



State Senator
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Committees: Local, Urban and State Affairs (Chair); Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs (Chair); Commerce and Labor (Vice Chair); Michigan Capitol Committee

Biography: Republican, of Livonia; born December 22, 1951, at Detroit; president of graduating class, Bentley High School; BGS degree, University of Michigan; associate degree, Schoolcraft Community College; business partner, Cardwell Florist (25 years); elected Schoolcraft Community College Trustee, 1979-1986; elected Livonia City Council, 1987-1995; elected Livonia City Treasurer, 1996-1998; member, Livonia Business and Professional Women's Club, Livonia School Liaison Committee, League of Women Voters, Suburban Republican Women, Schoolcraft College Alumni Board, U of M Alumni Association, Livonia Historical Society, Livonia Ecology and Youth commissions; past member, legislative committee of the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association; lifetime member, Italian American Club of Livonia; financial chair, Michigan Women's Caucus; founder of the Livonia Mother of the Year award and the Bentley Backers Committee; chair, Bentley Bricks community fundraiser; member, recipient, Livonia Chamber of Commerce Athena award, Schoolcraft Community College Distinguished Alumni award, State Business and Professional Women's Club's Harriet Meyer Outstanding Achievement award, Women Helping Women award from Wayne State University, Outstanding Community Service award, U of M-Dearborn, 1998; Reps. for Ramps, Legislator of the Year award by Small Business Association; Senior Celebration, annual fair for seniors; appointed to Governor John Engler's State Interagency Coordinating Council for Handicapped Infants and Toddlers, 1999; elected to the House of Representatives, 1998, 2000; elected to the State Senate, 2002.

