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Senator Joan Carter Conway

Joan Carter Conway, a native of Baltimore, was born to Floyd O. and Pauline N. Carter. A devoted wife and mother, she is married to Vernon Campaign Conway, and mother of Marvin Neal Carter and proud grandmother of Olivia and Marvin. The Senator is a long term resident of the 43rd Legislative District Northwood Community. After receiving an Associate of Arts Degree in Human Services from the Community College of Baltimore, she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from the University of Baltimore. For more than 20 years, Senator Conway has dedicated her time and abilities as a civil servant to the citizens of Baltimore City and the state of Maryland. Senator Conway is a member of Israel Baptist Church.

In 1993 she made history when she was elected as the first African American woman to serve as a member of Baltimore City Council in the 3rd Councilmatic District. During her term she served as a member of the Advisory Council on Environmental Justice, State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders, Task Force on Public Charter Schools, Task Force to Study Increasing the Availability of Substance Abuse Programs, Special Committee to Study Issues Related to Class-Size Reduction, Governor's Task Force on African-American Entrepreneurship in Baltimore City, Special Committee on Voting Systems and Election Procedures in Maryland, Task Force to Study Health Care Needs of Inmates in Transition from Correctional Institutions, Statewide Commission on the Crisis in Nursing, Task Force on Indoor Air Quality, State Commission on Public Funding of Campaigns in Maryland, and the Task Force to Study the Reorganization of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Senator Conway has been a member of Maryland State Senate since January 8, 1997. She was unanimously appointed in 1997 by the State Central Committee as the first woman, and African-American, to serve as the State Senator for the 43rd Legislative District. During her tenure in the Maryland state senate she has served as Vice-Chair of the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee, Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, Special Committee on Substance Abuse, member of Joint Committee on Federal Relations, Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review, Vice-Chair, Executive Nominations Committee member of the Joint Committee on the Selection of the State Treasurer, Secretary of the Maryland Legislative Black caucus and member of Women Legislators of Maryland. As a tireless advocate in the fight to help individuals move to self-sufficiency, Senator Conway has had a long history of public service that predates her election to public office.

As with the majority of state legislators, Senator Conway has a professional career. She was employed by Model Cities Program from 1970 -1976, and Urban Services Agency from 1976- 1993. The Senator served as Director of Helping Unite Baltimore (HUB) #13, Department of Housing and Community Development in Baltimore City from 1993-1994. The Program Director for Stability, Uniqueness, Renewal and Elevation (SURE), and the Jentry McDonald Corporation, 1994-1995. She is also CO-owner, CIG Professional Tax Services, Inc. with her husband Tim.

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