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Secretary Willis chairs the Governor's Commission on Maryland Military Monuments and is the Governor's representative on the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum Advisory Board. He served on the Commission to Revise the Election Code (1996-98), which led to modernization and recodification of Maryland's election laws. Currently, Secretary Willis serves on the Maryland Gives! Task Force created by the Governor and the General Assembly to conduct research on the nonprofit sector and charitable giving, and recommend ways to promote and improve charitable giving throughout the State. He also serves on the Advisory Board to the

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From 1987 to 1989, Mr. Willis served on the Democratic National Committee and was Vice-Chair of the Maryland Democratic Party. At the Democratic Party National Conventions, he served on the Rules Committee in 1976, 1984, and 1992; as an Alternate Delegate in 1980; and as a Delegate in 1988, 1996, and 2000. He served as a member of the Democratic State Central Committee for Carroll County, having been elected with the highest number of votes in the primary election on September 14, 1982. In 1992, he was a member of the Electoral College from Maryland. Secretary Willis was elected Chair of the Democratic Association of Secretaries of State in 1995 and serves as their representative to the Democratic National Committee.

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