



CONNELL, J. Benjamin “Ben” [R]—(Dist. No. 52, *Kershaw Co.*)—Atty., Connell Law Firm, LLC; residing in Lugoff; *b.* 1982 in Camden; *s.* Joseph and Kerry Connell; *g.* Univ. of N.C. Chapel Hill, B.S., 2007, J.D., 2010; 2004 *m.* Kristin Connell, 3 children, Annabelle, Alexis, and Bennett; Kershaw Co. Council, 2016–22; prev. serv. in House 2023.



COX, Bobby J. [R]—(Dist. No. 21, *Greenville Co.*)—Businessman & Mil. Off.; residing in Greer; *b.* Feb. 10, 1980, in Spartanburg; *s.* Bobby and Irma Cox; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 2002; George Washington Univ., M.P.S., 2013; Univ. of N.C., M.B.A., 2017; May 29, 2004, *m.* Joscelyn, 2 children, Reagan and Seth; Cadet Regimental Comdr. of the Citadel, 2002; Leadership Greenville, Class 43; Chm., S.C. House Freshman Caucus, 2019–20; mil. serv.: USA, 2002–15; Lt. Col., USAR, 2015–; mem., Grace Church; prev. serv. in House 2019–23.



COX, Brandon L. [R]—(Dist. No. 92, *Berkeley Co.*)—Retired Pres./CEO Threat Mgmt. Group; residing in Berkeley Co.; *s.* Dale Cox and Sandra Brown; U.S. Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal, 1996, USA Air Assault School, 1999, USN Dive School, 2001; *m.* Hannah J. Cox, 3 children, Doug, Ashley, and Nathan; Goose Creek City Council, 2016–18; Berkeley Co. Council Dist. Five, 2019–22; hometown of Pamplico, S.C.; his family has called S.C. home since the early 1700’s; lifetime mem., VFW; mem., New Life Christian Fellowship Church, Goose Creek; mil. serv.: Active and Reserve USAF, 1996–12; prev. serv. in House 2023.

CRAWFORD, Heather Ammons [R]—(Dist. No. 68, *Horry Co.*)—residing in Socastee; *b.* June 25 in S.C.; *d.* Richard D., Sr. and Rhonda B. Ammons; *g.* Francis Marion Univ., B.S.; *m.* Cam Crawford; S.C. Rep. Party State Exec. Com., 2009–11; S.C. Natl. Committeewoman, Young Reps. Natl. Fed., 2009–14; Bd. of Dirs.: Coastline Women’s Center, 2012–16; Waccamaw Regional Council of Govts., 2013–; former Dir., Kingdom Kids Child Dev. Center; Chm., S.C. House Freshman Caucus, 2013; Leadership S.C. Alumna, class of 2015; mem., Gov. McMaster’s S.C. Floodwater Comm.; Jt. Bond Review Com.; Socastee/St. James Kiwanis; VP, Crawford Properties; mem., Garden City Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House July 24, 2012–23.



CROMER, April [R]—(Dist. No. 6, *Anderson Co.*)—Internal Operations Auditor, Cromer Food Servs. Inc.; residing in Anderson; *b.* Aug. 28, 1978, in Anderson; 1999 *m.* Brent Cromer, 2 children; prev. serv. in House 2023.



DAVIS, Sylleste H. [R]—(Dist. No. 100, *Berkeley Co.*)—Retired Electric Utility Mgr. and IT Professional; residing in Moncks Corner; *b.* Oct. 12, 1961, in Charlotte, N.C.; *d.* Charles and Sylvia Helms; *g.* Coll. of Charleston, B.S. in Mathematics, 1983; mem., Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Mu Epsilon, Alpha Delta Pi, Pres., Panhellenic Council; Webster Univ., M.A., IT Mgmt., 1987; May 27, 1995, *m.* Michael B. Davis, 4 children, Andrew, Scott, Lee, and John; Berkeley High School Academic Booster Club, Treas. & past Secy.; Jr. Achievement; “Read With a Child”; Google CS First Pilot Prog.; Helping Hands of Goose Creek; PTO; past Chair & former mem., S.C. School Improvement Council; Berkeley Co. Teacher of the Year Screening Comm.; past Chair, Bd. of Trustees, S.C. School Improvement Council;



past mem., Bd. of Dirs., Coll. of Charleston Alumni Assn.; Advocacy Bd., Coll. of Charleston School of Sciences and Mathematics; Bd. of Dirs., Habitat for Humanity Berkeley Co.; hon. Chair, Million Women Mentors S.C., 2018–; Adv. Bd., S.C. Coalition for Mathematics & Science, 2018; Daughters of the Amer. Revolution; Colonial Dames XVIIIC; House Jud. Com., 2018; Gov.’s Nuclear Adv. Council; Coll. and Univ. Trustee Screening Com.; Chm., Medical, Military and Municipal Affairs Com., 2022–; S.C. GOP Legislator of the Year, 2023; mem., Moncks Corner United Methodist Church; prev. serv. in House June 8, 2016–23.



DILLARD, Chandra E. [D]—(Dist. No. 23, *Greenville Co.*)—Dir. of Comm. Relations, Furman Univ.; residing at 124 Rebecca St., Greenville; *b.* Mar. 10, 1965, in Greenville; *d.* Moses C. and Vera H. Dillard; *g.* Winthrop Univ., B.S., 1987; Walden Univ., M.P.A., 2008; Leadership S.C.; Leadership Greenville, 2000; Riley Inst., 2004 Diversity Leadership Initiative; single; Greenville

City Council, 1999–08; Bd. mem.: Phyllis Wheatley Assn., 1999–15; Comm. Works Carolina, 2007–21; Genesis Homes CDC, 2007–; Greenville Forward, 2007–09; Municipal Assn. of S.C., 2006–08; United Way of Greenville Co., 2005–09; The Alliance for Quality Educ., 2000–03; Generations Group Homes, 2000–04; Bd. of Trustees, Greenville Co. Library Bd., 1997–99; Bd. of Visitors, The Univ. Center, 2003–08; Pres., Conf. of Black Municipal Elected Officials, 2006–08; Adv. Bd., Bank of Travelers Rest, 2007–; Greenville Parks Foundation, 2008–; Ten at the Top, 2010–; Agric., Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Com., 2nd VC; Environmental Affairs I Subcom., Chm.; Epsilon Tau Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sor. Inc.; Genesis Homes, 2010–; Nicholtown Child & Family Collaborative, 2017–; John Wesley United Methodist Church; prev. serv. in House 2009–23.

ELLIOTT, Jason Thomas [R]—(Dist. No. 22, *Greenville Co.*)—Atty., Jason Elliott, Atty. at Law, LLC; residing at 116 E. Montclair Ave., Greenville; *b.* July 1, 1970, in Greenville; *s.* Darry Elliott and Donna E. Davenport; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1993; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1996; single, 1 child, Barnes Elliott; Asst. Solicitor, 10th Judicial Circuit, 1996–99; Dist. Dir. for U.S. Rep. Jim DeMint, 1999–03; Rotary Club of Greenville, 1999–, Pres., 2008; Greenville Tech. Charter High School Bd. mem., 2002–06, Chm., 2005–06; Greenville Co. Legis. Transportation Com., 2011–17; prev. serv. in House 2017–23.



ERICKSON, Shannon Smith [R]—(Dist. No. 124, *Beaufort Co.*)—Educator & Businesswoman; *b.* Apr. 21, 1963, in Raleigh, N.C.; *d.* the late William Monroe and the late Martha Jane Hattaway Smith; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1997; *m.* Kendall F. Erickson, 2 children, Mariah and Joshua; Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce; Govs. Adv. Com. on Child Care; United Way of Beaufort Co.; S.C. Child Care Assn.; First Steps to School Readiness/United Way of S.C. Quality Task Force; Beaufort Co. Rep. Party; Beaufort Co. Rep. Women; mem.: Rotary Club of the Lowcountry; Lady's Island Bus. and Professional Assn.; S.C. General Assembly Rep. Women's Caucus; General Assembly Women's Caucus; Interagency Coordinating Council; Reconstruction Beaufort: Second Founding of America Adv. Bd.; St. Peter's Catholic Church; prev. serv. in House Oct. 23, 2007–23.



FELDER, R. Raye [R]—(Dist. No. 26, *York Co.*)—Businesswoman & Ins. Sales; residing at 116 Mary Mack Lane, Fort Mill; *b.* Mar. 3, 1962, in Statesboro, Ga.; attended Winthrop Coll. and York Tech. Coll.; *g.* Limestone Coll., B.S., 1993; *m.* J. Wayne Felder; mem., York Co. Regional Chamber; past Chm., Fort Mill Area Council; Fort Mill Citizen of the Year, 2003; Small Bus. Person



of the Year, 2011; Comm. Housing Inc. Bd.; York Tech. Coll. Foundation; York Co. Econ. Dev.; past participation: York Co. Zoning Bd. of Appeals; Rock Hill Arts Council; Junior Achievement; former volunteer, S.C. Guardian Ad Litem; S.C. General Assembly Women's Caucus, Treas.; S.C. Rep. Women's Caucus; S.C. Educ. Oversight Com.; S.C. House Arts Caucus; prev. serv. in House 2013–23.



FORREST, Cally R., Jr. “Cal” [R]—(Dist. No. 39, Lexington-Saluda Cos.)—Bus. Owner; residing at 137 Railroad Ave., Monetta; *b.* May 22, 1977; *g.* Batesburg-Leesville High School; single; Ducks Unlimited Life Sponsor; mem., NRA; FFL Dealer; mem.: B-L Masonic Lodge #138; Shriners; Leadership Lexington Dist. Three, 2017; S.C. IMPH Health Policy Fellow, 2017; S.C.

Chamber Bus. Advocate Award, 2017; S.C. Conservation Dist. Legis. Appreciation Award, 2018; Lexington Soil & Water Conservation Dist. Legislator of the Year, 2019; S.C. Green Industry Assn. Legislator of the Year, 2020; prev. serv. in House 2017–23.



GAGNON, Craig Alan [R]—(Dist. No. 11, Abbeville-Anderson-Laurens Cos.)—Chiropractor; residing at 504 Church St., Abbeville; *b.* Aug. 2, 1960, in Lowell, Mass.; *s.* the late Clayton W. Gagnon and the late Claire E. Dutton; *g.* Sherman Coll. of Chiropractic, 1984; Apr. 15, 2010, *m.* Robin E. Johnson, 3 children, Leah G., Anna E., and Joshua Morris; Chm., Abbeville Co. Rep.

Party, 1989–12; Sherman Coll. of Chiropractic Bd. of Trustees, 2005–08; mem., Abbeville Presbyterian Church; prev. serv. in House 2013–23.

GARVIN, Kambrell Houston [D]—(Dist. No. 77, *Richland Co.*)—Principal Atty./Owner, Kambrell Garvin Law Firm, LLC; residing in Blythewood; *b.* Oct. 2, 1991; *s.* Dr. Sonji Garvin Baxter, Rev. John K. Baxter, and Reginald S. Garvin, Sr.; Winthrop Univ., B.A., 2013; Johns Hopkins Univ., MS.Ed., 2016; S.C. State Univ., M.B.A., 2024; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 2019; Dec. 19, 2015, *m.* Monique Patton, 1 child, Wrenley Primrose; Student Govt. Pres., ex-officio mem., Bd. of Trustees, and Presidential Search and Selection Com., Winthrop Univ., 2011–13; John C. West Forum on Policy & Politics Legis. Intern, 2013; Public School Teacher, Colleton Co. School Dist., 2013–16; S.C. Educ. Assn., 2013–16; Teach for America Alumnus; Cola. NAACP, 2006–; Alpha Phi Alpha Frat. Inc.; VC, Richland Co. Legis. Delegation, 2020–22; Parliamentarian, S.C. Legis. Black Caucus, 2020–22; mem., First Nazareth Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 2019–23.



GATCH, Gil [R]—(Dist. No. 94, *Charleston-Dorchester Cos.*)—Atty., Gil Gatch Law; residing in Historic Downtown Summerville; *b.* June 18, 1981, in Charleston; *s.* Harry and Margaret Gatch; *g.* Southern Evangelical Seminary, B.A., 2015; Georgetown Univ. Law School, J.D., 2019; Sept. 3, 2010, *m.* Heather Lee, 1 child, Claire Boswell; Student Fellow, Georgetown Center for the Constitution; elected delegate, Student Bar Assn.; mem.: S.C. Bar, N.C. Bar, Phi Alpha Delta; Bd. mem., Dorchester Co. Habitat for Humanity; prev. serv. in House 2021–23.



GIBSON, N. Daniel [R]—(Dist. No. 12, *Greenwood-McCormick Cos.*)—Commercial Pilot; residing in Greenwood; *b.* in Anderson; *g.* Forrest Coll., A.S., 1975; Commercial Pilot Ratings: Instrument, Twin, CFI (Certified Flight Instructor), and Remote Pilot; mem.: Agric., Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs & Wildlife Subcom.; Interstate Cooperation Com.; VC,



Greenwood Co. Delegation; VC, McCormick Co. Delegation; prev. serv. in House 2023.



GILLIAM, Leon Douglas “Doug” [R]—(Dist. No. 42, Laurens-Union Cos.)—USA (Ret.); residing at 3347 Buffalo-W. Springs Hwy., Buffalo; *b.* Nov. 22, 1964, in Union; *g.* Univ. of S.C. Union, A.A., 1995; Liberty Univ., B.S., 2003; USA Sergeants Major Academy, 2008; July 26, 1986, *m.* Pamela Rodgers, 1 child, Hannah Faith; 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Comd.

Sgt. Major, 2011–15; Kosovo Force (KFOR) 16-Multi-Natl. Battle Group-East Comd. Sgt. Major, 2012–13; Union High School JROTC Senior Army Instructor, 2015–18; State Legis. Emerging Leaders Prog.; 2020 S.C. Chamber of Commerce Bus. Advocate Award; S.C. Natl. Guard Assn., 2021 Legislator of the Year for the S.C. House of Reps.; Amer. Conservative Union Foundation’s Conservative Achievement Award; mem., S.C. House Mil. Caucus, Chm.; First Responders Caucus; Exec. Com., Family Caucus; mil. awards: Legion of Merit with OLC; Bronze Star for Valor; Combat Infantryman Badge; Meritorious Serv. Medal; German Army Proficiency Badge; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Order of the Saint Maurice; SCNG Enlisted Hall of Fame, 2016; mil. serv.: SCANG, 1984–89; USA, 1989–15; mem., Phillippi Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 2019–23.



GILLIARD, Wendell Gregory [D]—(Dist. No. 111, Charleston Co.)—Public Relations Consultant; residing at 1237 Marvin Ave., Charleston; *b.* July 1, 1954, in Charleston; *s.* the late William and the late Sinclair Gilliard; attended Devry School of Technology; Labor Organizing Coll. held at Univ. of Tenn. campus, and political science training at the Natl. Leagues of Cities;

3 children, April Sinclair, Wendell G., and Keith Demon; worked at Albright and Wilson Chemical Plant for 28 years as a chemical plant operator; served as United Steel Workers Local Union Pres. for 15 years; Charleston City Council, 1997–08; former Mayor *Pro Tempore*; Arthur J. Clement Award for Excellence in Race Relations, 1999; recipient of the

Comm. Serv. Award in Politics presented by the S.C. Natl. Council of Negro Women; The Assn. for the Study of African life and history (Asalh) Certificate of Appreciation Award; Morris Street Baptist Church 135th Anniversary Comm. Serv. Award, 2000; The George Washington Carver Consistory #162 "Expect the Unexpected" Appreciation Award, 2001 & 2005; The Natl. Council of Negro Women Bethune-Leonard section for Outstanding Comm. Leader's Award in Politics, 2002; Omega Psi Phi Frat. Inc., Stroll of Honor Award for Outstanding Achievement in Politics, 2004; Beta Kappa Lambda Chap. of Alpha Phi Alpha Frat. Inc., Comm. Serv. Award in Politics, 2004; Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church, MLK Humanitarian Award, 2006; NAACP N. Charleston Chap.'s Hall of Fame Award for Comm. Relations, 2006; Voted Best Councilman by the Charleston City Paper, 2006–08; Charleston Alumni Chap. of Kappa Alpha Psi Frat. Inc., Comm. Serv. Award, 2008; prev. serv. in House 2009–23.

GUEST, Thomas Duval, Jr. "Val" [R]—(Dist. No. 106, *Horry Co.*)—Atty. & Law Partner, Ouverson, Guest & Carter, P.A.; residing at 2169 N. Berwick Dr., Myrtle Beach; *b.* Apr. 7, 1960, in Greenville; *s.* Thomas and Gwendolyn Hodge Guest; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1989; Oct. 3, 1992, *m.* Jeanne Nystrom, 2 children, Annamarie Haines Guest Cromer and Mary Duval Guest; graduate of Leadership Grand Strand; past Pres., Horry Co. Bar; past Pres., Surfside Rotary Club; Family Court and Circuit Court Mediator; Lifetime mem., The Citadel Alumni Assn.; mem., Belin Memorial United Methodist Church; prev. serv. in House 2023.



GUFFEY, Brandon [R]—(Dist. No. 48, *York Co.*)—Entrepreneur; residing in Rock Hill; *b.* Jan. 29, 1980, in York; *s.* Timothy and Angela Thomas; attended York Tech. Coll., Clemson Univ.; Aug. 9, 2003, *m.* Melissa Glosson, 3 children, Gavin, Coen, and Callahan; York Co. Council Dist. Six Rep., 2020–22; prev. serv. in House 2023.





HADDON, Patrick B. [R]—(Dist. No. 19, Greenville Co.)—Businessman/Farmer; residing in Greenville; *b.* Sept. 15 in Greenwood; *g.* Tabernacle Baptist Bible Coll., B.A., 2002; July 8, 2000, *m.* Shelly L. Kay, 3 children, Patrick, Jr., Mary L., and Eleanor B.; Parker Fire & Sewer Dist. Comm., 2004–16, VC, 2004–06, Treas., 2007–13, Chm., 2014–16; S.C. GOP Exec. Com. ex officio mem., 2007–09, 1st VC, 2009–11; S.C. GOP Platform & Resolutions Com., 2009; Lake View Precinct Exec. Com., 2003–09; Greenville Co. Rep. Party, Exec. Com., 2004–09, 2nd VC, 2008; Enoree Precinct Pres., 2017–19; Greenville Co. Rep. Party Bronze Elephant Award, 2018; Greenville Co. Farm Bureau Bd. of Dirs., 2004–09, VP, 2007–09; Young Farmer & Rancher Com. Farm Bureau Bd. of Dirs., Chm., 2005–09; Upstate Young Reps., Chm., 2006–07; S.C. Fed. of Young Reps. Chartering Com., Chm., 2007; S.C. Fed. of Young Reps., State Chm., 2007–09; Natl. Young Reps. Man of the Year, 2009; S.C. Presidential Elector, 2008, at-large mem.; Greenville Co. Special Purpose Dist. Assn., Pres., 2008–09; CSG, Rural & Agric. Dev. Com.; Pendleton Farmers Soc., 2023; Goodwill Bd. of Dirs., 2023; State House Com., 2023; mem., Deacon & Sunday School teacher, Berea First Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House Aug. 20, 2019–23.



HAGER, William "Bill" [R]—(Dist. No. 122, Beaufort-Colleton-Hampton-Jasper Cos.)—Retired Engineer; residing in Hampton; *b.* Feb. 7, 1960, in Charlotte, N.C.; *s.* Roland and Charlene Hager; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1984; Apr. 13, 1985, *m.* Elizabeth Jolly; Pres., Beaufort Exchange Club, 1988–89; Chm., Hampton Co. Econ. Dev. Comm., 2015–21; Bd. mem., Southern Carolina Alliance, 2010–; Deacon, Sea Island Presbyterian Church, 1990–93; Deacon, Hampton First Baptist Church; Deacon, Varnville First Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 2023.