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Member, Forest Land Task Force, 1981-84; Mosquito Control Committee, 1982-83; Governor's Task Force on Time-Sharing, 1983-84; Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, 1983-85; Governor's Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, 1986-99; Work Force Investment Board, 1988-95; Governor's Commission on Competitive Forces Facing Maryland's Horse-Racing Industry, 1994; Joint Executive-Legislative Task Force to Study Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland, 1995; Task Force on Education Funding Equity, Accountability, and Partnerships, 1997-98; Task Force to Study Retail Electric Competition and the Restructuring of the Electric Utility Industry, 1997-98; Commission to Study Ways to Improve the Financial Viability of the Racing Industry, 1997-99; Commission on Transportation Investment, 1999; Commission on Education Finance, Equity, and Excellence, 1999-; Transit Policy Panel, 2000; Special Commission to Study Sexual Orientation Discrimination in Maryland, 2000-.

Born in L'Anse, Michigan, February 9, 1933. Northern State Teachers College, B.A. Head Start teacher, Detroit, Michigan, 1960-62; campaign manager and aide to U.S. Representative William D. Ford of Michigan. Administrative assistant, Democratic National Committee. Member, Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee; National Capital Democratic Club; Women's National Democratic Club; Women's Suburban Democratic Club; Eastern Montgomery, Kensington, Wheaton Democratic Club. Member, Plowmen & Fishermen; National Organization for Women (NOW); National Professional and Business Women's Organization; National Association of Sunday School Instructors.

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