

*Central Maryland, 1982. Award for outstanding community services, Urban Services Agency, 1985. Mayor's citation, Baltimore City, 1990. Community service day award, Governor William Donald Schaefer, 1993. Leadership and participation award, City of Baltimore, 1993. Best Politician Award, City Paper, 1996. Outstanding Professional Achievement, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, 1997. Legislative Service Award, National Federation of the Blind of Maryland, 1998. Verda F. Welcome Award, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 1998. Outstanding Service Award, U.S. Coast Guard, 1999. Maryland's Top 100 Women, Daily Record, 2000. Member, Israel Baptist Church. Married; one son, one granddaughter.*



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Member of Senate since January 11, 1995. Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee, 2002- (member, 1995-; capital budget subcommittee, 1995-; education, business & administration subcommittee, 2000; pensions subcommittee, 2000-; chair, public safety, transportation & environment subcommittee, 2001-02); Special Joint Committee on Pensions, 1999-. Member, Joint Technology Oversight Committee, 2000-; Spending Affordability Committee, 2001-; Legislative Policy Committee, 2002- (management subcommittee, 2002-). Member, Executive Nominations Committee, 2003-; Rules Committee, 2003-; Joint Audit Committee, 2003-; Senate Special Commission on Electric Utility Deregulation Implementation, 2005-; Joint Commission on the Maryland Port Administration, 2005-; Special Committee on State Employee Rights and Protections, 2005-. Member, Joint Committee to Study Mandates on Local Government, 1995-97. Senate Chair, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds, 1995-2000. Assistant Deputy Majority Whip, 1996-98. Deputy Majority Whip, 1999-2002. Member, Joint Committee on Welfare Reform, 1996-2000. Senate Chair, Joint Audit Committee, 1997-2000. Chair, Rules Committee, 1999-2000. Co-Chair, Special Committee on Gaming, 2001. Member, Senate Committee on Redistricting, 2001-02; Joint Committee on the Selection of the State Treasurer, 2002, 2003. Chair, Special Commission on Legislative Prayer, 2003. Member, Senate Special Commission on Medical Malpractice Liability Insurance, 2004. Chair, Prince George's County Delegation, 1997-2000. Member, Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland (formerly Maryland Legislative Black Caucus), 1995- (vice-chair, redistricting committee, 2001-; co-chair, education committee, 2000). Member, Maryland Veterans Caucus, 2004. Member, National Conference of State Legislatures (budgets & revenue standing committee).

Member, House of Delegates, January 1987 to January 11, 1995, representing District 25 (Prince George's County). Majority Whip. Member, Ways and Means Committee, 1987-89; Appropriations Committee, 1990-94 (vice-chair, human resources & public safety subcommittee); Legislative Policy Committee, 1991-94; Joint Budget and Audit Committee, 1991-94; Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation, 1991-94; Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, 1992-94.

Member, Governor's Commission on Black Males, 1990-96; Task Force on Education Funding in Prince George's County, 1995-96; Task Force on Law Enforcement of Cabinet Council on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, 1995-96; Child Care Administration Advisory Council, 1995-98; Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, 1995-2004; Task Force on the Loss of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Legal Immigrants in Maryland, 1996-97; Maryland Comprehensive Transit Plan Transit Advisory Panel, 1998-99; Chair, Task Force to Study School Construction Work-Based Learning and Apprenticeship Programs, 1998-99. Member, Maryland Child-Care Business Partnership, 1998-2000; Commission on Transportation Investment, 1999; Transit Policy Panel, 2000. Co-Chair, Task Force on the Prince George's County Transfer Tax Rate, 2000-01. Member, Virginia-Maryland-District of Columbia Joint Legislative Commission on Interstate Transportation, 2000-; Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities, 2001-; Commission on Maryland's Fiscal Structure, 2002-03; Prince George's Hospital System Improvement Task Force, 2002-03; National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board of Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Board of Directors, University of Maryland Medical System Corporation, 2003-. Member, Task Force to Study the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program, 2003; Transportation Task Force, 2003; Governor's Commission on Quality Education in Maryland, 2004- (subcommittee on global best-practices in education); Auto Insurance Task Force to Study Rates in Urban Areas, 2005; Interagency Steering Committee for Managing for Results, 2005-; Governor's Workforce Investment Board, 2005-.

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