

Eastern Shore of Maryland, 2003-; Task Force on Traffic Capacity Across the Chesapeake Bay, 2005-; J. DeWeese Carter Center Advisory Board, 2005-; Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight, 2005-.

Born in Maryland. Attended Dundalk High School; Salisbury State College; Roanoke College, B.A.; Darden Graduate School of Business Administration, University of Virginia, M.A. Delegate, Republican Party National Convention, 2004. Married; three children.



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Member of Senate since January 1987. President Pro Tem, 2000-. Member, Budget and Taxation Committee, 1987- (vice-chair, 1997-99; vice-chair, capital budget subcommittee, 2003-, member, 1996-; public safety, transportation & environment subcommittee, 2000-; chair, public safety, transportation, economic development, & natural resources subcommittee, 1995-99). Member, Executive Nominations Committee, 1991-; Legislative Policy Committee, 1991-; Joint Protocol Committee, 1991-; Spending Affordability Committee, 1995-. Co-Chair, Senate Committee on Redistricting, 2001-02. Member, Special Joint Committee on Economic Development Strategy, 1989 (chair, services advisory subcommittee); Joint Committee on Education Funding, 1990; Joint Audit Committee, (formerly Joint Budget and Audit Committee), 1991-2003; Joint Legislative Work Group on Community College Financing, 1994-95; Joint Committee on State Economic Development Initiatives, 1995; Special Joint Task Force on Transportation, 1995. Majority Whip, 1995-99. Member, Joint Committee on the Selection of the State Treasurer, 1996, 2002, 2003. Chair, Montgomery County Senate Delegation, 1989-. Member, Women Legislators of Maryland, 1975- (president, 1982-84); Maryland Veterans Caucus, 2005-. Convention chair, National Order of Women Legislators, 1980. Member, Assembly on the Legislatures, National Conference of State Legislatures (transportation committee, 2003-); Southern Legislative Conference of Council of State Governments (economic development, transportation & cultural affairs committee, 1997-).

Member, House of Delegates, 1975-87, representing District 20 (Montgomery County). Member, Economic Matters Committee, 1975-82; Ways and Means Committee, 1982-86. Chair, Montgomery County Delegation, 1981-87 (vice-chair, 1978-81).

Member, Ad Hoc Committee to Study Status of Women, Montgomery County. Member, Committee on Suggested State Legislation and Task Force on Growth and Transportation, Council of State Governments; Child Support Enforcement Advisory Council, 1983-86; Governor's Motor Carrier Task Force for Safety and Uniformity, 1989; Sound Barrier Review Panel, 1995-96; Commission on the Future of Maryland Courts, 1995-97; Task Force to Study the Effects of Cult Activities on Public Senior Higher Education Institutions, 1999; Study Panel to Review Economic Development Financing Programs, 1999; Commission on Transportation Investment, 1999; Statewide 800-MHz Communications System Oversight Committee, 1999; Transit Policy Panel, 2000; Special Task Force for Transit-Oriented Development, 2000-2001; Virginia-Maryland-District of Columbia Joint Legislative Commission on Interstate Transportation, 2000-; Maryland State Arts Council, 2002-.

Born and attended public schools in Washington, DC. Past president, international board member, treasurer, vice-president, B'nai B'rith Women. Past commissioner, National Anti-Defamation League (national advisory committee). Maryland Democratic Party Ethics Committee. Democratic precinct chair, 1967-74. Delegate, Democratic Party National Convention, 1992, 1996, 2000. Member, Democratic clubs. Active in all national, State and local election campaigns since 1963. Board of Directors, Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, 1986-. Board of Trustees, Adventist Health Care Mid-Atlantic, 1986-. Member, Washington Adventist Hospital Foundation, 1986-. Board member, CHI Centers, 1986-. Award, Centers for the Handicapped, 1987, 1991. "Best of" award for most effective public official, Silver Spring Record, 1990. Woman of Valor award, B'nai B'rith Women, 1992. One Hundred Most Powerful Women, Washington Magazine, 1994, 1997. Carmen S. Turner Award, Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation, 1995. Legislator of the Year, Montgomery County Medical Society, 1995. Legislator of the Year, National Commission Against Drunk Driving, 1995. Vince & Larry Award, Maryland Committee for Safety Belt Use, Inc., 1997. Appreciation Award, Adventist HealthCare & Washington Adventist Hospital, 1998. Leadership Award, Olney Theater Center, 1998. Legislator of the Year, Greater Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, 1999. Legislative Appreciation Award, Maryland Association of Community Services, 1999. Highway Safety Hero, Advocates for Highway Safety, 1999. Maryland's Top 100 Women, Daily Record, 1999, 2001, 2004 (Circle of Excellence). Appreciation Award, American Lung Association, 2000. Honoree, Maryland College of Art & Design, 2000. Public Service