



**SENATOR
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Biography: Democrat, of Lansing; born April 29, 1950, in Gladwin, raised in Clare; two children: Michelle (Michigan State University) and Todd (University of Michigan, 1996); married to Tom Athans; B.A., Michigan State University, 1972; M.S.W., Michigan State University, 1975; served in Michigan House of Representatives, 1979-1990, and Michigan Senate, 1991-1994; chair, Ingham County Board of Commissioners, 1975-1978; co-founder of the Michigan Leadership Institute, Inc., which specializes in leadership development and team building training for organizations and individuals; member, Grace United Methodist Church; recognized nationally with over 80 awards by families, small businesses, and organizations for leadership and public service; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, November 1996, served two terms; elected to U.S. Senate, November 2000; member, Committee on Finance, Committee on the Budget, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; member of Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee.