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Member of House of Delegates since January 13, 1999. Member, Economic Matters Committee, 2003- (alcoholic beverages work group, 2003-; business regulation subcommittee, 2003-; property & casualty insurance subcommittee, 2003-). Member, Commerce and Government Matters Committee, 1999-2003 (state government & procurement subcommittee, 1999-2003). Member, Women Legislators of Maryland, 1999-; Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, 2001-; Maryland Rural Caucus, 2002-; Taxpayers Protection Caucus, 2003-.

Member, County Council, Harford County, 1986-98 (vice-president, 1991; president, 1994-98). Chair, Child Sex-Abuse Treatment Center Task Force, 1988-96. Board of Library Trustees, Harford County, 1989-93. Board member, Community Action Agency, Harford County, 1989-. Board of Estimates, Harford County, 1994-98. Member, Commission on Disabilities, Harford County, 1996-98; Action Team to Fight Underage Drug Use, Harford County, 1997-98; Strategic Planning Committee, Public Schools, Harford County, 1998. Member, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board, 1988-90; Cumulative Impact Workgroup, Department of Natural Resources, 1994; Task Force on Education Funding Equity, Accountability, and Partnerships, 1997-98. Advisory Board, Institute for Governmental Service, 2000-.

Born in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, September 11, 1940. Attended Gettysburg College; Peabody Conservatory of Music. Career in advertising, 1961-73. Member, Maryland Association of Counties, 1986-98 (board of directors, 1991-98; secretary, 1995; executive board, 1995-98; 2nd vice-president, 1996; 1st vice-president, 1997; president, 1998). Community Services Board, United Way of Central Maryland, 1987-91. Alternate delegate, Republican Party National Convention, 1992. Member, Maryland Republican Party; Harford County Republican Women; Second District Republican Club. Founder and President of Board, The Highlands School, Inc., 1996- (private school, grades 3-8, for children with learning differences & disabilities). Outstanding Woman of the Year, Women's Club of Greater Fallston, 1984. Virginia Scotten Award, Harford County Republican Central Committee, 1987. Honorary Chair, March of Dimes - Walk America, 1996-98. Maryland's Top 100 Women, Daily Record, 2003. Widow; two children.

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Member of House of Delegates since January 11, 1995. Deputy Majority Whip, 2003-. Member, Ways and Means Committee, 1999- (education subcommittee, 1999-2000; tax & revenue subcommittee, 2001-03; chair, election law subcommittee, 2003-); Joint Committee on Protocol, 1999-; Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, 2003-; Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, 2004-. Member, Commerce and Government Matters Committee, 1995-98 (vice-chair, transportation subcommittee, 1995-98); Special Committee on Rail Mergers, 1997; Joint Committee on the Selection of the State Treasurer, 2003. Chair, County Affairs Committee, Prince George's County Delegation, 1999-. Member, Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland (formerly Maryland Legislative Black Caucus), 1995- (treasurer, 1998-2002; chair, 2002-04).