unicameral legislature continued until around 1697, when a bicameral form was adopted. The governor or chief executive at the time, and his council constituted the upper house. The lower house, the House of Burgesses, was composed of representatives elected from the colony’s various precincts. The lower house could adopt its own rules of procedure and elect its own speaker and other officers. It could, however, meet only when called into session by the governor and only at a location designated by him. Because the lower house held the power of the purse and paying the governor’s salary, regular meetings of the legislature were held at least once during a two-year period (a biennium), and usually more often. Throughout the colonial period, the House of Burgess’ control over the colony’s finances fueled controversy between the governor and the lower house. The house wielded its financial control effectively throughout this period, continually increasing its influence and prestige.

This power struggle between the governor and his council on one hand and the colonial legislature on the other, had a profound effect on the structure of the new government created by North Carolina’s first state constitution, adopted in 1776. The General Assembly became the primary organ of government with control overall other areas of government. The legislature wielded the constitutional authority

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to elect all executive and judicial branch officials. The N.C. Senate and House of Commons conducted joint balloting to elect these officials. On many occasions, the elections for administrative and judicial officials consumed substantial amounts of time when one candidate for a position could not muster a majority of votes from the legislators. The first break from this unwieldy procedure came in 1835, when a constitutional amendment changed the method for electing the governor. Instead of being elected by the legislature for a one-year term, the governor would henceforth be elected by the people for a two-year term. Another 33 years — and a devastating civil war and military occupation — would pass before the remaining state executive and judicial offices were elected by vote of the people. The postwar Constitution of 1868 dramatically reduced the General Assembly's appointive powers over the other two branches of state government.

The state constitution of 1776 created a bicameral legislature with members of both houses elected by the people. The N.C. Senate had one representative from each county, while the N.C. House of Commons had two representatives from each county and one from each of the towns given representative status in the constitution. This scheme continued until 1835, when voters approved several constitutional changes to the legislative branch. Membership in the Senate was set at 50 with senators elected from districts. The state was divided into districts with the number of senators based on the population of each individual district. The membership of the House of Commons was set at 120 with representation based on the population of the county. The more populous counties had more representatives, but each county was entitled to at least one representative. Representation in each house would be adjusted based on the federal census taken every ten years. The General Assembly retained the power to adjust districts and representation.

In 1868, a new constitution was adopted, leading to more changes in the legislative branch. The bicameral structure was retained, but the name of the lower house was changed from the House of Commons to the House of Representatives. The new constitution eliminated the property qualification for holding office, opening up opportunities for less wealthy North Carolinians to serve. The Office of Lieutenant Governor re-appeared for the first time since 1776. The lieutenant governor, elected by the people, would now serve as president of the Senate. He would also take office as governor if the incumbent governor could not continue in office for any reason. The N.C. Senate members could also elect a president pro tempore from among their ranks. The president pro-tem chaired the Senate sessions in the absence of its president.

In 1966, the House of Representatives adopted district representation similar to the Senate's arrangement. Although the total number of representatives stayed at 120, every county was no longer guaranteed a representative. Instead, the requirement to maintain a rough equality of population size between districts resulted in counties with lower populations losing their resident representative. The switch to a district format left nearly one-third of the state's counties with no resident legislator.

Prior to Raleigh's designation as North Carolina's permanent capital in 1792, the seat of government moved from town to town with each new General Assembly, a pattern established during the colonial period. Halifax, Hillsborough, Fayetteville, New Bern, Smithfield and Tarborough all served as the seat of government between 1776 and 1794. The Assembly of 1794-95 was the first legislative session to meet in Raleigh.

The buildings used as meeting places for the colonial and early general assemblies varied as much as their location. If the structure was big enough to hold the legislators, it was pressed into use. Courthouses, schools and even local residences served as legislative buildings. Tryon Palace in New Bern was North Carolina's first capitol building. Completed in 1771, the palace was abandoned during the Revolutionary War because of its exposure to enemy attack. When Raleigh became the permanent state capital, the General Assembly approved the construction of a simple, two-story brick state house. This structure, completed in 1796, served as the General Assembly's home until a fire gutted it in 1831. The legislature approved a new capitol building and construction on the current capitol was complete in 1840. The first session to convene in the capitol opened on November 16, 1840. Construction of the current legislative building started in early 1961. The first session held in the new building convened on February 6, 1963.

The organizational structure of state government established by the Constitution of 1868 remained basically unchanged with the adoption of the state's third constitution in 1971. As one of the three branches of government established by the constitution, the legislative branch is equal with, but independent of, the executive and judicial branches. It is composed of the General Assembly and its administrative support units. The North Carolina constitution gives the General Assembly legislative, or law-making, power for the entire state. This means, in the words of the state's Supreme Court, that the legislature has "the authority to make or enact laws; to establish rules and regulations governing the conduct of the people, their rights, duties and procedures; and to prescribe the consequences of certain activities." These mandates give the General Assembly the power to make new laws and amend or repeal existing laws on a broad range of issues that have statewide as well as local impact. The legislature also defines criminal law in North Carolina.

Legislators in both the North Carolina Senate and House of Representatives stand for election every two years in even-numbered years. Members of both houses are elected from districts established by law. Qualifications for election differ slightly for each house. For election to either house, a person must reside in the district he or she wants to represent for at least one year prior to the election. Candidates must be registered to vote in North Carolina. Senate candidates must be at least 25 years old on the date of the election and a resident of the state for two years immediately preceding the election. House candidates must be at least 21 years old on the date of the election, in addition to the previously stated qualifications.

A constitutional amendment approved by voters in 1982 set the first day of January following the November general election as the date legislators officially take office. Prior to the amendment, legislators took office immediately following the November election.

Each house of the legislature elects a Principal Clerk. The Senate also elects a Reading Clerk and a Sergeant-at-Arms. These positions are appointed in the House. The President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor) presides over its sessions. A President Pro Tempore, elected by Senators from among their membership, presides over the Senate in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor. The Speaker of the House of Representatives is elected by the Representatives from among their membership. Other officers in each respective house are elected either by the membership as a whole or by the members of each party.

Much of the General Assembly's legislative work occurs through standing committees. Shortly after every legislative session convenes the leadership in each House forms standing committees and appoints members of their respective House to the committees. Since 1989, the President Pro Tempore has appointed Senate committees, a duty formerly given the President of the Senate. The Speaker of the House appoints committees in that Chamber. These leaders often make committee assignments based on legislators' interests and expertise. In the most recent session, there were 22 standing committees in the Senate and 31 in the House.

The Legislative Services Commission oversees the Legislative Services Office which is the General Assembly's administrative staff. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House alternate chairmanship of the Legislative Services Commission on a yearly basis and each appoints seven members from his or her respective house to serve on the commission. The commission employs a Legislative Services Officer who serves as Chief Staff Officer for the commission. The Legislative Services Office has five support divisions, each managed by a director:

Administrative Division

The Administrative Division's primary role is to provide logistical support to the General Assembly in a variety of areas such as budget preparation and administration, building maintenance, equipment and supplies, mailing operations, printing (including printed bills) and a host of other services.

Information Systems Division

The Information Systems Division designs, develops and maintains a number of computer applications used by the General Assembly staff. Legal document retrieval, bill status reporting, fiscal information systems, office automation and electronic publishing are all functions of the division. A Legislative Services Commission sub-committee sets policies governing the division's operation and access to the Legislative Computer Center.

Bill Drafting Division

The Bill Drafting Division assists legislators by preparing bills for introduction. Staff attorneys draft the bills and make sure they are entered into the computer and printed. They also make sure that the proper number of copies of draft bills is delivered to the introducing legislator. Division staff follows numerous guidelines to ensure confidentiality.

Fiscal Research Division

The Fiscal Research Division serves as the research and watchdog arm of the General Assembly on fiscal and compliance matters regarding state government. Its statutory duties include fiscal analysis, operational reviews and reporting.

Research Division

The Research Division obtains information and makes legal and non-fiscal analyses of subjects affecting and affected by state law and government. Individual legislators and standing committee of the General Assembly alike can request the division's services. Division staff also answers questions from other North Carolina and sister state agencies and private citizens.

For more information about the Legislative Services Office, call (919) 733-4111 or visit the office's Web site at <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/>.

George Rubin Hall, Jr. Legislative Services Officer



Early Years

Born in Raleigh, N.C. April 14, 1939, to George Rubin, Sr. (deceased) and Ludie Jane Conner Hall (deceased).

Educational Background

Hugh Morson High School, 1953-55; Needham Broughton High School, 1955-57; Bachelor's of Science, Campbell College, 1964; Post-graduate work in Public Personnel Administration, N.C. State University; Government Executives Institute, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1982.

Professional Background

Legislative Services Officer, 1979-Present; 14 years, N.C. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; former Administrative Officer with N.C. General Assembly; Licensed Building Contractor; Licensed Real Estate Broker.

Boards and Commissions

Former member, Wake County School Board Advisory Council; Manpower Area Planning Council, Region J, 1972-73.

Military Service

Staff Sgt., N.C. Army National Guard, 1959-60 (active duty), 1960-65 (reserve duty).

Personal Information

Married, Carolyn Marie Young of Raleigh. Three children. Three grandchildren.

The 2009 General Assembly

The 2009 General Assembly, convened in the respective chambers of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Legislative Building in Raleigh at Noon on January 28. The opening of the Session was convened by Lieutenant Governor Walter Dalton in the Senate and Denise Weeks, Principal Clerk, in the House. Prior to 1957, the General Assembly convened in January at a time fixed by the Constitution of North Carolina. From 1957 through 1967, sessions convened in February at a time fixed by the Constitution of North Carolina. The 1969 General Assembly was the first to convene on a date fixed by law after elimination of the constitutionally fixed dates. The Assembly now convenes on the third Wednesday after the second Monday in January after the November election. The 2009 General Assembly adjourned sine die on July 10, 2010.

Women in the General Assembly

Lillian Exum Clement of Buncombe County was the first woman to serve in the General Assembly. Clement served in the 1921 House of Representatives. There were 45 women in the 2009 General Assembly, 7 in the Senate and 38 in the House of Representatives.

Former Representative Ruth M. Easterling, a Democrat from Mecklenburg County, became the longest serving woman in the General Assembly in 2001, serving 13 terms. The previous record was held by former Senator Lura Tally, a Democrat from Cumberland County, who served 11 terms (5 in the House and 6 in the Senate). Former Representative Jo Graham Foster, a Democrat from Mecklenburg County, served 10 terms, all in the House.

Minorities in the General Assembly

During Reconstruction, and particularly after the adoption of the Constitution of 1868, minorities were elected to the General Assembly for the first time in the State's history. Fifteen African-Americans were elected to the House of Representatives and two to the Senate in 1868. Under the leadership of Representative Parker D. Robbins of Hertford County and Senators A. H. Galloway of New Hanover County and John A. Hyman of Warren County, the 1868 General Assembly approved the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guaranteed citizenship for African-Americans. As conservative Democrats regained power in the 1890s, African-American representation in the General Assembly disappeared for nearly 60 years. Henry E. Frye of Guilford County became the first African-American to serve in the General Assembly during this century when he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1969. Twenty-nine African-Americans served in the 2009 General Assembly, 9 in the Senate and 20 in the House of Representatives. Representative H.M. Michaux holds the record for the most terms served in the General Assembly by an African-American. He has served over 15.5 terms in the House of Representatives.

The only member of the 2009 General Assembly of Native American descent was Representative Ronnie Sutton, a Democrat from Robeson County. The only Hispanic member of the 2009 General Assembly was Representative Daniel F. McComas, a Republican from New Hanover County.

Miscellaneous Facts and Figures

The oldest member of the 2009 Senate was Charlie Smith Dannelly (8/13/1924), a Democrat from Mecklenburg County. The youngest member of the 2009 Senate was Andrew C. Brock (4/9/1974), a Republican from Davie County. The oldest member of the 2009 House of Representatives was Dewey L. Hill (8/31/1925), a Democrat from Columbus County. The youngest member of the 2009 House of Representatives was Justin Burr (6/28/1985), a Republican from Stanly County. The member with the longest tenure was Senator R.C. Soles, Jr., a Democrat from Columbus County, serving his 21st term (4 in the House and 17 in the Senate).

Salaries of Legislators

Members of the 2009 General Assembly received a base salary of \$13,951 per year and a monthly expense allowance of \$559. The Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate each received a base salary of \$38,151 per year and a monthly expense allowance of \$1,413. The Senate Deputy President Pro Tempore and the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House each received base salaries of \$21,739 and monthly expense allowances of \$836. The majority and minority leaders of each house received \$17,048 in base salary and monthly expense allowances of \$666. During the Legislative Session and when they are carrying out the State's business, all legislators receive a subsistence allowance of \$104 per day and travel allowance of \$0.29 per mile.

2009-2010 North Carolina Senate Officers

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| President (Lieutenant Governor) | Walter Dalton |
| President Pro Tempore | Marc Basnight |
| Deputy President Pro Tempore | Charlie Smith Dannelly |
| Permanent Democratic Caucus Chairman | R. C. Soles, Jr. |
| Majority Leader | Anthony E. Rand (resigned 12/31/09) |
| | Martin L. Nesbitt, Jr. (effective 1/1/10) |
| Majority Whip | Katie G. Dorsett |
| Democratic Caucus Secretary | Charles W. Albertson |
| Republican Leader | Phil Berger |
| Deputy Republican Leader | Harry Brown |
| Deputy Republican Leader | Peter S. Brunstetter |

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Deputy Republican Leader | Neal Hunt |
| Republican Whip | Jerry W. Tillman |
| Joint Republican Caucus Leader | W. Edward (Eddie) Goodall |
| Principal Clerk | Janet B. Pruitt |
| Reading Clerk | Ted Harrison |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Cecil Goins |

Senators

| Name | District | County | Address |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Albertson, Charles W. (D) | 10th | Duplin | Beulaville |
| Allran, Austin M. (R) | 42nd | Catawba | Hickory |
| Apodaca, Tom M. (R) | 48th | Henderson | Hendersonville |
| Atwater, Robert "Bob" (D) | 18th | Chatham | Chapel Hill |
| Basnight, Marc (D) | 1st | Dare | Manteo |
| Berger, Doug (D) | 7th | Franklin | Youngsville |
| Berger, Philip E. "Phil" (R) | 26th | Rockingham | Eden |
| Bingham, Stan (R) | 33rd | Davidson | Denton |
| Blake, Harris (R) | 22nd | Moore | Pinehurst |
| Blue, Daniel T., Jr. (D) ¹ | 14th | Wake | Raleigh |
| Boseman, Julia (D) | 9th | New Hanover | Wilmington |
| Brock, Andrew C. (R) | 34th | Davie | Mocksville |
| Brown, Harry (R) | 6th | Onslow | Jacksonville |
| Brunstetter, Peter S. "Pete" (R) | 31st | Forsyth | Lewisville |
| Clary, Debbie A. (R) | 46th | Cleveland | Cherryville |
| Clodfelter, Daniel G. "Dan" (D) | 37th | Mecklenburg | Charlotte |
| Dannelly, Charlie Smith (D) | 38th | Mecklenburg | Charlotte |
| Davis, Donald Gene (D) | 5th | Greene | Snow Hill |
| Dickson, Margaret H. (D) ² | 19th | Cumberland | Fayetteville |
| Dorsett, Katie G. (D) | 28th | Guilford | Greensboro |
| East, Don W. (R) | 30th | Surry | Pilot Mountain |
| Foriest, Anthony E. "Tony" (D) | 24th | Alamance | Graham |
| Forrester, James "Jim" (R) | 41st | Gaston | Mt. Holly |
| Garrou, Linda (D) | 32nd | Forsyth | Winston-Salem |
| Goodall, W. Edward, Jr. (R) | 35th | Union | Weddington |
| Goss, Steve (D) | 45th | Watauga | Boone |
| Graham, Malcolm (D) | 40th | Mecklenburg | Charlotte |
| Hartsell, Fletcher L., Jr. (R) | 36th | Cabarrus | Concord |
| Hoyle, David W. (D) | 43rd | Gaston | Dallas |

Senators (continued)

| Name | District | County | Address |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Hunt, Neal (R) | 15th | Wake | Raleigh |
| Jacumin, Jim (R) | 44th | Burke | Connelly Springs |
| Jenkins, S. Clark (D) | 3rd | Edgecombe | Tarboro |
| Jones, W. Edward "Ed" (D) | 4th | Halifax | Enfield |
| Kinnaird, Eleanor "Ellie" (D) | 23rd | Orange | Carrboro |
| Malone, Vernon (D) ³ | 14th | Wake | Raleigh |
| McKissick, Floyd, B., Jr. (D) | 20th | Durham | Durham |
| Nesbitt, Martin L., Jr. (D) | 49th | Buncombe | Asheville |
| Preston, Jean R. (R) | 2nd | Carteret | Emerald Isle |
| Purcell, William R. "Bill" (D) | 25th | Scotland | Laurinburg |
| Queen, Joe Sam (D) | 47th | Haywood | Waynesville |
| Rand, Anthony E. "Tony" ⁴ | 19th | Cumberland | Fayetteville |
| Rouzer, David (R) | 12th | Johnston | Benson |
| Rucho, Bob (R) | 39th | Mecklenburg | Matthews |
| Shaw, Larry (D) | 21st | Cumberland | Fayetteville |
| Snow, John J., Jr. (D) | 50th | Cherokee | Murphy |
| Soles, R.C., Jr. (D) | 8th | Columbus | Tabor City |
| Stein, Joshua H. "Josh" (D) | 16th | Wake | Raleigh |
| Stevens, Richard Y. (R) | 17th | Wake | Cary |
| Swindell, A.B., IV (D) | 11th | Nash | Nashville |
| Tillman, Jerry W. (R) | 29th | Randolph | Archdale |
| Vaughan, Don (D) | 27th | Guilford | Greensboro |
| Walters, Michael P. (D) ⁵ | 13th | Robeson | Fairmont |
| Weinstein, David F. (D) ⁶ | 13th | Robeson | Lumberton |

¹ Dan Blue was appointed 5/19/2009.

² Margaret Highsmith Dickson was appointed 1/21/2010.

³ Vernon Malone died on 4/18/2009.

⁴ Tony Rand resigned 12/31/2009.

⁵ Michael P. Walters was appointed 11/3/2009.

⁶ David F. Weinstein resigned 9/30/2009.

Speakers of the Senate

| Senator | County | Assembly |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Richard Caswell | Dobbs | 1782 |
| Richard Caswell | Dobbs | 1783 |
| Richard Caswell | Dobbs | 1784 (April) |
| Richard Caswell | Dobbs | 1784 (October) |
| Alexander Martin | Guilford | 1785 |

Speakers of the Senate (continued)

| Senator | County | Assembly |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| James Coor | Craven | 1786-87 |
| Alexander Martin | Guilford | 1787 |
| Alexander Martin | Guilford | 1788 |
| Richard Caswell | Dobbs | 1789 |
| Charles Johnston | Chowan | 1789 |
| William Lenoir | Wilkes | 1791-92 |
| William Lenoir | Wilkes | 1792-93 |
| William Lenoir | Wilkes | 1793-94 |
| William Lenoir | Wilkes | 1794-95 |
| Benjamin Smith | Brunswick | 1795 |
| Benjamin Smith | Brunswick | 1796 |
| Benjamin Smith | Brunswick | 1797 |
| Benjamin Smith | Brunswick | 1798 |
| Benjamin Smith | Brunswick | 1799 |
| Joseph Riddick | Gates | 1800 |
| Joseph Riddick | Gates | 1801 |
| Joseph Riddick | Gates | 1802 |
| Joseph Riddick | Gates | 1803 |
| Joseph Riddick | Gates | 1804 |
| Alexander Martin | Guilford | 1805 |
| Joseph Riddick | Gates | 1806 |
| Joseph Riddick | Gates | 1807 |
| Joseph Riddick | Gates | 1808 |
| Joseph Riddick | Gates | 1809 |
| Joseph Riddick | Gates | 1810 |
| Joseph Riddick | Gates | 1811 |
| George Outlaw | Bertie | 1812 |
| George Outlaw | Bertie | 1813 |
| George Outlaw | Bertie | 1814 |
| John Branch | Halifax | 1815 |
| John Branch | Halifax | 1816 |
| John Branch | Halifax | 1817 |
| Bartlett Yancey | Caswell | 1817 |
| Bartlett Yancey | Caswell | 1818 |
| Bartlett Yancey | Caswell | 1819 |
| Bartlett Yancey | Caswell | 1820 |
| Bartlett Yancey | Caswell | 1821 |
| Bartlett Yancey | Caswell | 822 |
| Bartlett Yancey | Caswell | 1823-24 |
| Bartlett Yancey | Caswell | 1824-25 |
| Bartlett Yancey | Caswell | 1825-26 |
| Bartlett Yancey | Caswell | 1826-27 |
| Bartlett Yancey | Caswell | 1827-28 |

Speakers of the Senate (continued)

| <i>Senator</i> | <i>County</i> | <i>Assembly</i> |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Jesse Speight | Greene | 1828-29 |
| Bedford Brown | Caswell | 1829-30 |
| David F. Caldwell | Rowan | 1830-31 |
| David F. Caldwell | Rowan | 1831-32 |
| William D. Mosely | Lenoir | 1832-33 |
| William D. Mosely | Lenoir | 1833-34 |
| William D. Mosely | Lenoir | 1834-35 |
| William D. Mosely | Lenoir | 1835 |
| Hugh Waddell | Orange | 1836-37 |
| Andrew Joyner | Halifax | 1838-39 |
| Andrew Joyner | Halifax | 1840-41 |
| Lewis D. Wilson | Edgecombe | 1842-43 |
| Burgess S. Gaither | Burke | 1844-45 |
| Andrew Joyner | Halifax | 1846-47 |
| Calvin Graves | Caswell | 1848-49 |
| Weldon N. Edwards | Warren | 1850-51 |
| Weldon N. Edwards | Warren | 1852 |
| Warren Winslow | Cumberland | 1854-55 |
| William W. Avery | Burke | 1856-57 |
| Henry T. Clark | Edgecombe | 1858-59 |
| Henry T. Clark | Edgecombe | 1860-61 |
| Giles Mebane | Alamance | 1862-64 |
| Giles Mebane | Alamance | 1864-65 |
| Thomas Settle | Rockingham | 1865-66 |
| Matthias E. Manly | Craven | 1866-67 |
| Joseph H. Wilson | Mecklenburg | 1866-67 |
| Edward J. Warren | Beaufort | 1870-72 |
| James T. Morehead | Guilford | 1872-74 |
| | | 1874-75 |
| James L. Robinson | Macon | 1876-77 |
| William A. Graham | Lincoln | 1879-80 |
| William T. Dorch | Buncombe | 1881 |
| | | 1883 |
| E. T. Boykin | Sampson | 1885 |
| | | 1887 |
| Edwin W. Kerr | Sampson | 1889 |
| William D. Turner | Iredell | 1891 |
| John L. King | Guilford | 1893 |
| E. L. Franck, Jr. | Onslow | 1895 |
| | | 1897 |
| R. L. Smith | Stanly | 1899-1900 |
| Edward J. Warren | Beaufort | 1870-72 |
| James T. Morehead | Guilford | 1872-74 |

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| <i>Senator</i> | <i>County</i> | <i>Assembly</i> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| James T. Morehead | Guilford | 1874-75 |
| James L. Robinson | Macon | 1876-77 |
| William A. Graham | Lincoln | 1879-80 |
| William T. Dorch | Buncombe | 1881 1883 |
| E. T. Boykin | Sampson | 1885 1887 |
| Edwin W. Kerr | Sampson | 1889 |
| William D. Turner | Iredell | 1891 |
| John L. King | Guilford | 1893 |

Presidents Pro-Tempore of the Senate

| <i>Senator</i> | <i>County</i> | <i>Assembly</i> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| E. L. Franck, Jr. | Onslow | 1895 1897 |
| R. L. Smith | Stanly | 1899-1900 |
| F A. Whitaker | Wake | 1899-1900 |
| Henry A. London | Chatham | 1901 |
| Henry A. London | Chatham | 1903 |
| Charles A. Webb | Buncombe | 1905 |
| Charles A. Webb | Buncombe | 1907-08 |
| Whitehead Klutz | Rowan | 1909 |
| Henry N. Pharr | Mecklenburg | 1911 |
| Henry N. Pharr | Mecklenburg | 1913 |
| Oliver Max Gardner | Cleveland | 1915 |
| Fordyce C. Harding | Pitt | 1917 |
| Lindsey C. Warren | Washington | 1917 |
| William L. Long | Halifax | 1921 |
| William L. Long | Halifax | 1923-24 |
| William S. H. Burgwyn | Northampton | 1925 |
| William L. Long | Halifax | 1927 |
| Thomas L. Johnson | Robeson | 1929 |
| Rivers D. Johnson | Duplin | 1931 |
| William G. Clark | Edgecombe | 1933 |
| Paul D. Grady | Johnston | 1935 |
| Andrew H. Johnston | Buncombe | 1937-38 |
| James A. Bell | Mecklenburg | 1937-38 |
| Whitman E. Smith | Stanly | 1939 |
| John D. Larkins, Jr. | Jones | 1941 |
| John H. Price | Rockingham | 1943 |
| Archie C. Gay | Northampton | 1945 |

Presidents Pro-Tempore of the Senate

| <i>Senator</i> | <i>County</i> | <i>Assembly</i> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Joseph L. Blythe | Mecklenburg | 1947 |
| James C. Pittman | Lee | 1949 |
| Rufus G. Rankin | Gaston | 1951 |
| Edwin Pate | Scotland | 1953 |
| Paul E. Jones | Pitt | 1955-56 |
| Claude Currie | Durham | 1957 |
| Robert F. Morgan | Cleveland | 1959 |
| William L. Crew | Halifax | 1961 |
| Ralph H. Scott | Alamance | 1963 |
| Robert B. Morgan | Harnett | 1965-66 |
| Herman A. Moore | Mecklenburg | 1967 |
| Neill H. McGeachy | Cumberland | 1969 |
| Frank N. Patterson, Jr. | Stanly | 1971 |
| Gordon P. Allen | Person | 1971 |
| Gordon P. Allen | Person | 1973-74 |
| John T. Henley | Cumberland | 1975-76 |
| John T. Henley | Cumberland | 1977-78 |
| W. Craig Lawing | Mecklenburg | 1979-80 |
| W. Craig Lawing | Mecklenburg | 1981-82 |
| W. Craig Lawing | Mecklenburg | 1983-84 |
| J. J. Harrington | Bertie | 1985-86 |
| J. J. Harrington | Bertie | 1987-88 |
| Henson P. Barnes | Wayne | 1989-90 |
| Henson P. Barnes | Wayne | 1990-91 |
| Marc Basnight | Dare | 1992-Present |

¹ The state constitution of 1868 abolished the office of Speaker of the Senate, instead creating the office of lieutenant governor with similar duties and functions. The lieutenant governor presides over the Senate and is called “the president of the Senate” when serving in this capacity. Senators also elect one of their members to serve as president pro-tempore during periods when the lieutenant can not preside.

Marc Basnight
President Pro-Tempore of the N.C. Senate



Democrat, Dare County

First Senatorial District: Beaufort, Camden, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Pasquotank, Tyrrell and Washington counties

Early Years

Born in Manteo, Dare County, on May 13, 1947, to St. Clair and Cora Mae Daniels Basnight.

Educational Background

Manteo High School, 1966.

Professional Background

Owner, Lone Cedar Cafe.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1985-Present (President Pro-Tempore 1993-Present).

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Manteo Lions Club; 32nd-Degree Mason; First Flight Society.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

North Carolina Board of Transportation, representing Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties, 1977-83; Dare County Tourist Bureau (Chairman 1974-76).

Honors and Awards

Most Effective Senator, N.C. Center for Public Policy Research, 1993-Present; Honorary Member, Gamma Sigma Delta, Honor Society of Agriculture, N.C. State University Chapter, 2003; Conservation Legislator of the Year Award, N.C. Land Trust Council, 2003; Pelican Award for Best Senate Legislation, N.C. Coastal Federation, 2003; Covenant with North Carolina's Children Award, 2002; Honorary Doctor of Public Service, Elizabeth State University, 2002; Razor Walker Award for Contributions to Public Education, R. Donald Watson School of Education, UNC-Wilmington, 2001; Honorary Doctor of Laws, 1999; Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1999; Special Leadership Award, N.C. State University Alumni Association, 1999; William Richardson Davie Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1995.

Personal Information

Two children.

Committee Assignments

Ex-Officio member of all standing Senate committees.

Charlie Smith Dannelly **Senate Deputy President Pro-Tempore**

Democrat, Mecklenburg County

Thirty-Eighth Senatorial District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Bishopville, South Carolina, on August 13, 1924, to Robert Samuel and Minnie Smith Dannelly.

Educational Background

Mather Academy, Camden, South Carolina, 1944; B.A. in Education, Johnson C. Smith University, 1962; Masters in Education and Administration, UNC-Charlotte, 1966.

Professional Background

Retired educator, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Political Activities

Member, North Carolina Senate, 1994-Present; Senate Deputy President Pro-Tempore, 2003-Present; Charlotte City Council, 1977-1989.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Committee to Preserve and Restore Third Ward Board of Directors; Johnson C. Smith University 100 Club; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Advisory Council on Cancer Coordination and Control; Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless Programs; Minority Health Advisory Council.

Military Activities

U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne, 1st Lt., June 26, 1951-February, 1954 (Korean War); United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal.

Honors and Awards

Omega Man of the Year (Phi Phi Chapter), 1978; 6th District Omega Man of the Year, 1979; Outstanding Service Awards-1983, 1986, 1987.

Personal Information

Married to Rose LaVerne Rhodes Dannelly. One child.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Ways and Means; Co-Chair, Appropriations/Base Budget. Ex-Officio Member of all standing Senate committees.



Robert Charles Soles, Jr. Permanent Democratic Caucus Chairman

Democrat, Columbus County

Eighth Senatorial District: Brunswick, Columbus and Pender counties



Early Years

Born in Tabor City, on December 17, 1934, to the late Robert C. and Myrtle Norris Soles.

Educational Background

Tabor City High School, 1952; B.S. in Science and English, Wake Forest University, 1956; J.D., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1959.

Professional Background

Attorney, The Soles Law Firm, PLLC.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1977-Present; N.C. Senate Permanent Democratic Caucus Chairman, 2003-Present; N.C. House of Representatives, 1969-77.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

American and N.C. Bar Associations; American Trial Lawyers Association; N.C. Association of County Attorneys.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Former President, Southeastern Community College Foundation; Southern Growth Policies Board; Former Trustee, UNC-Wilmington; Former Trustee, Consolidated University of North Carolina.

Military Service

Captain, U.S. Army Reserve, 1957-67.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Commerce; Vice-Chair, Judiciary I and Rules and Operations of the Senate; Member, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety, Appropriations/Base Budget, Finance, Select Committee on Economic Recovery, State and Local Government and Transportation.

Martin Luther Nesbitt **Senate Majority Leader**

(effective January 1, 2010)

Democrat, Buncombe County

Forty-Ninth Senatorial District: Portions of Buncombe County

Early Years

Born in Asheville, Buncombe County, on September 25, 1946, to Martin Luther Nesbitt, Sr. and Mary Cordell Nesbitt.

Educational Background

Reynolds High School, Asheville, NC, 1964; B.A., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1970; J.D., UNC-Chapel Hill, School of Law, 1973.

Professional Background

Attorney At Law.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2004-Present; N.C. Senate Majority Leader, January 1, 2010-Present; N.C. House of Representatives, 1974-94 and 1997-2003.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Buncombe County Bar Association; N.C. Bar Association.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Member, N.C. Child Health Task Force, 2002-2003, 2003-2004; Member, N.C. Center for Nursing Advisory Council, 1998-1999, 2000-2001; Chairman, Holocaust Education Program, 2001-2002.

Honors and Awards

Sticking Your Neck Out for the Kids Award, N.C. Parents Network, 2010; N.C. Legislator of the Year Award, WNC Labor Council, 2008; Defender of Justice Award, N.C. Justice Center, 2005.

Personal Information

Married, Deane Sellers Nesbitt. Two children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Judiciary I and Select Committee on Economic Recovery; Vice-Chair, Appropriations on Health and Human Services and Mental Health & Youth Services; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Health Care and Rules and Operations of the Senate.



Anthony E. Rand
Senate Majority Leader

(resigned December 31, 2009)

Democrat, Cumberland County

Nineteenth Senatorial District: Bladen and Portions of Cumberland counties



Early Years

Born in Wake County, on September 1, 1939, to Walter Rand, Jr. and Geneva Yeargan Rand.

Educational Background

Garner High School, 1957; B.A. in Political Science, University of North Carolina, 1961; J.D., University of North Carolina School of Law, 1964.

Professional Background

Consultant, Sonorex, Inc.; President, Rand & Gregory, P.A.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1981-88 and 1994-2009; N.C. Senate Majority Leader, 1987-88 and 2001-2009.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Board of Directors, State Legislative Leaders Foundation; Board of Directors and Treasurer, General Alumni Association, UNC at Chapel Hill.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Co-Chair, Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits Committee; Co-Chair, Joint Select Committee on Governmental Operations; Co-Chair, Joint Study Committee on Military and Veteran's Affairs.

Honors and Awards

Honorary Doctor of Laws, UNC, Chapel Hill, 2008; Honorary Doctor of Humanities, Methodist University, 2008; Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Fayetteville State University, 2000.

Personal Information

Married to Karen Skarda Rand. Two children. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Rules and Operations of the Senate and Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits; Co-Chair, Select Committee on Government and Election Reform; Vice-Chair, Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Health Care, Judiciary I and Joint Select Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management Recovery.

Katie Grays Dorsett
Senate Majority Whip

Democrat, Guilford County

Twenty-Eighth Senatorial District: Portions of Guilford County

Early Years

Born in Greensboro, Sunflower County, Mississippi on July 8, 1932, to Willie and Elizabeth Grays Dorsett.



Educational Background

Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi, 1949; B.S. in Business, Alcorn State University, 1953; M.S. in Business Education, Indiana University, 1955; Ed.D., University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 1975.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2003-Present; N.C. Senate Majority Whip, 2007-Present; Cabinet Secretary, Department of Administration; Guilford County Board of Commissioners, Member, Greensboro City Council.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America; National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Women in Government.

Elective or Appointed Boards and Commissions

Workforce Awareness Commission; Environment Review Commission; Urban Transportation Commission.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Citizen/Mid-Atlantic Region, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Woman of Faith, Greensboro, N.C.; Outstanding Public Servant, N.C. Council for Women.

Personal Information

Married to Warren G. Dorsett. One child.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology and Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology; Vice-Chair, Education/Higher Education, Health Care and State and Local Government; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Judiciary II, Pensions, Retirement and Aging and Rules and Operations of the Senate.

Charles W. Albertson **Senate Democratic Caucus Secretary**

Democrat, Duplin County

Tenth Senatorial District: Duplin, Lenoir and Sampson counties

Early Years

Born in Beulaville, Duplin County, on January 4, 1932, to James Edward and Mary Elizabeth Norris Albertson.



Educational Background

Beulaville Elementary and High School, 1938-50.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1992-Present; N.C. Senate Democratic Caucus Secretary, 2005-Present; Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1989-92.

Military Services

Airman 1st Class, U.S. Air Force.

Personal Information

Married to Grace Sholar Albertson. Two children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations/Base Budget; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Finance, Judiciary I, Pensions, Retirement and Aging, Rules and Operations of the Senate, Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology, State and Local Government and Ways and Means.

Philip Edward Berger **Senate Republican Leader**

Republican, Rockingham County

Twenty-Sixth Senatorial District: Rockingham and Portions of Guilford counties



Early Years

Born in New Rochelle, New York, on August 8, 1952, to Francis H. and Eunice Talley Berger.

Educational Background

George Washington High School, Danville, Va., 1970; Studied Business, Danville Community College, B.A. in Sociology, Averett College, 1980; J.D., Wake Forest University, School of Law, 1982.

Professional Background

Attorney, The Berger Law Firm.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2001-Present; N.C. Senate Republican Leader, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, NC Bar and Former President, Rockingham County Bar; Town Attorney, Mayodan, 1988-Present.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Member, Executive Board, Old North State Council, Boy Scouts of America; Member, Greensboro Chamber of Commerce; Member, Eden Chamber of Commerce.

Personal Information

Married to Patricia Hays Berger. Three children. Four grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations on Department of Transportation, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Judiciary I, Rules and Operations of the Senate, State and Local Government, Transportation.

Harry Brown
Senate Deputy Republican Leader

Republican, Onslow County

Sixth Senatorial District: Jones and Onslow counties

Educational Background

Campbell University, B.A. in Business Administration, M.B.A.

Professional Background

Owner, National Dodge-Subaru & National Volkswagen.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2005-Present.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations on Department of Transportation, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Health Care, Judiciary I, Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology and Transportation.



Peter Samuel Brunstetter
Senate Deputy Republican Leader

Republican, Forsyth County

Thirty-First Senatorial District: Portions of Forsyth County

Early Years

Born in San Francisco, CA, on February 28, 1956, to Richard W. and Roberta Bessin Brunstetter.

Educational Background

Redwood High School, Larkspur, CA; B.A. Political Science, Tulane University, 1977; J.D. Law, University of Virginia, 1984.

Professional Background

Attorney, Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice.

Political Activities

Member, North Carolina Senate, 2006-Present; Chairman, Forsyth County Commissioners.

Military Service

Lt. Commander, U.S.S. Briscoe (DD 977), U.S. Navy, 1977-1981; Reserves, 1981-1990. Navy Achievement Medal.

Personal Information

Married Jodie Bray Brunstetter. Four Children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Judiciary I; Member, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Health Care and Rules and Operations of the Senate.



Neal Hunt **Senate Deputy Republican Leader**

Republican, Wake County

Fifteenth Senatorial District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Thomasville, Randolph County, on September 17, 1942, to Miriam Hall Hunt and Walter S. Hunt, Jr.

Educational Background

Virginia Episcopal School, Lynchburg, VA, 1960; B.S. in Spanish, Hampton-Sydney College, 1964; MBA, Marketing/Finance, University of PA-Wharton, 1968.

Professional Background

Real Estate, President of HMC Corporation.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2004-Present; Senate Deputy Republican Leader, 2007-2010; Raleigh City Council, 2001-2004; Chair, Raleigh Planning Commission, 1999-2001.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

First Union Bank Board; Triangle Bank Board; Treasurer, Raleigh Rescue Mission Board; Advisory Board, Triangle Family Services.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Raleigh Planning Commission, 1995-2001; Wake County Open Space Task Force, 1999-2002; Friends of the N.C. Museum of Science.

Personal Information

Married to Frances (Duden) Campbell Hunt. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations on Department of Transportation, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Finance and Transportation.



Jerry W. Tillman **Senate Republican Whip**

Republican, Randolph County

Twenty-Ninth Senatorial District: Montgomery and Randolph counties



Early Years

Born in Siler City, Chatham County, on October 10, 1940, to Leonard and Delcie Duncan Tillman.

Educational Background

Walter Williams High School, Burlington, 1959; B.A., Elon College, 1965; Masters in School Administration, UNC-Greensboro, 1969.

Professional Background

Retired School Administrator.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2003-Present; N.C. Senate Joint Republican Caucus Leader; N.C. Senate Republican Whip, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Archdale/Trinity Lions Club; Archdale Friends Meeting.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chair, Randolph County GOP, 1995-2002; Randolph Community College Board of Trustees, 1974-2002; NCCAT, 1995-2002.

Personal Information

Married, Marian McVey Tillman. Three children. Six grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources; Appropriations on Education/Higher Education; Appropriations/Base Budget; Education/Higher Education, Finance, Judiciary I and Transportation.

W. Edward (Eddie) Goodall **Joint Republican Caucus Leader**

Republican, Union County

Thirty-Fifth Senatorial District: Union and Portions of Mecklenburg counties

Early Years

Born in Monroe, Union County, on October 20, 1946 to Will Edward and Leola B. Goodall.

Educational Background

Monroe High School, Monroe, N.C., 1965; B.S. in Accounting, UNC at Charlotte, 1969.

Professional Background

CPA, Goodall Consulting.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Co-Founder, Union Academy Charter School; Board of Directors, Union County and Matthews, N.C.; St. Marks Lutheran Church.

Military Service

N.C. National Guard, 1970-1976.

Personal Information

Married to Carol Sloan Goodall. Three children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Health Care, Judiciary II, Transportation.



Austin M. Allran
Republican, Catawba County

Forty-Second Senatorial District: Catawba and Portions of Iredell counties



Early Years

Born in Hickory, Catawba County, on December 13, 1951, to Albert M. and Mary Ethel Houser Allran.

Educational Background

Hickory High School, 1970; B.A. in English and History, Duke University, 1974; J.D., Southern Methodist University, School of Law, 1978; M.A. in English, North Carolina State University, 1998.

Professional Background

Attorney At Law/Real Estate. Austin M. Allran, Attorney at Law.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate 1986-Present; N.C. Senate Minority Whip, 1995-1996; Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1981-1986.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Hickory Landmarks Society; Sons of the American Revolution; Catawba County Bar Association.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Child Fatality Task Force; Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health; NC/SC Bi-State Advisory Commission on the Catawba/Wateree River Basin.

Honors and Awards

1999 Legislator of the Year, Initiative to Reduce Underage Drinking; 1992 Taxpayers' Best Friend, N.C. Taxpayers United; Friend of the Family, Christian Coalition.

Personal Information

Married to Judy Mosbach Allran. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources and Judiciary II; Member, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Health Care and Select Committee on Economic Recovery.

Tom Apodaca
Republican, Henderson County

Forty-Eighth Senatorial District: Henderson, Polk and Portions of Buncombe counties

Professional Background

Entrepreneur.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate 2003-Present; N.C. Senate Deputy Republican Leader, 2003-2008.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Judiciary II, Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits, State and Local Government and Transportation.



Bob Atwater
Democrat, Chatham County



Eighteenth Senatorial District: Chatham, Lee, and Portions of Durham counties

Educational Background

Durham High School; Political Science and Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate 2004-Present; Commissioner, Chatham County, NC.

Military Service

US Air Force. Commendation Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Presidential Unit Citation.

Personal Information

Married to Jean Atwater. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources; Co-Chair, Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Finance, Health Care, Judiciary II, Pensions, Retirement and Aging, Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits, Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology and Ways and Means.

Doug Berger
Democrat, Franklin County

Seventh Senatorial District: Franklin, Granville, Vance and Warren counties

Professional Background

Attorney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2005-present.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Health and Human Services; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Health Care, Judiciary II and Select Committee on Economic Recovery.



Stan Bingham **Republican, Davidson County**



Thirty-Third Senatorial District: Davidson and Portions of Guilford counties

Early Years

Born in Clemmons, Forsyth County, on December 29, 1945, to the late Hal J. and Edna Walker Bingham.

Educational Background

Southwestern Forsyth High School, 1964; B.S. in Forestry, N.C. State University, 1968.

Professional Background

Founded Bingham Lumber Company and The Denton Orator (a weekly newspaper) and several other businesses in the Davidson County area.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2000-Present; Davidson County Commissioners, 1990-1994; Chairman of the Davidson County Board of Commissioners, 1994, Vice Chairman, 1992-1992.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic, or Community Service Organizations

Member, First Bank Board of Directors, 1988-Present; Board Member, Communities in School, 2002-Present; Board Member, United Way.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Joint Select Committee on Economic Growth & Development; Child Fatality Task Force; N.C. Public Health Task Force.

Honors and Awards

Myers/Huneycutt Award for Outstanding Citizenship, Thomasville Chamber of Commerce; Awarded for Public Service in 1997 by the Lexington Area Lions Club; Distinguished Citizen of the Year, N.C. District West Civitan International, 1996.

Personal Information

Married, Married Lora Faley Bingham. Four children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Health Care; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety, Judiciary II, Pensions, Retirement and Aging, Rules and Operations of the Senate and Ways and Means.

Harris Blake **Republican, Moore County**

Twenty-Second Senatorial District: Harnett and Moore counties

Early Years

Born in Pinehurst, Moore County on November 3, 1929, to Evander and Claudia Parker Blake.



Educational Background

West End High School, 1948; Elon University.

Professional Background

Business Owner & Developer, Pinehurst South Realty.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2002-Present; Associate Administrator, Farmers Home Administration (FMHA), U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1985-1986.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Moore County Board of Education; Former President, Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce; North Carolina Food Bank.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Former Trustee, Moore Regional Hospital; Former Trustee, Sandhills Community College; Former Director, N.C. Housing Finance Agency.

Military Service

Sergeant, U.S. Army, 1951-1953.

Personal Information

Married to Barbara Ruth Carter Blake (deceased). One child.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Health and Human Services, Commerce, Finance, Health Care and State and Local Government.

Dan Blue, Jr.
Democrat, Wake County

(appointed May 19, 2009)

Fourteenth Senatorial District: Wake County



Early Years

Born in Lumberton, Robeson County on April 18, 1949, to Daniel Terry and Allene Morris Blue, Sr.

Educational Background

Oak Ridge High School, 1966; B.S. in Mathematics, N.C. Central University, 1970; J.D., Duke University School of Law, 1973; Certificate, National Institute of Trial Advocacy, 1977.

Professional Background

Attorney and Partner, Blue, Stephens & Fellers, LLP.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present; Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-2009 and 1980-2002; Speaker, N.C. House, 1991-1995.

Elective or Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chair, Duke University Board of Trustees; Duke University Health System.

Personal Information

Married, Edna Earle Smith. Three children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education, Commerce, Finance, Judiciary I, Rules and Operations of the Senate, Select Committee on Economic Recovery and Ways and Means.

Julia Boseman
Democrat, New Hanover County

Ninth Senatorial District: New Hanover County

Professional Background

Attorney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2005-2010.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Transportation; Vice Chair, Education/Higher Education; Vice-Chair, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Finance, Judiciary II, Rules and Operations of the Senate, State and Local Government.



Andrew C. Brock
Republican, Davie County

Thirty-Fourth Senatorial District: Davie and Rowan counties

Professional Background

Consultant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2003-Present.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology, Finance, Judiciary I, Rules and Operations of the Senate and Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology.



Debbie Ann Clary
Republican, Cleveland County

Forty-Sixth Senatorial District: Cleveland and Rutherford counties

Early Years

Born in Shelby, Cleveland County on August 29, 1959, to Steven Bryant and Brenda Pruitt Clary.



Educational Background

Blacksburg High School, Blacksburg, S.C., 1977; Gardner Webb University, 1977-1980.

Professional Background

Marketing/Internet, Millennium Marketing Group, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present; N.C. House of Representatives.

Honors and Awards

Law Enforcement Legislator of the Year; Home Care Hero; Dorthea Dix Award.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Health and Human Services, Commerce, Health Care, Judiciary I, Rules and Operations of the Senate and Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology.

Daniel G. Clodfelter
Democrat, Mecklenburg County



Thirty-Seventh Senatorial District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Thomasville, Davidson County on June 2, 1950, to Billy G. and Lorene Wells Clodfelter.

Educational Background

Thomasville Senior High School, 1968; Bachelors, Davidson College, 1972; Bachelors, Oxford University, 1974; Law Degree, Yale Law School, 1977.

Professional Background

Attorney, Moore & Van Allen, PLLC.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1998-Present; Member, Charlotte City Council.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Trustee, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Governor's Commission on Modernization of State Finances; Tax Policy Commission; Co-Chair, Smart Growth Oversight Commission.

Honors and Awards

1972 Rhodes Scholar.

Personal Information

Married to Elizabeth K. Bevan. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Finance; Vice-Chair, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety and Judiciary I; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations/Base Budget, Pensions, Retirement and Aging, Rules and Operations of the Senate, Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits and Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology.

Don Davis
Democrat, Greene County



Fifth Senatorial District: Greene and portions of Pitt and Wayne counties

Early Years

Born in Pilot Mountain, Surry County, on December 26, 1944, to Ralph and Viola Hall East.

Educational Background

BS in Social Sciences , U.S. Air Force Academy; Master of Science in Administration & Ed.D, Central Michigan University; Master of Arts in Sociology, East Carolina University.

Professional Background

Educator.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Yuvonka Shawnte Batts.

Military Service

U.S. Air Force.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources; Member, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education, Appropriations/Base Budget, Education/Higher Education, Health Care, Select Committee on Economic Recovery, Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology, State and Local Government and Transportation.

Margaret Highsmith Dickson
Democrat, Cumberland County

(appointed January 21, 2010)



Nineteenth Senatorial District: Bladen and portions of Cumberland counties

Early Years

Born in Fayetteville, Cumberland County, on September 21, 1949, to Seavy, Jr. and Ann Dawson Highsmith.

Educational Background

Saint Mary's School, Raleigh, 1967; B.A. English, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1971; graduate studies in communications, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Professional Background

Retired Broadcaster, Cape Fear Broadcasting Company.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, January 1, 2010-Present; N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-2010.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Board of Visitors, UNC-Chapel Hill; State Capitol Foundation Board; Cumberland County Education Foundation Board.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Courts Commission.

Honors and Awards

First Place Editorial Writing, Associated Press, 2001.

Personal Information

Married, John W. Dickson. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Commerce; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Judiciary I, Rules and Operations of the Senate and Transportation.

Don W. East
Republican, Surry County



Thirtieth Senatorial District: Alleghany, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties

Early Years

Born in Pilot Mountain, Surry County, on December 26, 1944, to Ralph and Viola Hall East.

Educational Background

East Surry High School, Pilot Mountain, N.C., 1962; Forsyth Technical College.

Professional Background

Retired Police Officer, Small Farm Owner.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1995-1999, 2005-present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Arart Long Hill Ruritan Club.

Elective or Appointed Boards and Commissions

Member, Surry County Board of Commissioners, 1984-1992.

Personal Information

Married to Connie Needham East of Pilot Mountain, 1963. One child. Two Grandsons.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, State and Local Government; Member, Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology, Appropriations/Base Budget, Finance, Pensions, Retirement and Aging and Transportation.

Anthony (Tony) E. Foriest
Democrat, Alamance County

Twenty-Fourth Senatorial District: Alamance and Caswell counties

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

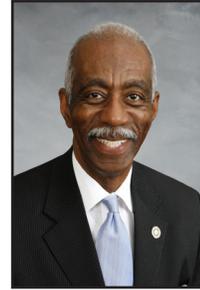
Member, N.C. Senate, 2007-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Clara Foriest.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Pensions, Retirement & Aging; Co-Chair, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education and Education/Higher Education; Vice-Chair, Health Care; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce and Finance.



James S. Forrester, MD
Republican, Gaston County



Forty-First Senatorial District: Lincoln and Portions of Gaston and Iredell counties

Early Years

Born in Aberdeen, Scotland County, on January 8, 1937.

Educational Background

New Hanover High School, Wilmington, 1954; B.S. in Science, Wake Forest University, 1958; M.D., Bowman Gray School of Medicine of WFU, 1962; M.P.H., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1978.

Professional Background

Physician.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1991-Present; County Commissioner, Gaston County, 1982-1990.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Medical Director, Brian Center Nursing Home & Century Care Nursing Home; Fellow, American Academy of Family Physicians.

Elective or Appointed Boards and Commissions

Governor's Task Force for Healthy Carolinians; Justus Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force.

Military Service

Brigadier General, N.C. Air National Guard, U.S. Air Force. Charles Dick Medal of Merit (NGAUS); Legion of Merit; Air Force Commendation Medal.

Honors and Awards

Legislator of the Year Award, Concerned Women for America, 2010; Invested Honorary Knight of St. Michael Order of the Wing by Dom Duarte Pio, Duke of Braganza, Head of the Royal House of Portugal, 2005; Order of the Long Leaf Pine, Gov. James G. Martin, 1992.

Personal Information

Married, Mary Frances All Forrester. Four children. Eight grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Health Care; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Health and Human Services, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Judiciary II, Mental Health and Youth Services, Rules and Operations of the Senate, Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits and Ways and Means.

Linda Garrou
Democrat, Forsyth County



Thirty-Second Senatorial District: Portions of Forsyth County

Early Years

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 17, to Joe and Rubye Spears Dew.

Educational Background

Columbus High School, Columbus, GA., 1960; B.S., Secondary Education (History), University of Georgia, 1964; M.A.T. in History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1967.

Professional Background

High School Teacher.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1999-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Guardian Ad Litem (District Administrator, 1987-91; Regional Administrator, 1991-97); Big Brother-Big Sister; Forsyth County Juvenile Justice Council.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Railroad; VA/NC High-Speed Rail Commission; Sentencing and Parole Commission.

Honors and Awards

Ellen Winston Award for Service to Children in N.C.; Duke Power Citizenship and Service Award, 2005.

Personal Information

Married to John L.W. Garrou. Two children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations/Base Budget; Vice-Chair, Pensions, Retirement and Aging; Member, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance and Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits.

Steve Goss
Democrat, Watauga County



Forty-Fifth Senatorial District: Alexander, Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes counties

Early Years

Born in Warrentsville, Ashe County on November 7, 1949 to Leonard and Sibbie Barker Goss.

Educational Background

Ashe Central High School, Jefferson, 1968; B.S. – Social Science, Appalachian State University, 1972; M. Div., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1981.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2007-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Volunteer Coach, Middle School; Little League; Church Community Activities.

Honors and Awards

Charles Dick Award, National Guard Association; Legislator of the Year, National Committee for New River; Key to the County, Alexander County.

Personal Information

Married to Phyllis Johnson Goss. Two children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Department of Transportation; Vice-Chair, Transportation; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Finance, Health Care and Ways and Means.

Malcolm Graham
Democrat, Mecklenburg County

Fortieth Senatorial District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Educational Background

B.S., Johnson C. Smith University.

Professional Background

Business Consultant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2005-present.

Personal Information

Married Kim Graham.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Mental Health and Youth Services and Appropriations on Department of Transportation; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Health Care, Judiciary I and Transportation.



Fletcher Lee Hartsell, Jr.
Republican, Cabarrus County



Thirty-Sixth Senatorial District: Cabarrus and Portions of Iredell counties

Early Years

Born in Concord, Cabarrus County, on February 15, 1947, to Fletcher L. Hartsell, Sr. and Doris Wright Hartsell.

Educational Background

Concord High School, 1965; A.B. in Political Science, Davidson College, 1969; J.D., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1972.

Professional Background

Attorney, Hartsell & Williams, PA.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1991-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Cabarrus County Bar Association; N.C. Council of School Attorneys; National Association of Veterans' Advocates.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Board of Visitors, UNC-Chapel Hill; Public School Forum; N.C. Economic Development Board.

Military Service

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army.

Honors and Awards

Order of the Long Leaf Pine, 1992; Distinguished Alumnus, Davidson College, 2004; Certificate of Achievement, National Public Health Leadership Institute, 2003.

Personal Information

Married, Tana Renee Honeycutt Hartsell. Three children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Judiciary II; Vice-Chair, Finance; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education, Education/Higher Education, Health Care, Rules and Operations of the Senate, Select Committee on Economic Recovery, Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology, State and Local Government and Ways and Means.

David William Hoyle
Democrat, Gaston County



Forty-Third Senatorial District: Portions of Gaston County

Early Years

Born in Gastonia on February 4, 1939, to William Atkin and Ethel Brown Hoyle.

Educational Background

Dallas High School, Dallas, N.C., 1957; The Citadel, 1957; B.A. in Business Administration, Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1960.

Professional Background

DWH Investments, 1985-Present; Founder/President, Summey Building Systems, 1960-1985. Member, Home Builders Association.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1992-Present; Former Chairman, Gaston County Democratic Party; Mayor, Town of Dallas, 1967-71.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Chair, Board of Directors, Citizens South Bank; Board of Directors, The Shaw Group, Baton Rouge, LA; N.C. Board of Transportation, 1977-1984.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Former Board Member, Heart Society, Chamber of Commerce, Schiele Museum.

Honors and Awards

Honorary Doctor of Laws, Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1983.

Personal Information

Married to Linda Summey Hoyle. Two children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Rules and Operations of the Senate; Vice-Chair, Commerce; Member, Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology, Appropriations/Base Budget, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Health Care, Judiciary I, Transportation, Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits and Ways and Means.

Jimmy Ray Jacumin **Republican, Burke County**

Forty-Fourth Senatorial District: Burke and Caldwell counties

Early Years

Born in Rutherford College, Burke County, on November 15, 1936, to Martin Emile and Mamie Mull Jacumin.



Educational Background

Valdese High School, Valdese, 1955; Nuclear Engineering, North Carolina State University, 1959.

Professional Background

Professional Engineer, retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2004-Present; County Commissioner, 1972-1976 and 1994-1998.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Professional Engineers of North Carolina; President, Waldensian Trail of Faith; Gideons International.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Parks and Recreation, 2002-2005; Western North Carolina Energy Board.

Honors and Awards

One of Five Outstanding Young Men In N.C., N.C. Jaycees, 1970; Small Business Man of the Year In N.C., Burke Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Administration, 1990-91; Governor and Professional Engineers of N.C. Award-Design of Machine for Keeping N.C. Textiles Competitive, 1986.

Personal Information

Married to Nancy Nell Simpson Jacumin. Two children. Four grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources, Commerce, Health Care, Judiciary II and Mental Health/Youth Services.

S. Clark Jenkins
Democrat, Edgecombe County

Third Senatorial District: Edgecombe, Martin and Portions of Pitt counties



Early Years

Born in Tarboro, Edgecombe County, on April 28, 1948, to Francis P. and Virginia Clark Jenkins.

Educational Background

Blue Ridge School, Dyke VA, 1966; B.A., Campbell University, 1971.

Professional Background

Owner, W. S. Clark Farms.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2002-Present.

Military Service

Sgt., N.C. National Guard, 1967-1973.

Personal Information

Married to Mary Jane Pierce Jenkins. Four children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Finance; Vice-Chair, Transportation; Member, Appropriations on Department of Transportation, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Judiciary I and Pensions, Retirement and Aging.

W. Edward (Ed) Jones
Democrat, Halifax County

Fourth Senatorial District: Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton and Perquimans counties



Professional Background

Retired, State Trooper.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2007-Present, Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-January, 2007.

Military Service

US Army, 1969-1971.

Personal Information

Married to Mary Jones.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, State and Local Government; Vice-Chair, Judiciary II; Member, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety, Appropriations/Base Budget, Education/Higher Education, Mental Health & Youth Services, Rules and Operations of the Senate and Ways and Means.

Eleanor Gates Kinnaird **Democrat, Orange County**

Twenty-Third Senatorial District: Orange and Person counties

Early Years

Born November 14, 1931, in Rochester, Minnesota, to Judge Vernon and Madge Pollock Gates.



Educational Background

Rochester High School, Rochester, Minnesota, 1949; B.A. in English and Music, Carleton College, 1953; M.M. in Music, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1973; J.D., N.C. Central University School of Law, 1992.

Professional Background

Attorney, N.C. Prisoner Legal Services, Inc., 1993-2004; Private Practice, 2004-2009.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1997-Present; Mayor, Town of Carrboro, 1987-95.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

NAACP; League of Women Voters.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Environmental Review Commission; Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Commission on Children and Youth; Sentencing Services Commission; Energy Policy Commission.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Legislator, Advocates of Justice, 2009; Faith Active in Public Life Award, N.C. Council of Churches, 2003; Gwyneth B. Davis Award, N.C. Association of Women Attorneys, 2002; Outstanding Legislator of the Year, N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers, 2000.

Personal Information

Three children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety and Mental Health and Youth Services; Vice-Chair, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Finance, Health Care, Judiciary I, Rules and Operations of the Senate and Select Committee on Economic Recovery.

Vernon Malone
Democrat, Wake County

(deceased April 18, 2009)

Fourteenth Senatorial District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born December 20, 1931.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2003-2009.

Committee Assignments

Senior Chair, Appropriations on Education/Public Instruction and Education/Public Instruction; Vice-Chair, Joint Select Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management Recovery; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Education/Higher Education, Health Care, Judiciary I (Civil), Pensions, Retirement and Aging, State and Local Government, Ways and Means and Joint Select Committee on Economic Development Incentives.



Floyd B. McKissick, Jr.
Democrat, Durham County

Twentieth Senatorial District: Portions of Durham County

Professional Background

Attorney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2007-Present.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources; Vice-Chair, Commerce; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Judiciary I, Select Committee on Economic Recovery, State and Local Government and Transportation.



Jean Rouse Preston
Republican, Carteret County



Second Senatorial District: Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties

Early Years

Born in Snow Hill, Greene County, to Marvin Wayne and Emma Mae Kearney Rouse.

Educational Background

Snow Hill High School, 1953; Flora McDonald College, 1953-55; B.S. in Business Education, East Carolina University, 1957; M.A. in Education, East Carolina University, 1973; Certificate, Public Manager Program, N.C. State Personnel Development Center, 1989.

Professional Background

Retired, Educator.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2007-Present; N.C. Senate Republican Policy Committee Chairman, 2007-Present; Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1993-2006.

Honors and Awards

2007 One Hundred Incredible East Carolina University Women; 2005 Covenant with N.C. Children Award; 1993 N.C. Association of Fisheries Award.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Education/Higher Education, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education, Finance, Pensions, Retirement & Aging, Rules and Operations of the Senate, Select Committee on Economic Recovery and Transportation.

William Robert Purcell, MD **Democrat, Scotland County**

Twenty-Fifth Senatorial District: Anson, Richmond, Scotland and Stanly counties



Early Years

Born in Laurinburg, Scotland County, on February 12, 1931, to Charles Augustus Purcell and Anna Meta Buchanan Purcell.

Educational Background

Laurinburg High School, 1949; B.S. in Pre-Med, Davidson College, 1952; M.D., UNC School of Medicine, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1956.

Professional Background

Pediatrician, 1961-97 (retired).

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1997-Present; Mayor, City of Laurinburg, 1987-97; Member, Laurinburg City Council, 1981-87.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Past President, Laurinburg-Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce; Past Co-Chair, Scotland County School Board Referendum Committee; Past President, Laurinburg Rotary Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Member, Board of Trustees, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, 1999-Present; Past Member, Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission.

Military Service

Captain, 57th Field Hospital, U.S. Army Medical Corps, 1957-59; Reserves, 1959-61.

Honors and Awards

Dr. Nathan Davis Award, American Medical Association, 2007; Legacy Award for Public Health, NC, 2006; Distinguished Alumni Service Award, UNC School of Medicine, 1998.

Personal Information

Married, Kathleen McClellan Purcell. Four children. Eight grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Health and Human Services and Health Care; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Pensions, Retirement and Aging and Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits.

Joe Sam Queen
Democrat, Haywood County



Forty-Seventh Senatorial District: Avery, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Yancey and Portions of Haywood counties

Early Years

Born in Waynesville, on June 18, 1950, to Sam Love and Mary Moody Queen.

Educational Background

Tuscola High School, 1968; Architecture, N.C. State University, 1972; Masters in Architecture, N.C. State University, 1974.

Professional Background

Architect; Joe Sam Queen, AIA.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2002-2004 and 2006-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Past Member, N.C. Citizens for Business and Industry; Past Member, Appalachian Trail Conservancy; Past Director, Daniel Boone Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Past President, Haywood County Arts Council; Past Director, Haywood Regional Medical Center Foundation; Past Director, Western North Carolina Tomorrow.

Honors and Awards

Charles Dick Medal of Merit, Exemplary Service to the National Guard, 2008; Legislator of the Year, N.C. Business Incubator Society; N.C. Legislative Advocate Award for Mountain Micro Loan Enterprises; N.C. REAL Advocate of the Year, Rural Entrepreneurial Education.

Personal Information

Married, Dr. Kate Queen. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources and Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology; Vice-Chair, Education/Higher Education; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Finance, Health Care, Judiciary II, Pensions, Retirement and Aging and State and Local Government.

David Cheston Rouzer **Republican, Johnston County**

Twelfth Senatorial District: Johnston and Portions of Wayne counties

Early Years

Born in Landstuhl Army Medical Center, Germany, on February 16, 1972, to Charles and Jennifer Johnson Rouzer.



Educational Background

Northern Durham High School, 1990; B.S. in Agriculture in Business Management, N.C. State University, 1994; B.S. in Agriculture Economy, N.C. State University, 1994; B.A. in Chemistry, N.C. State University, 1994.

Professional Background

Business Consultant and Entrepreneur. The Rouzer Co. and R & C Distributors, LLC.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Clayton Mid-Day Rotary; Smithfield-Selma Chamber of Commerce; Clayton Chamber of Commerce.

Honors and Awards

Tobacco Great Award, N.C. State University, 2004; Gamma Sigma Delta, N.C. State University, 2001; President's Award, N.C. Farm Bureau, 1999.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources, Finance, Health Care, Judiciary I, Select Committee on Economic Recovery and Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology.

Bob Rucho
Republican, Mecklenburg County



Thirty-Ninth Senatorial District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on Dec. 8, 1948, to Thomas and Ernestine Tanca Rucho.

Educational Background

South High School, Worcester, Massachusetts; B.A. in Biology, Northeastern University; D.D.S, MCV VCU School of Dentistry; Cert. Prosthodontics, Boston University; M.B.A., Belk College of Business, UNC-Charlotte.

Professional Background

Dentist, Specialty Prosthodontist.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present; Former N.C. Senator; Former Member, Mecklenburg County Commission; Former Member, Matthews Town Board.

Personal Information

Married, Theresa Fritscher Rucho. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations on Department of Transportation, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance and Health Care.

Larry Shaw
Democrat, Cumberland County



Twenty-First Senatorial District: Portions of Cumberland County

Early Years

Born in High Point, Guilford County, on June 15, 1949, to Dorffus and Odessa Craig Shaw.

Educational Background

William Penn High School, High Point, 1967; B.S. in Physical Education, Alabama State University, 1971; Masters of Education, Administration, Alabama State University, 1974.

Professional Background

Chairman, Shaw Food Services Company, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1997-Present; Member, N.C. House, 1995-96.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; American Association of Minority Contractors; National Business League, Fayetteville Chapter.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Cumberland County Finance Authority Board; N.C. Small Business Advocacy Council.

Honors and Awards

Honorary Doctorate of Laws, Fayetteville State University, 2002; Honorary Doctorate of Human Letters, Rock Hill College, S.C., 1984; Order of the Long Leaf Pine, 1984.

Personal Information

Married, Evelyn Oliver Shaw. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Transportation; Vice-Chair, Finance; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Department of Transportation, Commerce and Mental Health & Youth Services.

John J. Snow, Jr.
Democrat, Cherokee County

Fiftieth Senatorial District: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania and Portions of Haywood counties



Early Years

Born in Asheville, Buncombe County, on October 24, 1945, to John Joyner and Dorothy Nix Snow Sr.

Educational Background

Murphy High School, 1963; B.A., Wake Forest University, 1967; J.D., Law School, Wake Forest University, 1970.

Professional Background

Retired District Court Judge.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2005-Present; District Court Judge, 1976-86; Chief District Court Judge, 1986-2004.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Governor's Crime Commission.

Military Service

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Adjutant General; ROTC Commission.

Personal Information

Married to Sheila Gossett Snow. Four children. Four grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Education/Higher Education, Judiciary II, Mental Health & Youth Services and Transportation.

Josh Stein **Democrat, Wake County**

Sixteenth Senatorial District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Washington, D.C., on September 13, 1966, to Adam and Jane Stoneman Stein.



Educational Background

Chapel Hill High School, 1984; B.A., History, Dartmouth College, 1988; J.D., Harvard Law School, 1995; M.P.P., Kennedy School of Government, 1995.

Professional Background

Attorney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Wake County Bar Association; Temple Beth Or; Board Member, Downtown Raleigh Alliance.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Health Information Exchange; Innovation Council; School Technology Commission.

Military Service

Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Adjutant General; ROTC Commission.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award, AARP of North Carolina, 2009; Legislator of the Year Award, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, 2009; Legislative Award, North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, 2009.

Personal Information

Married to Anna Harris Stein. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Judiciary I; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Department of Transportation, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Health Care, Select Committee on Economic Recovery and Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology.

Richard Yates Stevens
Republican, Wake County



Seventeenth Senatorial District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Raleigh, Wake County, on December 12, 1948, to Floyd L. and Luna Yates Stevens.

Educational Background

Broughton High School, 1966; B.A., Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1970; J.D., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1974; Master of Public Administration, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1978.

Professional Background

Management Consultant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2003-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Board of Directors, Cary Academy.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chair, UNC-Chapel Hill, Board of Trustees, 1997-99; Chair, UNC-Chapel Hill, Alumni Association, 2000-2001; President, N.C. City/County Management Association, 1999-2000.

Honors and Awards

National Public Service Award, ASPA & NAPA, 2000; Distinguished Service Medal, UNC Alumni Association, 1994; Program Excellence for Innovation, ICMA, 1998.

Personal Information

Married Jere Gilmore Stevens. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education and Education/Higher Education; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Finance, Judiciary I, Pensions, Retirement and Aging, Rules and Operations of the Senate, Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits, Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology, State and Local Government and Transportation.

Albin B. (A.B.) Swindell, IV
Democrat, Nash County

Eleventh Senatorial District: Nash and Wilson counties



Early Years

Born in Lumberton, Robeson County, on October 14, 1945, to Russell and Martha Easterling Swindell.

Educational Background

Cary High School, 1964; Heavy Equipment Operator Training, Wilson Technical Community College, 1965; A.A., Sandhills Community College, 1970; Vocational Education Teacher Certification, N.C. State University, 1971.

Professional Background

Business Consultant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2001-Present; Oxford City Council, 1981-85.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Board of Trustees, Peace College; Board of Trustees, N.C. Operation Lifesaver (NCOL).

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chair, Joint Legislative Study on Public School Funding Formulas; Chair, Commission on Aging; Vice-Chair, Joint Legislative Joining our Businesses & Schools (JOBS) Study Commission.

Military Service

Private, U.S. Army, Honorable Discharge, 1967.

Honors and Awards

Razor Walker Award, UNC Wilmington, Distinguished Service to People of North Carolina, 2010; Most Valuable Senator, N.C. Assisted Living Association, 2005; State Official of the Year, N.C. Home Builders Association, 2003.

Personal Information

Married, Diane Ludlum Swindell. Three children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations/Base Budget; Member, Commerce, Education/Higher Education; Finance, Judiciary II, Pensions, Retirement and Aging, Rules and Operations of the Senate, Select Committee on Energy Science and Technology, Transportation and Ways and Means.

Don Vaughan
Democrat, Guilford County

Twenty-seventh Senatorial District: Portions of Guilford County

Educational Background

B.A., UNC-Chapel Hill, Masters Degree, Public Administration;
J.D., Wake Forest University.

Professional Background

Attorney and Counselor of Law.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present.

Personal Information

Married, Nancy Vaughan.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Judiciary II; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education, Commerce, Select Committee on Economic Recovery, Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology and Transportation.



Michael P. Walters
Democrat, Robeson County

(appointed November 3, 2009)

Thirteenth Senatorial District: Hoke and Robeson counties



Early Years

Born in Dillon, S.C., on July 16, 1956, to Leroyce Claybourn and Peggy Page Walters.

Educational Background

Orrum High School, 1974; B.S., Agricultural Education, N.C. State University, 1978.

Professional Background

President, Claybourn Walters Logging Co., Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, November 3, 2009-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Board of Directors, United Way of Robeson County; Board of Directors, Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club, Lumberton, N.C.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Board of Trustees, Southeastern Regional Medical Center; Board of Directors, N.C. State University; Chair, Board of Directors, Forestry Mutual Insurance Company.

Personal Information

Married, Barbara Morgan Walters. Three children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources, Finance, State and Local Government, Transportation and Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology.

David Franklin Weinstein
Democrat, Robeson County

(resigned September 30, 2009)

Thirteenth Senatorial District: Hoke and Robeson counties



Early Years

Born in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, on June 17, 1936, to Max Morton and Evelyn Lebo Weinstein.

Educational Background

Lumberton Senior High School, Lumberton, 1954; Agronomy, N.C. State University, 1958.

Professional Background

Retired Merchant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1997-2009; Mayor, City of Lumberton, 1987-91.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Rotary Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Board of Trustees, UNC at Pembroke; Board of Trustees, Wesley Pines Retirement Home.

Military Service

Captain, 108th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, 1959-60; Reserves, 1960-66. Good Conduct Award and Marksman Award.

Personal Information

Two children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources; Vice-Chair, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources and Ways and Means; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Finance, Rules and Operations of the Senate and Transportation.

Janet B. Pruitt
Principal Clerk, N.C. Senate



Early Years

Born in Nash County, on March 27, 1944, to James R. (deceased) and Marie Joyner (deceased) Bryant.

Educational Background

Spring Hope High School, 1962; Business, East Carolina University, 1962-64.

Professional Background

Principal Clerk, N.C. Senate, 1997-Present; Supervisor of Senate Clerks, 1988-96; Committee Clerk, 1981-88; Personnel Analyst, Social Services Division, Department of Human Resources, 1966-73.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries; Former Member, Business and Professional Women.

Personal Information

Two children.

Cecil R. Goins **Sergeant at Arms, N.C. Senate**



Early Years

Born in Southern Pines in 1926, to T. R. Goins and Marie Barrett Goins.

Educational Background

West Southern Pines High, 1944; B.S., Business Administration, N.C. A&T State University, 1950; Completed several military schools including The Command and General Staff School.

Professional Background

Sergeant at Arms, N. C. Senate; Private Investigator and Owner, Alpha Investigative Services; Retired Deputy U.S. Marshal, Inspector and Criminal Investigator, U.S. Marshals Service (25 years); Assistant Business Manager, Shaw University.

Political Activities

Chair, Precinct #20, Raleigh; Political Action Committee, RWCA.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, National Legislative Services and Security Association; Retired U.S. Marshals Association; Life Member, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Life Member, NAACP.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Raleigh Civil Service Commission; N.C. Private Protective Service Board; Board of Directors, Meadowbrook Country Club.

Military Service

Enlisted, 2 years, Far East and Japan; M/Sgt., Europe and Germany; (Commission) Five years active duty, 10 years reserve duty (Major).

Personal Information

Married, LaVerne C. Goins. Two children.

Michael Wade Morris
Chaplain, N.C. Senate



Early Years

Born in High Point, Guilford County, to Albert Wade and Evelyn Faye Burrows Morris.

Educational Background

Wade Hampton, Greenville, S.C.; B.A. in Religion, Gardner Webb College; Masters of Divinity, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Professional Background

Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church, Raleigh.

Political Activities

Chaplain, N.C. Senate.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Kiwanis Club of High Point; Board, High Point Salvation Army; Habitat for Humanity.

Personal Information

Married, Noel LeGette. One child.

2009-2010 N.C. House of Representatives

Officers

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|-------------------------------|---|
| Speaker | Joe Hackney |
| Speaker Pro Tempore | William L. Wainwright |
| Majority Leader | Hugh Holliman |
| Majority Whips | Larry M. Bell Jean Farmer-Butterfield Bruce Goforth Larry D. Hall Deborah K. Ross |
| Democratic Freshman Leaders | Jane Whilden Kelly M. Alexander, Jr. |
| Democratic Freshman Secretary | Elmer Floyd |
| Minority Leader | Paul Stam |
| Republican Whip | Thom Tillis |
| Deputy Republican Whips | Carolyn H. Justice Fred F. Steen, II Nelson Dollar |
| Republican Freshman Leader | Justin P. Burr |
| Principal Clerk | Denise Weeks |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Robert R. Samuels |
| Acting Reading Clerk | John Young |

Representatives

| Name | District | County | Address |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Adams, Alma S. (D) | 58th | Guilford | Greensboro |
| Alexander, Jr., Kelly M. (D) | 107th | Mecklenburg | Charlotte |
| Alexander, Martha B. (D) | 106th | Mecklenburg | Charlotte |
| Allen, Lucy (D) ¹ | 49th | Franklin | Franklin |
| Allred, Cary D. (R) ² | 64th | Alamance | Burlington |
| Avila, Marilyn (R) | 40th | Wake | Raleigh |
| Barnhart, Jeffrey L. (R) | 82nd | Cabarrus | Concord |
| Bell, Larry M. (D) | 21st | Sampson | Clinton |
| Blackwell, Hugh (R) | 86th | Burke | Valdese |
| Blackwood, James C., Jr.(R) | 68th | Union | Matthews |
| Blue, Dan (D) ³ | 33rd | Wake | Raleigh |

Representatives (continued)

| Name | District | County | Address |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Blust, John M. (R) | 62nd | Guilford | Greensboro |
| Boles, James L. (R) | 52nd | Moore | Carthage |
| Bordsen, Alice L. (D) | 3rd | Alamance | Mebane |
| Braxton, R. Van (D) | 10th | Lenoir | Kinston |
| Brisson, William D. (D) | 22nd | Bladen | Dublin |
| Brown, Larry (R) | 73rd | Forsyth | Kernersville |
| Brubaker, Harold J. (R) | 78th | Randolph | Asheboro |
| Bryant, Angela R. (D) | 7th | Nash | Rocky Mount |
| Burr, Justin (R) | 67th | Stanly | Albemarle |
| Burriss-Floyd, Pearl (R) | 110th | Gaston | Dallas |
| Carney, Becky (D) | 102nd | Mecklenburg | Charlotte |
| Cleveland, George G. (R) | 14th | Onslow | Jacksonville |
| Coates, Lorene T. (D) | 77th | Rowan | Salisbury |
| Cole, E. Nelson (D) | 65th | Rockingham | Reidsville |
| Coleman, Linda (D) ⁴ | 39th | Wake | Knightdale |
| Cotham, Tricia Ann (D) | 100th | Mecklenburg | Charlotte |
| Crawford, James W., Jr. (D) | 32nd | Granville | Oxford |
| Current, William A., Sr. (R) | 109th | Gaston | Gastonia |
| Daughtry, N. Leo (R) | 26th | Johnston | Smithfield |
| Dickson, Margaret H. (D) ⁵ | 44th | Cumberland | Fayetteville |
| Dockham, Jerry C. (R) | 80th | Davidson | Denton |
| Dollar, Nelson (R) | 36th | Wake | Cary |
| Earle, Beverly M. (D) | 101st | Mecklenburg | Charlotte |
| England, Bobby F. (D) | 112th | Rutherford | Ellenboro |
| Faison, Bill (D) | 50th | Orange | Durham |
| Farmer-Butterfield, Jean (D) | 24th | Wilson | Wilson |
| Fisher, Susan C. (D) | 114th | Buncombe | Asheville |
| Floyd, Elmer (D) | 43rd | Cumberland | Fayetteville |
| Folwell, Dale R. (R) | 74th | Forsyth | Winston-Salem |
| Frye, Phillip D. (R) | 84th | Mitchell | Spruce Pine |
| Gibson, Pryor A., III (D) | 69th | Anson | Wadesboro |
| Gill, Rosa U. (D) ⁶ | 33rd | Wake | Raleigh |
| Gillespie, Mitch (R) | 85th | McDowell | Marion |
| Glazier, Rick (D) | 45th | Cumberland | Fayetteville |
| Goforth, D. Bruce (D) ⁷ | 115th | Buncombe | Asheville |
| Goodwin, Melanie W. (D) | 66th | Richmond | Hamlet |

Representatives (continued)

| Name | District | County | Address |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Grady, W. Robert (R) | 15th | Onslow | Jacksonville |
| Guice, W. David (R) | 113th | Transylvania | Brevard |
| Gulley, Jim (R) | 103rd | Mecklenburg | Matthews |
| Hackney, Joe (D) | 54th | Orange | Chapel Hill |
| Haire, R. Phillip (D) | 119th | Jackson | Sylva |
| Hall, Larry (D) | 29th | Durham | Durham |
| Harrell, Ty (D) ⁸ | 41st | Wake | Raleigh |
| Harrison, Pricey (D) | 57th | Guilford | Greensboro |
| Heagarty, Chris (D) ⁹ | 41st | Wake | Raleigh |
| Hill, Dewey L. (D) | 20th | Columbus | Whiteville |
| Hilton, Mark K. (R) | 96th | Catawba | Conover |
| Holliman, L. Hugh (D) | 81st | Davidson | Lexington |
| Holloway, Bryan R. (R) | 91st | Stokes | King |
| Howard, Julia C. (R) | 79th | Davie | Mocksville |
| Hughes, Sandra Spaulding (D) | 18th | New Hanover | Wilmington |
| Hurley, Pat (R) | 70th | Randolph | Asheboro |
| Iler, Frank (R) ¹⁰ | 17th | Brunswick | Oak Island |
| Ingle, Dan W. (R) ¹¹ | 64th | Alamance | Burlington |
| Insko, Verla C. (D) | 56th | Orange | Chapel Hill |
| Jackson, Darren G. (D) ¹² | 39th | Wake | Raleigh |
| Jeffus, Margaret (D) | 59th | Guilford | Greensboro |
| Johnson, Linda P. (R) | 83rd | Cabarrus | Kannapolis |
| Jones, Earl (D) | 60th | Guilford | Greensboro |
| Justice, Carolyn H. (R) | 16th | Pender | Hampstead |
| Justus, Carolyn, K. (R) | 117th | Henderson | Hendersonville |
| Killian, Ric (R) | 105th | Mecklenburg | Charlotte |
| Langdon, James H., Jr. (R) | 28th | Johnston | Angier |
| Lewis, David R. (R) | 53rd | Harnett | Dunn |
| Love, Jimmy L., Sr. (D) | 51st | Lee | Sanford |
| Lucas, Marvin W. (D) | 42nd | Cumberland | Spring Lake |
| Luebke, Paul (D) | 30th | Durham | Durham |
| Mackey, Nick (D) | 99th | Mecklenburg | Charlotte |
| Martin, Grier (D) | 34th | Wake | Raleigh |
| May, John (D) ¹³ | 49th | Franklin | Louisburg |
| McComas, Daniel F. (R) | 19th | New Hanover | Wilmington |
| McCormick, Darrell G. (R) | 92nd | Yadkin | Winston-Salem |

Representatives (continued)

| Name | District | County | Address |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| McElraft, Pat (R) | 13th | Carteret | Emerald Isle |
| McGee, William C. (R) | 75th | Forsyth | Clemmons |
| McLawhorn, Marian N. (D) | 9th | Pitt | Grifton |
| Michaux, Henry M., Jr. (D) | 31st | Durham | Durham |
| Mills, Grey (R) | 95th | Iredell | Mooresville |
| Mobley, Annie W. (D) | 5th | Hertford | Ahoskie |
| Moore, Tim (R) | 111th | Cleveland | Kings Mountain |
| Neumann, Wil (R) | 108th | Gaston | Belmont |
| Owens, William C., Jr. (D) | 1st | Pasquotank | Elizabeth City |
| Parfitt, Dianne (D) ¹⁴ | 44th | Cumberland | Fayetteville |
| Parmon, Earline W. (D) | 72nd | Forsyth | Winston-Salem |
| Pierce, Garland E. (D) | 48th | Scotland | Wagram |
| Randleman, Shirley B. (R) | 94th | Wilkes | Wilkesboro |
| Rapp, Ray (D) | 118th | Madison | Mars Hill |
| Rhyne, Johnathan, Jr. (R) | 38th | Wake | Raleigh |
| Ross, Deborah K. (D) | 38th | Wake | Raleigh |
| Sager, Efton M. (R) | 11th | Wayne | Goldsboro |
| Samuelson, Ruth (R) | 104th | Mecklenburg | Charlotte |
| Setzer, Mitchell S. (R) | 89th | Catawba | Catawba |
| Spear, Timothy L. (D) | 2nd | Washington | Creswell |
| Stam, Paul (R) | 37th | Wake | Apex |
| Starnes, Edgar V. (R) | 87th | Caldwell | Hickory |
| Steen, Fred F, II (R) | 76th | Rowan | Landis |
| Stevens, Sarah (R) | 90th | Surry | Mt. Airy |
| Stewart, Randy (D) | 25th | Nash | Rocky Mount |
| Stiller, Bonner L. (R) ¹⁵ | 17th | Brunswick | Oak Island |
| Sutton, Ronnie N. (D) | 47th | Robeson | Pembroke |
| Tarleton, Cullie M. (D) | 93rd | Watauga | Blowing Rock |
| Tillis, Thom (R) | 98th | Mecklenburg | Cornelius |
| Tolson, Joe P. (D) | 23rd | Edgecombe | Pinetops |
| Tucker, Russell E. (D) | 4th | Duplin | Pink Hill |
| Underhill, Alice G. (D) | 3rd | Craven | New Bern |
| Wainwright, William L. (D) | 12th | Craven | Havelock |
| Warren, Edith D. (D) | 8th | Pitt | Farmville |
| Warren, Ray (D) | 88th | Alexander | Hiddenite |

Representatives (continued)

| Name | District | County | Address |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Weiss, Jennifer (D) | 35th | Wake | Cary |
| West, Roger (R) | 120th | Cherokee | Marble |
| Whilden, Jane (D) | 116th | Buncombe | Asheville |
| Wiley, Laura I. (R) | 61st | Guilford | High Point |
| Wilkins, W.A. (D) | 55th | Person | Roxboro |
| Williams, Arthur J. (D) | 6th | Beaufort | Washington |
| Womble, Larry W. (D) | 71st | Forsyth | Winston-Salem |
| Wray, Michael H. (D) | 27th | Northampton | Gaston |
| Yongue, Douglas Y. (D) | 46th | Scotland | Laurinburg |

- 1 Lucy T. Allen resigned 4/6/2010.
 2 Cary D. Allred resigned 6/1/2009.
 3 Dan Blue resigned 5/19/2009.
 4 Linda Coleman resigned 1/11/2009.
 5 Margaret Highsmith Dickson resigned 1/21/2010.
 6 Rosa U. Gill was appointed 6/18/2009.
 7 Bruce Goforth resigned 7/31/2010.
 8 Ty Harrell resigned 9/20/2009.
 9 Chris Heagarty was appointed 10/30/2009.
 10 Frank Iler was appointed 6/18/2009.
 11 Dan W. Ingle was appointed 6/12/2009.
 12 Darren G. Jackson was appointed 1/26/2009.
 13 John May was appointed 4/21/2010.
 14 Diane Parfitt was appointed 2/19/2010.
 15 Bonner L. Stiller resigned 6/15/2009.

N.C. Speakers of the House

Speakers of the House of Burgesses (Lower House of the Colonial Assembly)

| Representative | County | Assembly |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| George Catchmaid | Albemarle | 1666 |
| Valentine Bird | Pasquotank | 1672 |
| Valentine Bird | Pasquotank | 1673 |
| Thomas Eastchurch | Unknown | 1675 |
| Thomas Cullen | Chowan | 1677 |
| George Durant | Currituck | 1679 |
| John Nixon | Chowan | 1689 |
| John Porter | Bath | 1697-98 |
| William Wilkison | Chowan | 1703 |
| Thomas Boyd | Unknown | 1707 |
| Edward Mosely | Chowan | 1708 |
| Richard Sanderson | Currituck | 1709 |
| William Swann | Currituck | 1711 |
| Thomas Snoden | Perquimans | 1711-12 |
| Edward Mosely | Chowan | 1715-16 |
| Edward Mosely | Chowan | 1720 |
| Edward Mosely | Chowan | 1722 |
| Edward Mosely | Chowan | 1723 |
| Maurice Moore | Perquimans | 1725-26 |
| John Baptista Ashe | Beaufort | 1725-26 |
| John Baptista Ashe | Beaufort | 1727 |
| Thomas Swann | Pasquotank | 1729 |
| Edward Mosely | Chowan | 1731 |
| Edward Mosely | Chowan | 1733 |
| Edward Mosely | Chowan | 1734 |
| William Downing | Tyrrell | 1735 |
| William Downing | Tyrell | 1738-39 |
| John Hodgson | Chowan | 1741 |
| Samuel Swann | Onslow | 1742-44 |
| Samuel Swann | Onslow | 1744-45 |
| Samuel Swann | Onslow | 1746 |
| Samuel Swann | Onslow | 1746-52 |
| Samuel Swann | Onslow | 1753-54 |
| John Campbell | Bertie | 1754-60 |
| Samuel Swann | Onslow | 1754-60 |
| Samuel Swann | Onslow | 1760 |

Speakers of the House of Burgesses (continued)

| Representative | County | Assembly |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Samuel Swann | Onslow | 1761 |
| Samuel Swann | Onslow | 1762 |
| John Ashe | New Hanover | 1762 |
| John Ashe | New Hanover | 1764-65 |
| John Harvey | Perquimans | 1766-68 |
| John Harvey | Perquimans | 1769 |
| Richard Caswell | Craven | 1770-71 |
| John Harvey | Perquimans | 1773 |
| John Harvey | Perquimans | 1773-74 |
| John Harvey | Perquimans | 1775 |

House of Commons

| Representative | County | Assembly |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Abner Nash | Craven | 1777 |
| John Williams | Granville | 1778 |
| Thomas Benbury | Chowan | 1778 |
| Thomas Benbury | Chowan | 1779 |
| Thomas Benbury | Chowan | 1780 |
| Thomas Benbury | Chowan | 1781 |
| Thomas Benbury | Chowan | 1782 |
| Edward Starkey | Onslow | 1783 |
| Thomas Benbury | Chowan | 1784 (April) |
| William Blount | Craven | 1784 (October) |
| Richard Dobbs Spaight | Craven | 1785 |
| John B. Ashe | Halifax | 1786-87 |
| John Sitgreaves | Craven | 1787 |
| John Sitgreaves | Craven | 1788 |
| Stephen Cabarrus | Chowan | 1789 |
| Stephen Cabarrus | Chowan | 1790 |
| Stephen Cabarrus | Chowan | 1791-92 |
| Stephen Cabarrus | Chowan | 1792-93 |
| John Leigh | Edgecombe | 1793-94 |
| Timothy Bloodworth | New Hanover | 1794-95 |
| John Leigh | Edgecombe | 1795 |
| John Leigh | Edgecombe | 1796 |
| Musendine Matthews | Iredell | 1797 |
| Musendine Matthews | Iredell | 1798 |

House of Commons (continued)

| Representative | County | Assembly |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Musendine Matthews | Iredell | 1799 |
| Musendine Matthews | Iredell | 1800 |
| Stephen Cabarrus | Chowan | 1802 |
| Stephen Cabarrus | Chowan | 1803 |
| Stephen Cabarrus | Chowan | 1804 |
| Stephen Cabarrus | Chowan | 1805 |
| John Moore | Lincoln | 1806 |
| Joshua Grainger Wright | New Hanover | 1807 |
| Joshua Grainger Wright | New Hanover | 1808 |
| William Gaston | Craven | 1808 |
| Thomas Davis | Cumberland | 1809 |
| William Hawkins | Granville | 1810 |
| William Hawkins | Granville | 1811 |
| William Miller | Warren | 1812 |
| William Miller | Warren | 1813 |
| William Miller | Warren | 1814 |
| John Craig | Orange | 1815 |
| Thomas Ruffins | Orange | 1816 |
| James Iredell | Chowan | 1816 |
| James Iredell, Jr. | Chowan | 1817 |
| James Iredell, Jr. | Chowan | 1818 |
| Romulus M. Saunders | Caswell | 1819 |
| Romulus M. Saunders | Caswell | 1820 |
| James Mebane | Orange | 1821 |
| John D. Jones | New Hanover | 1822 |
| Alfred Moore | Brunswick | 1823-24 |
| Alfred Moore | Brunswick | 1824-25 |
| John Stanly | Craven | 1825-26 |
| John Stanly | Craven | 1826-27 |
| James Iredell, Jr. | Chowan | 1827-28 |
| Thomas Settle | Rockingham | 1828-29 |
| William J. Alexander | Mecklenburg | 1829-30 |
| Charles Fisher | Rowan | 1830-31 |
| Charles Fisher | Rowan | 1831-32 |
| Louis D. Henry | Cumberland | 1832-33 |
| William J. Alexander | Mecklenburg | 1833-34 |
| William J. Alexander | Mecklenburg | 1834-35 |
| William D. Haywood, Jr. | Wake | 1835 |
| William H. Haywood, Jr. | Wake | 1836-37 |

House of Commons (continued)

| Representative | County | Assembly |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| William A. Graham | Orange | 1838-39 |
| William A. Graham | Orange | 1840-41 |
| Robert B. Gilliam | Granville | 1840-41 |
| Clavin Graves | Caswell | 1842-43 |
| Edward Stanly | Beaufort | 1844-45 |
| Edward Stanly | Beaufort | 1846-47 |
| Robert B. Gilliam | Granville | 1846-47 |
| Robert B. Gilliam | Granville | 1848-49 |
| James C. Dobbs | Cumberland | 1850-51 |
| John Baxter | Henderson | 1852 |
| Samuel P. Hill | Caswell | 1854-55 |
| Jesse G. Shepherd | Cumberland | 1856-57 |
| Thomas Settle, Jr. | Rockingham | 1858-59 |
| William T. Dortch | Wayne | 1860-61 |
| Nathan N. Fleming | Rowan | 1860-61 |
| Robert B. Gilliam | Granville | 1862-64 |
| Richard S. Donnell | Beaufort | 1862-64 |
| Marmaduke S. Robbins | Randolph | 1862-64 |
| Richard S. Donnel | Beaufort | 1864-65 |
| Samuel F. Phillips | Orange | 1865-66 |
| Rufus Y. McAden | Alamance | 1866-67 |

House of Representatives

| Representative | County | Assembly |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Joseph W. Holden | Wake | 1868 |
| Joseph W. Holden | Wake | 1869-70 |
| Thomas J. Jarvis | Tyrrell | 1870 |
| James L. Robinson | Macon | 1872 |
| James L. Robinson | Macon | 1874-75 |
| Charles Price | Davie | 1876-77 |
| John M. Moring | Chatham | 1879 |
| Charles M. Cooke | Franklin | 1881 |
| George M. Rose | Cumberland | 1883 |
| Thomas M. Holt | Alamance | 1885 |
| John R. Webster | Rockingham | 1887 |
| Augustus Leazar | Iredell | 1889 |
| Rufus A. Doughton | Alleghany | 1891 |

House of Representatives (continued)

| <i>Representative</i> | <i>County</i> | <i>Assembly</i> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Lee S. Overman | Rowan | 1893 |
| Zeb V. Walser | Davidson | 1895 |
| A.F. Hileman | Cabarrus | 1897 |
| Henry G. Conner | Wilson | 1899-1900 |
| Walter E. Moore | Jackson | 1901 |
| S.M. Gattis | Orange | 1903 |
| Owen H. Guion | Craven | 1905 |
| E.J. Justice | Guilford | 1907 |
| A.W. Graham | Granville | 1909 |
| W.C. Dowd | Mecklenburg | 1911 |
| George Connor | Wilson | 1913 |
| Emmett R. Wooten | Lenoir | 1915 |
| Walter Murphy | Rowan | 1917 |
| Dennis G. Brummitt | Granville | 1919 |
| Harry P. Grier | Iredell | 1921 |
| John G. Dawson | Lenoir | 1923-24 |
| Edgar W. Pharr | Mecklenburg | 1925 |
| Richard T. Fountain | Edgecombe | 1927 |
| A. H. Graham | Orange | 1929 |
| Willis Smith | Wake | 1931 |
| R. L. Harris | Person | 1933 |
| Robert Johnson | Pender | 1935-36 |
| R. Gregg Cherry | Gaston | 1937 |
| D. L. Ward | Craven | 1939 |
| O. M. Mull | Cleveland | 1941 |
| John Kerr, Jr. | Warren | 1943 |
| Oscar L. Richardson | Union | 1945 |
| Thomas J. Pearsall | Nash | 1947 |
| Kerr Craig Ramsay | Rowan | 1949 |
| W. Frank Taylor | Wayne | 1951 |
| Eugene T. Bost, Jr. | Cabarrus | 1953 |
| Larry I. Moore, Jr. | Wilson | 1955-56 |
| James K. Doughton | Alleghany | 1957 |
| Addison Hewlett | New Hanover | 1959 |
| Joseph M. Hunt, Jr. | Guilford | 1961 |
| H. Clifton Blue | Moore | 1963 |
| H. Patrick Taylor, Jr. | Anson | 1965-66 |
| David M. Britt | Robeson | 1967 |

House of Representatives (continued)

| <i>Representative</i> | <i>County</i> | <i>Assembly</i> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Earl W. Vaughn | Rockingham | 1969 |
| Philip P. Godwin | Gates | 1971 |
| James E. Ramsey | Person | 1973-74 |
| James C. Green | Bladen | 1975-76 |
| Carl J. Stewart, Jr. | Gaston | 1977-78 |
| Carl J. Stewart, Jr. | Gaston | 1979-80 |
| Liston B. Ramsey | Madison | 1981-82 |
| Liston B. Ramsey | Madison | 1983-84 |
| Liston B. Ramsey | Madison | 1985-86 |
| Liston B. Ramsey | Madison | 1987-88 |
| Josephus L. Mavretic | Edgecombe | 1989-90 |
| Daniel T. Blue, Jr. | Wake | 1991-94 |
| Harold J. Brubaker | Randolph | 1995-98 |
| James B. Black | Mecklenburg | 1999-2007 |
| Richard T. Morgan (Co-Speaker) | Moore | 2003-2004 |
| Joe Hackney | Orange | 2007-present |

Joe Hackney **Speaker of the House**

Democrat, Orange County

Fifty-Fourth Representative District: Chatham and Portions of Moore and Orange counties



Early Years

Born in Siler City, Chatham County, on September 23, 1945, to Herbert Harold and Ida Lillian Dorsett Hackney.

Educational Background

Silk Hope High School, 1963; N.C. State University, 1963-64; A.B. with Honors in Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1964-67; J.D., UNC School of Law, 1970.

Professional Background

Attorney and Partner, Firm of Epting & Hackney. Research Assistant, N.C. Supreme Court.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1981-Present; Speaker, N.C. House, 2007-Present; Speaker Pro Tempore, 1999-2002; House Majority Leader, 2003-2007.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Orange County Bar Association; N.C. Bar Association; N.C. Advocates for Justice.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

President, National Conference of State Legislatures, 2008-2009; President, Foundation for State Legislatures, 2009-2010; Board Member, State Legislative Leaders Foundation; Former Board Member, Joint Orange-Chatham Community Action, Inc.

Honors and Awards

Wm. Bulger Excellence in State Legislative Leadership, 2007; Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award; Governor's Award, Legislator of the Year, N.C. Wildlife Federation, 1998 and 1985; William Richardson Davie Award, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2007; Jane Sharp Lifetime Award, Conservation Council of N.C., 2007.

Personal Information

Married, Betsy Strandberg Hackney. Two children.

Committee Assignments

The Speaker of the House appoints all committee chairs and members.

William L. Wainwright **Speaker Pro Tempore of the House**

Democrat, Craven County

Twelfth Representative District: Portions of Craven and Lenoir counties



Early Years

Born in Somerville, Tennessee, on October 19, 1947, to James and Daisy Wainwright.

Educational Background

Manassas High, 1965; B.S. in Business, Memphis State, 1970.

Professional Background

Minister; Presiding Elder, New Bern District Conference, AME Zion Church.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1991-Present; N.C. House Speaker Pro Tempore, 2007-2008.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Carteret County Head Start Program (Program Policy, Chair); Craven County Board of Aging; Craven County Voters League.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Publishing House Board, A.M.E. Zion Church, 1992-Present; UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Visitors -- Institute of Marine Science; N.C. Council of Churches.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Member, Board of Directors, Carteret Community Action; Head Start Program, Inc.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Finance; Vice-Chair, Marine Resources and Aquaculture; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital, Financial Institutions, Health and Pender/New Hanover Redistricting.

Hugh L. Holliman **House Majority Leader**

Democrat, Davidson County

Eighty-First Representative District: Portions of Davidson County

Early Years

Born in Burlington, Alamance County, on April 28, 1944, to Ivory Hugh and Retha Lindsey Holliman.

Educational Background

Graham High School, 1962; Business Administration, Elon University, 1966.

Professional Background

Self-employed. Speed Printing.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present; N.C. House Majority Leader, 2007-2008.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Lexington Kiwanis Club; Communities in Schools, Thomasville, N.C.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Financial Institutions; Vice-Chair, Finance; Member, Appropriations; Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital, Insurance, Pender/New Hanover Redistricting, Public Utilities and Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.



Paul B. Stam
House Minority Leader

Republican, Wake County

Thirty-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Princeton, N.J., on September 5, 1950, to Paul Bowman and Jane Levring Stam.



Educational Background

Eastern Christian High School, N. Haledon, N.J., 1968; B.S. in Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, 1972; JD, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law, 1975.

Professional Background

Attorney, Stam & Danchi, PLLC.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1989-1990 and 2003-Present; N.C. House Republican Leader, 2007-2010.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Apex Chamber of Commerce; Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce; Fuquay-Varina Chamber of Commerce.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chair, N.C. Juvenile Law Study Commission, 1989-1992.

Military Service

Corporal, 2nd Marine Division, Hq. Co. Hq. Bn. Div. Band, U.S. Marine Corp, 1968-1970.

Personal Information

Married, Dorothy Mills Stam. Two children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Judiciary I and Local Government II; Member, Education, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education; Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, Finance and Pender/New Hanover Redistricting.

Larry Moseley Bell **House Majority Whip**

Democrat, Sampson County

Twenty-First Representative District: Portions of Sampson and Wayne counties



Early Years

Born in Faison, Sampson County, on August 18, 1939, to Johnny Moseley and Fannie Mae Boone Bell.

Education

Douglass High School, Warsaw, 1957; B.S. in Social Studies and General Science, North Carolina A&T State University, 1961; M.A. in Education Administration, North Carolina A&T State University, 1976; Ed. S. in Education Administration, East Carolina University, 1985.

Professional Background

Retired School Superintendent.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present; N.C. House Majority Whip, 2005-Present; Sampson County Commissioner/Superintendent of Schools; Community College Trustee.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service

Chairman, Division of Superintendents, NCASA; Sampson County Voters League; Chairman, Board of Trustees, Kenansville Eastern M. Baptist Association.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chairman, Region M. Council of Government; Member Joint Forum, League of Municipalities, County Commissioners; Chairman, Clinton/Sampson Human Relations Board.

Honors and Awards

Legislature of the Year Award, N.C. Physical Education Arts and Recreation Department, 2003; Elected to the Sampson County Hall of Fame, 2001; N.C. Librarians Association Administrator of the Year, 1993.

Personal Information

One child. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Education: Vice-Chair, Agriculture, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and Pensions and Retirement; Member, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Appropriations, Ethics, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and University of Governors Nominating.

Jean Farmer-Butterfield House Majority Whip



Democrat, Wilson County

Twenty-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Edgecombe and Wilson counties

Early Years

Born in Wilson, Wilson County, on October 21, to Floyd and Odell Sharp Farmer.

Education

Speight High School, 1966; B.A., Sociology and Early Childhood Education, 1970; M.A., Guidance & Counseling & Sociology, N.C. Central University, 1972; Advanced Study - N.C. State University in Administration & Supervision; NCCU School of Law.

Professional Background

Director of LIFEguardianship, Arc of N.C.; JFB and Associates Consulting Firm.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; N.C. House Majority Whip, 2007-2008; Served on the State Executive Committee of the Democratic Party; Democratic Women of Wilson County; Former Special Registrar for Wilson County Board of Elections.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Links Incorporated; Founder, N.C. Guardianship Association; Member, National Guardianship Association Board.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

State Executive Committee, N.C. Democratic Party; Legislative Research Commission on Guardianship; NC-ICC for Children; UNC Institute on Aging Advisory Council.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding/Distinguished Service Leadership Award, The Links, 1990; Jackson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor's Medal of Appreciation, 1998; N.C. Guardianship Presidential and Founder's Award, 2000; Outstanding/Distinguished Legislator's Award, TASH, 2003; Legislator of the Year Award, The Arc of N.C., 2004.

Personal Information

Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Aging; Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Member, Appropriations, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship; Ethics, Health, Mental Health Reform and Pensions and Retirement.

Daniel Bruce Goforth
House Majority Whip

(resigned July 31, 2010)

Democrat, Buncombe County

One Hundred-Fifteenth Representative District: Portions of Buncombe County



Early Years

Born in Asheville, Buncombe County, on March 29, 1942, to Frank Harrison and Paralee Morrow Goforth.

Educational Background

Reynolds High School, Asheville, 1960; Gardner-Webb University and University of South Alabama.

Professional Background

President, Goforth Builders, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-2010.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

President, Home Builders Association of Greater Asheville, 2002; Member, Greater Asheville Chamber of Commerce; Board Member, Reynolds Volunteer Fire Department.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Buncombe County Board of Education, 1990-1998; N.C. Rural Economic Development Center Board, 2004-Present.

Honors and Awards

2006 Legislator of the Year, N.C. Housing Coalition; 2002 Builder of the Year, Home Builders Association of Greater Asheville; 1983-1984 Lion of the Year, Reynolds Lions Club.

Personal Information

Married, Joyce Ingle Goforth. Two children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital and Insurance; Vice-Chair, Appropriations and Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship; Member, Health, Public Utilities and Water Resources and Infrastructure.

Larry D. Hall
House Majority Whip

Democrat, Durham County

Twenty-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Durham County.

Early Years

Born in Durham, Durham County, on September 18, 1955.

Educational Background

High School, Durham, 1973; B.S., J.C. Smith University, 1978; J.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1985.

Professional Background

Attorney. Hall Law Offices.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-Present; N.C. House Democratic Freshman Chair, 2007-2008.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

N.C. State Bar Association; Marine Corp League; Durham Companions Youth Mentor Program.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Board of Directors, Legal Services, Durham County; Durham Chamber of Commerce; Durham MWBE Advisory Committee.

Military Service

Major, 2 BW., 2 Mar Reg., 2nd Div., US Marines, active 1978-1982, reserves 1982-1996. Meritorious Unit Citation; Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Honors and Awards

Navy Achievement Medal, U.S. Marine Corps, 1985; Service Award, N.C. Black Leadership Caucus, 2004; President's Award, Durham NAACP, 1996.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs; Vice-Chair, Financial Institutions; Member, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Finance, Judiciary I and Science and Technology.



Deborah K. Ross
House Majority Whip

Democrat, Wake County

Thirty-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Philadelphia, PA, on June 20, 1963, to Marvin and Barbara Klein Koff.

Educational Background

Bloomfield High School, Bloomfield, CT, 1981; B.A. in International Relations, Brown University, 1985; J.D., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1990.

Professional Background

Law Faculty of Counsel, Duke University; Styers & Kererait.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; N.C. House Majority Whip.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Women's Forum of North Carolina; League of Women Voters; Wake County Bar Association, Lunch with a Lawyer Volunteer.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Committee on Urban Growth & Infrastructure; General Statutes Commission; Capital Planning Commission.

Honors and Awards

2009 Legislator of the Year, N.C. Housing Coalition; 2009 Ruth Coltrane Cannon Award for Historic Preservation; 2009 Wake Up Wake County Award for Transit.

Personal Information

Married Stephen Wrinn.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Ethics and Judiciary I; Vice-Chair, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform and Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Finance and Pensions and Retirement.



Jane Whilden
Democratic Freshman Leader

Democrat, Buncombe County

One Hundred-Sixteenth Representative District: Portions of Buncombe County

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Juvenile Justice; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Education, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education, Energy and Energy Efficiency and Transportation.



Kelly M. Alexander, Jr.
Democratic Freshman Leader



Democrat, Mecklenburg County

One Hundred-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Education

MPA, Public Administration, UNC, Chapel Hill; B.S., Political Science, UNC, Chapel Hill.

Professional Background

Manager, Alexander Funeral Home; Former College Teacher, UNC-Charlotte; Former High School Teacher.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2008-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, Z. Smith Reynolds Advisory Board; 32nd Degree Mason, Prince Hall Affiliation, Freemasons of N.C.; Cofounder, Project Uplift, UNC, Chapel Hill.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Member, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission; Chair, New Brooklyn Initiative; Member, N.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission; Member, Schools Building Solutions Committee.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Water Resources and Infrastructure; Member, Energy and Energy Efficiency, Environment and Natural Resources, Finance, Juvenile Justice, Public Utilities and Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity.

Elmer Floyd
Democratic Freshman Secretary

Democrat, Cumberland County

Forty-Third Representative District: Portions of Cumberland County

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs;
Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on
General Government, Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Education
Subcommittee on Community Colleges, Environment and Natural Resources and
Local Government II.



Thom Tillis
House Minority Whip

Republican, Mecklenburg County

Ninety-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County.

Early Years

Born on August 30, 1960.

Professional Background

Management Consultant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Susan Tillis.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity; Member, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Finance, Financial Institutions, Judiciary III, Local Government I, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and Science and Technology.



Carolyn H. Justice
Deputy Republican Whip

Republican, Pender County

Sixteenth Representative District: Portions of New Hanover and Pender counties



Early Years

Born in Wilmington, New Hanover County, on May 13, 1946.

Educational Background

Wakefield High School, Arlington, VA; Cape Fear Community College.

Professional Background

Owner, Business Management. Hampstead Office Service.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; N.C. House Deputy Minority Whip, 2007-2008; Pender County Commissioner, 1994-2002.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Sunday School Teacher, Hampstead United Methodist Church; Founder/Coordinator, Concerts in the Park, Hampstead Village Merchants Association; Member, Hampstead Lions Club.

Honors and Awards

Legislator of the Year, North Carolina Association of Health Directors, 2003; Brown Pelican Award, Coastal Federation, 2003; North Carolina Intergovernmental Relations Award, 2001.

Personal Information

Married, William Thomas Justice. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources and Environment and Natural Resources; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, Ethics, Marine Resources and Aquaculture, Pender/New Hanover Redistricting, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and Water Resources and Infrastructure.

Fred F. Steen, II
Deputy Republican Whip

Republican, Rowan County

Seventy-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Rowan County

Early Years

Born in Concord, Cabarrus County, on June 19, 1960, to Fred Franklin, Sr. and Bettye Huffman Steen.

Educational Background

Northwest Cabarrus High, 1978; B.A. in Business Administration, UNC-Charlotte.

Professional Background

Consultant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2004-Present; Mayor, Town of Landis, 1995-2004.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Rotary International, Kannapolis; Landis Lions Club; Board Member, American Red Cross, Elizabeth Dole Chapter.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chair and Vice-Chair, Cabarrus-Rowan MPO, 1997-2004.

Personal Information

Married, Tena Yow Steen. Two children. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Wildlife Resources; Member, Agriculture, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Appropriations, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Local Government I, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and Transportation.



Nelson Dollar
Deputy Republican Whip

Republican, Wake County

Thirty-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Burlington, N.C., Alamance County to James and Ruby K. Dollar.

Educational Background

Cummings High School, Burlington, N.C., 1979; B.S., Political Science, Appalachian State, 1983; M.A., Social Sciences, Appalachian State, 1985.

Professional Background

Media and Public Relations Consultant. J. N. Dollar & Associates.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Boy Scouts of America, 36 year volunteer; Former Board Member, Camp Oak Hill; Retreat Leader, C.L.U.B. Ministries.

Honors and Awards

Public Policy Leadership Award, NCDA, 2008.

Personal Information

Married, Lorrie L. Dollar. One child.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Education Subcommittee on Universities; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Education, Health, Transportation and University Board of Governors Nominating.



Justin Phillip Burr **Republican Freshman Leader**

Republican, Stanly County

Sixty-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Montgomery, Stanly and Union Counties

Early Years

Born in Wadesboro, Anson County, on June 28, 1985, to Phillip B. and Kathy Barber Burr.

Educational Background

South Stanly High School, Norwood N.C., 2004; Stanly Community College; Campbell University.

Professional Background

Bail Bondsman, Burr Bail Bonds.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present N.C. House Republican Freshman Leader, 2009-2010.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Boy Scouts of America; Stanly County Chamber of Commerce; National Rifle Association.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Vice-Chair, N.C. 8th Congressional Republican Party, 2007-Present; Member, Centralina Workforce Development Board Member, 2007-2009; Chairman, Stanly County Republican Party, 2007-2008.

Honors and Awards

Eagle Scout; The Outstanding Teen-Age Republican in the Nation, 2003.

Personal Information

Married, Lindsey Ledbetter Burr.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Energy and Energy Efficiency, Judiciary II, Local Government I and State Government/State Personnel.



Alma S. Adams
Democrat, Guilford County

Fifty-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Guilford County



Early Years

Born in High Point on May 27, 1946, to Benjamin Shealey (deceased) and Mattie Stokes Shealey.

Educational Background

West Side High School, Newark, N.J., 1964; B.S. in Art Education, N.C. A&T State University, 1969; M.S. in Art Education, N.C. A&T State University, 1972; Ph.D. in Art Education/Multicultural Education, Ohio State University, 1981.

Professional Background

Professor of Art, Bennett College, Director, Steele Hall Art Gallery.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1994-Present; Greensboro City Council, 1987-94; Greensboro City School Board, 1984-86.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

First Vice-Chair, African American Atelier, Inc.; Life Member, Greensboro Branch, NAACP.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Women's Legislative Caucus, 1999-2000; American Legacy Foundation; Chair, Guilford Delegation, 2000-02; Chair, NC Legislative Black Caucus Foundation.

Honors and Awards

Advocacy Award, N.C. Support Center, 2010; Certificate of Appreciation, N.C. Public Health Incubators Collaborative, 2008; W.E.B. Dubois Award, N.C. A&T State University, 2008; 2000 Distinguished Women of North Carolina; Distinguished W.K. Kellogg Fellow, 1990-93; Woman of Achievement in the Arts, 1992.

Personal Information

Two children. Four grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations; Vice-Chair, Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Member, Aging, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Health and Local Government I.

Martha Bedell Alexander
Democrat, Mecklenburg County

One Hundred-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County



Early Years

Born in Jacksonville, Florida, on August 30, 1939, to Chester Bedell and Edmonia Hair Bedell.

Educational Background

Robert E. Lee School, Jacksonville Florida, 1957; B.S. in Education, Florida State University, 1961; Master of Human Development and Learning, UNC-Charlotte, 1979.

Professional Background

Legislator/Volunteer.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1993-present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

World Service Council, YWCA; Deputy Chair, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence; Involved on Local Diocese and National level of Episcopal Church.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Equal Access to Justice Commission; Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services.

Honors and Awards

Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award, Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., 2003; Woman of the Year in Charlotte, 1993; Distinguished Alumni Award, UNC, Charlotte.

Personal Information

Two Children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations; Vice-Chair, Mental Health Reform; Member, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Health Judiciary I and Pender/New Hanover Redistricting.

Lucy T. Allen
Democrat, Franklin County

(resigned April 6, 2010)

Forty-Ninth Representative District: Franklin and Portions of Halifax and Nash counties.



Early Years

Born in Raleigh, Wake County On November 29, 1941, to Jonah Collins and Margaret Fleming Wilder Taylor.

Educational Background

Duke Univeristy, 1960-1962; A.B. in English, Meredith College, 1965.

Professional Background

Former Teacher.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-2010; Mayor, Town of Louisburg, 1985-2001; Member, Franklin County Board of Education, 1972 -1980.

Personal Information

Married, Felix H. Allen. Three children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Environment and Natural Resources; Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Local Government II; Member, Agribusiness and Agricultural Economy, Appropriations, Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship and Transportation.

Cary D. Allred
Republican, Alamance County

(resigned June 1, 2009)

Sixty-Fourth Representative District: Alamance County



Early Years

Born in Mebane, Alamance County, on February 7, 1947, to Maurice Frank and Rosa Etta Frances Sykes Allred.

Educational Background

Southern Alamance High School, 1965; B.A. in Social Science, Elon College, 1970; Graduate School, Davidson Community College and UNC-Greensboro, 1974-75.

Professional Background

Founder, President and CEO, EconoMed Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1995-2009; Member, N.C. Senate, 1981-84; Alamance County Commissioner, 1984-94.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic Organizations

Former Member, Graham Jaycees; Former Member, Alamance County Heart Association; American Legion.

Appointive and Elected Boards and Commissions

Former Member, Alamance County Board of Health; Former Chair, Special Gifts, Alamance County Heart Association; Former Chair, Alamance Recycling and Solid Waste Commission.

Military Service

U.S. Navy, NATO Special Forces, 1967-68; U.S. Naval Reserves.

Honors and Awards

Guardian of Small Business, National Federation of Independent Businesses; 4-H Outstanding Alumnus Award for Alamance County.

Personal Information

Married, Jean Brown Allred. One child. Christian.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Ways and Means; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship.

Marilyn Avila
Republican, Wake County

Fortieth Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Statesboro, GA, on January 3, 1949 to Noyce and Christine Womack.

Educational Background

Portal High School, 1967; BS-Chemistry, Georgia Southern University, 1971.

Professional Background

N.C. State Representative.

Political Activities

N.C. House of Representatives 2007-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Finance Chairwoman, First Wake County “Project Graduation”, 1988; Member, Facilities Committee, Wake County Public School System; Board Member, Black Horse Run Homeowners Association, 1991-1993.

Personal Information

Married to Alex Avila. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Science and Technology; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital, Education, Health, Commerce, Small Business Entrepreneurship, Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges, Juvenile Justice and Local Government I.



Jeffrey L. Barnhart
Republican, Cabarrus County

Eighty-Second Representative District: Portions of Cabarrus County

Early Years

Born in Waverly, New York, on March 5, 1956, to Fred Harrison and Mildred Lorraine Sjostrom Barnhart.

Education

Waverly High School, 1974; B.S. in Industrial Technology, Southern Illinois University, 1981.

Professional Background

CEO, Cabarrus Community Health Centers, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present; Member, Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners, 1990-2000.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Military Service

Sgt., 2042 Communications, U.S. Air Force, 1978-82; Air Force Commendation Medal.

Personal Information

Married, Jody L. Springston Barnhart. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and Mental Health Reform; Member, Appropriations, Health, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, Insurance and Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.



Hugh Blackwell
Republican, Burke County

Eighty-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Burke County

Professional Background

Attorney.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Education, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education, Judiciary II, Local Government II, Public Utilities and Water Resources and Infrastructure.



J. Curtis Blackwood, Jr.
Republican, Union County

Sixty-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Union County

Early Years

Born in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, on October 17, 1942, to Jacob Curtis and Agnes Cassels Blackwood, Sr.

Education

Attended Mecklenburg County Public Schools; Graduated Gordon Military Academy, Barnsville, GA, 1961; B.A. in History, University of Georgia, 1965; M.Ed. in Administration, Ohio University, 1967; Ed.D. in Curriculum and Administration, University of Georgia, 1972.

Professional Background

Teacher and Principal, 1965-1983. Businessman, property owner and management, 1980-present.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2002-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

American Legislative Exchange Council Education Task Force; National Conference of State Legislatures Environment and Natural Resources Standing Committee; Co-Chair, Joint Select Committee on Workforce Needs; Committee on Street Gang Prevention; Committee on Child Abuse, Neglect, Foster Care and Adoption; Select Committee on the Rising Cost of Health Care; Select Committee on Students on Long-Term Suspension; Life Member, Kiwanis International, Scottish Society of the Waxhaws, Clan Douglas.

Personal Information

Married Audrey Blackwood. Two children. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education; Member, Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Education, Environment and Natural Resources, Finance, Mental Health Reform and Transportation.



Dan Blue, Jr.
Democrat, Wake County

(resigned May 19, 2009)

Thirty-Third Representative District: Wake County



Early Years

Born in Lumberton, Robeson County on April 18, 1949, to Daniel Terry and Allene Morris Blue, Sr.

Educational Background

Oak Ridge High School, 1966; B.S. in Mathematics, N.C. Central University, 1970; J.D., Duke University School of Law, 1973; Certificate, National Institute of Trial Advocacy, 1977.

Professional Background

Attorney and Partner, Blue, Stephens & Fellers, LLP.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present; Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-2009 and 1980-2002; Speaker, N.C. House, 1991-1995.

Elective or Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chair, Duke University Board of Trustees; Duke University Health System.

Personal Information

Married, Edna Earle Smith. Three children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation; Member, Appropriations, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and Science and Technology.

John M. Blust
Republican, Guilford County

Sixty-Second Representative District: Portions of Guilford County

Early Years

Born in Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio, on June 4, 1954, to Gordon Charles and Barbara J. Brown Blust.

Education

Western Guilford High School, Greensboro, 1972; B.S. in Accounting and Business Administration, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1979; J.D., UNC School of Law, 1982.

Professional Background

Attorney and Accountant, Ivey, McClellan, Gatton & Talcott.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present; Member, N.C. Senate, 1997-1999; Chairman, Guilford County.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Member, Board of Directors, Guilford Mental Health Board; Vance Harner Scholarship Fund.

Military Service

Captain, 82nd Airborne, 2nd Infantry Division, U.S. Army, Field Artillery, 1982-1985.

Honors and Awards

2nd Degree Black Belt, Young Yu School of Taekwon Do.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs; Member, Finance, Insurance, Judiciary I, Juvenile Justice and University Board of Governors Nominating.



James Larry Boles, Jr.
Republican, Moore County

Fifty-Second Representative District: Portions of Moore County

Early Years

Born in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, on January 16, 1961, to James Larry and Linda Fowler Boles.

Education

Pinecrest High School, Southern Pines, 1979; AS-Business Ad., Sandhills Community College, 1981; Funeral Service, Cincinnati College, 1982; Mortuary Science.

Professional Background

Boles, Funeral Home, Owner.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009.

Organizations-Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service

Member, N.C. Funeral Directors Association; National Funeral Directors Association; Sandhills Kiwanis.

Personal Information

Four children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Aging; Appropriations; Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety; Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship; Judiciary I; Local Government I; Water Resources and Infrastructure.



Alice Louise Bordsen
Democrat, Alamance County

Sixty-Third Representative District: Portions of Alamance County

Early Years

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on February 19, 1947, to Oscar and Gloria Thomas Bordsen.

Education

Myers Park High School, Charlotte, 1965; B.A. in History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1977; M.S. in Library Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1983; J.D., NCCU, 2001.

Professional Background

Attorney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Mebane City Council, 1999-2002.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Alamance County Community Council; N.C. State Bar; N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Study Commission on Aging; N.C. Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission; Legislative Study Commission on Children and Youth.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Dedication and Leadership Award, N.C. TASC, 2007; Distinguished Legislator Award, N.C. Recreation and Parks Association, 2007; Haw River Partner, N.C. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, 2006.

Personal Information

Married, Donald Lewis Oehler. Two children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Appointments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety and Juvenile Justice; Vice Chair, Appropriations; Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges; Member, Education, Aging and Judiciary II.



R. Van Braxton
Democrat, Lenoir County

Tenth Representative District: Portions of Greene, Lenoir and Wayne counties

Professional Background

Insurance Agent.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Kinston City Council, 1994-2005; Active Member, PRIDE of Kinston; Lenoir County Recreation Board; Gang Violence Task Force; Volunteers for the Red Cross.

Personal Information

Married to Sandra Braxton.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Local Government II; Vice-Chair, Agriculture and Insurance; Member, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Finance, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs and Mental Health Reform.



William D. Brisson
Democrat, Bladen County

Twenty-Second Representative District: Portions of Bladen and Cumberland counties



Professional Background

Farmer.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Former Chair, Bladen County Board of County Commissioners; Vice-Chair, Bladen County Hospital Board of Trustees; Bladen Medical Center; Secretary & Treasurer, Bladen County Farm Bureau.

Personal Information

Married, Brenda Brisson. One child. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Mental Health Reform; Vice-Chair, Agriculture; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Transportation and Wildlife Resources.

Larry Brown **Republican, Forsyth County**

Seventy-Third Representative District: Portions of Davidson and Forsyth counties



Early Years

Born in Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, on February 9, 1943, to William Edgar and Ruth Holcomb Brown.

Educational Background

Kernersville High School, Kernersville, N.C., 1961; B.A. in Business Administration, Central Wesleyan, 1971.

Professional Background

Owner//Broker, Brown Real Estate Co.; Retired U.S. Postal Service; Licensed Insurance Broker; President, Triad Global Concepts.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present; Mayor, Town of Kernersville, 1997-2005; Alderman, Town of Kernersville, 11 years.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Kernersville Civitan Club; Kernersville Sister City Commission.

Military Service

US Navy, 1965-1969.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Young Men in America, US Chamber of Commerce; American Legion Scholarship Award, Veterans Administration.

Personal Information

Married, Martha Vance Brown. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Local Government I; Member, Alcoholic Beverage Control; Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Education, Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges and Federal Relations and Indian Affairs.

Harold James Brubaker **Republican, Randolph County**

Seventy-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Randolph County



Early Years

Born in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, on November 11, 1946, to Paul N. and Verna Mae Miller Brubaker.

Educational Background

B.S. in Agricultural Economics, Pennsylvania State University, 1969; Masters in Economics, N.C. State University, 1971.

Professional Background

President, Brubaker & Associates, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1977-Present (Speaker of the House, 1995-99; House Minority Leader, 1981-84; Joint Caucus Leader, Republican Members of the N.C. General Assembly, 1979-80); Co-Chairman, N.C. Reagan-Bush Committee, 1980; Delegate-at-Large, National Republican Convention, 1980, 1996 and 2000.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Randolph County Farm Bureau; Grange; N.C. Holstein Association; 4-H Club leader (Former President, N.C. Development Fund).

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Young Men in N.C., 1981; Outstanding 4-H Alumni of N.C., 1981; Distinguished Service Award, 1981.

Personal Information

Married, Geraldine Baldwin. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Ethics, Financial Institutions and Public Utilities; Member, Health, Insurance, Rules Calendar, and Operations of the House and University Board of Governors Nominating.

Angela R. Bryant **Democrat, Nash County**

Seventh Representative District: Portions of Halifax and Nash counties



Early Years

Born in Rocky Mount, N.C., on December 9, 1951, to Alexander H. “Tuffy” Sr. and Ethel Lucas Bryant.

Educational Background

Rocky Mount Senior High School, Rocky Mount, NC, 1969; BS, Mathematics, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1973; JD Law, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1976.

Professional Background

Lawyer; Diversity and Organization Development Consultant, Angela Bryant Consulting affiliated with & Co-Founder of Visions, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-Present; Member, Rocky Mount City Council, 2007; UNC Board of Governors.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Rocky Mount Kiwanis Club; Halifax Horizons.

Elective or Appointed Boards and Commissions

Member, Energy Policy Council; Chair, House Select Committee on Use of 911 Funds; Member, Joint Study Committee on Poverty Reduction.

Honors and Awards

Friend of the Counties Award, N.C. Association of County Commissioners, 2010; Legislator of the Year, N.C. Sustainable Energy Association, 2009; Distinguished Alumni Award for Community Service, UNC, Chapel Hill, 2006.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Energy and Energy Efficiency; Vice-Chair, University Board of Governors Nominating; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, Judiciary I, Juvenile Justice, Public Utilities and Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity.

Pearl Burris-Floyd
Republican, Gaston County

One Hundred Tenth Representative District: Portions of Cleveland and Gaston Counties

Professional Background

Cytologist.

Committee Assignments

Member, Aging, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, Health and Mental Health Reform.



Becky Carney
Democrat, Mecklenburg County

One Hundred-Second Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County



Early Years

Born in Roxboro, Person County, on December 25, 1944, to James Marshall and Mona Bohannon Coley.

Educational Background

Needham B. Broughton High School, 1963.

Professional Background

Homemaker/Public Servant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2002-Present; Vice-Chair, Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, 1996-2002.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

The Women's Forum of North Carolina; Junior League of Charlotte; Community School of the Arts.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. in the World Advisory Board; N.C. State Capital Foundation Board; Council for Children Advisory Board.

Honors and Awards

Champion for the Arts, ARTS N.C., 2007; Representative of the Year, Conservation Council of N.C., 2010; N.C. Metropolitan Mayor, Legislative Award, 2009 .

Personal Information

Married, Gene Joseph Carney. Six children. Ten grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Transportation; Vice-Chair, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship and Financial Institutions; Member, Education, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education, Finance and Public Utilities.

George Grant Cleveland **Republican, Onslow County**

Fourteenth Representative District: Portions of Onslow County

Early Years

Born in Scranton, P.A., on May 9, 1939, to George Spaulding and Helen Grant Cleveland.

Educational Background

B.S. in Mathematics Education, University of Maryland, 1982.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lifetime Member; Fleet Reserve Association, Lifetime Member; National Rifle Association, Lifetime Benefactor Member.

Military Service

Master Gunnery Sgt., U.S. Marine Corps., Retired; Naval Commendation Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Personal Information

Married, Nancy Leatherman Cleveland. Four children. Eight grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Wildlife Resources; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Education, Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, Transportation.



Lorene Thomason Coates
Democrat, Rowan County

Seventy-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Rowan County

Early Years

Born in Rowan County, to Junious Lamont and Mary Belle Hoffman Thomason.

Educational Background

Woodleaf High School, Woodleaf, 1954; Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Rowan Helping Ministries; Altrusa Club of Salisbury.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Child Fatality Task Force; N.C. Public Health Commission.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Performance Award, USDA-ASCS-Service in the Southeast; President's Award, Helping Ministries Award.

Personal Information

Married, Floyd E. Coates. Two children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Public Utilities; Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Transportation and Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity; Member, Agriculture, Alcoholic Beverage Control and Appropriations.



Edward Nelson Cole
Democrat, Rockingham County

Sixty-Fifth Representative District: Portions of Rockingham County

Early Years

Born in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, on March 29, 1937, to Marvin Reid Cole and Hazeline Cathey Cole.

Educational Background

North Mecklenburg High School, Huntersville, 1955; B.S. in Business Administration, University of South Carolina, 1962.

Professional Background

Retired Auto Dealer.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1992-94 and 1996-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

N.C. Automobile Dealers Association; National Automobile Dealers Association; Past President, Reidsville Chamber of Commerce; Executive Committee, Boy Scouts of America; Serves on UNC Board of Visitors.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Former Member, Board of Directors, United Way; Governors Logistics Task Force; Vice-Chair, Virginia-North Carolina Interstate High Speed Rail Compact, 2010.

Honors and Awards

Award of Merit, Boy Scouts of America, 2008; 2000 Legislator of the Year Award, N.C. Public Transportation Association.

Personal Information

Married, Libby Lewter Cole. Three children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation; Vice-Chair, Appropriations, Public Utilities and Transportation; Member, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Insurance and Wildlife Resources.



Linda Coleman
Democrat, Wake County

(resigned January 11, 2009)

Thirty-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born on July 12, 1949, in Greenville, N.C.

Educational Background

BA of Science, N.C. A&T State University; Master in Public Administration, University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-2009; N.C. House Democratic Freshman Chair, 2005-2006.

Personal Information

Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, State Personnel; Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and Pensions and Retirement; Member, Appropriations, Local Government I and Mental Health Reform.



Tricia Ann Cotham
Democrat, Mecklenburg County

One Hundredth Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County



Early Years

Born in Stone Mountain, GA, November, 26, 1978, to John and Pat Cain Cotham.

Educational Background

Providence High School, Charlotte, N.C., 1997; B.A., History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2001; Masters, School Administration, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2006.

Professional Background

Assistant Principal, Char/Meck Schools.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-Present.

Honors and Awards

UNC Alumna of the Year, 2009; Legislator of the Year, N.C. Center for Voter Education; CMS Teacher of the Year, 2002.

Personal Information

Married to Jerry Meek. One child.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education; Vice-Chair, Education and Juvenile Justice; Member, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, Finance, Financial Institutions, Health and Judiciary III.

James W. Crawford, Jr.
Democrat, Granville County



Thirty-Second Representative District: Portions of Granville and Vance counties

Early Years

Born in Durham, Durham County, on October 4, 1937, to James Walker and Julia Brent Hicks Crawford.

Educational Background

Oxford High School, Oxford, 1956; B.S. in Industrial Relations, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1960.

Professional Background

Businessman and Developer; Partner, Crawford Properties.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1983-92 and 1995-Present; Oxford City Council; Democratic Party County Chair.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

N.C. Mental Health Association; N.C. Chamber; N.C. Retail Merchants Association; Roanoke River Basin Association; National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Vance-Granville Community College Foundation; Chair, Oxford Zoning Board of Adjustment; Granville Medical Center Foundation.

Military Service

Lieutenant (j.g.), Operations Officer, U.S. Navy, 1960-62.

Honors and Awards

Legislator of the Year, Autism Society of N.C., 2008; Legislator of the Year, National Alliance for Mentally Ill, 2005; Legislator of the Year, N.C. Nurses Association, 2003; Contribution to Transportation Award, N.C. Section of Institute of Transportation Engineers (NCSITE), 2003; Outstanding Legislator, N.C. Public Transportation Association, 2000.

Personal Information

Married, Harriet Coltrane Cannon Crawford. Three children. Seven grandchildren. Four great grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations; Vice-Chair, Transportation; Member, Judiciary II, Mental Health Reform and Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

William Ange Current, Sr.
Republican, Gaston County

One Hundred-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Gaston County



Early Years

Born in Gastonia, Gaston County On May 4, 1933, to Alfred Cornelius and Vera Elizabeth McDuffie Current.

Educational Background

Gastonia High School, 1951; Attended NC State University, 1951-1953; BS, Dentistry, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1956; Doctor of Dental Surgery, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1958.

Professional Background

General Dentistry, Current Dentistry.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Past President, North Carolina Dental Society; Past President, Gaston Community Foundation; Past President, Gastonia Rotary Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chair, Gaston County Board of Health; NC State Health Coordinating Council (appointed by Governor Martin); Gastonia Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

Military Service

Lieutenant, US Navy Dental Corps, US Navy, 1958-1960; Honorable Discharge; Reserves, 1951-1960.

Honors and Awards

Fellowship in American and International Colleges of Dentistry, 1980's; William Gaston Award, Gaston County Commissioner, 1996; NC Dental Society Citizenship Award, 1994.

Personal Information

Married Elizabeth Oden Current. Four children. Nine grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Ethics, Health, Insurance and Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Namon Leo Daughtry **Republican, Johnston County**

Twenty-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Johnston County



Early Years

Born in Newton Grove, Sampson County, on December 3, 1940, to Namon Lutrell and Annie Catholeen Thornton Daughtry.

Educational Background

Hobbton High School, 1958; B.A., Wake Forest University, 1962; L.L.B., Wake Forest University School of Law, 1965.

Professional Background

Attorney and Partner, Daughtry, Woodard, Lawrence & Starling. Owner of several small businesses.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1993-Present (Majority Leader, N.C. House, 1995-1998; Minority Leader, N.C. House, 1999-2002; Member, N.C. Senate, 1989-1992; Delegate to the National Republican Convention, 1976-1996.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, N.C. and Johnston County Bar Associations.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Board of Trustees, Meredith College; Past Board Member, Florence Crittenton Services; Triangle Bank and Trust; Regional Acceptance Corporation; World Trade Center, Wake Forest University School of Law, Board of Visitors.

Military Service

Captain, U.S. Air Force, Europe, 1966-70.

Honors and Awards

Guardian of Small Business Award, National Federation of Independent Business, 1998; Republican Leader of the Year, National Republican Legislators Association, 1998; Boy Scout Man of the Year, 1996; Distinguished Citizen Award, Smithfield-Selma Chamber of Commerce, 1994.

Personal Information

Married, Helen Finch Daughtry. Two children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Judiciary III; Member, Agriculture, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital and Transportation.

Margaret Highsmith Dickson
Democrat, Cumberland County

(resigned January 21, 2010)



Fourty-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Cumberland Counties

Early Years

Born in Fayetteville, Cumberland County, on September 21, 1949, to Seavy, Jr. and Ann Dawson Highsmith.

Educational Background

Saint Mary's School, Raleigh, 1967; B.A. English, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1971; graduate studies in communications, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Professional Background

Retired Broadcaster, Cape Fear Broadcasting Company.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, January 1, 2010-Present; N.C. House of Representatives, 2002-2010.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Board of Visitors, UNC-Chapel Hill; State Capitol Foundation Board; Cumberland County Education Foundation Board.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Courts Commission.

Honors and Awards

First Place Editorial Writing, Associated Press, 2001.

Personal Information

Married, John W. Dickson. Three children. Member, St. John's Episcopal Church.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Insurance; Member, Appropriations/, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs.

Jerry Charles Dockham **Republican, Davidson County**

Eightieth Representative District: Portions of Davidson County

Early Years

Born in Denton, Davidson County, on March 22, 1950, to Elwood Charles and Opal M. Coggin Dockham.

Educational Background

Denton High School, 1968; B.S. in Business, Wake Forest University, 1972.

Professional Background

Retired Insurance Consultant, Nationwide Insurance Co.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1990-Present; Former Chair, Davidson County Republican Party; Fellow, North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership; Member, ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council); Member, NCSL (National Conference of State Legislatures); Delegate to the 1996 Republican National Convention in San Diego, CA.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Denton Lions Club (35-year member); Thomasville Area & Denton Chamber of Commerce.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Trustee of Davidson County Community College, 1987-Present; Former Member, Board of Directors of Central Carolina Bank & Trust Co. (now Sun Trust Bank).

Honors and Awards

1999 Emergency Medicine Advocate of the Year, N.C. College of Emergency Physicians; 1998 Legislator of the Year, N.C. Association of Anesthesiologists; Consistently ranked in the top 10% of legislators (out of 120 members) by N.C. F.R.E.E.

Personal Information

Married, Louise Skeen Dockham. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Insurance; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Education, Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges, Ethics, Financial Institutions and Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.



Beverly Earle
Democrat, Mecklenburg County

One Hundred-First Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Greensboro, Guilford County, on December 30, 1943, to Angelo Jr. and Edna Wilkins Miller.



Educational Background

Dudley High School, Greensboro, 1961; Social Science, N.C. A&T State University.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1995-Present; House Democratic Whip, 2003-2004.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Executive Committee, NCSL; Nevins Center; National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women.

Appointive and Elected Boards and Commissions

Women In Government; Board of Visitors, Johnson C Smith; N.C. Community Development Initiative.

Honors and Awards

March of Dimes, N.C. Public Affairs Leadership Award, 2003; N.C. Psychiatric Association, Beacon for Mental Health, 2003; Home & Hospice Leadership Award, Representative of the Year, 2003.

Personal Information

One child.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and Mental Health Reform; Vice-Chair, Appropriations and Health; Member, Aging, Financial Institutions and Public Utilities.

Bobby F. England
Democrat, Rutherford County



One Hundred-Twelfth Representative District: Rutherford and Portions of Cleveland counties

Early Years

Born in Spindale, Rutherford County, on May 13, 1932, to William Claude and Birdie Dalton England.

Educational Background

R-S Central High, 1950; B.S. Biology/Chemistry, Wofford College, 1958; MD, Medical University of South Carolina, 1962.

Professional Background

Family Physician, England-Godfrey Family Practice.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Rutherford County Board of Education, 1974-1994.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Isothermal College Board of Trustees; Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Board of Health; N.C. Institute of Medicine.

Military Service

Staff Sgt., United States Air Force, 1951-1955.

Honors and Awards

Kiwanis County Citizen of the Year, 2002; Rotary County Citizen of the Year, 2002; Football Press Box, East High School, Named in Honor, 2002.

Personal Information

Married, Carolyn Lindsay England. Three children. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and Health, Vice-Chair, Appropriations and Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges; Member, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Education, Mental Health Reform and Science and Technology.

Bill Faison
Democrat, Orange County

Fiftieth Representative District: Caswell and Portions of Orange counties



Early Years

Born in Raleigh, Wake County, on February 7, 1947, to Ollie W. and Daisy Peaks Faison.

Educational Background

W. G. Enloe High School, 1965; AB, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1969; JD, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1972.

Professional Background

Attorney, Faison & Gillespie.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Board of Trustees, N.C. Justice Academy; Mason Lodge No. 19, Hillsborough-Scottish Rites, Valley of Greensboro; Gold Life Member, NAACP.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chairman, House Democrats Business Caucus; Chairman, House Select Committee, High Speed Internet Access Rural Areas.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Lawyers of America; Who's Who in American Law; EBBY Award, NCATL.

Personal Information

Married, Lindy Ann Creech Faison. Six children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity; Vice-Chair, Agriculture, Judiciary III and Public Utilities; Member, Finance and Insurance.

Susan C. Fisher
Democrat, Buncombe County

One Hundred-Fourteenth Representative District: Portions of Buncombe County



Early Years

Born in Morganton, Burke County, on July 3, 1955 to Alan and Penelope Reese Carscaddon.

Educational Background

Asheville High School, 1973; Mars Hill College, 1975; B.A. Audiology/Speech Pathology, University of Maryland, 1982.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2004-Present; Staff member to the late Representative James McClure Clarke, Washington, D.C.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

President, Asheville-Buncombe League of Women Voters; Member, Early Headstart Advisory Board; BRAVO (community concerts) Board of Directors.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Former Member/Chair of Asheville City Board of Education and Asheville Regional Airport Authority.

Honors and Awards

Housing Coalition – Legislator of the Year; N.C. Public Library Directors Association – Library Champion Award; Bertha “B.” Holt Legislative Coverage and Leadership Award.

Personal Information

Married, John B. Fisher, Jr. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Vice-Chair, Appropriations and Education; Member, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, Energy and Energy Efficiency, Judiciary III and Local Government I.

Dale Robbins Folwell **Republican, Forsyth County**

Seventy-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Forsyth County

Early Years

Born in Raleigh, Wake County, N.C. on December 17, 1958.

Educational Background

West Forsyth High School, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1977; B.S.-Accounting UNC, Greensboro, 1985; Masters-Accounting, UNC Greensboro, 1986.

Professional Background

Private Investor.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present; Republican Joint Caucus Leader, 2007-2008.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Former Cubmaster for Boy Scouts of America, Old Hickory Council Pack 909; Contributor to the Dalton R. Folwell Summer Scholars Program Institute of Regenerative Medicine at Wake Forest University.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education, 7 years.

Honors and Awards

2010 Eye Bank Association of America National Gift of Sight Award; 2007 President's Award, N.C. Association of County Commissioners; 2006 Distinguished Service Award, N.C. Tax Collector's Association.

Personal Information

Married to Synthia Sexton Folwell. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Pensions and Retirement; Member, Education, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education; Energy and Energy Efficiency and Finance.



Phillip D. Frye
Republican, Mitchell County



Eighty-Fourth Representative District: Avery, Mitchell and Portions of Caldwell and Yancey counties

Early Years

Born in Spruce Pine, Mitchell County, on August 14, 1943, to Iss and Alice Turbyfill Frye.

Educational Background

Harris High School, 1961; Accounting, Blanton' Business College, 1963.

Professional Background

Small Business Owner, Frye Auto Interiors.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Mayor, Town of Spruce Pine, 1993-2002; Board Member, Town of Spruce Pine, 1973-1992.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Past President and Member, Spruce Pine Kiwanis Club; Past Chair and Board Member, Foundation for Mitchell County; Board Member, Mitchell County Safe Place; Past President and Member, Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Past Chair and Board Member, N.C. Joint Regional Forum, 1981-2002; Past Board Member (1988-1990), N.C. League of Municipalities.

Honors and Awards

N.C. Intergovernmental Award, N.C. Association of County Commissioners, N.C. League of Municipalities Joint Forum, 1998; Outstanding Local Elected Official, Region D Council of Governments, 1998; Outstanding Executive Board Member, Region D Council of Governments, 1995.

Personal Information

Married to June Rathbone Frye. One child. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Federal Relations and Indian Affairs; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Local Government I and Transportation.

Pryor Allan Gibson, III
Democrat, Anson County

Sixty-Ninth Representative District: Anson and Portions of Union counties



Early Years

Born in Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, on October 12, 1957 to Pryor and Mary Pharr Gibson.

Educational Background

Anson High School, Wadesboro, 1975; Biology and Chemistry, UNC-Wilmington, 1978; Engineering, UNC-Charlotte; Management, N.C. State University.

Professional Background

Builder.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1989-91 and 1999-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Lions Club; Rotary Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chair, Environmental Review Commission; Chair, Finance.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Educator; Martin Luther King Citizen; Guardian of Small Business.

Personal Information

Married to Barbara Barger Gibson. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Finance; Vice-Chair, Alcoholic Beverage Control and Water Resources and Infrastructure; Member, Environment and Natural Resources, Financial Institutions, Insurance and Local Government II.

Rosa U. Gill
Democrat, Wake County

(appointed June 18, 2009)

Thirty-Third Representative District: Wake County

Professional Background

Retired State Employee.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, State Government/State Personnel; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Education, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform and Judiciary II.



Robert Mitchell Gillespie **Republican, McDowell County**

Eighty-Fifth Representative District: McDowell and Portions of Burke counties



Early Years

Born in Marion, McDowell County, on August 19, 1959, to Billy and Helen Loftis Gillespie.

Educational Background

McDowell High School, Marion, 1977; A.A.S. in Civil Engineering, Wake Technical Community College, 1980.

Professional Background

Owner, Gillespie Properties.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-Present; N.C. House Minority Whip, 2005-2006.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

McDowell County Chamber of Commerce.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

McDowell Technical Community College Trustee; McDowell Economic Development Authority.

Honors and Awards

Selected for Spring, 1998, Class of Fellows of the N.C. Institute of Political Leadership.

Personal Information

Married, Barbara Nell Hollifield Gillespie. One child.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Environment and Natural Resources; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Federal Relations and Indian Affairs, Water Resources and Infrastructure and Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity.

Rick Glazier
Democrat, Cumberland County



Forty-Fifth Representative District: Portions of Cumberland County

Early Years

Born in Allentown, PA, on June 16, 1955 to Stanley and Margaret Acker Glazier.

Educational Background

William Allen High School, Allentown, PA, 1973; B.A. Foreign Policy, Penn State University, 1977; J.D. Wake Forest University, 1981.

Professional Background

Attorney, Professor. Fayetteville State University and Campbell University School of Law.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Cumberland County Board of Education, 1996-2002, Chair 1997-1999.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Fayetteville Urban Ministry Board of Directors, 1996-2006; Child Advocacy Center Board of Directors, 2001-2006; Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Advisory Board, 2006-Present.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Public School Forum Board of Directors, 2005-Present; Member, UNC Center for Public Television Board of Directors, 1996-2002; N.C. Justice’s Actual Innocence Commission, 2004-2006.

Honors and Awards

N.C. Justice Center, 2007 “Defenders of Justice” Award; N.C. Association of Local Health Directors, 2007 Legislator of the Year; Covenant with North Carolina’s Children, 2007 “Ruth M. Easterling” House Award.

Personal Information

Married, Lise Ortenberg Glazier, Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Vice-Chair, Appropriations, Judiciary II and Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House; Member, Education, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education, Financial Institutions, Health, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs and Mental Health Reform.

Melanie Wade Goodwin **Democrat, Richmond County**

Sixty-Sixth Representative District: Richmond and Portions of Montgomery counties

Early Years

Born in Henrico County, Richmond Virginia on July 22, 1970, to Albert Lee and Nancy Breinig Wade.

Educational Background

Sanderson High School, Raleigh, 1988; B.A. in English, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1992; J.D., Campbell Univeristy, 2000.

Professional Background

Attorney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Rockingham Junior Woman's Club; Democratic Women of Richmond County; N.C. Bar Association.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Courts Commission.

Honors and Awards

Woman of Achievement, GFWC-N.C., 2006; Juanita M. Bryant Citizenship Award, GFWC-N.C., 2003; Woman of Tomorrow, Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council, 1997.

Personal Information

Married, George Wayne Goodwin. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform; Vice-Chair, Judiciary I; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Education, Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges, Juvenile Justice and Transportation.



W. Robert Grady **Republican, Onslow County**

Fifteenth Representative District: Portions of Onslow County

Early Years

Born in Jacksonville, Onslow County, on April 30, 1950, to William R. and Minnie Hurst Grady.

Educational Background

Jacksonville Senior High; UNC-Chapel Hill; Campbell University.

Professional Background

Businessman.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1987-Present; Jacksonville City Council, 1981-87; Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Jacksonville, 1983-86.

Honors and Awards

Distinguished Service Award, N.C. Association of Community College Trustees, 1997; Distinguished Service Award, N.C. Association of Educators, 1996; Political Action Award, N.C. Victim Assistance Network, 1993.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital; Member, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Appropriations, Financial Institutions, Health, Public Utilities and University Board of Governors Nominating.



W. David Guice
Republican, Transylvania County



One Hundred-Thirteenth Representative District: Portions of Henderson, Polk and Transylvania counties

Early Years

Born in Asheville, Buncombe County, on July 4, 1955, to Bobby Lee and Shirley C. Guice, Sr.

Educational Background

T.C. Roberson High School, Asheville, N.C., 1974; A.A., Montreat-Anderson College, 1977; B.S.W. Mars Hill, 1979.

Professional Background

Retired Probation/Parole Manager, N.C. Department of Correction.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present; Transylvania County Board of County Commissioners, 2000-2008.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Justice Reinvestment, N.C.

Honors and Awards

2010 Graduate of Distinction-T.C. Roberson; 2009 Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Personal Information

Married Kerry L. Guice. Two children. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Judiciary III, Juvenile Justice and Local Government II.

James Monroe Gulley
Republican, Mecklenburg County



One Hundred-Third Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, on May 10, 1939, to Creighton Alexander and Naomi Reid Gulley.

Educational Background

East Mecklenburg High School, 1957; A.A.S., Charlotte College, 1960.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1997-Present; Matthews Town Council.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Matthews Volunteer Fire Department; Matthews Athletic and Recreations Association; Queens Grant Charter School.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

North Carolina Commission on Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Personal Information

Married, Suzanne Hargett Gulley. Two children. Four grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Science and Technology; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Energy and Energy Efficiency, Public Utilities, Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity and Wildlife Resources.

Robert Phillip Haire
Democrat, Jackson County

One Hundred-Nineteenth Representative District: Jackson, Swain and Portions of Haywood and Macon counties

Early Years

Born in Caretta, W.V., on May 1, to Herman E. and Pauline Jackson Haire.



Educational Background

Beaver Creek High School, West Jefferson; B.A. in History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1958; J.D., UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law, 1961.

Professional Background

Attorney; R. Phillip Haire, Attorney At Law.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

N.C. Bar Association, Board of Governor's & Chair, Senior Lawyer's Division; National Conference of State Legislators, Vice-Chair, Standing Commission on Law & Criminal Justice; N.C. State Bar, Chair, N.C. Conference of Bar Presidents.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Board of Governors, University of North Carolina; Board of Trustees, Western Carolina University; Advisory Council, Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation; Western North Carolina Economic Development Commission (Advantage West); Assistant Majority Counsel, U.S. Senate Select Committee on Campaign Activities (Watergate).

Military Service

Captain, JAGC, U.S. Air Force, 1962-65.

Honors and Awards

Distinguished Service Award, Jackson County Youth Sports; Distinguished Service Award, Jackson County Historical Award; Critical Link Award, Riverlink of Asheville.

Personal Information

Married, Contance Mullinix Haire. Four children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations and University Board of Governors Nominating; Vice-Chair, Juvenile Justice; Member, Environment and Natural Resources, Judiciary III, Science and Technology and Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity.

Ty Harrell
Democrat, Wake County

(resigned September 20, 2009)

Forty-First Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born on February 6, 1970, in Newark, New Jersey.

Educational Background

Sanderson High School; B.A. in English, Appalachian State University; M.A., Political Management. George Washington University.

Professional Background

Development Officer.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-2009.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Personal Information

Married Melanie DuPon. Two children. Member, Church of the Nativity.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Science and Technology; Member, Appropriations, Children, Youth and Families, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship and Transportation.



Pricey Harrison
Democrat, Guilford County

Fifty-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Guilford County

Early Years

Born on August 31.

Professional Background

Retired Communications Attorney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources; Vice-Chair, Appropriations, Energy and Energy Efficiency, Environment and Natural Resources; Member, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, Judiciary I, Marine Resources and Aquaculture and Public Utilities.



John Christopher Heagarty **Democrat, Wake County**

(appointed October 30, 2009)

Forty-First Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Hamilton County on August 14, 1970, to John and Darleen Heagarty.

Educational Background

W. G. Enloe High School, 1988; B.A. in Political Comms, N.C. State University, 1992; J.D. NCCU, 2010.

Professional Background

Attorney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Church of the Nativity; N.C. Bar Association; N.C. Leaf, Board of Directors.

Personal Information

Married, Tivey E. Clark. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation; Member, Appropriations, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Judiciary I, Science and Technology, State Government/State Personnel and Transportation.



Dewey Lewis Hill **Democrat, Columbus County**

Twentieth Representative District: Columbus and Portions of Brunswick counties

Early Years

Born in Whiteville, Columbus County, on August 31, 1925, to Otto and Alatha Ward Hill.

Educational Background

Whiteville High School, 1943.

Professional Background

President and CEO, Hillcrest Corp.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1993-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Carolina Food Industry Council; Columbus County Committee of 100; National Grocer Association.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Director (retired), Waccamaw Bank; Director, N.C. Retail Merchandise Association; Board of Trustees, N.C. Boys and Girls Homes, Inc.

Military Service

Storekeeper H.A.2 1st class, Fleet Marines, U.S. Navy, 1943-46.

Honors and Awards

1996 Grocer of the Year; 1996 Nash Finch Century Club Award; 1994 Columbus County Child Care Award.

Personal Information

Married, Muriel Ezzell Hill. Two children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Agriculture; Vice-Chair, Finance and Rules Calendar, and Operations of the House; Member, Transportation and Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity.



Mark Kelly Hilton
Republican, Catawba County



Ninety-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Catawba County

Early Years

Born in Valdese, Burke County, on April 18, 1966, to Tony and Carolyn Warren Hilton.

Educational Background

St. Stephen's High School, Hickory, 1985; WPCC.

Professional Background

Police Officer, Delta Company Police.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, Tri-city Baptist Church.

Honors and Awards

2006 2nd Amendment Foundation Legislator of the Year.

Personal Information

Married to Allison Kellen Hilton. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Transportation; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs and Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity.

Bryan R. Holloway
Republican, Stokes County



Ninety-First Representative District: Stokes and Portions of Rockingham county

Educational Background

BS in History/Secondary Education, Appalachian State University.

Professional Background

Consultant and Teacher of History, West Stokes High School.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present; N.C. House Republican Freshman Chair, 2005-2006.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, Chestnut Grove Ruritans; Member, King Lion's Club; Chief Sponser, Student Government Association, West Stokes High School.

Honors and Awards

Freshman Legislator of the Year Award, 2005.

Personal Information

Married to Misti Culler Holloway.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Pensions and Retirement; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Education and Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education.

Julia Craven Howard **Republican, Davie County**

Seventy-Ninth Representative District: Davie and Portions of Iredell counties



Early Years

Born in Salisbury, Rowan County, on August 20, 1944, to Allen Leary and Ruth Elizabeth Snider Craven.

Educational Background

Davie High School, Mocksville, 1962; B.A. Sociology, Salem College, 2003.

Professional Background

Realtor/Appraiser, Howard Realty & Insurance, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1988-Present (Former Majority House Whip; Former Minority House Whip); Member, Mocksville Town Board, 1981-88.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

American Legislative Exchange Council; Chair, Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) of the Council of State Governments (CSG); Executive Committee; N.C. Association of Realtors; Mocksville Women's Club; Mocksville Rotary Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Former Chair, Davie County Hospital.

Honors and Awards

2006 American Legislative Exchange Council Legislator of the Year; 2005 SLC John Bragg Award Recipient for Excellence in Legislative Service; 2001 Paul Harris Fellow.

Personal Information

Two children. Six grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Ethics; Vice-Chair, Finance; Member, Health, Insurance, Public Utilities, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and University Board of Governors Nominating.

Sandra Spaulding Hughes **Democrat, New Hanover County**

Eighteenth Representative District: Portions of New Hanover and Pender counties

Early Years

Born in Wilmington, New Hanover County, on October 11, 1944, to Lewis Spaulding and Crettie Blanks Spaulding.

Educational Background

Artesia High School, Hallsboro, N.C., 1963; BS, Home Economics, A & T State University, 1967.

Professional Background

Retired Educator/Consultant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, April 18, 2008-present; Wilmington N.C. City Council, 1999-2003.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

YWCA; Council on Human Relations; Commission for Women.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. State Martin Luther King Commission; New Hanover County Prison Board; The Film Commission.

Honors and Awards

Woman of the Year, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, 2001; Citizen of the Year, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, 2002; Community Service Award, N.C. A&T State University, 1996.

Personal Information

One Child. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Alcoholic Beverage Control; Member, Finance, Health, Insurance, Pender/New Hanover Redistricting and Transportation.



Pat B. Hurley
Republican, Randolph County

Seventieth Representative District: Portions of Randolph County

Early Years

Born in Asheboro on December 29, 1939.

Educational Background

Asheboro High School, 1958.

Professional Background

Deputy Clerk, N.C. Judicial System-Deputy Clerk of Superior Court, 1992-present; Collections and Title Manager, Greensboro Auto Auction, 1986-1992; New Dealer Registration, High Point Auto Auction, 1976-1986; Dealer, Note Department, Bank of America, 1963-1973; Manager, Wachovia Bank, 1958-1960; Teacher.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Former Member, Randolph County Nursing Home Adult Care Homes; Advisory Committee/Coordinator, N.C. Combined Campaign for the Clerk of the Superior Court Office.

Personal Information

Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Pensions and Retirement; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Education, Education Subcommittee Community Colleges, Judiciary II, Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Reform.



Frank Iler
Republican, Brunswick County

(appointed June 18, 2009)

Seventeenth Representative District: Portions of Brunswick County

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Education, Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges, Marine Resources and Aquaculture, Transportation and Wildlife Resources.



Dan W. Ingle
Republican, Alamance County

(appointed June 12, 2009)

Sixty-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Alamance County

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital, Judiciary I, Transportation and Wildlife Resources.



Verla Clemens Insko
Democrat, Orange County



Fifty-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Orange County

Early Years

Born in Decatur, Arkansas, on February 5, 1936, to Charles Verne and Leta Trook Clemens.

Educational Background

Thomas Downey High School, Modesto, California, 1954; A.B. in Biology, California State University at Fresno, 1959; M.P.A., UNC-Chapel Hill,

1993. **Professional Background**

Retired Health Care Administrator, UNC-Chapel Hill, School of Medicine.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1997-Present; Member, Orange County Board of Commissioners, 1990-1994; Member, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, 1977-1985.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Orange County Rape Crisis Center; Health Care For All, North Carolina; N.C. League of Conservation Voters.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

UNC, Chapel Hill Graduate Education Advisory Board; Governor's Task Force on Healthy Carolinians; N.C. Council of Development Disabilities.

Honors and Awards

C. Odell Tyndall Award, N.C. Rehabilitation Association; Legislative Advocate of the Year, National Association of Social Workers, N.C. Chapter; Families in Action, Legislator of the Year.

Personal Information

Married, Chester (Chet) Insko. Two children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and Health; Vice-Chair, Appropriations and Education Subcommittee on Universities; Member, Education, Environment and Natural Resources, Judiciary I, Mental Health Reform, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and University Board of Governors Nominating.

Darren G. Jackson
Democrat, Wake County

(appointed January 26, 2009)

Thirty-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Professional Background

Attorney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, State Government/State Personnel; Member, Aging, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Education, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education, Judiciary II and Local Government I.



Margaret M. Jeffus
Democrat, Guilford County



Fifty-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Guilford County

Early Years

Born in Roanoke, Virginia, on October 22, 1934, to Edward S. and Alyne Bowles Green.

Educational Background

Greensboro Senior High School, 1952; B.A. in Education, Guilford College, 1965; M.Ed., UNC-Greensboro, 1970.

Professional Background

Retired Educator Greensboro/Guilford County Schools.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1991-94, 1997-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Past President, Altrusa International of Greensboro; Past Member, Professional Review Committee, SDP; Past District and Local Unit President, N.C. Association of Educators.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Member, Board of Directors, Women's Resource Center, 2002-2006; Advisory Board Member, N.C. Humanities Council, 1998-2007; Member, Board of Directors, N.C. Foundation for Public School Children, 1999-2007; Education Commission of the States (National) 2007-Present.

Honors and Awards

Friend of Education Award, N.C. Association of Educators, 2007; N.C. Psychology Award for Support & Promotion of Excellence in Education, 2006; Greensboro Regional Realtors Public Service Award, 2005; General Federation of Women's Clubs, Women of Achievement, 2006.

Personal Information

Married, Ted J. Thompson. Two children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations; Vice-Chair, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education; Member, Education, Financial Institutions, Judiciary III and Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Linda P. Johnson
Republican, Cabarrus County



Eighty-Third Representative District: Portions of Cabarrus County

Early Years

Born in Concord, Cabarrus County, on May 2, 1945, to Phletus O. Pennell and Ruth Smith Pennell Crook.

Educational Background

Al Brown High School, Kannapolis, 1963.

Professional Background

Computer Analyst/Tax Accounting.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present; Kannapolis City Board of Education, 1992-2000.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

NCCBI; N.C. Order of Eastern Star.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Public School Forum; N.C. Nursing Advisory Board; US. Congressional/ Consortium on Civic Education.

Personal Information

Married, Ronnie R. Johnson. Three children. Seven grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Member, Appropriations, Education, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education, Judiciary II, Public Utilities and Science and Technology.

Earl Jones
Democrat, Guilford County



Sixtieth Representative District: Portions of Guilford County

Early Years

Born July 20, 1949.

Educational Background

B.A. in Political Science, N.C. Central Carolina Univeristy, Durham, 1971; J.D., Southern University School of Law, 1976.

Professional Background

Publisher. The Greensboro Times.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Member, The Greensboro City Council, 1983-2001.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Co-founder, International Civil Rights Museum & Center; Co-founder, 100 Black Men of Triad; Board Member, NAACP, Greensboro Chapter.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Solutions to N.C.'s Urban Transportation Board; Joint Select Committee on Naturopathic Licensure; House Select Committee on Street Gang Prevention.

Personal Information

Married, Adri-Anne Donnell Jones.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Local Government I and Science and Technology; Member, Aging, Judiciary II and Finance.

Carolyn K. Justus
Republican, Henderson County

One Hundred-Seventeenth Representative District: Portions of Henderson County



Early Years

Born in Brevard, Transylvania County, on September 15, 1945, to Thurman W. and Gwendolyn Morgan King.

Educational Background

Brevard High School, Brevard, NC, 1963; Attended Gaston Memorial Hospital, School of Nursing; N.C. Real Estate School.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

BPW; VFW & American Legion Auxiliary.

Honors and Awards

BPW Woman of Achievement Award, 2004.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Health; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Juvenile Justice, Mental Health Reform and State Government/State Personnel.

Ric Killian
Republican, Mecklenburg County

One Hundred-Fifth Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County



Early Years

Born in Kaukauna, Wisconsin on July 17, 1964, to Daniel N. Killian and Judith J. Killian.

Educational Background

Kaukauna High School, Kaukauna, WI, 1982; B.S., West Point, 1986; Certificate in Information Systems, University of Denver, 1989.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-Present; N.C. House Republican Freshman Chair, 2007-2008.

Military Service

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Military Academy, US Army, 1986-1991; U.S. Army Reserve, 1991-Present; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal.

Honors and Awards

Patriot-Statesman, NCARATE, 2008; Medal of Civic Honor, NCSL, 2010.

Personal Information

Married to Debbi Ann Hoyer Killian. Four children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital, Environment and Natural Resources, State Government/State Personnel and Transportation.

James H. Langdon, Jr.
Republican, Johnston County



Twenty-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Johnston and Sampson counties

Early Years

Born in Benson, Johnston County, on January 17, 1938, to J. Hector and Margaret Highsmith Langdon.

Educational Background

Cleveland High School, 1956; BS in AG Education, N.C. State University, 1960; Med. Education, N.C. State University, 1968.

Professional Background

Retired Educator.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present; Johnston County Board of Commissioners, 1996-2004.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Agri-Business Council; Johnston County Farm Bureau.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Johnston Memorial Hospital Hospice Board.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Alumni Award, NCSU, College Ag & Life Science, 2005; Administrator of the Year, Johnston County Schools, 1995.

Personal Information

Married, Lena B. Langdon. One child.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Local Government II; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Education, Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges and Mental Health Reform.

David R. Lewis
Republican, Harnett County



Fifty-Third Representative District: Portions of Harnett County

Early Years

Born in Fayetteville, Cumberland County, on March 6, 1971, to Donnie R. and Jean Hudson Lewis.

Educational Background

Cape Fear High School, Fayetteville, 1989; B.A. in Business Administration, Campbell University, 1994.

Professional Background

Farm Equipment Dealer, Quality Equipment, LLC.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House Representatives, 2003-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Chamber of Commerce; Dunn Kiwanis Club.

Honors and Awards

George F. Hixon Kiwanis Service Award; John Deere Signature Dealer.

Personal Information

Married, Michelle Lawrence Lewis. Three children. Member.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Agriculture; Member, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, Finance, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, Insurance and Judiciary III.

Jimmy Lewis Love
Democrat, Lee County



Fifty-First Representative District: Lee and Portions of Harnett counties

Early Years

Born in Sanford, on December 21, 1934, to James A. and Willie McIver Brannon Love.

Educational Background

Sanford Central High School, 1953; BA, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1957; Bachelor of Laws, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1960.

Professional Background

Attorney. Love & Love, P.A.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House Representatives, 1967-1976 and 2007-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

N.C. Bar Association; Rotary; Committee of One Hundred (Lee County Promotional Group).

Military Service

Major, JAG, Air Force, 1960-1961; Reserves 1975; Distinguished ROTC Cadet.

Honors and Awards

Jaycees Young Man of the Year, 1966.

Personal Information

Married, Etta Brown Love. Four children. Eight grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety and Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges; Vice-Chair, Appropriations, Education and Judiciary II; Member, Local Government I, Marine Resources and Aquaculture, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and Wildlife Resources.

Marvin W. Lucas
Democrat, Cumberland County



Forty-Second Representative District: Portions of Cumberland County

Early Years

Born in Spring Lake, Cumberland County, on November 15 to Marvin L. and Rebecca McDougal Lucas.

Educational Background

Anne Chesnutt High School, Fayetteville, 1960; B.S. in English, Fayetteville State University, 1964; M.A. in Education Administration, North Carolina Central University, 1975; Ed. S. in Administration, East Carolina University, 1977.

Professional Background

Retired Principal, Cumberland County Schools.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present; Spring Lake Mayor; Spring Lake Board of Alderman.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Board of Directors, Centura Bank.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Education Commission of the States; National Conference of State Legislators; The Council of State Governments.

Honors and Awards

1998 Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Personal Information

Married, Brenda Ricks Lucas. Three children. Eight grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Education; Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and Alcoholic Beverage Control; Member, Appropriations, Ethics, Local Government II, Public Utilities and Wildlife Resources.

Paul Luebke
Democrat, Durham County

Thirtieth Representative District: Portions of Durham County

Early Years

Born in Chicago, Illinois, on January 18, 1946, to Paul T. and Eunice Elbert Luebke.

Educational Background

Germany Embassy School, Ankara, Turkey, 1959-62; B.A., Valparaiso University, 1966; Ph.D., Columbia University, 1975.

Professional Background

Associate Professor of Sociology, UNC-Greensboro, 1982-Present.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1991-Present.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Board Member, Raleigh-Durham International Airport Authority, 1987-91; Member, Board of Editors, Perspectives on the American South: An Annual Review of Society, Politics and Culture; Member, Board of Editors, Research in Political Sociology.

Personal Information

Married to Carol Gallione. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Senior-Chair, Finance; Vice-Chair, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform and Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House; Member, Energy and Energy Efficiency and Environment and Natural Resources.



Nick Mackey
Democrat, Mecklenburg County

Ninety-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Shelby, Cleveland County, to Winfred and Christine Mackey.

Educational Background

Cleveland Heights High School, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, 1985; B.A. in Criminal Justice, Barber Scocia College; MBA, Pfeiffer University; JD/MPA, University of Akron; MS/Criminal Justice, Boston University.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Omega Psi Phi.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Local Government II; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Judiciary III, State Government/State Personnel and Transportation.



Grier Martin
Democrat, Wake County



Thirty-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, on October, 21, 1968, to D. G. and Harriet Wall Martin.

Educational Background

West Charlotte High School, 1987; B.A. in History, Davidson College, 1991; JD in Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, 1995; L.L.M. in Military Law, with Specialty in International Law, The Judge Advocate General's School, 2004.

Professional Background

Lawyer.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service

Veterans of Foreign Wars; Board of Directors, N.C. Center for Voter Education; N.C. Bar Association (Citizen Lawyer Task Force).

Military Service

Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, 2002-2004, Reserves, 1991-Present. Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Parachutist Badge; Air Assault Badge.

Honors and Awards

“Legislator of the Year” Award, N.C. Disabled American Veterans, 2007; “Defender of the Environment” Award, N.C. Conservation Council, 2010; “Our Hero” Award, Brian Injury Association of N.C., 2009.

Personal Information

Married to Louise Porter Martin, One child.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Pender/New Hanover Redistricting; Vice-Chair, Appropriations, Federal Relations and Indian Affairs, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs and Judiciary I; Member, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, Environment and Natural Resources, Ethics and Transportation.

John May
Democrat, Franklin County

(appointed April 21, 2010)

Forty-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Franklin, Halifax and Nash counties.

Professional Background

Attorney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Environment and Natural Resources; Vice Chair, Local Government I; Transportation; Water Resources and Infrastructure; Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity.



Daniel Francis McComas
Republican, New Hanover County



Nineteenth Representative District: Portions of New Hanover County

Early Years

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on May 26, 1953, to Hugh G. and Nilda Miro (deceased) McComas.

Educational Background

Perpetuo Socorro High School, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1972;
 B.B.A. in Finance, St. Bonaventure University, 1976.

Professional Background

President, MCO Transport, Inc., 1985-Present.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1995-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Board Member, Coastal Land Trust; Board Member, N.C. Trucking Association;
 Board Member, Cape Fear Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Co-Chair, House Finance Committee, Environmental Review Commission, Joint
 Transportation Oversight Committee.

Military Service

U.S. Merchant Marine, 1971-76.

Honors and Awards

1998 Razor Walker Award, UNC-Wilmington School of Education; 1997
 Convention and Visitors Bureau Award.

Personal Information

Married, Betty Garcia McComas. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Finance and Transportation; Member, Environment and Natural
 Resources, Financial Institutions, Health, Marine Resources and Aquaculture,
 Pender/New Hanover Redistricting, Public Utilities and Rules, Calendar, and
 Operations of the House.

Darrell G. McCormick
Republican, Yadkin County

Ninety-Second Representative District: Portions of Iredell, Surry and Yadkin counties

Professional Background

Commercial Real Estate

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Committee Assignments

Member, Aging, Agriculture, Education, Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges, Energy and Energy Efficiency, Finance and University Board of Governors Nominating.



Pat McElraft
Republican, Carteret County

Thirteenth Representative District: Carteret and Jones counties

Professional Background

Technical Sales Representative - Microbiology Products
Company/Real Estate Broker.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-Present.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Marine Resources and Aquaculture; Member, Appropriations,
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Education, Education
Subcommittee on Community Colleges, Environment and Natural Resources,
Juvenile Justice and Local Government II.



William C. McGee
Republican, Forsyth County



Seventy-Fifth Representative District: Portions of Forsyth County

Early Years

Born in King, Stokes County, on February 21, 1936, to William and Kathryn Hauser McGee.

Educational Background

Old Richmond High School, Tobaccolville, 1954; B.S. in Business Administration, High Point University, 1959.

Professional Background

Retired Stock Broker, Smith Barney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Mayor, Village of Clemmons, 1995-2001; Councilman, Village of Clemmons, 1991-1995.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Clemmons Civic Club; Clemmons Rotary Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Appalachian State University Foundation; Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments; Forsyth County Transportation Advisory Board.

Military Service

E-4 (Specialist), N.C. National Guard, Artillery Branch, 1958; Reserves, 1958-1964.

Honors and Awards

Honorary Fire Marshall, Forsyth County Fire Department, 2003; “Lonesome Ed McKnight” Award – Forsyth County Republican Party, 2009.

Personal Information

Married, Diane Bingham McGee. Two children. Four grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Pensions and Retirement; Member, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Finance, Mental Health Reform and Transportation.

Marian Nelson McLawhorn **Democrat, Pitt County**

Ninth Representative District: Portions of Pitt County

Early Years

Born in Kinston, Lenoir County, to Richard Alonza and Murle Chapman Harvey Nelson.

Educational Background

Grifton High School, Grifton, 1961; B.S. in Business Administration, East Carolina University, 1967; Masters in Library Science, ECU, 1988; Education Leadership and Supervision Certification, ECU, 1997.

Professional Background

Media.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-Present; Mayor, Town of Grifton, 1997-98; Commissioner, Town of Grifton, 1992-97.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Business and Professional Women; Women's Forum, Greenville/Pitt County Chamber of Commerce.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Democratic Whip, N.C. House, 2003-2004; Board of Directors, Sheppard Memorial Library Board, 1990-96 (Chair, 1993-95); Board of Directors, Grifton Civic Center Board, 1993-97 (Chair, 1994-96); Board of Directors, Grifton Library, 1990-92.

Honors and Awards

1999 Career Woman of the Year, BPW; Library Champion Award, N.C. Public Library Directors Association; 1995 and 1998 Educator Spotlight Award, Craven County.

Personal Information

Married to Richard Herman McLawhorn, III; Four children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Vice-Chair, Appropriations and Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges; Member, Education, Health, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, Mental Health Reform, Pensions and Retirement, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and Wildlife Resources.



Henry M. Michaux, Jr.
Democrat, Durham County

Thirty-First Representative District: Portions of Durham County

Early Years

Born in Durham, Durham County, on September 4, 1930, to Henry McKinley and Isadore Coates Michaux, Sr.

Educational Background

Palmer Memorial Institute, 1948; B.S., N.C. Central University, 1952; J.D., N.C. Central University School of Law, 1964; Graduate Studies, Rutgers University and N.C. Central University.

Professional Background

Attorney; Executive-Vice President and Director: Union Insurance and Realty Company.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1973-77 and 1985-Present. United States Attorney, Middle District of N.C., 1977-1981.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

N.C. State and National Bar Associations; N.C. Association of Black Lawyers; George H. White Bar Association.

Military Service

Sgt., U.S. Army, 1952-54; Reserves, 1954-60.

Honors and Awards

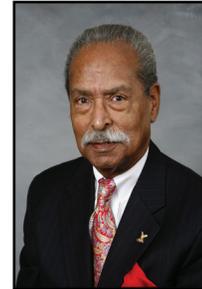
Honorary Doctor of Law, N.C. Central University and Durham College.

Personal Information

Married, June W. Michaux. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Senior-Chair, Appropriations; Vice-Chair, Member, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform; Member, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Judiciary III, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and University Board of Governors Nominating.



Grey Mills **Republican, Iredell County**

Ninety-Fifth Representative District: Portions of Iredell County

Early Years

Born to Paul and Jean Brannon Mills.

Educational Background

Mooresville High School, Mooresville, N.C., 1984; B.S. in Social Science/Education, Appalachian State University, 1990; J.D. in Law, Regent U. Law School, 1994.

Professional Background

Attorney, Mills & Levine, P.A.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, State Bar; Member, Mooresville/South Iredell Chamber of Commerce; Member, Mooresville First Baptist Church.

Personal Information

Married, Jennifer Marion Mills. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Aging, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Judiciary III and Water Resources and Infrastructure.



Annie W. Mobley
Democrat, Hertford County

Fifth Representative District: Bertie, Gates, Hertford and Perquimans counties

Early Years

Born on January 25.

Professional Background

Retired Executive Director.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-Present.

Personal Information

Married Leonard Mobley.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Juvenile Justice; Vice-Chair, State Government/State Personnel; Member, Aging, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety and Judiciary I.



Timothy Keith Moore **Republican, Cleveland County**

One Hundred-Eleventh Representative District: Portions of Cleveland County

Early Years

Born in Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, on October 2, 1970, to Rick and Jean Moore.



Educational Background

Kings Mountain High School, 1988; Campbell University, 1988-1990; B.A. in Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1992; J.D., Oklahoma City University, 1995.

Professional Background

Attorney, Tim Moore, Attorney At Law.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Boy Scouts; Rotary Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

UNC Board of Governors; Cleveland County Economic Development Commission; Cleveland County Board of Adjustment.

Personal Information

Married Juliet McRae Moore. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, University Board of Governors Nominating; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Judiciary II, Public Utilities and Transportation.

Wil Neumann
Republican, Gaston County

One Hundred-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Gaston County



Early Years

Born in Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, on August 14, to Ernest E and Peggy Sell Neumann, III.

Educational Background

Ashbrook High School, Gastonia, 1980; A.A. in Liberal Arts, Gaston College, 1982; B.S. in Industrial Relations, UNC, Chapel Hill, 1984; M.B.A., Pfeiffer College, 1998.

Professional Background

Consultant, Hawkeye Enterprises, LLC.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-Present.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Pathways; Gaston Family Health Services; CaroMont Health Care.

Honors and Awards

Legislator of the Year, Community Health Center, 2009.

Personal Information

Married Heather Dorothy Neumann. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Health; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources, Energy and Energy Efficiency, Financial Institutions, Judiciary I, Mental Health Reform and Public Utilities.

William Clarence Owens, Jr.
Democrat, Pasquotank County



First Representative District: Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank and Tyrrell counties

Early Years

Born in Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, on April 2, 1947, to William C. and Hazel Marie Markham Owens.

Educational Background

Elizabeth City High School, 1965; College of the Albemarle, 1965-67.

Professional Background

Businessman, President, W.W. Owens Moving and Storage.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1995-Present; Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners, 1976-95.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Involved in many civic and charitable organizations, past and present.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Advisory Budget Commission; Vice-Chair, N.C. Economic Development Board, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

Military Service

Staff Sgt., Company C, 1st Battalion, 119th Mechanized Infantry, N.C. National Guard, 1967-92; Major, N.C. Militia, 1992-Present; N.C. Meritorious Service Award.

Honors and Awards

1993 County Commissioner of the Year; 1993 Pasquotank County Industrialist of the Year; 1980 VFW Citizen of the Year.

Personal Information

One child. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital and Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House; Vice-Chair, Appropriations and Water Resources and Infrastructure; Member, Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Environment and Natural Resources, Finance and Local Government II.

Diane McChesney Parfitt
Democrat, Cumberland County

(appointed February 19, 2010)

Forty-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Cumberland County

Early Years

Born in Temple, Texas, on January 1, 1946, to Earl Edward and Laura Stutts McChesney.

Educational Background

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Bethesda, Maryland, 1964; Pre-Nursing, Madison College, 1064-66; BSN in Nursing, University of Virginia, 1968; MSN, Maternal Child Health Nursing, UNC, Chapel Hill, 1973.

Professional Background

Owner, City Center Gallery & Books.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2010-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville; Network – Woman’s Professional Organization; Fayetteville Downtown Alliance.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Governor’s Task Force on Healthy Carolinians.

Honors and Awards

Sigma Theta Tau – National Nursing Honor Society, Awarded at UNC, Chapel Hill, 1972.

Personal Information

Married Henry Edward Parfitt. Two Children. Two Grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Education Subcommittee on Universities; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Education, Health and Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs.



Earline W. Parmon
Democrat, Forsyth County



Seventy-Second Representative District: Portions of Forsyth County

Early Years

Born Buffalo, New York, in 1943, to James and Margaret White Cathcart.

Educational Background

Anderson High School, Winston-Salem, 1961; B.S. in Business Administration, Winston-Salem State University, 1977.

Professional Background

Education Consultant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Forsyth County Commissioner, 1990-2002.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service

Organizations Board of Directors, Forsyth County Library; Board of Trustees, Forsyth Memorial Hospital; N.C. State Team Leader, Veteran Affairs Project, National Foundation for Women Legislators.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

First black elected as Chair of the Forsyth County Democratic Party; Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, 1990-2002.

Military Service

Spec 4, U.S. Army Reserves, 1977-1982.

Honors and Awards

NCABCO Legislative Award, National Association of Black County Officials, 2004; Outstanding Commissioner of the Year, N.C. Association of Black Commissioners, 2001; Shirley Chisholm Legacy Award, Union Chapel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, 2004.

Personal Information

Married Albert Parmon. Four children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education; Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and Education; Member, Appropriations, Health, Judiciary II, Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Reform.

Garland E. Pierce
Democrat, Scotland County

Forty-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties

Early Years

Born on July 9.

Professional Background

Baptist Minister.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Military Service

U.S. Army, 1971-1974.

Personal Information

Married Barbara Pierce.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources; Vice-Chair, Aging, Appropriations, Federal Relations and Indian Affairs; Member, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Insurance and Juvenile Justice.



Shirley B. Randleman **Republican, Wilkes County**

Ninety-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Wilkes County

Early Years

Born in North Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, on October 14, 1950, to Lawson E. and Faye Walsh Jordan Blackburn.

Educational Background

Wilkes Central High School, Wilkesboro, 1968; Wilkes Community College.

Professional Background

NC House/District 94.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2008-Present; Clerk of Superior Court for Wilkes County.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

North Carolina Healthy Carolinians; Wilkes County Mental Health/Substance Abuse Task Forces; Past President/Association of Clerk of Superior Court of N.C.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Youth Accountability Task Force/Legislative Appointment; Oversight Committee/Corrections, Crime Control and Public Safety; Secretary/Legislative Joint Women's Caucus.

Personal Information

Married Ronnie L. Randleman. Two children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Judiciary III, Juvenile Justice, Mental Health Reform, State Government/State Personnel and Transportation.



Ray Rapp
Democrat, Madison County

One Hundred-Eighteenth Representative District: Madison, and Portions of Haywood and Yancey counties



Early Years

Born in Danbury, Connecticut, on February 11, 1945, to Harold B. and Elsie Frost Rapp.

Educational Background

Bethel High School, Bethel, Connecticut, 1962; B.A. in History, Western Connecticut, 1966; M.A. in History, University of South Florida, 1972; History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1972-1977.

Professional Background

Retired College Administrator, Mars Hill College.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Mayor, Town of Mars Hill, 1997-2002; Alderman, Town of Mars Hill, 1993-1997.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Former President, Madison County Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, Hand Made in America; Board of Directors, Southern Appalachian Highland Conservancy.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Past Member, Board of Directors, Land of Sky Regional Council; Past Member, N.C. Local Government Commission; Former Chair, Board of Directors, Appalachian Consortium.

Honors and Awards

Patrick Henry Award for Support of N.C. National Guard, 2004; Outstanding Public Servant Award, Land of Sky Regional Council; Grumman Award for Outstanding Adult Educator, N.C. Adult Education Association, 1995.

Personal Information

Married Dorothy Rutler Rapp. Two children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Vice-Chair, Appropriations and Health; Member, Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Education, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education, Transportation and University of Governors Nominating.

Johnathan Rhyne, Jr.
Republican, Lincoln County

Ninety-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Lincoln County

Early Years

Born in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, June 6, 1955 to Johnathan L. and Marian Lavinia (Stowe) Rhyne, Sr.

Educational Background

Lincolnton High School, 1973; B.A. in Sociology, Davidson College, 1977; J.D., Campbell University School of Law, 1981.

Professional Background

Attorney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1985-92, 2009-Present; Minority Leader, 1989-1992; Lincoln County Republican Party Secretary, 1984.

Committee Assignments

Member, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Ethics, Finance, Financial Institutions, Judiciary II and Wildlife Resources.



Efton Medford Sager **Republican, Wayne County**

Eleventh Representative District: Portions of Wayne County

Early Years

Born in Galena, MO, on June 10, 1933, to Arthur F. and Edna Jones Sager.

Educational Background

Pierce City High School, Pierce City, MO, 1951; Associate Business, Wayne Community, 1981.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2008-Present; Wayne County Commissioner, 2000-2008; Southern Wayne Sanitary District, 1975-77.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Life Member, DAV; Life Member, VFW; American Legion.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Wayne County Board of Elections; East Carolina Council of Government; Wayne County Health Board.

Military Service

Msgt., USAF, 1950-1971; Retired, 1971, Bronze Star; AF Commendation Medal.

Personal Information

Married Deloris Parsons Saeger. Two children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Aging, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Election Law And Campaign Finance Reform, Energy and Energy Efficiency, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs and State Government/State Personnel.



Ruth Samuelson
Republican, Mecklenburg County

One Hundred-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County



Early Years

Born in Charleston, S.C. on November 4, to Bob and Peggy Culbertson.

Educational Background

West Charlotte High School, Charlotte, N.C., 1977; B.A. in Speech Communications, UNC, Chapel Hill, 1981.

Professional Background

President, Ruth: Philanthropy in Motion.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-Present; Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, 2000-2004.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Sustainer Member, Junior League of Charlotte; Member, National Board of Peacemaker Ministries; Charlotte Trustee, Speedway Charities.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

President’s Council, Central Piedmont Community College; Board of Visitors, Johnson C. Smith University; Board of Counselors, Catawba Lands Conservancy.

Honors and Awards

2009 “50 Most Influential Women in Business, Government”, Mecklenburg Times; Hall of Fame inductee, National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women, Charlotte Chapter; Green Government Leader, Charlotte Business Journal.

Personal Information

Married to Ken Samuelson. Four children. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Aging and Energy and Energy Efficiency; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Environment and Natural Resources, Local Government II and Water Resources and Infrastructure.

Mitchell Smith Setzer **Republican, Catawba County**

Eighty-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Catawba and Iredell counties

Early Years

Born in Newton, Catawba County, on March 12, 1965, to William Neil and Dorothy Annas Setzer.



Educational Background

Bandys High School, Catawba, 1983; A.A., Lees-McRae College, 1985; B.A. in Political Science, UNC-Greensboro, 1987.

Professional Background

Vice-President, Smith Setzer & Sons, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-Present; Mayor, Town of Catawba, 1996-98; Commissioner, Town of Catawba, 1992-96.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Riverside Masonic Lodge #606; Catawba Chapter #124, Order of the Eastern Star; Claremont Lions Club.

Honors and Awards

Honorary Lifetime Member, N.C. Troopers Association; 1995 Merit Award, Riverside Masonic Lodge; 1994-95 Merit Award, Catawba Chapter #124, Order of the Eastern Star.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Insurance; Member, Ethics, Finance, Financial Institutions and Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Timothy Lee Spear
Democrat, Washington County



Second Representative District: Chowan, Dare, Hyde and Washington counties

Early Years

Born in Columbia, Tyrrell County, on January 21, 1952, to Louis and Doris Hassell Spear.

Educational Background

Creswell High School, 1970; Pitt Community College, 1970-1971.

Professional Background

Retired. Former Washington County, N.C. Clerk of Superior Court.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-Present; Washington County Clerk of Superior Court, 1982-2005; Washington County Board of Education.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Creswell Ruritan Club; Eastern 4H Center Advisory Board.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission; N.C. Interagency Center for Children; N.C. Courts Commission.

Honors and Awards

Order of the Long Leaf Pine, Governor Mike Easley, 2005; Honorary Member District Bar Association, 2005; Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer, Plymouth Jaycees, 1980.

Personal Information

Married, Judith Esther Davenport Spear. Two children. Four grandchildren.

Personal Information

Chair, Marine Resources and Aquaculture; Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety; Member, Appropriations, Financial Institutions, Judiciary II, Local Government II and Wildlife Resources.

Edgar V. Starnes
Republican, Caldwell County

Eighty-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Caldwell County

Early Years

Born in Hickory, Catawba County, on September 3, 1956, to Ray C. and Sara Capshaw Starnes.

Educational Background

Granite Falls High, 1974; B.A. in History, Carson-Newman College, 1978.

Professional Background

Self Employed Investor.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1987-1988 and 1997-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

ASCS State Committee, 1981-84; Granite Falls Rotary Club; Board Chairman, Lovelady Rescue Squad.

Personal Information

Married, Marilyn Coats Starnes. One child.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship; Member, Agriculture, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform and Finance.



Sarah S. Stevens
Republican, Surry County

Ninetieth Representative District: Portions of Alleghany and Surry counties



Early Years

Born in Mount Airy, Surry County on February 15 to Bobby Guy and Mary Chilton Stevens.

Educational Background

Mt. Airy High School, 1978; B.S., UNC, Greensboro, 1978; J.D., Campbell University, 1986.

Professional Background

Attorney, Sarah Stevens, Attorney At Law.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Greater Mount Airy Ministry of Hospitality, Inc.; Surry County Bar; N.C. Bar Association.

Honors and Awards

Pace Setter Award, UNC, Greensboro, 2010.

Personal Information

Married, Edwin T. Johnson. Two children. Three step children. Two step grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Judiciary I, Juvenile Justice, Science and Technology and Ways and Means/ Broadband Connectivity.

Randy Stewart
Democrat, Nash County

Twenty-Fifth Representative District: Portions of Nash County

Professional Background

Physical Therapist.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.



Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Health, Local Government II and University Board of Governors Nominating.

Bonner L. Stiller
Republican, Brunswick County

(resigned June 15, 2009)

Seventeenth Representative District: Portions of Brunswick County



Early Years

Born in Southport, Brunswick County, on May 10, 1956, to Kenneth S. and Gloria Hewitt Stiller.

Educational Background

South Brunswick High School, 1974; B.S., East Carolina University, 1978; J.D., N.C. Central University.

Professional Background

Attorney, Stiller and Disbrow.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-2009.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Oak Island Fishing Club; Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce; N.C. Bar Association.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Seafood and Aquaculture Commission; Blue Ribbon Task Force on Rising Cost of Health Care Commission; Medical Malpractice Commission.

Honors and Awards

Brunswick County College, 2004; Brunswick County Board of Education, 2003.

Personal Information

Married Julie Carver Stiller. Four children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Judiciary I; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Environment and Natural Resources and Transportation.

Ronnie Neal Sutton
Democrat, Robeson County

Forty-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Robeson County

Educational Background

Magnolia High School; B.A. and M.S., University of West Florida
Naval War College, 1970-77; M.A., Central Michigan University,
1979; J.D., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1985.



Professional Background

Attorney, Ronnie Sutton Law Office; Retired Naval Officer.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1993-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

N.C. Bar Association; N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers; President, Kiwanis, 1990; Life
Member, VFW.

Military Service

Aviator and Commander, U.S. Navy, 22 years; 600 combat hours, Vietnam; Two Air
Medals. Enlisted, U.S. Air Force, four years.

Personal Information

Married Geneva Chavis Sutton. Two children. Four grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Federal Relations and Indian Affairs and Judiciary III; Vice-Chair, Appropriations
Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety; Member, Alcoholic Beverage Control,
Appropriations, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, Pender/New
Hanover Redistricting, State Government/State Personnel and Transportation.

Cullie M. Tarleton
Democrat, Watauga County

Ninety-Third Representative District: Ashe and Watauga counties



Early Years

Born in Marshville, Union County, on January 15, 1939, to Julian C. and Johnsie Phifer Tarleton.

Educational Background

Marshville High School, Marshville, 1956.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Hunger and Health Coalition, Boone, N.C.; N.C. Association of Broadcasters; Blowing Rock Rotary Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Zoological Park Council; Blowing Rock Planning Board.

Military Service

2nd Lt., N.C. National Guard, U.S. Army, 1956-1964; US. Army Reserves.

Honors and Awards

Hall of Fame, N.C. Association of Broadcasters, 2004; Distinguished Service Award, N.C. Association of Broadcasters, 1982; Young Man of the Year Distinguished Service Award, Charlotte Jaycees, 1971.

Personal Information

Married, Sylvia Davis Tarleton. Three children. Six grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship and Water Resources and Infrastructure; Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and Environment and Natural Resources; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Education, Education Subcommittees on Universities and Energy and Energy Efficiency.

Joe P. Tolson
Democrat, Edgecombe County

Twenty-Third Representative District: Portions of Edgecombe and Wilson counties



Early Years

Born in Tarboro, Edgecombe County, on April 15, 1941, to T.L., Sr., and Effie Proctor Tolson.

Educational Background

South Edgecombe High School, Pinetops, 1959; B.S. in Biology, Atlantic Christian College, 1963; M.Ed. in Educational Administration, University of Virginia, 1969.

Professional Background

Retired Educator.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1997-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Pinetops Lions Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Edgecombe County School Board, 1981-1983; N.C. Economic Development Board; N.C. Energy Policy Council.

Honors and Awards

N.C. Electronic Information Technologies Association (NCEITA) Leadership Award, 2000.

Personal Information

Married, Janice Brafford Tolson. Three children. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations; Vice-Chair, Energy and Energy Efficiency and Science and Technology; Member, Agriculture, Education, Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges, Ethics and Pensions and Retirement and Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity.

Russell E. Tucker
Democrat, Duplin County



Fourth Representative District: Duplin and Portions of Onslow counties

Personal Background

Born in Magnolia, Duplin County, to Hubert Ellis and Emma Ola Boney Tucker.

Educational Background

James Kenan High School, Warsaw, 1962; B.S.B.A. in Accounting, East Carolina University, 1966.

Professional Background

Retired Government Finance Officer.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-2002 and 2005-2010.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Woodmen of the World; Liberty Hall Historical Restoration Commission; Duplin County Habitat for Humanity; Duplin County Historical Society.

Personal Information

Married to Geraldine Williams Tucker. Two children. Four grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Pensions and Retirement; Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Local Government II and Public Utilities; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations and Environment and Natural Resources.

Alice Graham Underhill
Democrat, Craven County

Third Representative District: Pamlico and Portions of Craven counties



Early Years

Born in Raleigh, Wake County, on March 8, 1946.

Educational Background

Needham Broughton High School, Raleigh, 1964; B.A. in Education, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1968; M.A. in History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1971; J.D., Campbell University School of Law, 1989.

Professional Background

Law Librarian.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-2002 and 2005-2010.

Personal Information

Married T. Reed Underhill. Three children. Four grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Vice-Chair, Appropriations and Environment and Natural Resources; Member, Agriculture, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, Judiciary III, Marine Resources and Aquaculture and Water Resources and Infrastructure.

Edith D. Warren
Democrat, Pitt County



Eighth Representative District: Martin and Portions of Pitt counties

Early Years

Born in Edgecombe County, on January 29, 1937, to James Murray and Nora Elizabeth Downs Doughtie.

Educational Background

Bethel High School, Bethel, 1954; B.S. in Education, East Carolina University, 1960; M.A. in Education and School Administration, East Carolina University, 1974.

Professional Background

Retired Educator.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-Present; Pitt County Board of Commissioners, 1996-98.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, Board of Directors, Tarheel Association of Principals & Asst. Principals, 1989-1992; President, District 1, Tarheel Association of Principals & Asst. Principals, 1989-1990; Member, Board of Directors, N.C. Principals & Asst. Principals, 1986-1989.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children; N.C. Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless Programs; Interagency Council for Children with Disabilities.

Honors and Awards

Pitt County Principal of the Year, 1990; Farmville Citizen of the Year, 1996; Ralph Kimbel Award, 2003, N.C. Principals and Assistant Principals Association.

Personal Information

Married Billy Nunn Warren (deceased). Three children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources; Vice-Chair, Appropriations and Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education; Member, Agriculture, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Education, Local Government II, University Board of Governors Nominating and Water Resources and Infrastructure.

Ray Warren
Democrat, Alexander County

Eighty-Eighth Representative District: Alexander and Portions of Catawba counties



Early Years

Born in Alexander County, on December 16, 1941, to Thomas and Ruby Walker Warren.

Educational Background

Stoney Point High School, 1960, CVCC, 1969-1970.

Professional Background

Retired Sheriff.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Past President, Rotary Club, Boy Scout Board, 1998-2002, Alexander County Hospital Board, 2000-2002.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Judicial Standards Commission.

Military Service

Sgt. E-5, 9th Infantry, U.S. Army, 1966-1968. Good Conduct Award, Bravery Citation, Vietnam Service Award.

Honors and Awards

Governor's Order of the Long Leaf Pine, 2001; Citizen of the Year, Alexander County Chamber, 2002; Key to the County, Alexander County Commissioners, 2007.

Personal Information

Married, Iran Pennell Warren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Alcoholic Beverage Control; Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety and Judiciary III; Member, Appropriations, Education, Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs and Water Resources and Infrastructure.

Jennifer Weiss **Democrat, Wake County**

Thirty-Fifth Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Somerville, N.J., on October 29, 1959.

Educational Background

Princeton Day School, Princeton, N.J., 1977; B.A. in Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1981; J.D., University of Virginia School, 1986.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

School Volunteer; League of Women Voters.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force; N.C. Child Fatality Task Force.

Honors and Awards

Defender of Justice, N.C. Justice Center, 2008; William C. Lassiter first Amendment Award, N.C. Press Association, 2002; Ruth M. Easterling House Award, Covenant with N.C.'s Children, 2005.

Personal Information

Married to Bruce Alan Hamilton. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Finance; Vice-Chair, Aging and Judiciary II; Member, Health, Juvenile Justice and Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.



Thomas Roger West
Republican, Cherokee County

One Hundred-Twentieth Representative District: Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Portions of Macon counties



Early Years

Born in Murphy, Cherokee County, on November 1, 1948, to Herman and Margie Bryson West.

Educational Background

Andrews High School, Andrews, 1967.

Professional Background

Contractor, Roger West Contracting.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2000-Present.

Military Service

E-5, MCB 121, U.S. Navy, 1969-71. National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Personal Information

Married, Judy Ann Gaddis West. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Wildlife Resources; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Environment and Natural Resources, Federal Relations and Indian Affairs and Judiciary I.

Laura I. Wiley
Republican, Guilford County

Sixty-First Representative District: Portions of Guilford County

Early Years

Born on September 7.

Professional Background

Former Educator.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Personal Information

Married, Bruce Wiley.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Education, Judiciary III, Local Government II, Mental Health Reform and State Government/State Personnel.



W. A. (Winkie) Wilkins, Jr.
Democrat, Person County

Fifty-Fifth Representative District: Person and Portions of Durham counties



Early Years

Born in Roxboro, Person County, on January 31, 1941, to Winfrey A. and Sue Satterfield Wilkins.

Educational Background

Roxboro High School, Roxboro, 1959; Attended UNC-Chapel Hill, 1959-1966.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

The Rocket Club (Person High School Booster Club), 1971-Present; Volunteer Chairman/Organizer, Roxboro Christmas Parade, 1971-1987; Budget Committee Chairman, Person County United Way, 1980's.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chairman, Person County Bicentennial Committee, 1971-1976; Member, Person County Throughfare Advisory Committee, 2005-Present.

Military Service

Staff Sgt. (E-6), 3274th US Army Hospital; US Army, 1961-62; Reserves, 1962-1968.

Honors and Awards

Named One of Person County's Most Influential Citizens Between the years 1970-2000, Piedmont Community College, 2000; Won 23 Editorial Awards while with The Courier-Times in Roxboro, N.C. Press Association, 1971-1997; Rocket Club Annual Service Award Winner.

Personal Information

Married, Frances McNairy Wilkins. Two children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, State Government/State Personnel; Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources and Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship; Member, Appropriations, Education, Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges, Health, Transportation and Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity.

Arthur J. Williams, III **Democrat, Beaufort County**

Sixth Representative District: Beaufort and Portions of Pitt counties

Early Years

Born in Washington, Beaufort County, on September 19, 1941, to Arthur J. Jr. and Anne Padgett Williams.

Educational Background

Washington High School, 1959.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Ruritan Club; Economic Development; Cooperative Bank.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Beaufort County Hospital Foundation Board; Beaufort County Community College Board; Wildlife Resources Commission.

Military Service

AIC, 2nd OMS Main Squadron, US Air Force, 1959-1963.

Honors and Awards

Long Leaf Pine, 2002; Committee 100, 2006; Rotarian of the Year, 2003.

Personal Information

Married, Ginny Daniels Williams. Two children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Wildlife Resources; Vice-Chair, Agriculture, Financial Institutions, Marine Resources and Aquaculture and Transportation; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and University Board of Governors Nominating.



Larry W. Womble
Democrat, Forsyth County

Seventy-First Representative District: Portions of Forsyth County



Early Years

Born in Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, on June 6, 1941, to Owen Luchion and Dorothy Gwyn Womble.

Educational Background

Atkins High School, Winston-Salem, 1959; B.S. in Education, Winston-Salem State University, 1963; Masters of Education Administration, UNC-Greensboro, 1975; Ed.S. in Education Administration, Appalachian State University, 1977.

Professional Background

Retired Educator, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1995-Present; City Council, City of Winston-Salem, 1981-1993.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

National League of Cities; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, 1962-Present; N.C. Legislative Black Caucus, 1995-Present.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Old Hickory Boy Scouts; NAACP; National Black Caucus of State Legislators, 1995-Present.

Honors and Awards

State Human Service Award, N.C. Black Social Workers, 1992; Assistant Principal of the Year, State of N.C., 1992; Man of the Year Award, Chronicle Newspaper, 1986.

Personal Information

One child.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital and Education Subcommittee on Universities; Vice-Chair, Appropriations, Education and Finance; Member, Environment and Natural Resources, Local Government I, State Government/State Personnel and University Board of Governors Nominating.

Michael H. Wray
Democrat, Northampton County

Twenty-Seventh Representative District: North Hampton, Warren and Portions of Vance counties



Early Years

Born in Roanoke Rapids, Halifax County, On April 6, 1967, to Harold Weathers and Shirley Doris Clary Wray.

Educational Background

Northeast Academy, Lasker, 1986; Barton College.

Professional Background

Businessman/Developer, Wray Developments.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present; Commissioner, Town of Gaston.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Rotary Club; Lions Club; National Wildlife Turkey Federation.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Economic Development Board; N.C. Board of CPA Examiners; Governor's Crime Commission.

Personal Information

Married, Kay Elizabeth Woodard Wray. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Insurance; Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources and Wildlife Resources; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship and Transportation.

Douglas Yates Yongue **Democrat, Scotland County**

Forty-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties

Early Years

Born in Lumberton, Robeson County, on March 20, 1937, to Robert Eugene, Jr., and Elizabeth Gibson Yongue.



Educational Background

Laurinburg High School, 1955; A.A., Edwards Military Institute, 1957; B.S. in Industrial Arts, East Carolina University, 1959; M.A. in Industrial Arts and Administration, East Carolina University, 1960; Completed 45 hours at East Carolina University and Western Carolina University to obtain State Certification in Guidance and Counseling, 1965; Ph.D. in Education, Nova University, 1986.

Professional Background

Retired Educator/General Contractor.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1994-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Phi Delta Kappa; Lumberton Rotary Club, Saint Luke United Methodist Church.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Southern Regional Education Board and Vice-Chair of Legislative Advisory Council; Public School Forum, Board of Directors and Executive Committee; Industrial Extension Service, Advisory Board.

Honors and Awards

2009 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, St. Andrews Presbyterian College; 2008 Distinguished Friend of Education, N.C. State Board of Education; 2007 Champion for Children, N.C. Association of School Administrators; 2004 Friend of Education Award, N.C.A.E.

Personal Information

Married, Mildred Hurley Yongue. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations; Vice-Chair, Ethics; Member, Education, Education Subcommittee on Universities, Federal Relations and Indian Affairs, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and State Government/State Personnel.

Denise Gale Weeks **N.C. House Principal Clerk**

Early Years

Born in Raleigh, Wake County, on July 22, 1955, to Mack and Winnifred Stephenson Weeks.

Educational Background

Fuquay-Varina High, 1973; N.C. State University, 1973-74, 1978.

Professional Background

Principal Clerk, N.C. House of Representatives, 1993-Present; Assistant Calendar Clerk, N.C. House, 1977-80; Computer Clerk, N.C. House, 1980-82; Calendar Clerk, N.C. House, 1985-88; Administrative Assistant, N.C. House, 1989-92; General Partner, Family Business.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (Secretary/Treasurer, 1997; President Elect, 1998; President, 1999); Administrator, N.C. Seafood Festival, 1988.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Mason's Manual Study Commission.

Personal Information

Married, Henry J. Burke.



James H. Harry **N.C. House Chaplain**



Early Years

Born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on May 4, 1966, to Robert and Jean Belles Harry.

Educational Background

Wyoming Valley West High School, Plymouth, PA, 1984; B.A. in Elementary Education, Berea College, 1988; Master of Divinity, Duke University, 1994.

Professional Background

Minister, Trinity United Methodist Church, Raleigh, 2000-Present; Minister, Franklinton United Methodist Church, Franklinton, 1998-2000; Associate Minister, Highland United Methodist Church, Raleigh, 1994-1998.

Political Activities

Chaplain, N.C. House of Representatives, 1997-1998 and 2003-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Urban Ministries of Wake County Board, 2001-2002; Rex Hospital Institutional Review Board, 1996-1998; Crabtree Valley Youth Leadership Board, 1995-1998.

Personal Information

Married Robin Greene Harry. Two children.

Robert Samuels **N.C. House Sergeant-at-Arms**



Early Years

Born in High Point, Guilford County, on November 24, 1930, to Albert Phillip and Josie Leona Robinson Samuels.

Educational Background

High Point High School, 1949; UNC-Chapel Hill, 1954; N.C. Highway Patrol School.

Professional Background

Chief Deputy, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Department, 1985-95; N.C. State Highway Patrol, 1954-85.

Political Activities

Sergeant-at-Arms, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, National Legislative Services and Security Association; Master Mason, Southern Pines Lodge 484; Shriner Oasis Temple, Charlotte; Fraternal Order of Police.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Board of Trustees (Past Chair) and Member, Finance Committee, Past President, Methodist Men, Commonwealth United Methodist Church, Charlotte.

Military Service

Sgt., U.S. Marine Corps, 1951-54.

Personal Information

Married, Jackie Moore Samuels. Three children. Three grandchildren.

John H. Young
N.C. House Acting Reading Clerk

Early Years

Born in Birmingham, AL, on July 28, 1942, to Bonnie Westbrook.

Educational Background

Madison County High School, GA, 1960; B.A., Emory University, 1964; MPH, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1969.

Political Activities

Acting Reading Clerk, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present.

Personal Information

Married, Cheryl Grant Young. One child.



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