



**State Representative**  
**RICHARD BALL**  
 R-85th Representative District



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**Committees:** Senior Health, Security and Retirement (Minority Vice Chair); Education; Health Policy

**Biography:** Republican, of Bennington Township; born May 8, 1932, in Owosso; wife, Connie; sons, David and Michael, stepson, Brian Forsyth; three grandchildren; religion, Protestant; served in U.S. Army; doctorate in visual experimental psychology from Michigan State University, optometry degree from Ohio State University; 50 years practicing optometry in Owosso; physiology professor, Michigan State University; Owosso School Board member, 1982-1991, 1997-2004; 7 years, member Shiawassee County Health Board; Shiawassee County Republican Party Executive Committee; member, Michigan Optometric Association, American Optometric Association, American Academy of Optometry, Kiwanis, First Church of the Nazarene; elected to the House of Representatives, 2004, 2006, 2008.

