



State Representative
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R-73rd Representative District



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Biography: Republican, of Rockford, born March 27, 1956; B.A., Cornerstone University; wife, Janet; two children, Troy (wife, Melissa, and daughters, Abby and Haylie) and Emily; founding director of The Shoulder; served 14 years as executive director of North Kent Service Center; served on Cedar Springs Community Action Network; active with Friends of the White Pine Trail; board member, Right to Life of Grand Rapids; member and past president, Rockford Area Ministerial Association; helped found North Kent Chapter of American Heart Association; founding board member of SowHope; member, Congressional Youth Leadership Council's Honorary Board of Michigan State Legislators; member, The Heartland Institute's Board of Legislative Advisors; member, National Conference of State Legislatures Committee on Education; member, American Legislative Exchange Council Health and Human Services Task Force; awarded Citizen of the Year for 2003 by Rockford Jaycees; completed Michigan State University Legislative Leadership Program, 2004; Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development Fellow, 2006; Michigan Friends of Education Literacy Advocate Award, 2006; Fight Crime, Invest in Kids Michigan Crime Fighter Award, 2006; Michigan After-School Partnership "After-School Champion", 2007; Dads and Moms of Michigan Legislator of the Year Award, 2007; National Federation of Independent Business "Guardian of Small Business" Award, 2007-2008; regular volunteer, Habitat for Humanity and Hurricane Katrina restoration projects; attends Bella Vista Church in Rockford; for the 95th Legislature: Republican Caucus Dean; elected to the House of Representatives, 2004, 2006, 2008.

