

Member, Availability Committee of Task Force to Study Increasing the Availability of Substance Abuse Programs, 1998-2001; Governor's Task Force on Eastern Shore Economic Development, 1999-2001; Mid-Shore Regional Council, 2001-; Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, 2001-; Advisory Board, Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, Salisbury University, 2002-; Task Force to Study the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program, 2003.

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1943. Bryn Mawr Hospital School of Nursing (registered nurse degree); University of Maryland School of Nursing, B.S., 1978, M.S., 1981. Registered Nurse-Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist. Regional Team, Mental Hygiene Administration, 1983-85. Adjunct faculty, Salisbury State University, 1985. Psychiatric Nurse Clinical Specialist, Eastern Shore Hospital Center, 1985-2003. Adjunct faculty, University of Maryland School of Nursing, 1991-99. Member, Dorchester County Republican Central Committee, 1986-1994. Board of Directors, Dorchester General Hospital, 1988-. President, Maryland Nurses Association, 1989-91 (legislative chair, 1986-89, 1993-94). Executive Committee, Maryland Hospital Association, 1993-. Board of Directors, Leadership Maryland, Inc., 2001-. Delegate, Republican Party National Convention, 2004. Board member, Chesapeake Health Planning Systems (past president & vice-president). Member, Maryland Nurses Association; American Nurses Association; American Ortho-Psychiatric Association; Sigma Theta Tau. Psychiatric Nursing Award, University of Maryland Graduate School of Nursing, 1981. Nurse of the Year, District 4, Maryland Nurses Association, 1986, 1991. Rosalie S. Abrams Legislative Award, Maryland Nurses Association, 1988. Outstanding Board Member Award, Maryland Nurses Association, 1992. Outstanding Rural Legislator Award, Rural Maryland Council, 2003. Recognition for ongoing commitment to and support for children, youth, and families, Local Management Board, 2003. Maryland's Top 100 Women, Daily Record, 2003, 2005. Married; three sons; seven grandchildren.



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Member of House of Delegates since January 12, 1983. Minority Leader, 2003-. Member, Appropriations Committee, 1983- (capital budget subcommittee, 1992-; health & the environment subcommittee, 1992-94; transportation & the environment subcommittee, 1995-; oversight committee on pensions, 1995-; chair, oversight committee on program open space & agricultural land preservation, 1994-2002; oversight committee on personnel, 2003-, chair, 2003). Member, Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation, 1991- (house chair, 1991-2003). Member, Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, 1995-; Special Joint Committee on Pensions, 1995-; Task Force to Study the State's Retiree Health Insurance Liabilities, 2002-; Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics, 2003-; Legislative Policy Committee, 2003- (management subcommittee, 2003-); Spending Affordability Committee, 2003-; Special Committee on State Employee Rights and Protections, 2005-; Joint Commission on the Maryland Port Administration, 2005-. Member, Special Joint Task Force on Transportation, 1995-97; Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds, 1995-2003; Special Joint Committee on Competitive Taxation and Economic Development, 1996-97; Special Committee on School Enrollment Management, 1996-97. Deputy Minority Whip, 1996-97. Member, Special Committee on Rail Mergers, 1997; Joint Committee on the Selection of the State Treasurer, 2003. Chair, Garrett County Delegation, 1983-. Chair, Western Maryland Delegation, 1995-2004. Chair, Allegany County Delegation, 1998-. Member, Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, 2001-; Maryland Rural Caucus, 2002-; Maryland Veterans Caucus, 2005-. Member, National Conference of State Legislatures (environment & natural resources committee).

Member, Town Council, Town of Grantsville, 1972-74, 1980-82. Member, Board of County Commissioners, Garrett County, 1974-78. Member, Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, 1983-; Citizens Advisory Board for Brandenburg Center, 1991-2000; Maryland Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness, 1995-98; Task Force to Study the Governance, Coordination, and Funding of the University System of Maryland, 1998-99; Maryland Comprehensive Transit Plan Transit Advisory Panel, 1998-99; Western Maryland Economic Development Task Force, 1998-; Transit Policy Panel, 2000; State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services, 2000-05; Deep Creek Lake Policy and Review Board, 2000-; Task Force to Study Public School Facilities, 2002-04; Youth Centers Executive Advisory Board, Department of Juvenile