

to Study the History and Legacy of Slavery in Maryland, 1999; Special Commission on State Parks, 1999-2000; Task Force to Study the Preservation and Enhancement of Maryland's Heritage Resources, 1999-2001 (enhancement & sustainability committee); Task Force to Study the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, 2000-01; Patuxent River Oil Spill Citizens Advisory Committee, 2000-02; Maryland Environmental Trust, 2001-; Task Force to Study the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, 2002-05; Task Force to Study the Economic Development of the Maryland Seafood and Aquaculture Industries, 2003-04 (executive committee; seafood industry work group); Advisory Committee on the Management and Protection of the State's Water Resources, 2005-.

Born in Great Mills, Maryland, November 15, 1948. Attended University of Baltimore; Montgomery Junior College; University of Maryland. Former assistant director of Operations, Democratic National Committee. Delegate, Democratic National Conference, 1978. Delegate, Democratic Party National Convention, 1988. Member, Knights of Columbus; Elks; Moose Lodge; Fraternal Order of the Police; Maryland Farm Bureau. Outstanding Young Man of the Year, 1977. Honorary Doctorate, University of Maryland, 1988. Member, Holy Face Church, Great Mills.



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Member, House of Delegates, 1975-99, representing District 25 (Prince George's County). Member, Economic Matters Committee, 1975-99 (chair, workers' compensation subcommittee, 1996-99); Savings and Loan Oversight Committee, 1986. Deputy Majority Whip, 1986-94. Member, Special Joint Committee on Competitive Taxation and Economic Development, 1996-97. House Chair, Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee, 1996-99 (member, 1995-99). Chair, Prince George's County Delegation, 1995-99. Former Parliamentarian, Maryland Legislative Black Caucus.

Former member, Goals Advisory Committee, Prince George's County. Member, Special Commission to Study Sexual-Orientation Discrimination in Maryland, 2000-01; Unemployment Insurance Funding Task Force, 2003-04.

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, February 28, 1940. Attended Memphis public schools; Howard University. Served in U.S. Army. Safety Director, Joseph Smith and Sons, Inc. Founding member, Capital Centre. Charter member, Landover Kiwanis Club. Member, Ploughmen and Fishermen of Prince George's County; 24th District Democratic Alliance; Peppermill Village Citizens Association; Arlene Drive Block Club. Life member, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Trustee, Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church (president, cathedral choir; member, sons & daughters of allen). Married; two daughters.