



State Representative
VERA B. RISON
D-48th Representative District



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Committees: Criminal Justice; Family and Children Services

Biography: Democrat, of Flint; born in Shelby, Mississippi; high school diploma from Mott Adult Night School; completed four semesters of Practical Nursing; four children; Canaan Baptist Church; nurse's aide and sterile processing aide, Genesee Memorial Hospital (1969-1990); served on Genesee County Board of Commissioners (1986-1996) and chaired the Human Services Committee; director of human resources, Amy Jo Manor housing complex; member of Genesee County Community Mental Health, Genesee County Substance Abuse Services, and Jobs Central Workforce Development boards; past chair, Service Employees International Union Local 79 Council; Democratic precinct delegate since 1983; member, 9th Congressional Democratic Black Caucus; 1994 recipient of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute Civil Rights Human Rights Award; Black History Month award for contributions (1993); Vera B. Rison Women's Shelter of Hope named in her honor; elected to the House of Representatives, 1996; Minority Whip.

