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Member of House of Delegates since January 11, 1995. Deputy Majority Whip, 2003-Member, Health and Government Operations Committee, 2003- (health facilities, equipment & products subcommittee, 2003-04; long-term care subcommittee, 2003-04; public health subcommittee, 2003-; chair, minority health disparities committee, 2004-); Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing, 1995-; Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, 2003-. Member, Environmental Matters Committee, 1995-2003 (health & public utilities subcommittee, 1995-99; health subcommittee, 1999-2003); Joint Legislative Task Force on Organ and Tissue Donations, 1997-98. Former member, Liaison Work Group, Baltimore City Delegation. Secretary, Baltimore County Delegation, 2003-. Member, Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland (formerly Maryland Legislative Black Caucus), 1995- (1st vice-chair 2000-02; chair, health care committee, 2000; chair, legislative review committee, 2001-; member, redistricting committee, 2000-02; secretary, 2002-04); Women Legislators of Maryland, 1995- (executive board, 1998-2000; legislative committee, 2001-; 2nd vice-president, 2003-04; president-elect, 2005-); Maryland Green Caucus, 1996-; Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Caucus, 2003-. Member, National Black Caucus of State Legislators (vice-chair, committee on health, 2003-05); National Conference of State Legislatures (human services & welfare committee).

Member, Social Services Commission, Baltimore City, 1990-94. Member, Asbestos Oversight Committee, 1995-; Task Force on Maryland's Dairy Industry, 1995-97; Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee, 1996-; State Advisory Council on Nutrition, 1998-2000; Maryland Advisory Council for New Americans, 1998-2004. Co-Chair, Effectiveness Committee of Task Force to Study Increasing the Availability of Substance Abuse Programs, 1998-2001. Member, Task Force on Quality of Care in Nursing Facilities, 1999; Task Force to Study Health Care Needs of Inmates in Transition from Correctional Institutions, 2000-02; Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes, 2000-; Task Force on the Needs of Persons with Co-occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders, 2005-.

Born in Trelawny, Jamaica, West Indies, May 20, 1939. Naburn and Bootham Park Hospitals School of Nursing, Yorkshire, England, 1960; Baltimore City Hospital School of Practical Nursing, L.P.N., 1962; Baltimore Community College, A.A. (nursing), 1975; University of Maryland at Baltimore, B.S. (nursing), 1980; The Johns Hopkins University, M.A.S. (administrative science), 1987. Registered nurse and business owner. Faculty Associate, The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, 1997-2000. Member, Democratic State Central Committee, 1990-94; Legislative and Executive Committee, Maryland Democratic Party, 1990-94. Delegate, Democratic Party National Convention, 1996. Board of Directors, Planned Parenthood of Maryland, 1996-99. Founder or co-founder: Maryland Black Congress on Health Law and Economics; Black Mental Health Alliance; Baltimore City Community College Nursing Alumni Association; Jamaican Association of Maryland. Member, Black Mental Health Alliance; Maryland Nurses Association; American Nurses Association; National Black Nurses Association; National Association of Health Service Executives (Community Service Award, Sigma Theta Tau International 1997); Honor Society of Nursing, 1996-. Member, National Political Congress of Black Women; Women Power, Inc. Inductee, Alumni Hall of Distinction, Baltimore City Community College. Legislator of the Year, Maryland Nursing Association, 1997. Legislative award, Mid-Atlantic Community Health Center, 1999. Legislator of the Year, American Heart Association, 2001. Certificate of Appreciation, the Consul General of Jamaica, 2001. Certificate of Merit, New York State Senate, 2001. Distinguished Service Award, Barbados National Association of Baltimore, 2002. Maryland's Top 100 Women, Daily Record, 2002, 2005. Legislative award, Metropolitan Baltimore Branch, Mental Health Association of Maryland, 2003. Positive People Award, Baltimore Times, 2003. Value Hours Award, Fullwood Foundation, Inc., 2004. Divorced; three children; five grandchildren.