The State Legislature

The General Assembly is the oldest governmental body in North Carolina. According to tradition, a "legislative assembly of free holders" met for the first time around 1666. No documentary proof, however, exists proving that this assembly actually met. Provisions for a representative assembly in Proprietary North Carolina can be traced to the Concessions and Agreements, adopted in 1665, which called for an unicameral body composed of the governor, his council and twelve delegates selected annually to sit as a legislature.

This system of representation prevailed until 1670, when Albemarle County was divided into three precincts. Berkeley Precinct, Carteret Precinct and Shaftsbury Precinct were apparently each allowed five representatives. Around 1682, four new precincts were created from the original three as the colony's population grew and the frontier moved westward. The new precincts were usually allotted two representatives, although some were granted more. Beginning with the Assembly of 1723, several of the larger, more important towns were allowed to elect their own representatives. Edenton was the first town granted this privilege, followed by Bath, New Bern, Wilmington, Brunswick, Halifax, Campbellton (Fayetteville), Salisbury, Hillsborough and Tarborough. Around 1735 Albemarle and Bath Counties were dissolved and the precincts became counties.

The unicameral legislature continued until around 1697, when a bicameral form was adopted. The governor or chief executive at the time, and his council constituted the upper house. The lower house, the House of Burgesses, was composed of representatives elected from the colony's various precincts. The lower house could adopt its own rules of procedure and elect its own speaker and other officers. It could, however, meet only when called into session by the governor and only at a location designated by him. Because the lower house held the power of the purse and paying the governor's salary, regular meetings of the legislature were held at least once during a two-year period (a biennium), and usually more often. Throughout the colonial period, the House of Burgess' control over the colony's finances fueled controversy between the governor and the lower house. The house wielded its financial control effectively throughout this period, continually increasing its influence and prestige.

This power struggle between the governor and his council on one hand and the colonial legislature on the other, had a profound effect on the structure of the new government created by North Carolina's first state constitution, adopted in 1776. The General Assembly became the primary organ of government with control overall other areas of government. The legislature wielded the constitutional authority

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to elect all executive and judicial branch officials. The N.C. Senate and House of Commons conducted joint balloting to elect these officials. On many occasions, the elections for administrative and judicial officials consumed substantial amounts of time when one candidate for a position could not muster a majority of votes from the legislators. The first break from this unwieldy procedure came in 1835, when a constitutional amendment changed the method for electing the governor. Instead of being elected by the legislature for a one-year term, the governor would henceforth be elected by the people for a two-year term. Another 33 years — and a devastating civil war and military occupation — would pass before the remaining state executive and judicial offices were elected by vote of the people. The postwar Constitution of 1868 dramatically reduced the General Assembly's appointive powers over the other two branches of state government.

The state constitution of 1776 created a bicameral legislature with members of both houses elected by the people. The N.C. Senate had one representative from each county, while the N.C. House of Commons had two representatives from each county and one from each of the towns given representative status in the constitution. This scheme continued until 1835, when voters approved several constitutional changes to the legislative branch. Membership in the Senate was set at 50 with senators elected from districts. The state was divided into districts with the number of senators based on the population of each individual district. The membership of the House of Commons was set at 120 with representation based on the population of the county. The more populous counties had more representatives, but each county was entitled to at least one representative. Representation in each house would be adjusted based on the federal census taken every ten years. The General Assembly retained the power to adjust districts and representation.

In 1868, a new constitution was adopted, leading to more changes in the legislative branch. The bicameral structure was retained, but the name of the lower house was changed from the House of Commons to the House of Representatives. The new constitution eliminated the property qualification for holding office, opening up opportunities for less wealthy North Carolinians to serve. The Office of Lieutenant Governor re-appeared for the first time since 1776. The lieutenant governor, elected by the people, would now serve as president of the Senate. He would also take office as governor if the incumbent governor could not continue in office for any reason. The N.C. Senate members could also elect a president pro tempore from among their ranks. The president pro-tem chaired the Senate sessions in the absence of its president.

In 1966, the House of Representatives adopted district representation similar to the Senate's arrangement. Although the total number of representatives stayed at 120, every county was no longer guaranteed a representative. Instead, the requirement to maintain a rough equality of population size between districts resulted in counties with lower populations losing their resident representative. The switch to a district format left nearly one-third of the state's counties with no resident legislator.

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Prior to Raleigh's designation as North Carolina's permanent capital in 1792, the seat of government moved from town to town with each new General Assembly, a pattern established during the colonial period. Halifax, Hillsborough, Fayetteville, New Bern, Smithfield and Tarborough all served as the seat of government between 1776 and 1794. The Assembly of 1794-95 was the first legislative session to meet in Raleigh.

The buildings used as meeting places for the colonial and early general assemblies varied as much as their location. If the structure was big enough to hold the legislators, it was pressed into use. Courthouses, schools and even local residences served as legislative buildings. Tryon Palace in New Bern was North Carolina's first capitol building. Completed in 1771, the palace was abandoned during the Revolutionary War because of its exposure to enemy attack. When Raleigh became the permanent state capital, the General Assembly approved the construction of a simple, two-story brick state house. This structure, completed in 1796, served as the General Assembly's home until a fire gutted it in 1831. The legislature approved a new capitol building and construction on the current capitol was complete in 1840. The first session to convene in the capitol opened on November 16, 1840. Construction of the current legislative building started in early 1961. The first session held in the new building convened on February 6, 1963.

The organizational structure of state government established by the Constitution of 1868 remained basically unchanged with the adoption of the state's third constitution in 1971. As one of the three branches of government established by the constitution, the legislative branch is equal with, but independent of, the executive and judicial branches. It is composed of the General Assembly and its administrative support units. The North Carolina constitution gives the General Assembly legislative, or law-making, power for the entire state. This means, in the words of the state's Supreme Court, that the legislature has "the authority to make or enact laws; to establish rules and regulations governing the conduct of the people, their rights, duties and procedures; and to prescribe the consequences of certain activities." These mandates give the General Assembly the power to make new laws and amend or repeal existing laws on a broad range of issues that have statewide as well as local impact. The legislature also defines criminal law in North Carolina.

Legislators in both the North Carolina Senate and House of Representatives stand for election every two years in even-numbered years. Members of both houses are elected from districts established by law. Qualifications for election differ slightly for each house. For election to either house, a person must reside in the district he or she wants to represent for at least one year prior to the election. Candidates must be registered to vote in North Carolina. Senate candidates must be at least 25 years old on the date of the election and a resident of the state for two years immediately preceding the election. House candidates must be at least 21 years old on the date of the election, in addition to the previously stated qualifications.

A constitutional amendment approved by voters in 1982 set the first day of January following the November general election as the date legislators officially take office. Prior to the amendment, legislators took office immediately following the November election.

Each house of the legislature elects a Principal Clerk. The Senate also elects a Reading Clerk and a Sergeant-at-Arms. These positions are appointed in the House. The President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor) presides over its sessions. A President Pro Tempore, elected by Senators from among their membership, presides over the Senate in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor. The Speaker of the House of Representatives is elected by the Representatives from among their membership. Other officers in each respective house are elected either by the membership as a whole or by the members of each party.

Much of the General Assembly's legislative work occurs through standing committees. Shortly after every legislative session convenes the leadership in each House forms standing committees and appoints members of their respective House to the committees. Since 1989, the President Pro Tempore has appointed Senate committees, a duty formerly given the President of the Senate. The Speaker of the House appoints committees in that Chamber. These leaders often make committee assignments based on legislators' interests and expertise. In the most recent session, there were 22 standing committees in the Senate and 31 in the House.

The Legislative Services Commission oversees the Legislative Services Office which is the General Assembly's administrative staff. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House alternate chairmanship of the Legislative Services Commission on a yearly basis and each appoints seven members from his or her respective house to serve on the commission. The commission employs a Legislative Services Officer who serves as Chief Staff Officer for the commission. The Legislative Services Office has five support divisions, each managed by a director:

Administrative Division

The Administrative Division's primary role is to provide logistical support to the General Assembly in a variety of areas such as budget preparation and administration, building maintenance, equipment and supplies, mailing operations, printing (including printed bills) and a host of other services.

Information Systems Division

The Information Systems Division designs, develops and maintains a number of computer applications used by the General Assembly staff. Legal document retrieval, bill status reporting, fiscal information systems, office automation and electronic publishing are all functions of the division. A Legislative Services Commission subcommittee sets policies governing the division's operation and access to the Legislative Computer Center.

Bill Drafting Division

The Bill Drafting Division assists legislators by preparing bills for introduction. Staff attorneys draft the bills and make sure they are entered into the computer and printed. They also make sure that the proper number of copies of draft bills is delivered to the introducing legislator. Division staff follows numerous guidelines to ensure confidentiality.

Fiscal Research Division

The Fiscal Research Division serves as the research and watchdog arm of the General Assembly on fiscal and compliance matters regarding state government. Its statutory duties include fiscal analysis, operational reviews and reporting.

Research Division

The Research Division obtains information and makes legal and non-fiscal analyses of subjects affecting and affected by state law and government. Individual legislators and standing committee of the General Assembly alike can request the division's services. Division staff also answers questions from other North Carolina and sister state agencies and private citizens.

For more information about the Legislative Services Office, call (919) 733-4111 or visit the office's Web site at http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/.

George Rubin Hall, Jr. Legislative Services Officer

Early Years

Born in Raleigh, N.C. April 14, 1939, to George Rubin, Sr. (deceased) and Ludie Jane Conner Hall (deceased).

Educational Background



Hugh Morson High School, 1953-55; Needham Broughton High School, 1955-57; Bachelor's of Science, Campbell College, 1964; Post-graduate work in Public Personnel Administration, N.C. State University; Government Executives Institute, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1982.

Professional Background

Legislative Services Officer, 1979-Present; 14 years, N.C. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; former Administrative Officer with N.C. General Assembly; Licensed Building Contractor; Licensed Real Estate Broker.

Boards and Commissions

Former member, Wake County School Board Advisory Council; Manpower Area Planning Council, Region J, 1972-73.

Military Service

Staff Sgt., N.C. Army National Guard, 1959-60 (active duty), 1960-65 (reserve duty).

Personal Information

Married, Carolyn Marie Young of Raleigh. Three children. Three grandchildren.

The 2012 General Assembly

The 2009 General Assembly, convened in the respective chambers of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Legislative Building in Raleigh at Noon on January 28. The opening of the Session was convened by Lieutenant Governor Walter Dalton in the Senate and Denise Weeks, Principal Clerk, in the House. Prior to 1957, the General Assembly convened in January at a time fixed by the Constitution of North Carolina. From 1957 through 1967, sessions convened in February at a time fixed by the Constitution of North Carolina. The 1969 General Assembly was the first to convene on a date fixed by law after elimination of the constitutionally fixed dates. The Assembly now convenes on the third Wednesday after the second Monday in January after the November election.

2011-2012 North Carolina Senate Officers

President (Lieutenant Governor) President Pro Tempore Deputy President Pro Tempore Deputy President Pro Tempore Majority Leader Majority Whip Majority Caucus Secretary Caucus Liaison Democratic Leader Deputy Democratic Leader Deputy Democratic Leader Deputy Democratic Leader Democratic Whip Democratic Caucus Secretary Democratic Caucus Chair Principal Clerk Principal Clerk Reading Clerk Sergeant-at-Arms

Senators

Walter Dalton Philip Berger James Forrester¹ Harris Blake² Harry Brown Jerry W. Tillman Fletcher L. Hartsell, Jr. Jean Preston Martin L. Nesbitt, Jr. Linda Garrou Floyd McKissick Don Vaughan Josh Stein Eleanor Kinnaird Charlie Dannelly Janet Pruitt³ (Retired 3/31/11) Sarah Clapp⁴ (Elected 4/4/11) Lee Settle Phillip King

Name	District	County	Address
Allran, Austin M. (R)	42nd	Catawba	Hickory
Apodaca, Tom M. (R)	48th	Henderson	Hendersonville
Atwater, Robert "Bob" (D)	18th	Chatham	Chapel Hill

Senators (continued) Name	District	County	Address
Barringer, Tamara (R) ⁵	17th	Wake	Raleigh
Basnight, Marc (D) ⁶	lst	Dare	Manteo
Berger, Doug (D)	7th	Franklin	Youngsville
Berger, Philip E. "Phil" (R)	26th	Rockingham	Eden
Bingham, Stan (R)	33rd	Davidson	Denton
Blake, Harris (R)	22nd	Moore	Pinehurst
Blue, Daniel T., Jr. (D)	14th	Wake	Raleigh
Brock, Andrew C. (R)	34th	Davie	Mocksville
Brown, Harry (R)	6th	Onslow	Jacksonville
Brunstetter, Pete (R)	31st	Forsyth	Lewisville
Carney, Chris (R) ⁷	41st	Iredell	Mooresville
Clary, Debbie A. (R) ⁸	46th	Cleveland	Cherryville
Clodfelter, Daniel G. "Dan" (D)	37th	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
Daniel, Warren T. (R)	44th	Burke	Morganton
Dannelly, Charlie Smith (D)	38th	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
Davis, James W. (R)	60th	Macon	Franklin
East, Don W. (R) ⁹	30th	Surry	Pilot Mountain
Forrester, James "Jim" (R) 1	41st	Gaston	Mt. Holly
Garrou, Linda (D)	32nd	Forsyth	Winston-Salem
Goolsby, Thomas C. (R)	9th	New Hanover	Wilmington
Graham, Malcolm (D)	40th	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
Gunn, Richard W. (R)	24th	Alamance	Burlington
Harrington, Kathy (R)	43th	Gaston	Gastonia
Hartsell, Fletcher L., Jr. (R)	36th	Cabarrus	Concord
Hise, Ralph E.(R)	47th	Mitchell	Spruce Pine
Hunt, Neal (R)	15th	Wake	Raleigh
Jackson, Brent (R)	10th	Sampson	Autryville
Jenkins, S. Clark (D)	3rd	Edgecombe	Tarboro
Jones, W. Edward "Ed" (D)	4th	Halifax	Enfield
Kinnaird, Eleanor "Ellie" (D)	23rd	Orange	Carrboro
Mansfield, Eric L (D)	21st	Cumberland	Fayetteville
Meredith, Wesley (R)	19th	Cumberland	Fayetteville
McKissick, Floyd, B., Jr. (D)	20th	Durham	Durham
Nesbitt, Martin L., Jr. (D)	49th	Buncombe	Asheville
Newton, E.S. "Buck" (R)	llth	Wilson	Wilson
Pate, Louis M. Jr. (R)	5th	Wayne	Mount Olive
Preston, Jean R. (R)	2nd	Carteret	Emerald Isle
Purcell, William R. "Bill" (D)	25th	Scotland	Laurinburg
Rabon, William P. (R)	8th	Brunswick	Southport

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Senators (continued)			
Name	District	County	Address
Robinson, Gladys A. (D)	28th	Guilford	Pleasant Garden
Rouzer, David (R)	12th	Johnston	Benson
Rucho, Bob (R)	39th	Mecklenburg	Matthews
Soucek, Daniel F. (R)	45th	Watauga	Boone
Stein, Joshua H. "Josh" (D)	16th	Wake	Raleigh
Stevens, Richard ¹⁰	17th	Wake	Cary
Tillman, Jerry W. (R)	29th	Randolph	Archdale
Tucker, Tommy (R)	35th	Union	Waxhaw
Vaughan, Don (D)	27th	Guilford	Greensboro
Walters, Michael P. (D)	13th	Robeson	Fairmont
Westmoreland, Wes (R)11	46th	Cleveland	Shelby
White, Stan (D) ¹²	lst	Dare	Nags Head

1 James Forrester died on 10/31/11.

2 Harris Blake was elected Deputy President Pro Tempore on 1/4/12.

3 Janet Pruitt retired on 3/31/11.

4 Sarah Clapp was elected Principal Clerk on 4/4/11.

5 Tamara Barringer was appointed on 10/4/2012.

6 Marc Basnight resigned on 1/25/11.

7 Chris Carney was appointed on 11/29/11.

8 Debbie Clary resigned on 1/10/12.

9 Don East died on 10/22/12.

10 Richard Stevens resigned on 9/7/12.

11 Wes Westmoreland was appointed on 1/23/12.

12 Stan White was appointed on 1/25/11.

Speakers of the Senate Senator	County	Assembly
Richard Caswell	Dobbs	1782
Richard Caswell	Dobbs	1783
Richard Caswell	Dobbs	1784 (April)
Richard Caswell	Dobbs	1784 (October)
Alexander Martin	Guilford	1785
James Coor	Craven	1786-87
Alexander Martin	Guilford	1787
Alexander Martin	Guilford	1788
Richard Caswell	Dobbs	1789
Charles Johnston	Chowan	1789
William Lenoir	Wilkes	1791-92
William Lenoir	Wilkes	1792-93
William Lenoir	Wilkes	1793-94
William Lenoir	Wilkes	1794-95
Benjamin Smith	Brunswick	1795
Benjamin Smith	Brunswick	1796
Benjamin Smith	Brunswick	1797
Benjamin Smith	Brunswick	1798
Benjamin Smith	Brunswick	1799
Joseph Riddick	Gates	1800-1804
Alexander Martin	Guilford	1805
Joseph Riddick	Gates	1806-1811
George Outlaw	Bertie	1812
George Outlaw	Bertie	1813
George Outlaw	Bertie	1814
John Branch	Halifax	1815
John Branch	Halifax	1816
John Branch	Halifax	1817
Bartlett Yancey	Caswell	1817
Bartlett Yancey	Caswell	1818
Bartlett Yancey	Caswell	1819
Bartlet Yancey	Caswell	1820 1821
Bartlett Yancey	Caswell Caswell	822
Bartlett Yancey		
Bartlett Yancey	Caswell	1823-24
Bartlett Yancey	Caswell	1824-25
Bartlett Yancey	Caswell Caswell	1825-26 1826-27
Bartlett Yancey	Caswell	1020-21

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Speakers of the Senate (continued)			
Senator	County	Assembly	
Bartlett Yancey	Caswell	1827-28	
Jesse Speight	Greene	1828-29	
Bedford Brown	Caswell	1829-30	
David F. Caldwell	Rowan	1830-31	
David F. Caldwell	Rowan	1831-32	
William D. Mosely	Lenoir	1832-33	
William D. Mosely	Lenoir	1833-34	
William D. Mosely	Lenoir	1834-35	
William D. Mosely	Lenoir	1835	
Hugh Waddell	Orange	1836-37	
Andrew Joyner	Halifax	1838-39	
Andrew Joyner	Halifax	1840-41	
Lewis D. Wilson	Edgecombe	1842-43	
Burgess S. Gaither	Burke	1844-45	
Andrew Joyner	Halifax	1846-47	
Calvin Graves	Caswell	1848-49	
Weldon N. Edwards	Warren	1850-51	
Weldon N. Edwards	Warren	1852	
Warren Winslow	Cumberland	1854-55	
William W. Avery	Burke	1856-57	
Henry T. Clark	Edgecombe	1858-59	
Henry T. Clark	Edgecombe	1860-61	
Giles Mebane	Alamance	1862-64	
Giles Mebane	Alamance	1864-65	
Thomas Settle	Rockingham	1865-66	
Matthias E. Manly	Craven	1866-67	
Joseph H. Wilson	Mecklenburg	1866-67	
Edward J. Warren	Beaufort	1870-72	
James T. Morehead	Guilford	1872-74	
		1874-75	
James L. Robinson	Macon	1876-77	
William A. Graham	Lincoln	1879-80	
William T. Dorch	Buncombe	1881	
		1883	
E. T. Boykin	Sampson	1885	
	_	1887	
Edwin W. Kerr	Sampson	1889	
William D. Turner	Iredell	1891	
John L. King	Guilford	1893	
E. L. Franck, Jr.	Onslow	1895	
	C 1	1897	
R. L. Smith	Stanly	1899-1900	
Edward J. Warren	Beaufort	1870-72	

Speakers of the Senate (continued)SenatorCounty

James T. Morehead	Guilford	1872-74
James T. Morehead	Guilford	1874-75
James L. Robinson	Macon	1876-77
William A. Graham	Lincoln	1879-80
William T. Dorch	Buncombe	1881
		1883
E. T. Boykin	Sampson	1885
	-	1887
Edwin W. Kerr	Sampson	1889
William D. Turner	Iredell	1891
John L. King	Guilford	1893

Assembly

Assembly

Presidents Pro-Tempore of the Senate Senator County

E. L. Franck, Jr.	Onslow	1895 1897
R. L. Smith	Stanly	1899-1900
F. A. Whitaker	Wake	1899-1900
Henry A. London	Chatham	1901
Henry A. London	Chatham	1903
Charles A. Webb	Buncombe	1905
Charles A. Webb	Buncombe	1907-08
Whitehead Klutz	Rowan	1909
Henry N. Pharr	Mecklenburg	1911
Henry N. Pharr	Mecklenburg	1913
Oliver Max Gardner	Cleveland	1915
Fordyce C. Harding	Pitt	1917
Lindsey C. Warren	Washington	1917
William L. Long	Halifax	1921
William L. Long	Halifax	1923-24
William S. H. Burgwyn	Northampton	1925
William L. Long	Halifax	1927
Thomas L. Johnson	Robeson	1929
Rivers D. Johnson	Duplin	1931
William G. Clark	Edgecombe	1933
Paul D. Grady	Johnston	1935
Andrew H. Johnston	Buncombe	1937-38
James A. Bell	Mecklenburg	1937-38
Whitman E. Smith	Stanly	1939
John D. Larkins, Jr.	Jones	1941
John H. Price	Rockingham	1943

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Presidents Pro-Tempore of the Senate (continued)			
Senator	County	Assembly	
Archie C. Gay	Northampton	1945	
Joseph L. Blythe	Mecklenburg	1947	
James C. Pittman	Lee	1949	
Rufus G. Rankin	Gaston	1951	
Edwin Pate	Scotland	1953	
Paul E. Jones	Pitt	1955-56	
Claude Currie	Durham	1957	
Robert F. Morgan	Cleveland	1959	
William L. Crew	Halifax	1961	
Ralph H. Scott	Alamance	1963	
Robert B. Morgan	Harnett	1965-66	
Herman A. Moore	Mecklenburg	1967	
Neill H. McGeachy	Cumberland	1969	
Frank N. Patterson, Jr.	Stanly	1971	
Gordon P. Allen	Person	1971	
Gordon P. Allen	Person	1973-74	
John T. Henley	Cumberland	1975-76	
John T. Henley	Cumberland	1977-78	
W. Craig Lawing	Mecklenburg	1979-80	
W. Craig Lawing	Mecklenburg	1981-82	
W. Craig Lawing	Mecklenburg	1983-84	
J. J. Harrington	Bertie	1985-86	
J. J. Harrington	Bertie	1987-88	
Henson P. Barnes	Wayne	1989-90	
Henson P. Barnes	Wayne	1990-91	
Marc Basnight	Dare	1992-2011	
James Forrester	Gaston	2011	
Harris Blake	Moore	2012	

¹ The state constitution of 1868 abolished the office of Speaker of the Senate, instead creating the office of lieutenant governor with similar duties and functions. The lieutenant governor presides over the Senate and is called "the president of the Senate" when serving in this capacity. Senators also elect one of their members to serve as president pro-tempore during periods when the lieutenant can not preside.

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Philip Edward Berger President Pro Tempore

Republican, Rockingham County

Twenty-Sixth Senatorial District: Rockingham and Portions of Guilford counties

Early Years

Born in New Rochelle, New York, on August 8, 1952, to Francis H. and Eunice Talley Berger.



Educational Background

George Washington High School, Danville, Va., 1970; Studied Business, Danville Community College, B.A. in Sociology, Averett College, 1980; J.D., Wake Forest University, School of Law, 1982.

Professional Background

Attorney, The Berger Law Firm.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2001-Present; N.C. Senate Republican Leader, 2005-2010; N.C. Senate President Pro Tempore 2011-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Patricia Hays Berger. Three children. Four grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Ex-Officio member of all standing Senate committees.

James S. Forrester, MD Senate Deputy President Pro Tempore

(Deceased October 31, 2011)

Republican, Gaston County

Forty-First Senatorial District: Lincoln and Portions of Gaston and Iredell counties

Early Years

Born in Aberdeen, Scotland County, on January 8, 1937.

Educational Background

New Hanover High School, Wilmington, 1954; B.S. in Science, Wake Forest University, 1958; M.D., Bowman Gray School of Medicine of WFU, 1962; M.P.H., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1978.

Professional Background

Physician.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1991-Present; Deputy President Pro Tempore, 2011; County Commissioner, Gaston County, 1982-1990.

Military Service

Brigadier General, N.C. Air National Guard, U.S. Air Force. Charles Dick Medal of Merit (NGAUS);Legion of Merit; Air Force Commendation Medal.

Honors and Awards

Legislator of the Year Award, Concerned Women for America, 2010; Invested Honorary Knight of St. Michael Order of the Wing by Dom Duarte Pio, Duke of Braganza, Head of the Royal House of Portugal, 2005; Order of the Long Leaf Pine, Gov. James G. Martin, 1992.

Personal Information

Married, Mary Frances All Forrester. Four children. Eight grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Health Care; Co-Chair, Transportation; Co-Chair, Appropriations on Dept. of Transportation; Member, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Judiciary II, Mental Health and Youth Services, Ways and Means.



Harris Blake Senate Deputy President Pro Tempore

(Elected January 4, 2012)

Republican, Moore County

Twenty-Second Senatorial District: Harnett and Moore counties

Early Years

Born in Pinehurst, Moore County on November 3, 1929, to Evander and Claudia Parker Blake.

Educational Background

West End High School, 1948; Elon University.

Professional Background

Business Owner & Developer, Pinehurst South Realty.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2002-Present; Deputy President Pro Tempore, 2012; Associate Administrator, Farmers Home Administration (FMHA), U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1985-1986.

Military Service Sergeant, U.S. Army, 1951-1953.

Personal Information

Married to Barbara Ruth Carter Blake (deceased). One child.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Health Care; Vice-Chair, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources, Commerce, Finance; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Judiciary II, State and Local Government.

Harry Brown Senate Majority Leader

Republican, Onslow County Sixth Senatorial District: Jones and Onslow counties

Educational Background Campbell University, B.A. in Business Administration, M.B.A.

Professional Background Owner, National Dodge-Subaru & National Volkswagen.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2005-Present.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Commerce; Co-Chair, Apprpriations on Justice and Public Safety; Vice Chair, Redistricting; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations/ Base Budget, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Judiciary I, Rules and Operations of the Senate.



Jerry W. Tillman Senate Majority Whip

Republican, Randolph County

Twenty-Ninth Senatorial District: Montgomery and Randolph counties

Early Years

Born in Siler City, Chatham County, on October 10, 1940, to Leonard and Delcie Duncan Tillman.

Educational Background

Walter Williams High School, Burlington, 1959; B.A., Elon College, 1965; Masters in School Administration, UNC-Greensboro, 1969.

Professional Background

Retired School Administrator.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2003-Present; N.C. Senate Joint Republican Caucus Leader; N.C. Senate Republican Whip, 2005-2010, Senate Majority Whip, 2011-Present.

Personal Information

Married, Marian McVey Tillman. Three children. Six grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chairman, Education/Higher Education, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resourcess, Appropriations/ Base Budget, Finance, Judiciary I, Program Evaluation, Transportation, and Select Committee on UNC Board of Governors.



Fletcher Lee Hartsell, Jr. Majority Caucus Secretary

Republican, Cabarrus County

Thirty-Sixth Senatorial District: Cabarrus and Portions of Iredell counties

Early Years

Born in Concord, Cabarrus County, on February 15, 1947, to Fletcher L. Hartsell, Sr. and Doris Wright Hartsell.

Educational Background

Concord High School, 1965; A.B. in Political Science, Davidson College, 1969; J.D., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1972.

Professional Background Attorney, Hartsell & Williams, PA.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 1991-Present.

Military Service First Lieutenant, U.S. Army.

Honors and Awards

Order of the Long Leaf Pine, 1992; Distinguished Alumnus, Davidson College, 2004; Certificate of Achievement, National Public Health Leadership Institute, 2003.

Personal Information

Married, Tana Renee Honeycutt Hartsell. Three children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Mental Health and Youth Services, Prrogram Evaluation; Co-Chair, Finance; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Health and Human Services, Judiciary II, Rules and Operations of the Senate, State and Local Government.



Jean Rouse Preston Caucus Liaison

Republican, Carteret County

Second Senatorial District: Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties

Early Years

Born in Snow Hill, Greene County, to Marvin Wayne and Emma Mae Kearney Rouse.



Educational Background

Snow Hill High School, 1953; Flora McDonald College, 1953-55; B.S. in Business Education, East Carolina University, 1957; M.A. in Education, East Carolina University, 1973; Certificate, Public Manager Program, N.C. State Personnel Development Center, 1989.

Professional Background

Retired educator.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2007-Present; N.C. Senate Republican Policy Committee Chairman, 2007-Present; Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1993-2006.

Honors and Awards

2007 One Hundred Incredible East Carolina University Women; 2005 Covenant with N.C. Children Award; 1993 N.C. Association of Fisheries Award.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Education/Higher Education, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Pensions, Retirement & Aging, Program Evaluation, Rules and Operations of the Senate, Select Committee on UNC Board of Governors.

Martin Luther Nesbitt Democratic Leader

Democrat, Buncombe County

Forty-Ninth Senatorial District: Portions of Buncombe County

Early Years

Born in Asheville, Buncombe County, on September 25, 1946, to Martin Luther Nesbitt, Sr. and Mary Cordell Nesbitt.

Educational Background

Reynolds High School, Asheville, NC, 1964; B.A., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1970; J.D., UNC-Chapel Hill, School of Law, 1973.

Professional Background

Attorney At Law.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2004-Present; N.C. Senate Majority Leader, January 1, 2010-Present; N.C. House of Representatives, 1974-94 and 1997-2003.

Honors and Awards

Sticking Your Neck Out for the Kids Award, N.C. Parents Network, 2010; N.C. Legislator of the Year Award, WNC Labor Council, 2008; Defender of Justice Award, N.C. Justice Center, 2005.

Personal Information

Married, Deane Sellers Nesbitt. Two children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Judiciary I, Mental Health & Youth Services, Program Evaluation, Redistricting, Rules and Operations of the Senate, State and Local Government.



Linda Garrou Deputy Democratic Leader

Democrat, Forsyth County

Thirty-Second Senatorial District: Portions of Forsyth County

Early Years

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 17, to Joe and Rubye Spears Dew.

Educational Background

Columbus High School, Columbus, GA., 1960; B.S., Secondary Education (History), University of Georgia, 1964; M.A.T. in History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1967.

Professional Background

High School Teacher.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 1999-Present.

Honors and Awards

Ellen Winston Award for Service to Children in N.C.; Duke Power Citizenship and Service Award, 2005.

Personal Information

Married to John L.W. Garrou. Two children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Appropriations/Base Budget; Member, Appropriations on Education/ Higher Education, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Insurance, Pensions and Retirement and Aging, Rules and Operations of the House, Select Committee on UNC Board of Governors.



Floyd B. McKissick, Jr. Deputy Democratic Leader

Democrat, Durham County Twentieth Senatorial District: Portions of Durham County

Professional Background Attorney.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2007-Present.

Committee Assignments

Member, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Insurance, Judiciary II, Program Evaluation, Redistricting, Transportation.



Don Vaughan Deputy Democratic Leader

Democrat, Guilford County

Twenty-seventh Senatorial District: Portions of Guilford County

Educational Background

B.A., UNC-Chapel Hill, Masters Degree, Public Administration; J.D., Wake Forest University.

Professional Background Attorney and Counselor of Law.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present.

Personal Information Married, Nancy Vaughan.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations on Department of Transportation, Commerce, Insurance, Judiciary II, Transportation.



Josh Stein Senate Democratic Whip

Democrat, Wake County

Sixteenth Senatorial District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Washington, D.C., on September 13, 1966, to Adam and Jane Stoneman Stein.

Educational Background

Chapel Hill High School, 1984; B.A., History, Dartmouth College, 1988; J.D., Harvard Law School, 1995; M.P.P., Kennedy School of Government, 1995.

Professional Background Attorney.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present.

Military Service

Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Adjutant General; ROTC Commission.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award, AARP of North Carolina, 2009; Legislator of the Year Award, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, 2009; Legislative Award, North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, 2009.

Personal Information

Married to Anna Harris Stein. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Judiciary I, Rules and Operations of the Senate.



Eleanor Gates Kinnaird Democratic Caucus Secretary

Democrat, Orange County

Twenty-Third Senatorial District: Orange and Person counties

Early Years

Born November 14, 1931, in Rochester, Minnesota, to Judge Vernon and Madge Pollock Gates.

Educational Background

Rochester High School, Rochester, Minnesota, 1949; B.A. in English and Music, Carleton College, 1953; M.M. in Music, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1973; J.D., N.C. Central University School of Law, 1992.

Professional Background

Attorney, N.C. Prisoner Legal Services, Inc., 1993-2004; Private Practice, 2004-2009.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1997-Present; Mayor, Town of Carrboro, 1987-95.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Legislator, Advocates of Justice, 2009; Faith Active in Public Life Award, N.C. Council of Churches, 2003; Gwyneth B. Davis Award, N.C. Association of Women Attorneys, 2002; Outstanding Legislator of the Year, N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers, 2000.

Personal Information

Three children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources, Finance, Health Care, Mental Health and Youth Services, Rules and Operations of the Senate, State and Local Government.



Charlie Smith Dannelly Democratic Caucus Chair

Democrat, Mecklenburg County

Thirty-Eighth Senatorial District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Bishopville, South Carolina, on August 13, 1924, to Robert Samuel and Minnie Smith Dannelly.

Educational Background

Mather Academy, Camden, South Carolina, 1944; B.A. in Education, Johnson C. Smith University, 1962; Masters in Education and Administration, UNC-Charlotte, 1966.

Professional Background

Retired educator, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Political Activities

Member, North Carolina Senate, 1994-Present; Senate Deputy President Pro-Tempore, 2003-Present; Charlotte City Council, 1977-1989.

Military Activities

U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne, 1st Lt., June 26, 1951-February, 1954 (Korean War); United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal.

Honors and Awards

Omega Man of the Year (Phi Phi Chapter), 1978; 6th District Omega Man of the Year, 1979; Outstanding Service Awards-1983, 1986, 1987.

Personal Information

Married to Rose LaVerne Rhodes Dannelly. One child.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education, Appropriations/Base Budget, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Judiciary II, Mental Health and Youth Services, Pensions and Retirement and Aging, Ways and Means, Select Committee on UNC Board of Governors.



Austin M. Allran Republican, Catawba County

Forty-Second Senatorial District: Catawba and Portions of Iredell counties

Early Years

Born in Hickory, Catawba County, on December 13, 1951, to Albert M. and Mary Ethel Houser Allran.

Educational Background



Hickory High School, 1970; B.A. in English and History, Duke University, 1974; J.D., Southern Methodist University, School of Law, 1978; M.A. in English, North Carolina State University, 1998.

Professional Background

Attorney At Law/Real Estate. Austin M. Allran, Attorney at Law.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate 1986-Present; N.C. Senate Minority Whip, 1995-1996; Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1981-1986.

Honors and Awards

1999 Legislator of the Year, Initiative to Reduce Underage Drinking; 1992 Taxpayers' Best Friend, N.C. Taxpayers United; Friend of the Family, Christian Coalition.

Personal Information

Married to Judy Mosbach Allran. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Judiciary II; Vice Chair, Mental Health and Youth Services; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations on Health and Human Services, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Health Care.

Tom Apodaca Republican, Henderson County

Forty-Eighth Senatorial District: Henderson, Polk and Portions of Buncombe counties

Professional Background

Entrepreneur.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate 2003-Present; N.C. Senate Deputy Republican Leader, 2003-2008.



Chair, Rules and Operations of the Senate, Ways and Means; Co-Chair, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education, Insurance, Pensions and Retirement and Aging, Select Committee on UNC Board of Governor; Vice Chair, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance; Member, Judiciary I, Redistricting.



Bob Atwater Democrat, Chatham County

Eighteenth Senatorial District: Chatham, Lee, and Portions of Durham counties

Educational Background

Durham High School; Political Science and Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate 2004-Present; Commissioner, Chatham County, NC.

Military Service

US Air Force. Commendation Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Presidential Unit Citation.

Personal Information

Married to Jean Atwater. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources, Finance, Health Care, Insurance, Pensions and Retirement and Aging, Program Evaluation.



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Doug Berger Democrat, Franklin County

Seventh Senatorial District: Franklin, Granville, Vance and Warren counties

Professional Background

Attorney.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2005-present.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Health and Human Services; Member, Appropriations/ Base Budget, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Health Care, Judiciary II and Select Committee on Economic Recovery.



Stan Bingham Republican, Davidson County

Thirty-Third Senatorial District: Davidson and Portions of Guilford counties

Early Years

Born in Clemmons, Forsyth County, on December 29, 1945, to the late Hal J. and Edna Walker Bingham.

Educational Background

Southwestern Forsyth High School, 1964; B.S. in Forestry, N.C. State University, 1968.

Professional Background

Founded Bingham Lumber Company and The Denton Orator (a weekly newspaper) and several other businesses in the Davidson County area.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2000-Present; Davidson County Commissioners, 1990-1994; Chairman of the Davidson County Board of Commissioners, 1994, Vice Chairman, 1992-1992.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic, or Community Service Organizations

Member, First Bank Board of Directors, 1988-Present; Board Member, Communities in School, 2002-Present; Board Member, United Way.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Joint Select Committee on Economic Growth & Development; Child Fatality Task Force; N.C. Public Health Task Force.

Honors and Awards

Myers/Huneycutt Award for Outstanding Citizenship, Thomasville Chamber of Commerce; Awarded for Public Service in 1997 by the Lexington Area Lions Club; Distinguished Citizen of the Year, N.C. District West Civitan International, 1996.

Personal Information

Married, Married Lora Faley Bingham. Four children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Health Care; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety, Judiciary II, Pensions, Retirement and Aging, Rules and Operations of the Senate and Ways and Means.



Dan Blue, Jr. Democrat, Wake County

Fourteenth Senatorial District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Lumberton, Robeson County on April 18, 1949, to Daniel Terry and Allene Morris Blue, Sr.

Educational Background

Oak Ridge High School, 1966; B.S. in Mathematics, N.C. Central University, 1970; J.D., Duke University School of Law, 1973; Certificate, National Institute of Trail Advocacy, 1977.

Professional Background

Attorney and Partner, Blue, Stephens & Fellers, LLP.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present; Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-2009 and 1980-2002; Speaker, N.C. House, 1991-1995.

Elective or Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chair, Duke University Board of Trustees; Duke University Health System.

Personal Information

Married, Edna Earle Smith. Three children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Judiciary II, Rules and Operations of the Senate.



Andrew C. Brock Republican, Davie County

Thirty-Fourth Senatorial District: Davie and Rowan counties

Professional Background

Consultant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2003-Present.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Health and Human Services; Vice Chair, Redistricting, Ways & Means; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations/Base Budget, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Judiciary I, Pensions and Retirement and Aging, Rules and Operations of the Senate.



Peter Samuel Brunstetter Republican, Forsyth County

Thirty-First Senatorial District: Portions of Forsyth County

Early Years

Born in San Francisco, CA, on February 28, 1956, to Richard W. and Roberta Bessin Brunstetter.

Educational Background

Redwood High School, Larkspur, CA; B.A. Political Science, Tulane University, 1977; J.D. Law, University of Virginia, 1984.

Professional Background

Attorney, Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice.

Political Activities

Member, North Carolina Senate, 2006-Present; Chairman, Forsyth County Commissioners.

Military Service

Lt. Commander, U.S.S. Briscoe (DD 977), U.S. Navy, 1977-1981; Reserves, 1981-1990. Navy Achievement Medal.

Personal Information

Married Jodie Bray Brunstetter. Four Children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Judiciary I; Co-Chairman, Appropriations/Base Budget; Vice Chairman, Rules and Operations of the Senate; Member, Commerce, Finance, Redistricting.



Chris Carney Republican, Gaston County

(Appointed December 8, 2011)

Forty-First Senatorial District: Gaston, Iredell and Lincoln counties

Professional Background

Small business owner.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, Dec., 2011-Present; N.C. Senate Permanent Democratic Caucus Chairman, 2003-Present; N.C. House Town Board of Mooresville, 2005-2009, Mayor Pro-Tem of Mooresville, 2009-2011.

Military Service

US Navy Seabees, 1991-1999.

Personal Information

Married to Francie Carney. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Health Care, Judiciary II, Mental Health and Youth Services, State and Local Government, Transportation.



Debbie Ann Clary Republican, Cleveland County

(Resigned January 10, 2012)

Forty-Sixth Senatorial District: Cleveland and Rutherford counties

Early Years

Born in Shelby, Cleveland County on August 29, 1959, to Steven Bryant and Brenda Pruitt Clary.

Educational Background

Blacksburg High School, Blacksburg, S.C., 1977; Gardner Webb University, 1977-1980.

Professional Background

Marketing/Internet, Millennium Marketing Group, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present; N.C. House of Representatives.

Honors and Awards

Law Enforcement Legislator of the Year; Home Care Hero; Dorthea Dix Award.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Health and Human Services, Commerce, Health Care, Judiciary I, Rules and Operations of the Senate and Select Committee on Energy, Science and Technology.



Daniel G. Clodfelter Democrat, Mecklenburg County

Thirty-Seventh Senatorial District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Thomasville, Davidson County on June 2, 1950, to Billy G. and Lorene Wells Clodfelter.

Educational Background

Thomasville Senior High School, 1968; Bachelors, Davidson College, 1972; Bachelors, Oxford University, 1974; Law Degree, Yale Law School, 1977.

Professional Background

Attorney, Moore & Van Allen, PLLC.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 1998-Present; Member, Charlotte City Council.

Honors and Awards 1972 Rhodes Scholar.

Personal Information Married to Elizabeth K. Bevan. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety, Commerce, Finance, Judiciary I, Program Evaluation, Ways and Means.



Warren Daniel Republican, Burke County

Forty-Fourth Senatorial District: Burke and Caldwell counties.

Educational Background

Bachelor's in National Security and Public Affairs, West Point United States Military Academy, 1991; Law Degree, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2000.

Professional Background Attorney, Daniel Law Firm.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present.

Military Service Second Lieutenant, US Army, 1991-1997.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Judiciary II; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources, Education/Higher Education, Finance, mental Health and Youth Services, Transportation.



Jim Davis Republican, Cherokee County

Fiftieth Senatorial District: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania counties

Professional Background

Orthodontist

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present; Macon County Board of Commissioners, 2000-2010.

Personal Information

Married to Judy Davis. Two sons, and two granddaughters.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology, State and Local Government, Commerce, Health Care, Insurance, Judiciary II, Mental Health and Youth Services, Pensions and Retirement and Aging.



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Don W. East Republican, Surry County

(Deceased October 22, 2012)

Thirtieth Senatorial District: Alleghany, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties

Early Years

Born in Pilot Mountain, Surry County, on December 26, 1944, to Ralph and Viola Hall East.

Educational Background

East Surry High School, Pilot Mountain, N.C., 1962; Forsyth Technical College.

Professional Background

Retired Police Officer, Small Farm Owner.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1995-1999, 2005-2012.

Personal Information

Was married to Connie Needham East of Pilot Mountain, 1963. One child. Two Grandsons.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources; Member, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety, Appropriations/Base Budget, Insurance, Judiciary II, Program Evaluation, State and Local Government, Transportation.



Thom Goolsby Republican, New Hanover County

Ninth Senatorial District: Portions of New Hanover County

Educational Background

The Citidel, B.B.A; Golden Gate University, M.B.A.; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, J.D.

Professional Background Attorney

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Rachael Goolsby. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety; Vice Chair, Judiciary I; Member, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, State and Local Government.



Malcolm Graham Democrat, Mecklenburg County

Fortieth Senatorial District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Educational Background B.S., Johnson C. Smith University.

Professional Background Business Consultant.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2005-present.

Personal Information Married Kim Graham.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Redistricting, Transportation.



Rick Gunn Republican, Alamance County

Twenty-Fourth Senatorial District: Alamance and Caswell counties

Educational Background University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.S.

Professional Background Realtor, Gunn and Associates, LLC.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-present.

Personal Information Married to Gayle Gunn. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Apropriations on Department of Transportation, Commerce, Insurance, Transportation; Member, Program Evaluation.



Kathryn Harrington Republican, Gaston

Forty-Third Senatorial District: Gaston County

Professional Background Real Estate Broker.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present.

Personal Information Married to Michael Harrington. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Department of Transportation; Vice Chair, Finance, Transportation; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Judiciary I, Pensions and Retirement and Aging, Redistricting, Rules and Operations of the Senate, State and Local Government.



Ralph Hise Republican, Avery

Forty-Seventh Senatorial District: Avery, Haywood, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey counties.

Educational Background

Bachelor's Degree, Appalachian State University, 2000; Master's Degree, North Carolina State University, 2003.

Professional Background

Institutional Planning and Assessment Officer, Mayland Community College.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present; Mayor of Spruce Pine.

Personal Information Married to Linn Hise. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Health and Human Services; Vice Chair, Insurance; Member, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Pensions and Retirement and Aging, Program Evaluation, Redistricting, Transportation.



Neal Hunt Republican, Wake County

Fifteenth Senatorial District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Thomasville, Randolph County, on September 17, 1942, to Miriam Hall Hunt and Walter S. Hunt, Jr.

Educational Background

Virginia Episcopal School, Lynchburg, VA, 1960; B.S. in Spanish, Hampton-Sydney College, 1964; MBA, Marketing/Finance, University of PA-Wharton, 1968.

Professional Background

Real Estate, President of HMC Corporation.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2004-Present; Senate Deputy Republican Leader, 2007-2010; Raleigh City Council, 2001-2004; Chair, Raleigh Planning Commission, 1999-2001.

Personal Information

Married to Frances (Duden) Campbell Hunt. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations/Base Budget; Member, Commerce, Finance, Program Evaluation, Redistricting, Transportation.



Brent Jackson Republican, Duplin

Tenth Senatorial District: Portions of Duplin, Lenoir and Sampson counties.

Professional Background

Founder, President and CEO of Jackson Farming Company.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Debbie Page Jackson. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources; Vice Chair, Rules and Operations of the Senate; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Insurance, Mental Health and Youth Services, State and Local Government, Transportation.



S. Clark Jenkins Democrat, Edgecombe County

Third Senatorial District: Edgecombe, Martin and Portions of Pitt counties

Early Years

Born in Tarboro, Edgecombe County, on April 28, 1948, to Francis P. and Virginia Clark Jenkins.

Educational Background

Blue Ridge School, Dyke VA, 1966; B.A., Campbell University, 1971.

Professional Background Owner, W. S. Clark Farms.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2002-Present.

Military Service Sgt., N.C. National Guard, 1967-1973.

Personal Information

Married to Mary Jane Pierce Jenkins. Four children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations on Department of Transportation, Finance, Judiciary I, Pensions and Retirement and Aging, Transportation.



W. Edward (Ed) Jones Democrat, Halifax County

Fourth Senatorial District: Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton and Perquimans counties

Professional Background

Retired, State Trooper.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2007-Present, Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-January, 2007.

Military Service US Army, 1969-1971.

Personal Information

Married to Mary Jones.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety; Member, Appropriations/ Base Budget, Judiciary II, Mental Health and Youth Services, Redistricting, State and Local Government.



Eric Mansfield Democrat, Cumberland County

Twenty-First Senatorial District: Cumberland County.

Educational Background

Howard University, Bachelor's Degree; Morehouse School of Medicine, M.D.

Professional Background Physician, Cape Fear Otolaryngology.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present.

Military Services Served as a Medical Officer in the United States Army.

Personal Information Married to Donna Mansfield. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations on Health and Human Services, Health Care, Judiciary I, Program Evaluation, Rules and Operations of the Senate.



Wesley Meredith Republican, Cumberland County

Nineteenth Senatorial District: Bladen and Cumberland counties.

Professional Background

Owner, Cardinal Landscaping.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present; Fayetteville City Council, 2005-2010; Mayor Pro Tempore of Fayetteville, 2007-2009.

Military Service

Combat Engineer, 82nd Airborne Division, United States Army.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Insurance, Pensions and Retirement and Aging; Vice Chairman, Commerce; Member, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Finance, Health Care, Rules and Operations of the Senate.



E.S. "Buck" Newton Republican, Wilson County

Eleventh Senatorial District: Nash and Wilson counties.

Educational Background

Appalachian State University, Bachelor's Degree in Political Science; Campbell University School of Law; Law Degree.

Professional Background

Attorney, Newton and Law.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Judiciary II,; Member, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Insurance, Rules and Operations of the Senate.



Louis Pate Republican, Wayne County

Fifth Senatorial District: Greene, Pitt and Wayne counties.

Educational Background

Golden Gate University, Bachelor's Degree, 1978, Golden Gate University, Master's Degree, 1980.

Professional Background

Retired military; small business owner.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present; Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1995-1996, 2003-2008; Mayor, Town of Mount Olive, 1991-1994, 1999-2002.

Military Service

Served 20 years in US Air Force.

Personal Information

Married to Joyce Pate. Three children, and nine grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropirations on Health and Human Services, Health Care; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Education/Higher Education,Judiciary I, Pensions and Retirement and Aging, Program Evaluation, State and Local Government.



William Robert Purcell, MD Democrat, Scotland County

Twenty-Fifth Senatorial District: Anson, Richmond, Scotland and Stanly counties

Early Years

Born in Laurinburg, Scotland County, on February 12, 1931, to Charles Augustus Purcell and Anna Meta Buchanan Purcell.

Educational Background

Laurinburg High School, 1949; B.S. in Pre-Med, Davidson College, 1952; M.D., UNC School of Medicine, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1956.

Professional Background

Pediatrician, 1961-97 (retired).

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 1997-Present; Mayor, City of Laurinburg, 1987-97; Member, Laurinburg City Council, 1981-87.

Military Service

Captain, 57th Field Hospital, U.S. Army Medical Corps, 1957-59; Reserves, 1959-61.

Personal Information

Married, Kathleen McClellan Purcell. Four children. Eight grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations on Health and Human Services, Commerce, Education/ Higher Education, Finance, Health Care, Mental Health and Youth Services, Program Evaluation.



William Rabon Republican, Brunswick County

Eighth Senatorial District: Brunswick, Columbus and Pender counties.

Educational Background

North Carolina State University, Bachelor's Degree; University of Georgia Veterinary School, VMD.

Professional Background

Veterinarian

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on Department of Transportation, Transportation; Vice Chairman, Agriculture/Environment/ natural Resources, Appropriations on Health and Human Services, Health Care, Program Evaluation, Rules and Operations of the Senate.



Gladys A Robinson Democrat, Guilford County

Twenty-Eighth Senatorial District: Guilford County

Educational Background

Bennett College for Women, Bachelor's Degree; North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Ph.D.

Professional Background

Health Services, Executive.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present.

Committee Assignments

Member, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Health Care, Mental Health and Youth Services, State and Local Government, Transportation.

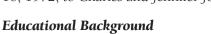


David Cheston Rouzer Republican, Johnston County

Twelfth Senatorial District: Johnston and Portions of Wayne counties

Early Years

Born in Landstuhl Army Medical Center, Germany, on February 16, 1972, to Charles and Jennifer Johnson Rouzer.



Northern Durham High School, 1990; B.S. in Agriculture in Business Management, N.C. State University, 1994; B.S. in Agriculture Economy, N.C. State University, 1994; B.A. in Chemistry, N.C. State University, 1994.

Professional Background

Business Consultant and Entrepreneur. The Rouzer Co. and R & C Distributors, LLC.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Agriculture?Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources; Member, Appropriations/Base Budget, Finance, Health Care, Insurance, Judiciary I, Program Evaluation, Select Committee on UNC Board of Governors.



Bob Rucho Republican, Mecklenburg County

Thirty-Ninth Senatorial District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on Dec. 8, 1948, to Thomas and Ernestine Tanca Rucho.

Educational Background

South High School, Worcester, Massachusetts; B.A. in Biology, Northeastern University; D.D.S, MCV VCU School of Dentistry; Cert. Prosthodontics, Boston University; M.B.A., Belk College of Business, UNC-Charlotte.

Professional Background

Dentist, Specialty Prosthodontist.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2009-Present; Former N.C. Senator; Former Member, Mecklenburg County Commission; Former Member, Matthews Town Board.

Personal Information

Married, Theresa Fritscher Rucho. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Redistricting; Co-Chair, Finance; Member, Appropriations on Education/ Higher Education, Appropriations/Base Budget, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Health Care, Insurance, Judiciary i, Pensions and Retirement and Aging.



Dan Soucek Republican, Watauga County

Forty-Fifth Senatorial District: Alexander, Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes counties

Educational Background

West Point United State Military Academy, Bachelor's Degree, 1991.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present.

Professional Background International Relief Work.

Military Service Served in the United States Army.

Personal Information

Married to Kim Soucek. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Education/Higher Education; Vice Chair, Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety; Member, Appropriations on Education/Higher Education, Commerce, Judiciary I, Redistricting, Transportation, Select Committee on UNC Board of Governors.



Richard Yates Stevens Republican, Wake County

(Resigned September 7, 2012)

Seventeenth Senatorial District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Raleigh, Wake County, on December 12, 1948, to Floyd L. and Luna Yates Stevens.

Educational Background

Broughton High School, 1966; B.A., Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1970; J.D., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1974; Master of Public Administration, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1978.

Professional Background

Management Consultant.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2003-Present.

Personal Information

Married Jere Gilmore Stevens. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations/Base Budget; Member, Commerce, Education, Finance, Judiciary I, Pensions/Retirement/Aging, State and Local Government, Transportation.



Tommy Tucker Republican, Mecklenburg County

Thirty-Fifth Senatorial District: Mecklenburg, Union counties.

Professional Background

Owner, Parks Heating and Cooling.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present; Union County Commissioner, 1996-2000; Weddington City Council, 1994-1996.

Military Service

Served in the United States Navy.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology; Vice Chair, Mental Health and Youth Services, State and Local Government; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations/Base Budget, Education/Higher Education, Health Care, Judiciary II.



Michael P. Walters Democrat, Robeson County

Thirteenth Senatorial District: Hoke and Robeson counties

Early Years

Born in Dillon, S.C., on July 16, 1956, to Leroyce Claybourn and Peggy Page Walters.

Educational Background

Orrum High School, 1974; B.S., Agricultural Education, N.C, State University, 1978.

Professional Background President, Claybourn Walters Logging Co., Inc.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, November 3, 2009-Present.

Personal Information

Married, Barbara Morgan Walters. Three children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Co-Chair, State and Local Government; Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources, Appropriations/ Base Budget, Finance, Insurance, Judiciary I, Pensions and Retirement and Aging, Redistricting, Select Committee on UNC Board of Governors.



Wes Westmoreland Republican, Cleveland County

(Appointed January 23, 2012)

Forty-Sixth Senatorial District: Cleveland and Rutherford counties.

Educational Background

Gardner-Webb University, Bachelor's Degree, 1988.

Professional Background

President/Founder, Westmoreland Printers.

Political Activities Member, N.C. Senate, 2012.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture/Environment/natural Resources, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Insurance, Program Evaluation, State and Local Government, Transportation.



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Stan White Democrat, Dare County

(Appointed January 25, 2011)

First Senatorial District: Beaufort, Camden, Curritcu, Dare, Hyde, Pasquotank, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

Professional Background

Owner, Stan White Realty and Construction.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. Senate, 2011-Present; Dare County Commission.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Insurance, Program Evaluation, State and Local Government, and Transportation.



2011-2012 N.C. House of Representatives

Officers

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Speaker	Thom Tillis
Speaker Pro Tempore	Dale Folwell
Majority Leader	Paul Stam
Majority Whip	Ruth Samuelson
Deputy Majority Whips	Pat McElraft
	Jonathan Jordan
Joint Caucus Leader	Marilyn Avila
Republican Freshman Leader	Mike Hager
Minority Leader	Joe Hackney
Deputy Minority Leader	William Wainwright
Minority Whips	Rick Glazier
	Larry Hall
	Ray Rapp
	Deborah Ross
	Michael Wray
Democratic Freshman Leader	Diane Parfitt
Principal Clerk	Denise Weeks
Acting Reading Clerk	John Young
Sergeant-at-Arms	Clyde Cook

Representatives

Name

Adams, Alma S. (D)
Alexander, Jr., Kelly M. (D)
Alexander, Martha B. (D)
Avila, Marilyn (R)
Barnhart, Jeffrey L. (R) ¹
Bell, Larry M. (D)
Blackwell, Hugh (R)
Blust, John M. (R)
Boles, James L.(R)
Bordsen, Alice L. (D)
Bradley, Glen (R)
Brandon, Marcus (D)
Brawley, William (R)

District	County	Address
58th	Guilford	Greensboro
107th	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
106th	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
40th	Wake	Raleigh
82nd	Cabarrus	Concord
21st	Sampson	Clinton
86th	Burke	Valdese
62nd	Guilford	Greensboro
52nd	Moore	Carthage
63rd	Alamance	Mebane
49th	Franklin	Youngsville
60th	Guilford	High Point
103rd	Mecklenburg	Matthews

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Representatives (continued)

Name	District	County	Address
Brisson, William D. (D)	22nd	Bladen	Dublin
Brown, Larry (R) ²	73rd	Forsyth	Kernersville
Brown, Rayne (R)	81st	Davidson	Lexington
Brubaker, Harold J. (R) ³	78th	Randolph	Asheboro
Bryant, Angela R. (D)	7th	Nash	Rocky Mount
Burr, Justin (R)	67th	Stanly	Albemarle
Carney, Becky (D)	102nd	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
Cleveland, George G. (R)	14th	Onslow	Jacksonville
Collins, Jeff (R)	25th	Nash	Rocky Mount
Cook, Bill (R)	6th	Beaufort	Chocowinity
Cotham, Tricia Ann (D)	100th	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
Crawford, James W., Jr. (D)	32nd	Granville	Oxford
Current, William A., Sr. (R)	109th	Gaston	Gastonia
Daughtry, N. Leo (R)	26th	Johnston	Smithfield
Davis, Ted, Jr. (R) ⁴	19th	New Hanover	Wilmington
Dixon, Jimmy (R)	4th	Duplin	Warsaw
Dockham, Jerry C. (R)	80th	Davidson	Denton
Dollar, Nelson (R)	36th	Wake	Cary
Earle, Beverly M. (D)	101st	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
Faircloth, John (R)	61st	Guilford	High Point
Faison, Bill (D)	50th	Orange	Durham
Farmer-Butterfield, Jean (D)	24th	Wilson	Wilson
Fisher, Susan C. (D)	114th	Buncombe	Asheville
Floyd, Elmer (D)	43rd	Cumberland	Fayetteville
Folwell, Dale R. (R)	74th	Forsyth	Winston-Salem
Frye, Phillip D. (R)	84th	Mitchell	Spruce Pine
Gibson, Pryor (D) ⁵	69th	Anson	Wadesboro
Gill, Rosa U. (D)	33rd	Wake McDowell	Raleigh
Gillespie, Mitch (R)	85th		Marion
Glazier, Rick (D)	45th 66th	Cumberland Richmond	Fayetteville Rockingham
Goodman, Ken (D)	47th	Robeson	0
Graham,Charles (D) Guice, W. David (R) ⁶	47th 113th	Transylvania	Lumberton Brevard
Hackney, Joe (D)	54th	,	
,	112th	Orange Rutherford	Chapel Hill Rutherfordton
Hager, Mike (R)	112111	Rumenoiu	RUHEHOIULOII

Representatives (continued)

Name	District	County	Address
Haire, R. Phillip (D)	119th	Jackson	Sylva
Hall, Larry (D)	29th	Durham	Durham
Hamilton, Susi H. (D)	18th	New Hanover	Wilmington
Harrison, Pricey (D)	57th	Guilford	Greensboro
Hastings, Kelly E. (R)	110th	Gaston	Cherryville
Hill, Dewey L. (D)	20th	Columbus	Whiteville
Hilton, Mark K. (R)	96th	Catawba	Conover
Hollo, Mark W. (R)	88th	Alexander	Taylorsville
Holloway, Bryan R. (R)	91st	Stokes	King
Horn, D.Craig (R)	68th	Union	Weddington
Howard, Julia C. (R)	79th	Davie	Mocksville
Hurley, Pat (R)	70th	Randolph	Asheboro
Iler, Frank (R)	17th	Brunswick	Oak Island
Ingle, Dan W. (R)	64th	Alamance	Burlington
Insko, Verla C. (D)	56th	Orange	Chapel Hill
Jackson, Darren G. (D)	39th	Wake	Raleigh
Jeffus, Margaret (D)	59th	Guilford	Greensboro
Johnson, Linda P. (R)	83rd	Cabarrus	Kannapolis
Jones, Bert (R)	65th	Rockingham	Reidsville
Jordan, Jonathan C. (R)	93rd	Ashe	Jefferson
Justice, Carolyn H. (R)	16th	Pender	Hampstead
Keever, Patsy (D)	115th	Buncombe	Asheville
Killian, Ric (R)	105th	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
Kozel, Karen (R) ⁷	10th	Lenoir	LaGrange
Krawiec, Joyce R. (R) ⁸	73rd	Forsyth	Kernersville
Langdon, James H., Jr. (R)	28th	Johnston	Angier
LaRoque, Stephen A. (R) 9	10th	Lenoir	Kinston
Lee, Barbara (D) 10	12th	Craven	New Bern
Lewis, David R. (R)	53rd	Harnett	Dunn
Lucas, Marvin W. (D)	42nd	Cumberland	Spring Lake
Luebke, Paul (D)	30th	Durham	Durham
Martin, Grier (D)	34th	Wake	Raleigh
McComas, Daniel F. (R) 11	19th	New Hanover	Wilmington
McCormick, Darrell G. (R)	92nd	Yadkin	Winston-Salem
McElraft, Pat (R)	13th	Carteret	Emerald Isle

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Representatives (continued)

Name	District	County	Address
McGee, William C. (R)	75th	Forsyth	Clemmons
McGrady, Chuck (R)	117th	Henderson	Hendersonville
McGuirt, Frank (D) 12	69th	Union	Wingate
McLawhorn, Marian N. (D)	9th	Pitt	Grifton
McNeill, Allen (R) ¹³	78th	Randolph	Asheboro
Michaux, Henry M., Jr. (D)	31st	Durham	Durham
Mills, Grey (R)	95th	Iredell	Mooresville
Mobley, Annie W. (D)	5th	Hertford`	Ahoskie
Moffitt, Tim D. (R)	116th	Buncombe	Asheville
Moore, Rodney W. (D)	99th	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
Moore, Tim (R)	111th	Cleveland	Kings Mountain
Murry, Tom (R)	41st	Wake	Morrisville
Owens, Bill (D)	lst	Pasquotank	Elizabeth City
Parfitt, Dianne (D)	44th	Cumberland	Fayetteville
Parmon, Earline W. (D)	72nd	Forsyth	Winston-Salem
Pierce, Garland E. (D)	48th	Scotland	Wagram
Pittman, Larry G. (R) ¹⁴	82nd	Cabarrus	Concord
Pridgen, G.L. (R)	46th	Robeson	Lumberton
Randleman, Shirley B. (R)	94th	Wilkes	Wilkesboro
Rapp, Ray (D)	118th	Madison	Mars Hill
Rhyne, Johnathan, Jr. (R) ¹⁵	38th	Wake	Raleigh
Ross, Deborah K. (D)	38th	Wake	Raleigh
Sager, Efton M. (R)	llth	Wayne	Goldsboro
Saine, Jason (R) ¹⁶	97th	Lincoln	Lincolnton
Samuelson, Ruth (R)	104th	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
Sanderson, Norman W. (R)	3rd	Pamlico	Arapahoe
Setzer, Mitchell S. (R)	89th	Catawba	Catawba
Shepard, Phil (R)	15th	Onslow	Jacksonville
Spear, Timothy L. (D)	2nd	Washington	Creswell
Stam, Paul (R)	37th	Wake	Apex
Starnes, Edgar V. (R)	87th	Caldwell	Hickory
Steen, Fred F., II (R)	76th	Rowan	Landis
Stevens, Sarah (R)	90th	Surry	Mt. Airy
Stone, Mike C. (R)	51st	Lee	Sanford
Tillis, Thom (R)	98th	Mecklenburg	Cornelius

Representatives (continued)

Name	District	County	Address
Tolson, Joe P. (D)	23rd	Edgecombe	Pinetops
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Torbett, John A. (R)	108th	Gaston	Stanley
Walend, Trudi (R) 17	113th	Transylvania	Brevard
Wainwright, William L. (D) ¹⁸	12th	Craven	Havelock
Warren, Edith D. (D)	8th	Pitt	Farmville
Warren, Harry (R)	77th	Rowan	Salisbury
Weiss, Jennifer (D)	35th	Wake	Cary
West, Roger (R)	120th	Cherokee	Marble
Wilkins, W.A. (D)	55th	Person	Roxboro
Womble, Larry W. (D)	71st	Forsyth	Winston-Salem
Wray, Michael H. (D)	27th	Northampton	Gaston

1 Jeffrey Barnhart resigned 9/30/2011. 2 Larry Brown died on 8/16/2012. 3 Harold Brubaker resigned 7/12/2012. 4 Ted Davis, Jr. appointed 9/20/2012. 5 Pryor Gibson resigned 3/3/2011. 6 W. David Guice resigned 1/1/2012. 7 Karen Kozel appointed 8/29/2012. 8 Joyce R. Krawiec appointed 10/10/2012. 9 Stephen LaRoque resigned 8/1/2012. 10 Barbara Lee appointed 8/6/2012. 11 Daniel McComas resigned 9/2/2012. 12 Frank McGuirt appointed 3/7/2011. 13 Allen McNeill appointed 8/13/2012. 14 Larry Pittman appointed 10/10/2011. 15 Jonathan Rhyne, Jr. resigned 8/15/2011. 16 Jason Saine appointed 8/24/2011. 17 Trudi Walend appointed 1/4/2012. 18 William Wainwright died on 7/17/2012.

N.C. Speakers of the House

Speakers of the House of Burgesses (Lower House of the Colonial Assembly)

Representative	County	Assembly
George Catchmaid	Albemarle	1666
Valentine Bird	Pasquotank	1672
Valentine Bird	Pasquotank	1673
Thomas Eastchurch	Unknown	1675
Thomas Cullen	Chowan	1677
George Durant	Currituck	1679
John Nixon	Chowan	1689
John Porter	Bath	1697-98
William Wilkison	Chowan	1703
Thomas Boyd	Unknown	1707
Edward Mosely	Chowan	1708
Richard Sanderson	Currituck	1709
William Swann	Currituck	1711
Thomas Snoden	Perquimans	1711-12
Edward Mosely	Chowan	1715-16
Edward Mosely	Chowan	1720
Edward Mosely	Chowan	1722
Edward Mosely	Chowan	1723
Maurice Moore	Perquimans	1725-26
John Baptista Ashe	Beaufort	1725-26
John Baptista Ashe	Beaufort	1727
Thomas Swann	Pasquotank	1729
Edward Mosely	Chowan	1731
Edward Mosely	Chowan	1733
Edward Mosely	Chowan	1734
William Downing	Tyrrell	1735
William Downing	Tyrell	1738-39
John Hodgson	Chowan	1741
Samuel Swann	Onslow	1742-44
Samuel Swann	Onslow	1744-45
Samuel Swann	Onslow	1746
Samuel Swann	Onslow	1746-52
Samuel Swann	Onslow	1753-54
John Campbell	Bertie	1754-60
Samuel Swann	Onslow	1754-60
Samuel Swann	Onslow	1760

Speakers of the House of Burgesses (continued)

Representative	County	Assembly
Samuel Swann	Onslow	1761
Samuel Swann	Onslow	1762
John Ashe	New Hanover	1762
John Ashe	New Hanover	1764-65
John Harvey	Perquimans	1766-68
John Harvey	Perquimans	1769
Richard Caswell	Craven	1770-71
John Harvey	Perquimans	1773
John Harvey	Perquimans	1773-74
John Harvey	Perquimans	1775
House of Commons		
Representative	County	Assembly
Abner Nash	Craven	1777
John Williams	Granville	1778
Thomas Benbury	Chowan	1778
Thomas Benbury	Chowan	1779
Thomas Benbury	Chowan	1780
Thomas Benbury	Chowan	1781
Thomas Benbury	Chowan	1782
Edward Starkey	Onslow	1783
Thomas Benbury	Chowan	1784 (April)
William Blount	Craven	1784 (October)
Richard Dobbs Spaight	Craven	1785
John B. Ashe	Halifax	1786-87
John Sitgreaves	Craven	1787
John Sitgreaves	Craven	1788
Stephen Cabarrus	Chowan	1789
Stephen Cabarrus	Chowan	1790
Stephen Cabarrus	Chowan	1791-92
Stephen Cabarrus	Chowan	1792-93
John Leigh	Edgecombe	1793-94
Timothy Bloodworth	New Hanover	1794-95
John Leigh	Edgecombe	1795
John Leigh	Edgecombe	1796
Musendine Matthews	Iredell	1797
Musendine Matthews	Iredell	1798

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Representative	County	Assembly
Musendine Matthews	Iredell	1799
Musendine Matthews	Iredell	1800
Stephen Cabarrus	Chowan	1802
Stephen Cabarrus	Chowan	1803
Stephen Cabarrus	Chowan	1804
Stephen Cabarrus	Chowan	1805
John Moore	Lincoln	1806
Joshua Grainger Wright	New Hanover	1807
Joshua Grainger Wright	New Hanover	1808
William Gaston	Craven	1808
Thomas Davis	Cumberland	1809
William Hawkins	Granville	1810
William Hawkins	Granville	1811
William Miller	Warren	1812
William Miller	Warren	1813
William Miller	Warren	1814
John Craig	Orange	1815
Thomas Ruffins	Orange	1816
James Iredell	Chowan	1816
James Iredell, Jr.	Chowan	1817
James Iredell, Jr.	Chowan	1818
Romulus M. Saunders	Caswell	1819
Romulus M. Saunders	Caswell	1820
James Mebane	Orange	1821
John D. Jones	New Hanover	1822
Alfred Moore	Brunswick	1823-24
Alfred Moore	Brunswick	1824-25
John Stanly	Craven	1825-26
John Stanly	Craven	1826-27
James Iredell, Jr.	Chowan	1827-28
Thomas Settle	Rockingham	1828-29
William J. Alexander	Mecklenburg	1829-30
Charles Fisher	Rowan	1830-31
Charles Fisher	Rowan	1831-32
Louis D. Henry	Cumberland	1832-33
William J. Alexander	Mecklenburg	1833-34
William J. Alexander	Mecklenburg	1834-35
William D. Haywood, Jr.	Wake	1835
William H. Haywood, Jr.	Wake	1836-37

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Representative	County	Assembly
William A. Graham	Orange	1838-39
William A. Graham	Orange	1840-41
Robert B. Gilliam	Granville	1840-41
Clavin Graves	Caswell	1842-43
Edward Stanly	Beaufort	1844-45
Edward Stanly	Beaufort	1846-47
Robert B. Gilliam	Granville	1846-47
Robert B. Gilliam	Granville	1848-49
James C. Dobbs	Cumberland	1850-51
John Baxter	Henderson	1852
Samuel P. Hill	Caswell	1854-55
Jesse G. Shepherd	Cumberland	1856-57
Thomas Settle, Jr.	Rockingham	1858-59
William T. Dortch	Wayne	1860-61
Nathan N. Fleming	Rowan	1860-61
Robert B. Gilliam	Granville	1862-64
Richard S. Donnell	Beaufort	1862-64
Marmaduke S. Robbins	Randolph	1862-64
Richard S. Donnel	Beaufort	1864-65
Samuel F. Phillips	Orange	1865-66
Rufus Y. McAden	Alamance	1866-67

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Representative	County	Assembly
Joseph W. Holden	Wake	1868
Joseph W. Holden	Wake	1869-70
Thomas J. Jarvis	Tyrrell	1870
James L. Robinson	Macon	1872
James L. Robinson	Macon	1874-75
Charles Price	Davie	1876-77
John M. Moring	Chatham	1879
Charles M. Cooke	Franklin	1881
George M. Rose	Cumberland	1883
Thomas M. Holt	Alamance	1885
John R. Webster	Rockingham	1887
Augustus Leazar	Iredell	1889
Rufus A. Doughton	Alleghany	1891

Representative	County	Assembly
Lee S. Overman	Rowan	1893
Zeb V. Walser	Davidson	1895
A.F. Hileman	Cabarrus	1897
Henry G. Conner	Wilson	1899-1900
Walter E. Moore	Jackson	1901
S.M. Gattis	Orange	1903
Owen H. Guion	Craven	1905
E.J. Justice	Guilford	1907
A.W. Graham	Granville	1909
W.C. Dowd	Mecklenburg	1911
George Connor	Wilson	1913
Emmett R. Wooten	Lenoir	1915
Walter Murphy	Rowan	1917
Dennis G. Brummitt	Granville	1919
Harry P. Grier	Iredell	1921
John G. Dawson	Lenoir	1923-24
Edgar W. Pharr	Mecklenburg	1925
Richard T. Fountain	Edgecombe	1927
A. H. Graham	Orange	1929
Willis Smith	Wake	1931
R. L. Harris	Person	1933
Robert Johnson	Pender	1935-36
R. Gregg Cherry	Gaston	1937
D. L. Ward	Craven	1939
O. M. Mull	Cleveland	1941
John Kerr, Jr.	Warren	1943
Oscar L. Richardson	Union	1945
Thomas J. Pearsall	Nash	1947
Kerr Craig Ramsay	Rowan	1949
W. Frank Taylor	Wayne	1951
Eugene T. Bost, Jr.	Cabarrus	1953
Larry I. Moore, Jr.	Wilson	1955-56
James K. Doughton	Alleghany	1957
Addison Hewlett	New Hanover	1959
Joseph M. Hunt, Jr.	Guilford	1961
H. Clifton Blue	Moore	1963
H. Patrick Taylor, Jr.	Anson	1965-66
David M. Britt	Robeson	1967

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Representative	County	Assembly
Earl W. Vaughn	Rockingham	1969
Philip P. Godwin	Gates	1971
James E. Ramsey	Person	1973-74
James C. Green	Bladen	1975-76
Carl J. Stewart, Jr.	Gaston	1977-78
Carl J. Stewart, Jr.	Gaston	1979-80
Liston B. Ramsey	Madison	1981-82
Liston B. Ramsey	Madison	1983-84
Liston B. Ramsey	Madison	1985-86
Liston B. Ramsey	Madison	1987-88
Josephus L. Mavretic	Edgecombe	1989-90
Daniel T. Blue, Jr.	Wake	1991-94
Harold J. Brubaker	Randolph	1995-98
James B. Black	Mecklenburg	1999-2007
Richard T. Morgan (Co-Speaker)	Moore	2003-2004
Joe Hackney	Orange	2007-2010
Thom Tillis	Mecklenburg	2011-Present

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Thom Tillis Speaker of the House

Republican, Mecklenburg County

Ninety-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County.

Early Years Born on August 30, 1960.

Professional Background Management Consultant.

Political Activities Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-Present.

Personal Information Married to Susan Tillis.

Committee Assignments

The Speaker of the House appoints all committee chairs and members.



Dale Robbins Folwell Speaker Pro Tempore of the House

Republican, Forsyth County

Seventy-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Forsyth County

Early Years

Born in Raleigh, Wake County, N.C. on December 17, 1958.

Educational Background

West Forsyth High School, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1977; B.S.-Accounting UNC, Greensboro, 1985; Masters-Accounting, UNC Greensboro, 1986.

Professional Background

Private Investor.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present; Republican Joint Caucus Leader, 2007-2008; Speaker Pro Tempore 2011-2012.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Former Cubmaster for Boy Scouts of America, Old Hickory Council Pack 909; Contributor to the Dalton R. Folwell Summer Scholars Program Institute of Regenerative Medicine at Wake Forest University.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education, 7 years.

Honors and Awards

2010 Eye Bank Association of America National Gift of Sight Award; 2007 President's Award, N.C. Association of County Commissioners; 2006 Distinguished Service Award, N.C. Tax Collector's Association.

Personal Information

Married to Synthia Sexton Folwell. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Vice Chair, Pensions and Retirement; Member, Education, Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education; Energy and Energy Efficiency and Finance.



Paul B. Stam House Majority Leader

Republican, Wake County

Thirty-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Princeton, N.J., on September 5, 1950, to Paul Bowman and Jane Levring Stam.

Educational Background



Eastern Christian High School, N. Haledon, N.J., 1968; B.S. in Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, 1972; JD, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law, 1975.

Professional Background

Attorney, Stam & Danchi, PLLC.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1989-1990 and 2003-Present; N.C. House Republican Leader, 2007-2010; House Majority Leader, 2011-2012.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Apex Chamber of Commerce; Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce; Fuquay-Varina Chamber of Commerce.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chair, N.C. Juvenile Law Study Commission, 1989-1992.

Military Service

Corporal, 2nd Marine Division, Hq. Co. Hq. Bn. Div. Band, U.S. Marine Corp, 1968-1970.

Personal Information

Married, Dorothy Mills Stam. Two children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Judiciary Subcommittee B; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Education, Elections, Finance, Judiciary, Redistricting, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

Ruth Samuelson House Majority Whip

Republican, Mecklenburg County

One Hundred-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Charleston, S.C. on November 4, to Bob and Peggy Culbertson.

Educational Background

West Charlotte High School, Charlotte, N.C., 1977; B.A. in Speech Communications, UNC, Chapel Hill, 1981.

Professional Background

President, Ruth: Philanthropy in Motion.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-Present; Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, 2000-2004.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Sustainer Member, Junior League of Charlotte; Member, National Board of Peacemaker Ministries; Charlotte Trustee, Speedway Charities.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

President's Council, Central Piedmont Community College; Board of Visitors, Johnson C. Smith University; Board of Counselors, Catawba Lands Conservancy.

Honors and Awards

2009 "50 Most Influential Women in Business, Government", Mecklenburg Times; Hall of Fame inductee, National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women, Charlotte Chapter; Green Government Leader, Charlotte Business Journal.

Personal Information

Married to Ken Samuelson. Four children. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Environment; Vice Chair, Redistricting; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Finance, Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health, Public Utilities, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.



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Pat McElraft Deputy Majority Whip

Republican, Carteret County

Thirteenth Representative District: Carteret and Jones counties

Professional Background

Technical Sales Representative - Microbiology Products Company/Real Estate Broker.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-Present.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Environment; Vice-Chair, Insurance; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Education, Transportation.



Jonathan Jordan Deputy Majority Whip

Republican, Ashe County

Ninety-Third Representative District: Ashe and Watauga counties

Educational Background

B.A., Economics, Wake Forest University, 1990; MBA, Vanderbilt University, 1992; J.D., University of North Carolina, 1996; MS in Public Administration, University of North Carolina, 1996.

Professional Background

Attorney, Jordan and Jordan Law Offices, PLLC, 2005-Present; County Attorney, Stokes County, 2003-2006; Communications Director, NC Republican Party, 2001-2003; President/Editor, Network Carolina News Company, LLC, 2000-2001; Human Resources Manager and Acting Legal Counsel, Enterprise Network Service, Inc., 1999-2000; Director of Research, The John Lock Foundation, 1997-1999.

Political Activities

Member, NC House of Rpresentative, 2011-Present; Vice Chair, Ashe County Republican Party, 2007-2010.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Elections; Member, Agriculture, Education, Finance, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee C.

Marilyn Avila Joint Caucus Leader

Republican, Wake County

Fortieth Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Statesboro, GA, on January 3, 1949 to Noyce and Christine Womack.

Educational Background Portal High School, 1967; B.S., Chemistry, Georgia Southern University, 1971.

Professional Background

N.C. State Representative.

Political Activities

N.C. House of Representatives 2007-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Finance Chairwoman, First Wake County "Project Graduation," 1988; Member, Facilities Committee, Wake County Public School System; Board Member, Black Horse Run Homeowners Association, 1991-1993.

Personal Information

Married to Alex Avila. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology; Vice Chair, Education; Member, Appropriations, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development, Ethics, State Personnel, Transportation.



Mike Hager Republican Freshman Leader

Republican, Rutherford County

One-Hundred-Twelfth Representative District: Rutherford County and portions of Burke County.

Early Years

Born on November 5, 1962.

Educational Background

BS, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 1986.

Professional Background

Small business owner; Duke Energy Engineer (Retired).

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representative, 2011-Present.

Personal Information

Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Public Utilities; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Banking, Commerce and Job Development, Education, Government;



Joe Hackney Minority Leader

Democrat, Orange County

Fifty-Fourth Representative District: Chatham and Portions of Moore and Orange counties

Early Years

Born in Siler City, Chatham County, on September 23, 1945, to Herbert Harold and Ida Lillian Dorsett Hackney.

Educational Background

Silk Hope High School, 1963; N.C. State University, 1963-64; A.B. with Honors in Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1964-67; J.D., UNC School of Law, 1970.

Professional Background

Attorney and Partner, Firm of Epting & Hackney. Research Assistant, N.C. Supreme Court.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1981-Present; Speaker, N.C. House, 2007-Present; Speaker Pro Tempore, 1999-2002; House Majority Leader, 2003-2007.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Orange County Bar Association; N.C. Bar Association; N.C. Advocates for Justice.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

President, National Conference of State Legislatures, 2008-2009; President, Foundation for State Legislatures, 2009-2010; Board Member, State Legislative Lenders Foundation; Former Board Member, Joint Orange-Chatham Community Action, Inc.

Honors and Awards

Wm. Bulger Excellence in State Legislative Leadership, 2007; Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award; Governor's Award, Legislator of the Year, N.C. Wildlife Federation, 1998 and 1985; William Richardson Davie Award, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2007; Jane Sharp Lifetime Award, Conservation Council of N.C., 2007.

Personal Information

Married, Betsy Strandberg Hackney. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Ethics; Member, Finance, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee C, Redistricting, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.



William L. Wainwright Deputy Minority Leader

(Deceased July 17, 2012)

Democrat, Craven County

Twelfth Representative District: Portions of Craven and Lenoir counties

Early Years

Born in Somerville, Tennessee, on October 19, 1947, to James and Daisy Wainwright.

Educational Background

Manassas High, 1965; B.S. in Business, Memphis State, 1970.

Professional Background

Minister; Presiding Elder, New Bern District Conference, AME Zion Church.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1991-2012; N.C. House Speaker Pro Tempore, 2007-2012.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Carteret County Head Start Program (Program Policy, Chair); Craven County Board of Aging; Craven County Voters League.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Publishing House Board, A.M.E. Zion Church, 1992-Present; UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Visitors -- Institute of Marine Science; N.C. Council of Churches.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Member, Board of Directors, Carteret Community Action; Head Start Program, Inc.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Finance; Member, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Health and Human Services, Insurance, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs.



Rick Glazier Minority Whip

Democrat, Cumberland County

Forty-Fifth Representative District: Portions of Cumberland County

Early Years

Born in Allentown, PA, on June 16, 1955 to Stanley and Margaret Acker Glazier.

Educational Background

William Allen High School, Allentown, PA, 1973; B.A. Foreign Policy, Penn State University, 1977; J.D. Wake Forest University, 1981.

Professional Background

Attorney, Professor. Fayetteville State University and Campbell University School of Law.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Cumberland County Board of Education, 1996-2002, Chair 1997-1999.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Fayetteville Urban Ministry Board of Directors, 1996-2006; Child Advocacy Center Board of Directors, 2001-2006; Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Advisory Board, 2006-Present.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Public School Forum Board of Directors, 2005-Present; Member, UNC Center for Public Television Board of Directors, 1996-2002; N.C. Justice's Actual Innocence Commission, 2004-2006.

Honors and Awards

N.C. Justice Center, 2007 "Defenders of Justice" Award; N.C. Association of Local Health Directors, 2007 Legislator of the Year; Covenant with North Carolina's Children, 2007 "Ruth M. Easterling" House Award.

Personal Information

Married, Lise Ortenberg Glazier, Two children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Banking, Education, Insurance, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee B.



Larry D. Hall Minority Whip

Democrat, **Durham** County

Twenty-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Durham County.

Early Years

Born in Durham, Durham County, on September 18, 1955.

Educational Background

High School, Durham, 1973; B.S., J.C. Smith University, 1978; J.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1985.

Professional Background

Attorney. Hall Law Offices.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-Present; N.C. House Democratic Freshman Chair, 2007-2008.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

N.C. State Bar Association; Marine Corp League; Durham Companions Youth Mentor Program.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Board of Directors, Legal Services, Durham County; Durham Chamber of Commerce; Durham MWBE Advisory Committee.

Military Service

Major, 2 BW., 2 Mar Reg., 2nd Div., US Marines, active 1978-1982, reserves 1982-1996. Meritorious Unit Citation; Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Honors and Awards

Navy Achievement Medal, U.S. Marine Corps, 1985; Service Award, N.C. Black Leadership Caucus, 2004; President's Award, Durham NAACP, 1996.

Committee Assignments

Member, Banking, Education, Finance, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee A, Transportation.



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Ray Rapp Minority Whip

Democrat, Madison County

One Hundred-Eighteenth Representative District: Madison, and Portions of Haywood and Yancey counties

Early Years

Born in Danbury, Connecticut, on February 11, 1945, to Harold B. and Elsie Frost Rapp.

Educational Background

Bethel High School, Bethel, Connecticutt, 1962; B.A. in History, Western Connecticut, 1966; M.A. in History, University of South Florida, 1972; History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1972-1977.

Professional Background

Retired College Administrator, Mars Hill College.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Mayor, Town of Mars Hill, 1997-2002; Alderman, Town of Mars Hill, 1993-1997.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Former President, Madison County Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, Hand Made in America; Board of Directors, Southern Appalachian Highland Conservancy.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Past Member, Board of Directors, Land of Sky Regional Council; Past Member, N.C. Local Government Commission; Former Chair, Board of Directors, Appalachian Consortium.

Honors and Awards

Patrick Henry Award for Support of N.C. National Guard, 2004; Outstanding Public Servant Award, Land of Sky Regional Council; Grumman Award for Outstanding Adult Educator, N.C. Adult Education Association, 1995.

Personal Information

Married Dorothy Rutler Rapp. Two children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Education, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, Redistricting, Transportation.



Deborah K. Ross Minority Whip

Democrat, Wake County

Thirty-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Philadelphia, PA, on June 20, 1963, to Marvin and Barbara Klein Koff.

Educational Background



Bloomfield High School, Bloomfield, CT, 1981; B.A. in International Relations, Brown University, 1985; J.D., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1990.

Professional Background

Law Faculty of Counsel, Duke University; Styers & Kererait.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; N.C. House Majority Whip.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Women's Forum of North Carolina; League of Women Voters; Wake County Bar Association, Lunch with a Lawyer Volunteer.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Committee on Urban Growth & Infrastructure; General Statutes Commission; Capital Planning Commission.

Honors and Awards

2009 Legislator of the Year, N.C. Housing Coalition; 2009 Ruth Coltrane Cannon Award for Historic Preservation; 2009 Wake Up Wake County Award for Transit.

Personal Information

Married to Stephen Wrinn.

Committee Assignments

Member, Education, Elections, Ethics, Finance, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommitte A.

Michael H. Wray Minority Whip

Democrat, Northampton County

Twenty-Seventh Representative District: North Hampton, Warren and Portions of Vance counties

Early Years

Born in Roanoke Rapids, Halifax County, On April 6, 1967, to Harold Weathers and Shirley Doris Clary Wray.

Educational Background Northeast Academy, Lasker, 1986; Barton College.

Professional Background

Businesman/Developer,Wray Developments.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present; Commissioner, Town of Gaston.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Rotary Club; Lions Club; National Wildlife Turkey Federation.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Economic Development Board; N.C. Board of CPA Examiners; Governor's Crime Commission.

Personal Information

Married to Kay Elizabeth Woodard Wray. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Health and Human Services, Insurance, Public Utilities.



Diane McChesney Parfitt Democratic Freshman Leader

Democrat, Cumberland County

Forty-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Cumberland County

Early Years

Born in Temple, Texas, on January 1, 1946, to Earl Edward and Laura Stutts McChesney.

Educational Background

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Bethesda, Maryland, 1964; Pre-Nursing, Madison College, 1064-66; BSN in Nursing, University of Virginia, 1968; MSN, Maternal Child Health Nursing, UNC, Chapel Hill, 1973.

Professional Background

Owner, City Center Gallery & Books.

Political Activities Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2010-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville; Networth – Woman's Professional Organization; Fayetteville Downtown Alliance.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Governor's Task Force on Healthy Carolinians.

Honors and Awards

Sigma Theta Tau – National Nursing Honor Society, Awarded at UNC, Chapel Hill, 1972.

Personal Information

Married Henry Edward Parfitt. Two Children. Two Grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Government, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, Transportation.



Alma S. Adams Democrat, Guilford County

Fifty-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Guilford County

Early Years

Born in High Point on May 27, 1946, to Benjamin Shealey (deceased) and Mattie Stokes Shealey.

Educational Background

West Side High School, Newark, N.J., 1964; B.S. in Art Education, N.C. A&T State University, 1969; M.S. in Art Education, N.C. A&T State University, 1972; Ph.D. in Art Education/Multicultural Education, Ohio State University, 1981.



Professional Background

Professor of Art, Bennett College, Director, Steele Hall Art Gallery.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1994-Present; Greensboro City Council, 1987-94; Greensboro City School Board, 1984-86.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

First Vice-Chair, African American Atelier, Inc.; Life Member, Greensboro Branch, NAACP.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Women's Legislative Caucus, 1999-2000; American Legacy Foundation; Chair, Guilford Delegation, 2000-02; Chair, NC Legislative Black Caucus Foundation.

Honors and Awards

Advocacy Award, N.C. Support Center, 2010; Certificate of Appreciation, N.C. Public Health Incubators Collaborative, 2008; W.E.B. Dubois Award, N.C. A&T State University, 2008; 2000 Distinguished Women of North Carolina; Distinguished W.K. Kellogg Fellow, 1990-93; Woman of Achievement in the Arts, 1992.

Personal Information

Two children. Four grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Ethics, Government.

Kelly M. Alexander, Jr. Democratic Freshman Leader

Democrat, Mecklenburg County

One Hundred-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Education

MPA, Public Administration, UNC, Chapel Hill; B.S., Political Science, UNC, Chapel Hill.

Professional Background

Manager, Alexander Funeral Home; Former College Teacher, UNC-Charlotte; Former High School Teacher.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2008-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, Z. Smith Reynolds Advisory Board; 32nd Degree Mason, Prince Hall Affiliation, Freemasons of N.C.; Cofounder, Project Uplift, UNC, Chapel Hill.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Member, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission; Chair, New Brooklyn Initiative; Member, N.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission; Member, Schools Building Solutions Committee.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Banking, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Environment, Finance, Public Utilities, Redistricting.



Martha Bedell Alexander Democrat, Mecklenburg County

One Hundred-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Jacksonville, Florida, on August 30, 1939, to Chester Bedell and Edmonia Hair Bedell.

Educational Background

Robert E. Lee School, Jacksonville Florida, 1957; B.S. in Education, Florida State University, 1961; Master of Human Development and Learning, UNC-Charlotte, 1979.

Professional Background Legislator/Volunteer.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1993-present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

World Service Council, YWCA; Deputy Chair, National Council on Aplocoholism and Drug Dependence; Involved on Local Diocese and National level of Episcopal Church.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Equal Access to Justice Commission; Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services.

Honors and Awards

Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award, Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., 2003; Woman of the Year in Charlotte, 1993; Distinguished Alumni Award, UNC, Charlotte.

Personal Information

Two Children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Education; Member, Appropriations; Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Elections, Government, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee A, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.



Jeffrey L. Barnhart Republican, Cabarrus County

(Resigned September 30, 2011)

Eighty-Second Representative District: Portions of Cabarrus County

Early Years

Born in Waverly, New York, on March 5, 1956, to Fred Harrison and Mildred Lorraine Sjostrom Barnhart.



Education

Waverly High School, 1974; B.S. in Industrial Technology, Southern Illinois University, 1981.

Professional Background

CEO, Cabarrus Community Health Centers, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present; Member, Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners, 1990-2000.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Military Service

Sgt., 2042 Communications, U.S. Air Force, 1978-82; Air Force Commendation Medal.

Personal Information

Married, Jody L. Springston Barnhart. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations; Vice Chair, Health and Human Services; Member, Ethics, Government, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, Transportation.

Larry Moseley Bell Democrat, Sampson County

Twenty-First Representative District: Portions of Sampson and Wayne counties

Early Years

Born in Faison, Sampson County, on August 18, 1939, to Johnny Moseley and Fannie Mae Boone Bell.

Education

Douglass High School, Warsaw, 1957; B.S. in Social Studies and General Science, North Carolina A&T State University, 1961; M.A. in Education Administration, North Carolina A&T State University, 1976; Ed. S. in Education Administration, East Carolina University, 1985.

Professional Background

Retired School Superintendent.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present; N.C. House Majority Whip, 2005-Present; Sampson County Commissioner/Superintendent of Schools; Community College Trustee.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service

Chairman, Division of Superintendents, NCASA; Sampson County Voters League; Chairman, Board of Trustees, Kenansville Eastern M. Baptist Association.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chairman, Region M. Council of Government; Member Joint Forum, League of Municipalities, County Commissioners; Chairman, Clinton/Sampson Human Relations Board.

Honors and Awards

Legislature of the Year Award, N.C. Physical Education Arts and Recreation Department, 2003; Elected to the Sampson County Hall of Fame, 2001; N.C. Librarians Association Administrator of the Year, 1993.

Personal Information

One child. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Education, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, Redistricting, State Personnel.



Hugh Blackwell Republican, Burke County

Eighty-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Burke County

Professional Background Attorney.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Vice Chair, Appropriations; member, Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee A, Public Utilities, Transportation.



John M. Blust Republican, Guilford County

Sixty-Second Representative District: Portions of Guilford County

Early Years

Born in Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio, on June 4, 1954, to Gordon Charles and Barbara J. Brown Blust.

Education

Western Guilford High School, Greensboro, 1972; B.S. in

Accounting and Business Administration, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1979; J.D., UNC School of Law, 1982.

Professional Background

Attorney and Accountant, Ivey, McClellan, Gatton & Talcott.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present; Member, N.C. Senate, 1997-1999; Chairman, Guilford County.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Member, Board of Directors, Guilford Mental Health Board; Vance Harner Scholarship Fund.

Military Service

Captain, 82nd Airborne, 2nd Infantry Division, U.S. Army, Field Artillery, 1982-1985.

Honors and Awards

2nd Degree Black Belt, Young Yu School of Taekwon Do.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Judiciary Subcommittee A; Vice Chair, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Education, Elections, Insurance, Judiciary, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.



James Larry Boles, Jr. Republican, Moore County

Fifty-Second Representative District: Portions of Moore County

Early Years

Born in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, on January 16, 1961, to James Larry and Linda Fowler Boles.

Education

Pinecrest High School, Southern Pines, 1979; AS-Business Ad., Sandhills Community College, 1981; Funeral Service, Cincinnati College, 1982; Mortuary Science.

Professional Background

Boles Funeral Home, Owner.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009.

Organizations-Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service

Member, N.C. Funeral Directors Association; National Funeral Directors Association; Sandhills Kiwanis.

Personal Information

Four children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control; Vice Chair, Government; Member, Appropriations, Commerce and Job Development, Redistricting, State Personnel, Transportation.



Alice Louise Bordsen Democrat, Alamance County

Sixty-Third Representative District: Portions of Alamance County

Early Years

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on February 19, 1947, to Oscar and Gloria Thomas Bordsen.

Education

Myers Park High School, Charlotte, 1965; B.A. in History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1977; M.S. in Library Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1983; J.D., NCCU, 2001.

Professional Background

Attorney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Mebane City Council, 1999-2002.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Alamance County Community Council; N.C. State Bar; N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. Study Commission on Aging; N.C. Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission; Legislative Study Commission on Children and Youth.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Dedication and Leadership Award, N.C. TASC, 2007; Distinguished Legislator Award, N.C. Recreation and Parks Association, 2007; Haw River Partner, N.C. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, 2006.

Personal Information

Married, Donald Lewis Oehler. Two children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Appointments

Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Government, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee B, State Personnel.



Glen Bradley Republican, Franklin County

Forty-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Franklin, Halifax and Nash counties



Early Years

Born on September 11, 1973.

Professional Background

Field Network Engineer.

Political Activities

Member, NC House of Representatives, 2011-2012.

Military Experience

U.S. Marine Corps, Corporal/Intelligence Analyst, 1993-1997.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Agriculture; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Government, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs.

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Marcus Brandon Democrat, Guilford County

Sixtieth Representative District: Portions of Guilford County

Educational Background

Graduated from Southern Guilford High School; Bachelor's degree in Political Science, NC Agricultural and Technical State University.

Professional Background

Political Consultant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011- Present.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Finance, Government, Transportation.



William Brawley Republican, Mecklenburg County

One Hundred-Third Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Professional Background

Real Estate Broker **Political Activities** Member, NC House of Representatives, 2011-Present. **Military Experience** United States Army, 1969-1975.



Committee Assignments

Chair, Banking; Vice Chair, Commerce and Job Development; Member, Environment, Finance, Public Utilities, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology.

William D. Brisson Democrat, Bladen County

Twenty-Second Representative District: Portions of Bladen and Cumberland counties

Professional Background

Farmer.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-Present.



Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Former Chair, Bladen County Board of County Commissioners; Vice-Chair, Bladen County Hosital Board of Trustees; Bladen Medical Center; Secretary & Treasurer, Bladen County Farm Bureau.

Personal Information

Married, Brenda Brisson. One child. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health, Public Utilities, Transportation.

Larry Brown Republican, Forsyth County

(Deceased August 16, 2012)

Seventy-Third Representative District: Portions of Davidson and Forsyth counties

Early Years

Born in Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, on February 9, 1943, to William Edgar and Ruth Holcomb Brown.

Educational Background

Kernersville High School, Kernersville, N.C., 1961; B.A. in Business Administration, Central Wesleyan, 1971.

Professional Background

Owner//Broker, Brown Real Estate Co.; Retired U.S. Postal Service; Licensed Insurance Broker; President, Triad Global Concepts.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present; Mayor, Town of Kernersville, 1997-2005; Alderman, Town of Kernersville, 11 years.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Kernersville Civitan Club; Kernersville Sister City Commission.

Military Service US Navy, 1965-1969.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Young Men in America, US Chamber of Commerce; American Legion Scholarship Award, Veterans Administration.

Personal Information

Married, Martha Vance Brown. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Local Government I; Member, Alcoholic Beverage Control; Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, Education, Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges and Federal Relations and Indian Affairs.



Rayne Brown Republican, Davidson County

Eighty-First Representative District: Portions of Davidson County

Educational Background

BA, Social Work, East Carolina University, 1975; Masters Degree in Education, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 1985.

Professional Background

Medical Social Worker.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Clark Bown. One child. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Health and Human Services; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Elections, Government, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee C, Redistricting.



Harold James Brubaker Republican, Randolph County

(Resigned July 12, 2012)

Seventy-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Randolph County

Early Years

Born in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, on November 11, 1946, to Paul N. and Verna Mae Miller Brubaker.

Educational Background

B.S. in Agricultural Economics, Pennsylvania State University, 1969; Masters in Economics, N.C. State University, 1971.

Professional Background

President, Brubaker & Associates, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1977-Present (Speaker of the House, 1995-99; House Minority Leader, 1981-84; Joint Caucus Leader, Republican Members of the N.C. General Assembly, 1979-80); Co-Chairman, N.C. Reagan-Bush Committee, 1980; Delegate-at-Large, National Republican Convention, 1980, 1996 and 2000.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Randolph County Farm Bureau; Grange; N.C. Holstein Association; 4-H Club leader (Former President, N.C. Development Fund).

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Young Men in N.C., 1981; Outstanding 4-H Alumni of N.C., 1981; Distinguished Service Award, 1981.

Personal Information

Married, Geraldine Baldwin. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Ethics, Financial Institutions and Public Utilities; Member, Health, Insurance, Rules Calendar, and Operations of the House and University Board of Governors Nominating.



Angela R. Bryant Democrat, Nash County

Seventh Representative District: Portions of Halifax and Nash counties

Early Years

Born in Rocky Mount, N.C., on December 9, 1951, to Alexander H. "Tuffy" Sr. and Ethel Lucas Bryant.

Educational Background

Rocky Mount Senior High School, Rocky Mount, NC, 1969; BS, Mathematics, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1973; JD Law, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1976.

Professional Background

Lawyer; Diversity and Organization Development Consultant, Angela Bryant Consulting affiliated with & Co-Founder of Visions, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-Present; Member, Rocky Mount City Council, 2007; UNC Board of Governors.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Delta Sigma Theta Sonority, Inc.; Rocky Mount Kiwanis Club; Halifax Horizons.

Elective or Appointed Boards and Commissions

Member, Energy Policy Council; Chair, House Select Committee on Use of 911 Funds; Member, Joint Study Committee on Poverty Reduction.

Honors and Awards

Friend of the Counties Award, N.C. Association of County Commissioners, 2010; Legislator of the Year, N.C. Sustainable Energy Association, 2009; Distinguished Alumni Award for Community Service, UNC, Chapel Hill, 2006.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Education, Elections, Insurance, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee B, Redistricting.



Justin Phillip Burr Republican, Stanly County

Sixty-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Montgomery, Stanly and Union Counties

Early Years

Born in Wadesboro, Anson County, on June 28, 1985, to Phillip B. and Kathy Barber Burr.

Educational Background

South Stanly High School, Norwood N.C., 2004; Stanly Community College; Campbell University.

Professional Background

Bail Bondsman, Burr Bail Bonds.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present N.C. House Republican Freshman Leader, 2009-2010.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Boy Scouts of America; Stanly County Chamber of Commerce; National Rifle Association.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Vice-Chair, N.C. 8th Congressional Republican Party, 2007-Present; Member, Centralina Workforce Development Board Member, 2007-2009; Chairman, Stanly County Republican Party, 2007-2008.

Honors and Awards

Eagle Scout; The Outstanding Teen-Age Republican in the Nation, 2003.

Personal Information

Married, Lindsey Ledbetter Burr.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Appropriations, Elections, Health and Human Services, Judiciary, Redistricting; Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Member, Government, Insurance, Judiciary Subcommittee B.



Becky Carney Democrat, Mecklenburg County

One Hundred-Second Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Roxboro, Person County, on December 25, 1944, to James Marshall and Mona Bohannon Coley.

Educational Background

Needham B. Broughton High School, 1963.

Professional Background

Homemaker/Public Servant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2002-Present; Vice-Chair, Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, 1996-2002.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

The Women's Forum of North Carolina; Junior League of Charlotte; Community School of the Arts.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

N.C. in the World Advisory Board; N.C. State Capital Foundation Board; Council for Children Advisory Board.

Honors and Awards

Champion for the Arts, ARTS N.C., 2007; Representative of the Year, Conservation Council of N.C., 2010; N.C. Metropolitan Mayor, Legislative Award, 2009.

Personal Information

Married, Gene Joseph Carney. Six children. Ten grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Transportation; Member, Banking, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Education, Finance.



George Grant Cleveland Republican, Onslow County

Fourteenth Representative District: Portions of Onslow County

Early Years

Born in Scranton, P.A., on May 9, 1939, to George Spaulding and Helen Grant Cleveland.

Educational Background

B.S. in Mathematics Education, University of Maryland, 1982.

Professional Background Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lifetime Member; Fleet Reserve Association, Lifetime Member; National Rifle Association, Lifetime Benefactor Member.

Military Service

Master Gunnery Sgt., U.S. Marine Corps., Retired; Naval Commendation Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Personal Information

Married, Nancy Leatherman Cleveland. Four children. Eight grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Homeland Security Military and Veterans Affairs;, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Vice Chair, Appropriations, Transportation; Member, Agriculture, Education, Government, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee C.



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Jeff Collins Republican, Nash County

Twenty-Fifth Representative District: Nash and Franklin counties

Early Years

Born in Rocky Mount on December 19, 1955.

Educational Background

Bachelor's Degree, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1978.

Professional Background

Financial Consultant

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Beanie Collins.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Insurance; Member, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Finance, Government, Public Utilities, State Personnel.



Bill Cook Republican, Beaufort County

Sixth Representative District: Portions of Beaufort and Pitt counties

Early Years

Born in Washington, D.C.

Educational Background

B.S., Business Administration, University of Maryland, 1970.

Professional Background

Manager, Analyst, Potomac Electric Power Company (Retired).

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-2012.

Personal Information

Married to Holly Cook. Two adult children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Public Utilities; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Commerce and Job Development, Environment, Redistricting.



Tricia Ann Cotham Democrat, Mecklenburg County

One Hundredth Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Stone Mountain, GA, November, 26, 1978, to John and Pat Cain Cotham.

Educational Background

Providence High School, Charlotte, N.C., 1997; B.A., History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2001; Masters, School Administration, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2006.

Professional Background

Assistant Principal, Char/Meck Schools.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-Present.

Honors and Awards

UNC Alumna of the Year, 2009; Legislator of the Year, N.C. Center for Voter Education; CMS Teacher of the Year, 2002.

Personal Information

Married to Jerry Meek. One child.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Education, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental health; member, Elections, Finance, Government, Health and Human Services, Redistricting, State Personnel.



James W. Crawford, Jr. Democrat, Granville County

Thirty-Second Representative District: Portions of Granville and Vance counties

Early Years

Born in Durham, Durham County, on October 4, 1937, to James Walker and Julia Brent Hicks Crawford.

Educational Background

Oxford High School, Oxford, 1956; B.S. in Industrial Relations, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1960.

Professional Background

Businessman and Developer; Partner, Crawford Properties.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1983-92 and 1995-Present; Oxford City Council; Democratic Party County Chair.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

N.C. Mental Health Association; N.C. Chamber; N.C. Retail Merchants Association; Roanoke River Basin Association; National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Vance-Granville Community College Foundation; Chair, Oxford Zoning Board of Adjustment; Granville Medical Center Foundation.

Military Service

Lieutenant (j.g.), Operations Officer, U.S. Navy, 1960-62.

Honors and Awards

Legislator of the Year, Autism Society of N.C., 2008; Legislator of the Year, National Alliance for Mentally Ill, 2005; Legislator of the Year, N.C. Nurses Association, 2003; Contribution to Transportation Award, N.C. Section of Institute of Transportation Engineers (NCSITE), 2003; Outstanding Legislator, N.C. Public Transportation Association, 2000.

Personal Information

Married, Harriet Coltrane Cannon Crawford. Three children. Seven grandchildren. Four great grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations; Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation; Member, Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health, Insurance, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee A, Redistricting, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House, Transportation.



William Ange Current, Sr. Republican, Gaston County

One Hundred-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Gaston County

Early Years

Born in Gastonia, Gaston County On May 4, 1933, to Alfred Cornelius and Vera Elizabeth McDuffie Current.

Educational Background

Gastonia High School, 1951; Attended NC State University, 1951-1953; BS, Dentistry, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1956; Doctor of Dental Surgery, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1958.

Professional Background

General Dentistry, Current Dentistry.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Past President, North Carolina Dental Society; Past President, Gaston Community Foundation; Past President, Gastonia Rotary Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chair, Gaston County Board of Health; NC State Health Coordinating Council (appointed by Governor Martin); Gastonia Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

Military Service

Lieutenant, US Navy Dental Corps, US Navy, 1958-1960; Honorable Discharge; Reserves, 1951-1960.

Honors and Awards

Fellowship in American and International Colleges of Dentistry, 1980's; William Gaston Award, Gaston County Commissioner, 1996; NC Dental Society Citizenship Award, 1994.

Personal Information

Married Elizabeth Oden Current. Four children. Nine grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Health and Human Services; Vice-Chair, Elections; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Commerce and Job Development, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Ethics, Insurance, Transportation.



Namon Leo Daughtry Republican, Johnston County

Twenty-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Johnston County

Early Years

Born in Newton Grove, Sampson County, on December 3, 1940, to Namon Lutrell and Annie Catholeen Thornton Daughtry.

Educational Background

Hobbton High School, 1958; B.A., Wake Forest University, 1962; L.L.B., Wake Forest University School of Law, 1965.

Professional Background

Attorney and Partner, Daughtry, Woodard, Lawrence & Starling. Owner of several small businesses.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1993-Present (Majority Leader, N.C. House, 1995-1998; Minority Leader, N.C. House, 1999-2002; Member, N.C. Senate, 1989-1992; Delegate to the National Republican Convention, 1976-1996.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Member, N.C. and Johnston County Bar Associations.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Board of Trustees, Meredith College; Past Board Member, Florence Crittenton Services; Triangle Bank and Trust; Regional Acceptance Corporation; World Trade Center, Wake Forest University School of Law, Board of Visitors.

Military Service

Captain, U.S. Air Force, Europe, 1966-70.

Honors and Awards

Guardian of Small Business Award, National Federation of Indpendent Business, 1998; Republican Leader of the Year, National Republican Legislators Association, 1998; Boy Scout Man of the Year, 1996; Distinguished Citizen Award, Smithfield-Selma Chamber of Commerce, 1994.

Personal Information

Married, Helen Finch Daughtry. Two children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Judiciary, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety; Vice Chair, Appropriations; Member, Agriculture, Banking, Education Judiciary Subcommittee A, Redistricting, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.



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Ted Davis, Jr. Republican, New Hanover County

(Appointed September 20, 2012)

Nineteenth Representative District: Portions of New Hanover County

Early Years

Born in Wilmington on January 23, 1950.

Educational Background

B.A., University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, 1972; J.D., Wake Forest University School of Law, 1975.

Professional Background

Attorney

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representtives, 2012-Present.



Jimmy Dixon Republican, Duplin County

Fourth Representative District: Portions of Duplin and Onslow counties

Educational Background

B.S., Wake Forest University, 1969. **Professional Background** Turkey Farmer **Political Activities** Member N.C. House of Perpresentatives, 2011 P



Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Agriculture; member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Education, Elections, Environment, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee C.



Jerry Charles Dockham Republican, Davidson County

Eightieth Representative District: Portions of Davidson County

Early Years

Born in Denton, Davidson County, on March 22, 1950, to Elwood Charles and Opal M. Coggin Dockham.

Educational Background

Denton High School, 1968; B.S. in Business, Wake Forest University, 1972.

Professional Background

Retired Insurance Consultant, Nationwide Insurance Co.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1990-Present; Former Chair, Davidson County Republican Party; Fellow, North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership; Member, ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council); Member, NCSL (National Conference of State Legislature); Delegate to the 1996 Republican National Convention in San Diego, CA.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Denton Lions Club (35-year member); Thomasville Area & Denton Chamber of Commerce.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Trustee of Davidson County Community College, 1987-Present; Former Member, Board of Directors of Central Carolina Bank & Trust Co. (now Sun Trust Bank).

Honors and Awards

1999 Emergency Medicine Advocate of the Year, N.C. College of Emergency Physicians; 1998 Legislator of the Year, N.C. Association of Anesthesiologists; Consistently ranked in the top 10% of legislators (out of 120 members) by N.C. F.R.E.E.

Personal Information

Married, Louise Skeen Dockham. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Insurance, Redistricting; Vice-Chair, Banking; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Education, Public Utilities.



Nelson Dollar Republican, Wake County

Thirty-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Burlington, N.C., Alamance County to James and Ruby K. Dollar.

Educational Background

Cummings High School, Burlington, N.C., 1979; B.S., Political Science, Appalachian State, 1983; M.A., Social Sciences, Appalachian State, 1985.

Professional Background

Media and Public Relations Consultant. J. N. Dollar & Associates.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Boy Scouts of America, 36 year volunteer; Former Board Member, Camp Oak Hill; Retreat Leader, C.L.U.B. Ministries.

Honors and Awards

Public Policy Leadership Award, NCDA, 2008.

Personal Information

Married, Lorrie L. Dollar. One child.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations, Health and Human Services, Redistricting; Vice-Chair, State Personnel; Member, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health, Transportation.



Beverly Earle Democrat, Mecklenburg County

One Hundred-First Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Greensboro, Guilford County, on December 30, 1943, to Angelo Jr. and Edna Wilkins Miller.

Educational Background

Dudley High School, Greensboro, 1961; Social Science, N.C. A&T State University.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1995-Present; House Democratic Whip, 2003-2004.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Executive Committee, NCSL; Nevins Center; National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women.

Appointive and Elected Boards and Commissions

Women In Government; Board of Visitors, Johnson C Smith; N.C. Community Development Initiative.

Honors and Awards

March of Dimes, N.C. Public Affairs Leadership Award, 2003; N.C. Psychiatric Association, Beacon for Mental Health, 2003; Home & Hospice Leadership Award, Representative of the Year, 2003.

Personal Information

One child.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Health and Human Services; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Government, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health, Public Utilities, Redistricting.



John Faircloth Republican, Guilford County

Sixty-First Representative District: Portions of Guilford County

Educational Background

B.S., Management, Guilford College; M.S., Public Affairs, University of North Carolina.

Professional Background

Broker/Owner, Real Estate; Chief of Police, City of High Point, 1976-1992; Chief of Police, City of Salisbury, 1975-1976; North Carolina Department of Justice, 1972-1975; Greensboro Police Department, 1961-1972.

Political Activities

Representative, North Carolina House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Military Service

United States Army Reserve, 1957-1969.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety; Member, Appropriations, Elections, Government, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee B, Redistricting, Transportation.



Bill Faison Democrat, Orange County

Fiftieth Representative District: Caswell and Portions of Orange counties

Early Years

Born in Raleigh, Wake County, on February 7, 1947, to Ollie W. and Daisy Peaks Faison.

Educational Background

W. G. Enloe High School, 1965; AB, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1969; JD, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1972.

Professional Background

Attorney, Faison & Gillespie.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Board of Trustees, N.C. Justice Academy; Mason Lodge No. 19, Hillsborough-Scottish Rites, Valley of Greensboro; Gold Life Member, NAACP.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chairman, House Democrats Business Caucus; Chairman, House Select Committee, High Speed Internet Access Rural Areas.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Lawyers of America; Who's Who in American Law; EBBY Award, NCATL.

Personal Information

Married, Lindy Ann Creech Faison. Six children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Education, Finance, Insurance, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee A, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.



Jean Farmer-Butterfield Democrat, Wilson County

Twenty-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Edgecombe and Wilson counties

Early Years

Born in Wilson, Wilson County, on October 21, to Floyd and Odell Sharp Farmer.

Education

Speight High School, 1966; B.A., Sociology and Early Childhood Education, 1970; M.A., Guidance & Counseling & Sociology, N.C. Central University, 1972; Advanced Study - N.C. State University in Administration & Supervision; NCCU School of Law.

Professional Background

Director of LIFEguardianship, Arc of N.C.; JFB and Associates Consulting Firrm.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; N.C. House Majority Whip, 2007-2008; Served on the State Executive Committee of the Democratic Party; Democratic Women of Wilson County; Formner Special Registrar for Wilson County Board of Elections.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Links Incorporated; Founder, N.C. Guardianship Association; Member, National Guardianship Association Board.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

State Executive Committee, N.C. Democratic Party; Legislative Research Commission on Guardianship; NC-ICC for Children; UNC Institute on Aging Advisory Council.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding/Distinguished Service Leadership Award, The Links, 1990; Jackson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor's Medal of Appreciation, 1998; N.C. Guardianship Presidential and Founder's Award, 2000; Outstanding/Distinguished Legislator's Award, TASH, 2003; Legislator of the Year Award, The Arc of N.C., 2004.

Personal Information

Two children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Ethics, Health and Human Services, Redistricting, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.



Susan C. Fisher Democrat, Buncombe County

One Hundred-Fourteenth Representative District: Portions of Buncombe County

Early Years

Born in Morganton, Burke County, on July 3, 1955 to Alan and Penelope Reese Carscaddon.

Educational Background

Asheville High School, 1973; Mars Hill College, 1975; B.A. Audiology/Speech Pathology, University of Maryland, 1982.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2004-Present; Staff member to the late Representative James McClure Clarke, Washington, D.C.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

President, Asheville-Buncombe League of Women Voters; Member, Early Headstart Advisory Board; BRAVO (community concerts) Board of Directors.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Former Member/Chair of Asheville City Board of Education and Asheville Regional Airport Authority.

Honors and Awards

Housing Coalition – Legislator of the Year; N.C. Public Library Directors Association – Library Champion Award; Bertha "B." Holt Legislative Coverage and Leadership Award.

Personal Information

Married, John B. Fisher, Jr. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Banking, Education, Elections, Government, Redistricting.



Elmer Floyd Democratic Freshman Secretary

Democrat, Cumberland County

Forty-Third Representative District: Portions of Cumberland County

Educational Background

B.S., Early Childhood Education, Fayetteville State University.

Professional Background

Human Relations Director (Retired)

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2008-Present.

Military Service

United States Army, 1961-1963.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Member, Appropriations, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development on Business and Labor, Elections, Government, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, Insurance, Redistricting, State Personnel.



Phillip D. Frye Republican, Mitchell County

Eighty-Fourth Representative District: Avery, Mitchell and Portions of Caldwell and Yancey counties

Early Years

Born in Spruce Pine, Mitchell County, on August 14, 1943, to Iss and Alice Turbyfill Frye.

Educational Background

Harris High School, 1961; Accounting, Blanton' Business College, 1963.

Professional Background

Small Business Owner, Frye Auto Interiors.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Mayor, Town of Spruce Pine, 1993-2002; Board Member, Town of Spruce Pine, 1973-1992.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Past President and Member, Spruce Pine Kiwanis Club; Past Chair and Board Member, Foundation for Mitchell County; Board Member, Mitchell County Safe Place; Past President and Member, Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Past Chair and Board Member, N.C. Joint Regional Forum, 1981-2002; Past Board Member (1988-1990), N.C. League of Municipalities.

Honors and Awards

N.C. Intergovernmental Award, N.C. Association of County Commissioners, N.C. League of Municipalities Joint Forum, 1998; Outstanding Local Elected Official, Region D Council of Governments, 1998; Outstanding Executive Board Member, Region D Council of Governments, 1995.

Personal Information

Married to June Rathbone Frye. One child. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation; Vice-Chair, Appropriations, Transportation; Member, Agriculture, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Government.



Pryor Allan Gibson, III **Democrat**, Anson County

(Resigned March 3, 2011)

Sixty-Ninth Representative District: Anson and Portions of Union counties

Early Years

Born in Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, on October 12, 1957 to Pryor and Mary Pharr Gibson.

Educational Background

Anson High School, Wadesboro, 1975; Biology and Chemistry, UNC-Wilmington, 1978; Engineering, UNC-Charlotte; Management, N.C. State University.

Professional Background

Builder.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1989-91 and 1999-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Lions Club; Rotary Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions Chair, Environmental Review Commission; Chair, Finance.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Educator; Martin Luther King Citizen; Guardian of Small Business.

Personal Information

Married to Barbara Barger Gibson. Two children.



Rosa U. Gill Democrat, Wake County

Thirty-Third Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Educational Background

B.S., Mathematics, Shaw University.

Professional Background

Retired Educator; State Employee.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Jimmie Gill. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Education, Government, Public Utilities, Redistricting, Transportation.



Robert Mitchell Gillespie Republican, McDowell County

Eighty-Fifth Representative District: McDowell and Portions of Burke counties

Early Years

Born in Marion, McDowell County, on August 19, 1959, to Billy and Helen Loftis Gillespie.

Educational Background

McDowell High School, Marion, 1977; A.A.S. in Civil Engineering, Wake Technical Community College, 1980.

Professional Background

Owner, Gillespie Properties.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-Present; N.C. House Minority Whip, 2005-2006.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations McDowell County Chamber of Commerce.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

McDowell Technical Community College Trustee; McDowell Economic Development Authority.

Honors and Awards

Selected for Spring, 1998, Class of Fellows of the N.C. Institute of Political Leadership.

Personal Information

Married, Barbara Nell Hollifield Gillespie. One child.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations; Vice Chair, Environment; Member, Education, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House, Transportation.



Ken Goodman Democrat, Richmond County

Sixty-Sixth Representative District: Richmond County

Educational Background

B.S., Florida State University; A.A., Wingate University

Professional Background

Owner, RW Goodman Company; Chief Financial Officer, Richmond Yarns, 1990-2009.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Military Service

North Carolina Army National Guard, 1969-1975.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Education, Government, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, Transportation.



Charles Graham Democrat, Robeson County

Forty-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Robeson County

Professional Background

Business Owner, Retired Educator.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Education, Elections, Insurance, Transportation.



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W. David Guice Republican, Transylvania County

(Resigned January 1, 2012)

One Hundred-Thirteenth Representative District: Portions of Henderson, Polk and Transylvania counties

Early Years

Born in Asheville, Buncombe County. on July 4, 1955, to Bobby Lee and Shirley C. Guice, Sr.

Educational Background

T.C. Roberson High School, Asheville, N.C., 1974; A.A., Montreat-Anderson College, 1977; B.S.W. Mars Hill, 1979.

Professional Background

Retired Probation/Parole Manager, N.C. Department of Correction.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present; Transylvania County Board of County Commissioners, 2000-2008.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions Justice Reinvestment, N.C.

Honors and Awards 2010 Graduate of Distinction-T.C. Roberson; 2009 Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Personal Information

Married Kerry L. Guice. Two children. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Judiciary III, Juvenile Justice and Local Government II.



Robert Phillip Haire Democrat, Jackson County

One Hundred-Nineteenth Representative District: Jackson, Swain and Portions of Haywood and Macon counties

Early Years

Born in Caretta, W.V., on May 1, to Herman E. and Pauline Jackson Haire.

Educational Background

Beaver Creek High School, West Jefferson; B.A. in History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1958; J.D., UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law, 1961.

Professional Background

Attorney; R. Phillip Haire, Attorney At Law.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

N.C. Bar Association, Board of Governor's & Chair, Senior Lawyer's Division; National Conference of State Legislators, Vice-Chair, Standing Commission on Law & Criminal Justice; N.C. State Bar, Chair, N.C. Conference of Bar Presidents.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Board of Governors, University of North Carolina; Board of Trustees, Western Carolina University; Advisory Council, Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation; Western North Carolina Economic Development Commission (Advantage West); Assistant Majority Counsel, U.S. Senate Select Committee on Campaign Activities (Watergate).

Military Service

Captain, JAGC, U.S. Air Force, 1962-65.

Honors and Awards

Distinguished Service Award, Jackson County Youth Sports; Distinguished Service Award, Jackson County Historical Award; Critical Link Award, Riverlink of Asheville.

Personal Information

Married, Contance Mullinix Haire. Four children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Banking, Environment, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee B.



Susi H. Hamilton Democrat, New Hanover County

Eighteenth Representative District: Portions of New Hanover County

Educational Background

MPA, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 2004; B.A. Art History, University of North Carolina, 1994.

Professional Background

Founder/President/CEO, Hamilton Planning, Inc., 2007-Present; Executive Director, Wilmington Downtowen, Inc., 2001-2007; Senior Planner, Long Range Planning, City of Wilmington, 2000-2001; Associate Planner/Historic Preservation Planner, City of Wilmington, 1998-2000.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Steve Hamilton. One child.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Insurance, Transportation.



Pricey Harrison Democrat, Guilford County

Fifty-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Guilford County

Early Years Born on August 31.

Professional Background Retired Communications Attorney.

Political Activities Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Elections, Environment, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee C, Public Utilities.



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Kelly E. Hastings Republican, Gaston County

One Hundred-Tenth Representative District: Portions of Cleveland and Gaston counties

Educational Background

Graduate, Appalachian State University.

Professional Background

Realtor.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Personal Information

Married. One child.

Military Service

United States Marine Corps and Reserves.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Banking; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Environment, Public Utilities.



Dewey Lewis Hill Democrat, Columbus County

Twentieth Representative District: Columbus and Portions of Brunswick counties

Early Years

Born in Whiteville, Columbus County, on August 31, 1925, to Otto and Alatha Ward Hill.

Educational Background Whiteville High School, 1943.

Professional Background President and CEO, Hillcrest Corp.

Political Activities Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1993-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Carolina Food Industry Council; Columbus County Committee of 100; National Grocer Association.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Director (retired), Waccamaw Bank; Director, N.C. Retail Merchandise Association; Board of Trustees, N.C. Boys and Girls Homes, Inc.

Military Service

Storekeeper H.A.2 1st class, Fleet Marines, U.S. Navy, 1943-46.

Honors and Awards

1996 Grocer of the Year; 1996 Nash Finch Century Club Award; 1994 Columbus County Child Care Award.

Personal Information

Married, Muriel Ezzell Hill. Two children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Agriculture; Member, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Environment, Finance, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.



Mark Kelly Hilton Republican, Catawba County

Ninety-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Catawba County

Early Years

Born in Valdese, Burke County, on April 18, 1966, to Tony and Carolyn Warren Hilton.

Educational Background

St. Stephen's High School, Hickory, 1985; WPCC.

Professional Background Police Officer, Delta Company Police.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Member, Tri-city Baptist Church.

Honors and Awards 2006 2nd Amendment Foundation Legislator of the Year.

Personal Information Married to Allison Kellen Hilton. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Vice-Chair, Appropriations, Education; Member, Banking, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee B, Public Utilities, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.



Mark W. Hollo Republican, Alexander County

Eighty-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Alexander and Catawba counties

Early Years

Born in Litchfield, Illinois on July 24, 1958.

Educational Background

B.S., Southern Illinois University, 1980; Graduated from Physician Assistant Program, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest University, 1983.

Professional Background

Physician Assistant, Family Care Center.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Military Service

Captain, United States Air Reserve.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Health and Human Services; Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Member, Appropriations, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, Public Utilities.



Bryan R. Holloway Republican, Stokes County

Ninety-First Representative District: Stokes and Portions of Rockingham county

Educational Background

BS in History/Seconday Education, Appalachian State University.

Professional Background

Consultant and Teacher of History, West Stokes High School.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present; N.C. House Republican Freshman Chair, 2005-2006.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, Chestnut Grove Ruritans; Member, King Lion's Club; Chief Sponser, Student Government Association, West Stokes High School.

Honors and Awards

Freshman Legislator of the Year Award, 2005.

Personal Information

Married to Misti Culler Holloway.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Education, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Vice-Chair, Appropriations; Member, Agriculture, Banking, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor.



D. Craig Horn Republican, Union County

Sixty-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Union County

Early Years

Born May 9, 1944 in Davenport, Iowa.

Professional Background

Retired Food Broker.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Lorraine Horn. Four children.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Commerce and Job Development; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee onJustice and Public Safety, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology; Education, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs.



Julia Craven Howard Republican, Davie County

Seventy-Ninth Representative District: Davie and Portions of Iredell counties

Early Years

Born in Salisbury, Rowan County, on August 20, 1944, to Allen Leary and Ruth Elizabeth Snider Craven.

Educational Background

Davie High School, Mocksville, 1962; B.A. Sociology, Salem College, 2003.

Professional Background

Realtor/Appraiser, Howard Realty & Insurance, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1988-Present (Former Majority House Whip; Former Minority House Whip); Member, Mocksville Town Board, 1981-88.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

American Legislative Exchange Council; Chair, Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) of the Council of State Governments (CSG); Executive Committee; N.C. Association of Realtors; Mocksville Women's Club; Mocksville Rotary Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Former Chair, Davie County Hospital.

Honors and Awards

2006 American Legislative Exchange Council Legislator of the Year; 2005 SLC John Bragg Award Recipient for Excellence in Legislative Service; 2001 Paul Harris Fellow.

Personal Information

Two children. Six grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Senior Chair, Finance; Chair, Ethics; Member, Health and Human Services, Insurance, Judiciary, JudiciarySubcommitte A, Public Utilities, Redistricting.



Pat B. Hurley Republican, Randolph County

Seventieth Representative District: Portions of Randolph County

Early Years

Born in Asheboro on December 29, 1939.

Educational Background

Asheboro High School, 1958.

Professional Background

Deputy Clerk, N.C. Judicial System-Deputy Clerk of Superior Court, 1992-present; Collections and Title Manager, Greensboro Auto Auction, 1986-1992; New Dealer Registration, High Point Auto Auction, 1976-1986; Dealer, Note Department, Bank of America, 1963-1973; Manager, Wachovia Bank, 1958-1960; Teacher.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Former Member, Randolph County Nursing Home Adult Care Homes; Advisory Committee/Coordinator, N.C. Combined Campaign for the Clerk of the Superior Court Office.

Personal Information

Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health; Vice-Chair, State Personnel; Member, Appropriations, Banking, Health and Human Services, Insurance.



Frank Iler Republican, Brunswick County

Seventeenth Representative District: Portions of Brunswick County

Early Years

Born on January 10, 1942.

Educational Background

Greensboro High School, Greensboro; B.A., Business, Campbell University.

Professional Background

Retired Businessman

Political Activities Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Jacqueline Iler. Two children, two stepchildren. Ten grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Transportation; Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation; Member, Appropriations, Education, Elections, Environment.



Dan W. Ingle Republican, Alamance County

Sixty-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Alamance County

Professional Background

Chief of Elon Police Department (Retired).

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Government; Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Judiciary Subcommittee B, State Personnel, Redistricting, Transportation.



Verla Clemens Insko Democrat, Orange County

Fifty-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Orange County

Early Years

Born in Decatur, Arkansas, on February 5, 1936, to Charles Verne and Leta Trook Clemens.

Educational Background

Thomas Downey High School, Modesto, California, 1954; A.B. in Biology, California State University at Fresno, 1959; M.P.A., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1993.

Professional Background

Retired Health Care Administrator, UNC-Chapel Hill, School of Medicine.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1997-Present; Member, Orange County Board of Commissioners, 1990-1994; Member, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, 1977-1985.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Orange County Rape Crisis Center; Health Care For All, North Carolina; N.C. League of Conservation Voters.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

UNC, Chapel Hill Graduate Education Advisory Board; Governor's Task Force on Healthy Carolinians; N.C. Council of Development Disabilities.

Honors and Awards

C. Odell Tyndall Award, N.C Rehabilitation Association; Legislative Advocate of the Year, National Association of Social Workers, N.C. Chapter; Families in Action, Legislator of the Year.

Personal Information

Married, Chester (Chet) Insko. Two children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Environment, Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health, Insurance, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee C.



Darren G. Jackson Democrat, Wake County

Thirty-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Professional Background

Attorney

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Tina Jackson. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Banking, Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health, Insurance, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee A, Redistricting.



Margaret M. Jeffus Democrat, Guilford County

Fifty-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Guilford County

Early Years

Born in Roanoke, Virginia, on October 22, 1934, to Edward S. and Alyne Bowles Green.

Educational Background

Greensboro Senior High School, 1952; B.A. in Education, Guilford College, 1965; M.Ed., UNC-Greensboro, 1970.

Professional Background

Retired Educator Greensboro/Guilford County Schools.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1991-94, 1997-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Past President, Altrusa International of Greensboro; Past Member, Professional Review Committee, SDP; Past District and Local Unit President, N.C. Association of Educators.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Member, Board of Directors, Women's Resource Center, 2002-2006; Advisory Board Member, N.C. Humanities Council, 1998-2007; Member, Board of Directors, N.C. Foundation for Public School Children, 1999-2007; Education Commission of the States (National) 2007-Present.

Honors and Awards

Friend of Education Award, N.C. Association of Educators, 2007; N.C. Psychology Award for Support & Promotion of Excellence in Education, 2006; Greensboro Regional Realtors Public Service Award, 2005; General Federation of Women's Clubs, Women of Achievement, 2006.

Personal Information

Married, Ted J. Thompson. Two children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Education, Public Utilities, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.



Linda P. Johnson Republican, Cabarrus County

Eighty-Third Representative District: Portions of Cabarrus County

Early Years

Born in Concord, Cabarrus County, on May 2, 1945, to Phletus O. Pennell and Ruth Smith Pennell Crook.

Educational Background

Al Brown High School, Kannapolis, 1963.

Professional Background Computer Analyst/Tax Accounting.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present; Kannapolis City Board of Education, 1992-2000.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations NCCBI; N.C. Order of Eastern Star.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Public School Forum; N.C. Nursing Advisory Board; US. Congressional/ Consortium on Civic Education.

Personal Information

Married, Ronnie R. Johnson. Three children. Seven grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations; Vice-Chair, Education; Member, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Insurance, Public Utilities, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.



Bert Jones Republican, Rockingham County

Sixty-Fifth Representative District: Portions of Rockingham County

Early Years

Born in Reidsville, NC on May 26, 1962.

Educational Background

B.A., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1983; DDS, University of North Carolina School of Dentistry, 1988.

Professional Background Dentist, Business owner.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present; Chair/Past President, Rockingham County Republican Party.

Personal Information Married to Susan Jones. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Elections; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Education, Government, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee C, Redistricting.



Carolyn H. Justice Republican, Pender County

Sixteenth Representative District: Portions of New Hanover and Pender counties

Early Years

Born in Wilmington, New Hanover County, on May 13, 1946.

Educational Background

Wakefield High School, Arlington, VA; Cape Fear Community College.

Professional Background

Owner, Business Management. Hampstead Office Service.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; N.C. House Deputy Minority Whip, 2007-2008; Pender County Commissioner, 1994-2002.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Sunday School Teacher, Hampstead United Methodist Church; Founder/Coordinator, Concerts in the Park, Hampstead Village Merchants Association; Member, Hampstead Lions Club.

Honors and Awards

Legislator of the Year, North Carolina Association of Health Directors, 2003; Brown Pelican Award, Coastal Federation, 2003; North Carolina Intergovernmental Relations Award, 2001.

Personal Information

Married, William Thomas Justice. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources; Vice-Chair, Appropriations, Commerce and Job Development; Member, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Elections, Ethics, Government.



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Patsy Keever Democrat, Buncombe County

One Hundred-Fifteenth Representative District: Portions of Buncombe County

Early Years

Born in Charlotte on December 20, 1947.

Educational Background

B.A., Duke University, 1969; M.Ed, Western Carolina University, 1979.

Professional Background

Educator

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-2012; County Commissioner, Buncombe County, 1992-2004.

Personal Information

Married to Jim Keever. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Environment, Government, State Personnel.



Ric Killian Republican, Mecklenburg County

One Hundred-Fifth Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Kaukauna, Wisconsin on July 17, 1964, to Daniel N. Killian and Judith J. Killian.

Educational Background

Kaukauna High School, Kaukauna, WI, 1982; B.S., West Point, 1986; Certificate in Information Systems, University of Denver, 1989.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-Present; N.C. House Republican Freshman Chair, 2007-2008.

Military Service

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Military Academy, US Army, 1986-1991; U.S. Army Reserve, 1991-Present; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal.

Honors and Awards

Patriot-Statesman, NCARATE, 2008; Medal of Civic Honor, NCSL, 2010.

Personal Information

Married to Debbi Ann Hoyer Killian. Four children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs; Vice Chair, Appropriations; Member, Education, Elections, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee A, Transportation.



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Karen Kozel Republican, Lenoir County

(Appointed August 29, 2012)

Tenth Representative District: Portions of Greene, Lenoir and Wayne counties

Educational Background

B.A., Education, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, 1987.*Political Activities*Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2012.



Joyce R. Krawiec Republican, Forsyth County

(Appointed October 10, 2012)

Seventy-Third Representative District: Portions of Davidson and Forsyth counties

Professional Background Owner, Real Estate Development Business. Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2012.

Personal Information

Married to Ray Krawiec. Two children.



James H. Langdon, Jr. Republican, Johnston County

Twenty-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Johnston and Sampson counties

Early Years

Born in Benson, Johnston County, on January 17, 1938, to J. Hector and Margaret Highsmith Langdon.

Educational Background

Cleveland High School, 1956; BS in AG Education, N.C. State University, 1960; Med. Education, N.C. State University, 1968.

Professional Background

Retired Educator.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present; Johnston County Board of Commissioners, 1996-2004.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Agri-Business Council; Johnston County Farm Bureau.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions Johnston Memorial Hospital Hospice Board.

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Alumni Award, NCSU, College Ag & Life Science, 2005; Administrator of the Year, Johnston County Schools, 1995.

Personal Information

Married, Lena B. Langdon. One child.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Agriculture, Education; Vice Chair, Government; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Redistricting, State Personnel.



Stephen A. LaRoque Republican, Lenoir County

(Resigned August 1, 2012)

Tenth Representative District: Portions of Greene, Lenoir and Wayne counties

Early Years

Born August 15, 1963 in Kinston.

Educational Background

Bachelor's Degree in Finance, East Carolina University, 1985; MBA, East Carolina University, 1993.

Professional Background

President, LaRoque Management Group.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2010-2012.

Personal Information

Married to Susan LaRoque.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House; Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Business and Labor; Member, Appropriations, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Environment, Public Utilities.



THE STATE LEGISLATURE CHAPTER FIVE

Barbara Lee Democrat, Craven County

(Appointed August 6, 2012)

Twelfth Representative District: Portions of Craven and Lenoir counties

Professional Background

Founder, New Bern Area Day Reporting Program for the Youth, 2002; Former Restaurant owner.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2012; New Bern City Alderman for 22 years.



David R. Lewis Republican, Harnett County

Fifty-Third Representative District: Portions of Harnett County

Early Years

Born in Fayetteville, Cumberland County, on March 6, 1971, to Donnie R. and Jean Hudson Lewis.

Educational Background

Cape Fear High School, Fayetteville, 1989; B.A. in Business Administration, Campbell University, 1994.

Professional Background

Farm Equipment Dealer, Quality Equipment, LLC.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House Representatives, 2003-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Chamber of Commerce; Dunn Kiwanis Club.

Honors and Awards George F. Hixon Kiwanis Service Award; John Deere Signature Dealer.

Personal Information Married, Michelle Lawrence Lewis. Three children. Member.

Committee Assignments

Senior Chair, Redistricting; Chair, Elections; Vice Chair, Agriculture, Finance; Member, Commerce and Job Development, Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services Subcommitte on Mental Health.



Marvin W. Lucas Democrat, Cumberland County

Forty-Second Representative District: Portions of Cumberland County

Early Years

Born in Spring Lake, Cumberland County, on November 15 to Marvin L. and Rebecca McDougal Lucas.

Educational Background

Anne Chesnutt High School, Fayetteville, 1960; B.S. in English, Fayetteville State University, 1964; M.A. in Education Administration, North Carolina Central University, 1975; Ed. S. in Administration, East Carolina University, 1977.

Professional Background

Retired Principal, Cumberland County Schools.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2001-Present; Spring Lake Mayor; Spring Lake Board of Alderman.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Board of Directors, Centura Bank.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Education Commission of the States; National Conference of State Legislators; The Council of State Governments.

Honors and Awards

1998 Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Personal Information

Married, Brenda Ricks Lucas. Three children. Eight grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Education; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Ethics, Public Utilities, Redistricting.



Paul Luebke Democrat, Durham County

Thirtieth Representative District: Portions of Durham County

Early Years

Born in Chicago, Illinois, on January 18, 1946, to Paul T. and Eunice Elbert Luebke.

Educational Background

Germany Embassy School, Ankara, Turkey, 1959-62; B.A., Valparaiso University, 1966; Ph.D., Columbia University, 1975.

Professional Background

Associate Professor of Sociology, UNC-Greensboro, 1982-Present.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1991-Present.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Board Member, Raleigh-Durham International Airport Authority, 1987-91; Member, Board of Editors, Perspectives on the American South: An Annual Review of Society, Politics and Culture; Member, Board of Editors, Research in Political Sociology.

Personal Information

Married to Carol Gallione. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Education, Finance, Government, Public Utilities, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.



Grier Martin Democrat, Wake County

Thirty-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, on October, 21, 1968, to D. G. and Harriet Wall Martin.

Educational Background

West Charlotte High School, 1987; B.A. in History, Davidson

College, 1991; JD in Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, 1995; L.L.M. in Military Law, with Specialty in International Law, The Judge Advocate General's School, 2004.

Professional Background

Lawyer.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Servive

Veterans of Foreign Wars; Board of Directors, N.C. Center for Voter Education; N.C. Bar Association (Citizen Lawyer Task Force).

Military Service

Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, 2002-2004, Reserves, 1991-Present. Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Parachutist Badge; Air Assault Badge.

Honors and Awards

"Legislator of the Year" Award, N.C. Disabled American Veterans, 2007; "Defender of the Environment" Award, N.C. Conservation Council, 2010; "Our Hero" Award, Brian Injury Association of N.C., 2009.

Personal Information

Married to Louise Porter Martin, One child.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Elections, Environment, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee B, Transportation.



Daniel Francis McComas Republican, New Hanover County

(Resigned September 2, 2012)

Nineteenth Representative District: Portions of New Hanover County

Early Years

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on May 26, 1953, to Hugh G. and Nilda Miro (deceased) McComas.

Educational Background

Perpetuo Socorro High School, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1972; B.B.A. in Finance, St. Bonaventure University, 1976.

Professional Background

President, MCO Transport, Inc., 1985-Present.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1995-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Board Member, Coastal Land Trust; Board Member, N.C. Trucking Association; Board Member, Cape Fear Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Co-Chair, House Finance Committee, Environmental Review Commission, Joint Transportation Oversight Committee.

Military Service

U.S. Merchant Marine, 1971-76.

Honors and Awards

1998 Razor Walker Award, UNC-Wilmington School of Education; 1997 Convention and Visitors Bureau Award.

Personal Information

Married, Betty Garcia McComas. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Commerce and Job Development, House Select Committe on Tort Reform; Vice Chair, Banking, Finance; Member, House Select Committee on Public-Private Partnerships, Public Utilities, Redistricting, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House, Transportation.



Darrell G. McCormick Republican, Yadkin County

Ninety-Second Representative District: Portions of Iredell, Surry and Yadkin counties

Educational Background

B.A., Appalachian State University

Professional Background

Commercial Real Estate

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor; Member, Agriculture, Banking, Commerce and Job Development, Environment, Finance.



William C. McGee Republican, Forsyth County

Seventy-Fifth Representative District: Portions of Forsyth County

Early Years

Born in King, Stokes County, on February 21, 1936, to William and Kathryn Hauser McGee.

Educational Background

Old Richmond High School, Tobaccoville, 1954; B.S. in Business Administration, High Point University, 1959.

Professional Background

Retired Stock Broker, Smith Barney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Mayor, Village of Clemmons, 1995-2001; Councilman, Village of Clemmons, 1991-1995.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Clemmons Civic Club; Clemmons Rotary Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Appalachian State University Foundation; Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments; Forsyth County Transportation Advisory Board.

Military Service

E-4 (Specialist), N.C. National Guard, Artillery Branch, 1958; Reserves, 1958-1964.

Honors and Awards

Honorary Fire Marshall, Forsyth County Fire Department, 2003; "Lonesome Ed McKnight" Award – Forsyth County Republican Party, 2009.

Personal Information Married, Diane Bingham McGee. Two children. Four grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Banking, State Personnel; Vice Chair, Transportation; Member, Education, Finance, Government, Redistricting.



THE STATE LEGISLATURE CHAPTER FIVE

Chuck McGrady Republican, Henderson County

One Hundred Seventeenth Representative District: Portions of Henderson County

Educational Background

J.D., Mercer University School of Law.

Professional Background

Attorney, Summer Camp Director

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011- Present; Council Member, Village of Flat Rock, 1997-2001.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Environment; Member, Agriculture, Appropriation, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee A, Transportation.



Frank McGuirt Democrat, Union County

(Appointed March 7, 2011)

Sixty-Ninth Representative District: Anson County and portions of Union County

Professional Background

Owner, McGuirt Advertising; Sheriff, Union County, 1979-2002. **Political Activities** Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-2012; Union County Sheriff, 1979-2002.

Personal Information

Married to jenny McGuirt. Two children. One grandchild.

Military Service

North Carolina Army National Guard, 1966-1972.

Committee Assignments

Member, Banking, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Environment, Finance, Insurance, State Personnel.



Marian Nelson McLawhorn Democrat, Pitt County

Ninth Representative District: Portions of Pitt County

Early Years

Born in Kinston, Lenoir County, to Richard Alonza and Murle Chapman Harvey Nelson.

Educational Background

Grifton High School, Grifton, 1961; B.S. in Business Administration,

East Carolina University, 1967; Masters in Library Science, ECU, 1988; Education Leadership and Supervision Certification, ECU, 1997.

Professional Background

Media.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-Present; Mayor, Town of Grifton, 1997-98; Commissioner, Town of Grifton, 1992-97.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Business and Professional Women; Women's Forum, Greenville/Pitt County Chamber of Commerce.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Democratic Whip, N.C. House, 2003-2004; Board of Directors, Sheppard Memorial Library Board, 1990-96 (Chair, 1993-95); Board of Directors, Grifton Civic Center Board, 1993-97 (Chair, 1994-96); Board of Directors, Grifton Library, 1990-92.

Honors and Awards

1999 Career Woman of the Year, BPW; Library Champion Award, N.C. Public Library Directors Association; 1995 and 1998 Educator Spotlight Award, Craven County.

Personal Information

Married to Richard Herman McLawhorn, III; Four children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Education, Elections, Public Utilities.



Allen McNeill Republican, Randolph County

(Appointed August 13, 2012)

Seventy-Eighth Representative District: Moore and Randolph counties.

Professional BackgroundLaw EnforcementPolitical ActivitiesMember, N.C. House of Representatives, 2012-Present.



Henry M. Michaux, Jr. Democrat, Durham County

Thirty-First Representative District: Portions of Durham County

Early Years

Born in Durham, Durham County, on September 4, 1930, to Henry McKinley and Isadore Coates Michaux, Sr.

Educational Background

Palmer Memorial Institute, 1948; B.S., N.C. Central University, 1952; J.D., N.C. Central University School of Law, 1964; Graduate Studies, Rutgers University and N.C. Central University.

Professional Background

Attorney; Executive-Vice President and Director: Union Insurance and Realty Company.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1973-77 and 1985-Present. United States Attorney, Middle District of N.C., 1977-1981.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

N.C. State and National Bar Associations; N.C. Association of Black Lawyers; George H. White Bar Association.

Military Service

Sgt., U.S. Army, 1952-54; Reserves, 1954-60.

Honors and Awards

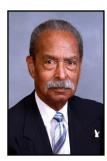
Honorary Doctor of Law, N.C. Central University and Durham College.

Personal Information

Married, June W. Michaux. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Education, Elections, Ethics, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee B.



Grey Mills Republican, Iredell County

Ninety-Fifth Representative District: Portions of Iredell County

Early Years

Born to Paul and Jean Brannon Mills.

Educational Background

Mooresville High School, Mooresville, N.C., 1984; B.S. in Social Science/Education, Appalachian State University, 1990; J.D. in Law, Regent U. Law School, 1994.

Professional Background

Attorney, Mills & Levine, P.A.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, State Bar; Member, Mooresville/South Iredell Chamber of Commerce; Member, Mooresville First Baptist Church.

Personal Information

Married, Jennifer Marion Mills. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Transportation; Vice Chair, Judiciary; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Elections, Government, Insurance, Judiciary Subcommittee A.



Annie W. Mobley Democrat, Hertford County

Fifth Representative District: Bertie, Gates, Hertford and Perquimans counties

Early Years Born on January 25.

Professional Background

Retired Executive Director.

Political Activities Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2007-Present.

Personal Information Married Leonard Mobley.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Elections, Government, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee C, Redistricting, State Personnel.



Tim D. Moffitt Republican, Buncombe County

One Hundred-Sixteenth Representative District: Portions of Buncombe County

Professional Background

Founder/CEO, Moffitt International.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Commerce and Job Development; Member, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Finance, Government, Redistricting, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House, State Personnel, Transportation.



Rodney W. Moore Democrat, Mecklenburg County

Ninety-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Mecklenburg County

Early Years

Born in Wilmington on July 12, 1963.

Professional Background

Partner, Aski Services Company; President, Connections Unlimited.

Political Information

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Banking, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Government, Transportation.



Timothy Keith Moore Republican, Cleveland County

One Hundred-Eleventh Representative District: Portions of Cleveland County

Early Years

Born in Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, on October 2, 1970, to Rick and Jean Moore.

Educational Background

Kings Mountain High School, 1988; Campbell University, 1988-1990; B.A. in Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1992; J.D., Oklahoma City University, 1995.

Professional Background

Attorney, Tim Moore, Attorney At Law.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Boy Scouts; Rotary Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

UNC Board of Governors; Cleveland County Economic Development Commission; Clevelend County Board of Adjustment.

Personal Information

Married Juliet McRae Moore. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House, Judiciary Subcommittee C; Vice Chair, Judiciary; Member, Elections, Environment, Finance, Public Utilities, Redistricting.



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Tom Murry Republican, Wake County

Forty-First Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Educational Background

J.D., Campbell University School of Law.

Professional Background

Attorney; Pharmacist.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present; Morrisville Town Council, 2005-2010.

Personal Information

Married to Tamara Murry. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Member, Appropriations, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Health and Human Services, Insurance, Transportation.



William Clarence Owens, Jr. Democrat, Pasquotank County

First Representative District: Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank and Tyrrell counties

Early Years

Born in Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, on April 2, 1947, to William C. and Hazel Marie Markham Owens.

Educational Background

Elizabeth City High School, 1965; College of the Albemarle, 1965-67.

Professional Background

Businessman, President, W.W. Owens Moving and Storage.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1995-Present; Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners, 1976-95.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Involved in many civic and charitable organizations, past and present.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Advisory Budget Commission; Vice-Chair, N.C. Economic Development Board, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

Military Service

Staff Sgt., Company C, 1st Battalion, 119th Mechanized Infantry, N.C. National Guard, 1967-92; Major, N.C. Militia, 1992-Present; N.C. Meritorious Service Award.

Honors and Awards

1993 County Commissioner of the Year; 1993 Pasquotank County Industrialist of the Year; 1980 VFW Citizen of the Year.

Personal Information

One child. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Environment, Public Utilities.



Earline W. Parmon Democrat, Forsyth County

Seventy-Second Representative District: Portions of Forsyth County

Early Years

Born Buffaloe, New York, in 1943, to James and Margaret White Cathcart.

Educational Background

Anderson High School, Winston-Salem, 1961; B.S. in Business Administration, Winston-Salem State University, 1977.

Professional Background

Education Consultant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2003-Present; Forsyth County Commissioner, 1990-2002.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service

OrganizationsBoard of Directors, Forsyth County Library; Board of Trustees, Forsyth Memorial Hospital; N.C. State Team Leader, Veteran Affairs Project, National Foundation for Women Legislators.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

First black elected as Chair of the Forsyth County Democratic Party; Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, 1990-2002.

Military Service

Spec 4, U.S. Army Reserves, 1977-1982.

Honors and Awards

NCABCO Legislative Award, National Association of Black County Officials, 2004; Outstanding Commissioner of the Year, N.C. Association of Black Commissioners, 2001; Shirley Chisholm Legacy Award, Union Chapel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, 2004.

Personal Information

Married Albert Parmon. Four children. Five grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Education, Ethics, Government, Redistricting, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.



Garland E. Pierce Democrat, Scotland County

Forty-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties

Early Years Born on July 9.

Professional Background Baptist Minister.

Political Activities Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Military Service U.S. Army, 1971-1974.

Personal Information

Married Barbara Pierce.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriation, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health, Insurance, Public Utilities, Redistricting.



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Larry G. Pittman Republican, Cabarrus County

(Appointed October 10, 2011)

Eighty-Second Representative District: Portions of Cabarrus County

Early Years

Born September 30, 1954 in Kinston.

Educational Background

B.A., English, Atlantic Christian College, 1976; M.Div., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1981.

Professional Background

Pastor.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Tammy Pittman. Three children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Ethics, Government, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, Transportation.



G.L. Pridgen Republican, Robeson County

Forty-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties

Early Years

Born in Robeson County.

Educational Background Littlefield High School; Robeson Community College.

Professional Background

Bellsouth Telecommunications (Retired).

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-2012.

Personal Information

Married to Wendy Pridgen. Four children.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Education, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee B, Public Utilities.



Shirley B. Randleman Republican, Wilkes County

Ninety-Fourth Representative District: Portions of Wilkes County

Early Years

Born in North Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, on October 14, 1950, to Lawson E. and Faye Walsh Jordan Blackburn.

Educational Background

Wilkes Central High School, Wilkesboro, 1968; Wilkes Community College.

Professional Background

NC House/District 94.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2008-Present; Clerk of Superior Court for Wilkes County.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

North Carolina Healthy Carolinians; Wilkes County Mental Health/Substance Abuse Task Forces; Past President/Association of Clerk of Superior Court of N.C.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Youth Accountability Task Force/Legislative Appointment; Oversight Committee/ Corrections, Crime Control and Public Safety; Secretary/Legislative Joint Women's Caucus.

Personal Information

Married Ronnie L. Randleman. Two children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety; Vice Chair, Appropriations, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health, Judiciary; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Health and Human Services, Judiciary Subcommittee A, Redistricting, State Personnel, Transportation.



Johnathan Rhyne, Jr. Republican, Lincoln County

(Resigned August 15, 2011)

Ninety-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Lincoln County

Early Years

Born in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, June 6, 1955 to Johnathan L. and Marian Lavinia (Stowe) Rhyne, Sr.

Educational Background

Lincolnton High School, 1973; B.A. in Sociology, Davidson College, 1977; J.D., Campbell University School of Law, 1981.

Professional Background

Attorney.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1985-92, 2009-Present; Minority Leader, 1989-1992; Lincoln County Republican Party Secretary, 1984.



Efton Medford Sager Republican, Wayne County

Eleventh Representative District: Portions of Wayne County

Early Years

Born in Galena, MO, on June 10, 1933, to Arthur F. and Edna Jones Sager.

Educational Background

Pierce City High School, Pierce City, MO, 1951; Associate Business, Wayne Community, 1981.

Professional Background

Retired.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2008-Present; Wayne County Commissioner, 2000-2008; Southern Wayne Sanitary District, 1975-77.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Life Member, DAV; Life Member, VFW; American Legion.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Wayne County Board of Elections; East Carolina Council of Government; Wayne County Health Board.

Military Service

Msgt., USAF, 1950-1971; Retired, 1971, Bronze Star; AF Commendation Medal.

Personal Information

Married Deloris Parsons Saeger. Two children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Agriculture; Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources; Member, Appropriations, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Education, Elections, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs.



Jason Saine Republican, Lincoln County

(Appointed August 24, 2011)

Ninety-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Lincoln County

Professional Background

Public Relations and Social Media Manager.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Committee Assignments

Member, Education, Ethics, Finance, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee C, Government, Redistricting, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.



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Norman W. Sanderson Republican, Pamlico County

Third Representative District: Portions of Craven and Pamlico counties

Early Years

Born in Lumberton on July 7, 1951.

Educational Background

B.A., Christian Education, Logos University.

Professional Background

Co-Owner/Director, Kids Heaven School Age Care Center.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-2012.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Environment, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, Redistricting.



Mitchell Smith Setzer Republican, Catawba County

Eighty-Ninth Representative District: Portions of Catawba and Iredell counties

Early Years

Born in Newton, Catawba County, on March 12, 1965, to William Neil and Dorothy Annas Setzer.

Educational Background

Bandys High School, Catawba, 1983; A.A., Lees-McRae College, 1985; B.A. in Political Science, UNC-Greensboro, 1987.

Professional Background

Vice-President, Smith Setzer & Sons, Inc.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-Present; Mayor, Town of Catawba, 1996-98; Commissioner, Town of Catawba, 1992-96.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Riverside Masonic Lodge #606; Catawba Chapter #124, Order of the Eastern Star; Claremont Lions Club.

Honors and Awards

Honorary Lifetime Member, N.C. Troopers Association; 1995 Merit Award, Riverside Masonic Lodge; 1994-95 Merit Award, Catawba Chapter #124, Order of the Eastern Star.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Finance; Vice-Chair, Insurance; Member, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Ethics, Government, Public Utilities.



Phil Shepard Republican, Onslow County

Fifteenth House District: Portions of Onslow County

Professional Background

Retired Civil Service. Minister.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Commerce and Job Development; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Banking, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Education, Insurance.



Timothy Lee Spear Democrat, Washington County

Second Representative District: Chowan, Dare, Hyde and Washington counties

Early Years

Born in Columbia, Tyrrell County, on January 21, 1952, to Louis and Doris Hassell Spear.

Educational Background

Creswell High School, 1970; Pitt Community College, 1970-1971.

Professional Background

Retired. Former Washington County, N.C. Clerk of Superior Court.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2006-Present; Washington County Clerk of Superior Court, 1982-2005; Washington County Board of Education.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Creswell Ruritan Club; Eastern 4H Center Advisory Board.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission; N.C. Interagency Center for Children; N.C. Courts Commission.

Honors and Awards

Order of the Long Leaf Pine, Governor Mike Easley, 2005; Honorary Member District Bar Association, 2005; Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer, Plymouth Jaycees, 1980.

Personal Information

Married, Judith Esther Davenport Spear. Two children. Four grandchildren.

Personal Information

Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job DevelopmentSubcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Environment, Redistricting, Transportation.



Edgar V. Starnes Republican, Caldwell County

Eighty-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Caldwell County

Early Years

Born in Hickory, Catawba County, on September 3, 1956, to Ray C. and Sara Capshaw Starnes.

Educational Background

Granite Falls High, 1974; B.A. in History, Carson-Newman College, 1978.

Professional Background Self Employed Investor.

Political Activities Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1987-1988 and 1997-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations ASCS State Committee, 1981-84; Granite Falls Rotary Club; Board Chairman, Lovelady Rescue Squad.

Personal Information Married, Marilyn Coats Starnes. One child.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Finance; Vice-Chair, State Personnel; Member, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Elections, Environment.



Fred F. Steen, II Republican, Rowan County

Seventy-Sixth Representative District: Portions of Rowan County

Early Years

Born in Concord, Cabarrus County, on June 19, 1960, to Fred Franklin, Sr. and Bettye Huffman Steen.

Educational Background

Northwest Cabarrus High, 1978; B.A. in Business Administration, UNC-Charlotte.

Professional Background

Consultant.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2004-Present; Mayor, Town of Landis, 1995-2004.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Rotary International, Kannapolis; Landis Lions Club; Board Member, American Red Cross, Elizabeth Dole Chapter.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chair and Vice-Chair, Cabarrus-Rowan MPO, 1997-2004.

Personal Information

Married, Tena Yow Steen. Two children. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Public Utilities; Vice-Chair, Commerce and Job Development; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Banking, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health, Insurance.



Sarah S. Stevens Republican, Surry County

Ninetieth Representative District: Portions of Alleghany and Surry counties

Early Years

Born in Mount Airy, Surry County on February 15 to Bobby Guy and Mary Chilton Stevens.

Educational Background

Mt. Airy High School, 1978; B.S., UNC, Greensboro, 1978; J.D., Campbell University, 1986.

Professional Background

Attorney, Sarah Stevens, Attorney At Law.

Political Activities Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2009-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Greater Mount Airy Ministry of Hospitality, Inc.; Surry County Bar; N.C. Bar Association.

Honors and Awards

Pace Setter Award, UNC, Greensboro, 2010.

Personal Information

Married, Edwin T. Johnson. Two children. Three step children. Two step grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Judiciary Subcommittee B; Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety; Member, Appropriations, Education, Insurance, Judiciary, Redistricting, State Personnel.



Mike C. Stone Republican, Lee County

Fiftieth Representative District: Portions of Harnett and Lee counties

Professional Background

Business Owner, O'Connell's Grocery Store.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Jennifer Stone.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Commerce and Job Development; Member, Banking, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Environment, Finance, Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House, Transportation.



Joe P. Tolson Democrat, Edgecombe County

Twenty-Third Representative District: Portions of Edgecombe and Wilson counties

Early Years

Born in Tarboro, Edgecombe County, on April 15, 1941, to T.L., Sr., and Effie Proctor Tolson.

Educational Background

South Edgecombe High School, Pinetops, 1959; B.S. in Biology, Atlantic Christian College, 1963; M.Ed. in Educational Administration, University of Virginia, 1969.

Professional Background Retired Educator.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1997-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations Pinetops Lions Club.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Edgecombe County School Board, 1981-1983; N.C. Economic Development Board; N.C. Energy Policy Council.

Honors and Awards

N.C. Electronic Information Technologies Association (NCEITA) Leadership Award, 2000.

Personal Information

Married, Janice Brafford Tolson. Three children. One grandchild.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Education, Public Utilities, State Personnel.



John A. Torbett Republican, Gaston County

One Hundred-Eighth Representative District: Portions of Gaston County

Professional Background

Vice President of Business Development, Defense Technologies, Inc.

Political Activites

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present; former Gaston County Commissioner.

Personal Information

Married. One child.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs; Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Education.



Trudi Walend Republican, Transylvania County

(Appointed January 4, 2012)

One Hundred-Thirteenth Representative District: Portions of Henderson, Polk and Transylvania counties

Early Years

Born in Atlanta, Georgia on June 6, 1943. Educational Background B.S., Western Carolina University, 1977. Professional Background Owner/Manager, Macintosh Computer Services, Ken's Mac Works. Political Activities Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1998-2008, 2012. Personal Information Married to Kenneth Walend. Three children. Committee Assignments Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee or and Public Safaty, Covernment, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee B. St

Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Government, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee B, State Personnel.



Edith D. Warren Democrat, Pitt County

Eighth Representative District: Martin and Portions of Pitt counties

Early Years

Born in Edgecombe County, on January 29, 1937, to James Murray and Nora Elizabeth Downs Doughtie.

Educational Background

Bethel High School, Bethel, 1954; B.S. in Education, East Carolina University, 1960; M.A. in Education and School Administration, East Carolina University, 1974.

Professional Background

Retired Educator.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-Present; Pitt County Board of Commissioners, 1996-98.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

Member, Board of Directors, Tarheel Association.of Principals & Asst.Principals, 1989-1992; President, District 1, Tarheel Association.of Principals & Asst.Principals, 1989-1990; Member, Board of Directors, N.C. Principals & Asst.Principals, 1986-1989.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children; N.C. Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless Programs; Interagency Council for Children with Disabilities.

Honors and Awards

Pitt County Principal of the Year, 1990; Farmville Citizen of the Year, 1996; Ralph Kimbel Award, 2003, N.C. Principals and Assistant Principals Association.

Personal Information

Married Billy Nunn Warren (deceased). Three children. Three grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Elections, Public Utilities.



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Harry Warren Republican, Rowan County

Seventy-Seventh Representative District: Portions of Rowan County

Early Years

Born in East Liverpool, Ohio on May 31, 1950.

Educational Background

BA, Political Science, Kent State University, 1972.

Professsional Background

Human Resource Specialist.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2011-Present.

Personal Information

Married to Catherine Warren. Six children.

Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair, Government; Member, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Education, Finance, Insurance, Public Utilities.



Jennifer Weiss Democrat, Wake County

Thirty-Fifth Representative District: Portions of Wake County

Early Years

Born in Somerville, N.J., on October 29, 1959.

Educational Background

Princeton Day School, Princeton, N.J., 1977; B.A. in Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1981; J.D., University of Virginia School, 1986.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1999-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations School Volunteer; League of Women Voters.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force; N.C. Child Fatality Task Force.

Honors and Awards

Defender of Justice, N.C. Justice Center, 2008; William C. Lassiter first Amendment Award, N.C. Press Association, 2002; Ruth M. Easterling House Award, Covenant with N.C.'s Children, 2005.

Personal Information

Married to Bruce Alan Hamilton. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Member, Agriculture, Elections, Finance, Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services Subcommittee on Mental Health, Judiciary, Judiciary Subcommittee C.



Thomas Roger West Republican, Cherokee County

One Hundred-Twentieth Representative District: Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Portions of Macon counties

Early Years

Born in Murphy, Cherokee County, on November 1, 1948, to Herman and Margie Bryson West.

Educational Background

Andrews High School, Andrews, 1967.

Professional Background

Contractor, Roger West Contracting.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2000-Present.

Military Service

E-5, MCB 121, U.S. Navy, 1969-71. National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Personal Information

Married, Judy Ann Gaddis West. Two children.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Environment; Vice Chair, Appropriations, Redistricting; Member, Agriculture, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Public Utilities.



W. A. (Winkie) Wilkins, Jr. Democrat, Person County

Fifty-Fifth Representative District: Person and Portions of Durham counties

Early Years

Born in Roxboro, Person County, on January 31, 1941, to Winfrey A. and Sue Satterfield Wilkins.

Educational Background

Roxboro High School, Roxboro, 1959; Attended UNC-Chapel Hill, 1959-1966.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 2005-Present.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

The Rocket Club (Person High School Booster Club), 1971-Present; Volunteer Chairman/Organizer, Roxboro Christmas Parade, 1971-1987; Budget Committee Chairman, Person County United Way, 1980's.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Chairman, Person County Bicentennial Committee, 1971-1976; Member, Person County Throughfare Advisory Committee, 2005-Present.

Military Service

Staff Sgt. (E-6), 3274th US Army Hospital; US Army, 1961-62; Reserves, 1962-1968.

Honors and Awards

Named One of Person County's Most Influential Citizens Between the years 1970-2000, Piedmont Community College, 2000; Won 23 Editorial Awards while with The Courier-Times in Roxboro, N.C. Press Association, 1971-1997; Rocket Club Annual Service Award Winner.

Personal Information

Married, Frances McNairy Wilkins. Two children. Two grandchildren.

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair, State State Personnel; Member, Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Commerce and Job Development, COmmerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Business and Labor, Education, Insurance, Redistricting, Transportation.



Larry W. Womble Democrat, Forsyth County

Seventy-First Representative District: Portions of Forsyth County

Early Years

Born in Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, on June 6, 1941, to Owen Luchion and Dorothy Gwyn Womble.

Educational Background

Atkins High School, Winston-Salem, 1959; B.S. in Education,

Winston-Salem State University, 1963; Masters of Education Administration, UNC-Greensboro, 1975; Ed.S. in Education Administration, Appalachian State University, 1977.

Professional Background

Retired Educator, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

Political Activities

Member, N.C. House of Representatives, 1995-Present; City Council, City of Winston-Salem, 1981-1993.

Business/Professional, Charitable/Civic or Community Service Organizations

National League of Cities; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, 1962-Present; N.C. Legislative Black Caucus, 1995-Present.

Elective and Appointed Boards and Commissions

Old Hickory Boy Scouts; NAACP; National Black Caucus of State Legislators, 1995-Present.

Honors and Awards

State Human Service Award, N.C. Black Social Workers, 1992; Assistant Principal of the Year, State of N.C., 1992; Man of the Year Award, Chronicle Newspaper, 1986.

Personal Information

One child.

Committee Assignments

Member, Commerce and Job Development, Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Science and Technology, Environment, Finance, Public Utilities, State Personnel.

