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Member of U.S. House of Representatives since 1987. Member, Science Committee (basic research subcommittee; chair, technology subcommittee); Government Reform Committee (civil service subcommittee; chair, district of columbia subcommittee, 2001- (past vice-chair)). Former co-chair, Women's Issues Caucus. Served in Arms Control

and Foreign Policy Caucus (first woman chair, 1991-94); Federal Government Service Task Force; Arts Caucus. Member, Human Rights Caucus. Co-Chair, Older Americans Caucus, 1994-.

Member, Maryland House of Delegates, representing District 16 (Montgomery County), 1979-87. Member, Appropriations Committee, 1979-87. Represented United States at United Nations Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 1994. Co-Chair, congressional delegation to United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 1995.

Born in Somerville, Massachusetts, February 12, 1931. Boston University, A.B., 1954; The American University, M.A., 1967. Professor of English, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD, 1970-85. Member, National Advisory Board of The American University, Washington, DC. Trustee, Capitol College, Laurel, Maryland. Member, Montgomery County United Way Council; Advisory Council of Montgomery County Hospice Society. Member, Honorary Board of National Kidney Foundation. Founding member, Global Legislators for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE), an international organization that addresses world environmental issues. Honorary doctorates from The American University, Norwich University, Dickinson College, Mount Vernon College, and University of Maryland University College. Named one of Ten Best Members of Congress for Women by McCall's magazine. Inducted into Maryland Women's Hall of Fame, 1994. Married; three children, (and raised her late sister's six children).

CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION DISTRICTS

After each federal census, Congress determines the number of representatives for each state based on population (U.S. Constitution, Art. 1, sec. 2). Maryland retained eight seats in the U.S. House of Representatives following the 1990 federal census. Every two years, voters elect one representative from each of Maryland's eight congressional election districts (Code 1957, Art. 33, sec. 22-2).

Boundaries of Maryland's congressional election districts are defined by legislation enacted by the General Assembly. These boundaries have changed over time, and they continue to change. Local boards of elections are empowered to redefine precinct boundaries but cannot alter the election districts or wards designated by the Legislature. Consequently, boundaries defined by law for some congressional election districts may have undergone changes at the precinct level between enactments of the General Assembly (Code 1957, Art. 33, sec. 2-12).

In the boundary description of congressional election districts that follows, all references to election districts, wards, and precincts signify geographical boundaries as they existed on April 1, 1990. Precinct boundaries are dynamic. Changes are made to reflect population shifts and to ensure convenient polling places for all voters. Local boards of elections can provide current information on precincts encompassed within each district. Maryland's present congressional election districts were enacted by the General Assembly in 1991 (Chapter 4, Acts of 2nd Special Session of 1991; Code 1957, Art. 33, secs. 22-3 through 22-10).