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Garrett III, 2 grandchildren; received the 2022 Public Serv. Award, S.C. Baptist Convention; awarded the Amer. Jurisprudence Award in Criminal Law, 1983; awarded the Amer. Jurisprudence Award in Family/Domestic Law, 1983; licensed in all state courts: S.C. Circuit Court, S.C. Court of Appeals, S.C. Supreme Court; licensed in fed. courts: U.S. Dist. Court, U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court, 2020; founding mem., S.C. Criminal Defense Attys.; S.C. Supreme Court Recognition and Appreciation, 1998; S.C. Bd. of Magistrate and Municipal Judges, 2007; The Natl. Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Lawyers, 2014–21; America's Most Honored 5% of Professionals, 2016–21; Lawyers of Distinction, 2019–21; The Natl. Trial Lawyers Top 100 Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2021; America's Top 100 Criminal Defense Attys., 2021; prev. serv. in Sen. 2021–24.



**GOLDFINCH, Stephen L., Jr. [R]**—(Dist. No. 34, Georgetown-Horry Cos.)—Atty.; residing in Murrells Inlet; *b.* Nov. 19, 1982, in Conway; *s.* Steve Goldfinch and Patricia Briggs; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 2004, M.B.A., 2006; Charleston School of Law, J.D., 2010; May 27, 2006, *m.* Renee Bodie, 2 children, Hadlee and Stephen III “Tripp”; past Bd. of Dirs., Junior Achievement;

Chm., Grand Strand Area Transportation Study Com.; Chm., Georgetown Co. Legis. Delegation; Adjunct Professor, Charleston School of Law; USANG Jag Off.; House of Reps. 2013–16; prev. serv. in Sen. 2017–24.

**GRAHAM, Jeffrey R. [D]**—(Dist. No. 35, *Kershaw-Lee-Richland-Sumter Cos.*)—Real Estate; *b.* May 14, 1982, in Camden; *s.* Art and Isla Graham; *g.* Presbyterian Coll., B.S., 2004; June 18, 2005, *m.* Sara, 2 children, Edwards and Bailey; Mayor, Camden, 2008–12; Camden City Council, 2014–24; mem., Kershaw Co. Chamber of Commerce; Pres., Assn. of S.C. Mayors; mem., former Chm. & former Treas., Dem. Party.



**GROOMS, Lawrence Kelly “Larry” [R]**—(Dist. No. 37, *Berkeley-Charleston Cos.*)—Businessman; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1987; *m.* Carol Anderson, 3 children; Christian, Saved by Grace, April 1987; Outstanding Dedication Award, Timberland High School, 1996–97; Bd. of Visitors, Charleston Southern Univ., 1996–; Appreciation Award, St. Stephen Elementary School; S.C. Assn. of Tourism Regions Leadership Recognition; Bd. mem., United Methodist Relief Center, 2003–08; Exec. Comm., Berkeley Co. Rep. Party, 1996–08; life mem.: Natl. Rifle Assn.; Natl. Assn. of Texaco and Shell Marketers; Significant Contribution Award for Safe and Sober Roadways in S.C., MADD, 1998; U.S. Postal Serv. recognition, Huger, S.C., 2000; Legis. Achievement Award, ‘No Port on Daniel Island’, Charleston More Than a Port, 2002; Commendation for Serv. to and Support of Farmers, Agric. Comm. of S.C., 2002; Legis. Serv. Award, Agric. Comm. of S.C., 2002; Raising the Standard Award, Heritage Comm. Servs., 2003; Natl. Legis. Impact Award, Natl. Abstinence Clearinghouse, 2004; Outstanding Serv. Award, Amer. Legion of S.C., 2004; Legislator of the Year, Carolina’s Independent Automobile Dealers Assn., 2004, 2024; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Public Charter School Assn., 2004; Friend to the Taxpayer Award, S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers, 2004; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Farm Bureau, 2005; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Poultry Fed., 2006; Humane State Legislator Award, Humane Soc. of U.S., 2006; Bd. mem., Southern Methodist Coll., 2006–; U.S. Postal Serv.’s ‘Harleys to Harleyville’ recognition, 2006; Exceptional Public Serv. Award, Berkeley Co.



Rep. Women, 2006; Adv. Bd. mem., Natl. Council on Bible Curriculum, 2007–; Legis. Serv. Award, Sweetgrass Market Place Coalition, 2007; Palmetto Leadership Award, S.C. Policy Council, 2007, 2008; Sen. Legis. Champion Award (for outstanding leadership in the defense of faith, family, and freedom), Palmetto Family Council, 2007–08; Legislator of the Year, Construction Network of the Carolinas, 2008; The Westendorff Award for Serv. to Those in Need, United Methodist Relief Center, 2008; Leadership Award, S.C. Dept. of Natural Resources, 2008; Legislator of the Year, Maritime Assn. of S.C., 2008, 2009, 2018; Friend of Transit Award, Transportation Assn. of S.C., 2009; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Fraternal Order of Police, 2009; Legislator of the Year, Palmetto Charter Network for support of Charter Schools in S.C., 2009; Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2010, 2012, 2020; Peas and Carrots Award for improving environmental and econ. quality of life, Citizens for Sound Conservation, 2010; Legis. Leader Award, ABATE of S.C., 2010; Legis. Serv. Recognition, Boeing, 2010; Panama Canal Authority recognition, Canal de Panamá, 2010; Boeing Leadership Award, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, 2010; 100% Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2010, 2012; Future of Educ.’s Golden Apple Award, S.C. Chap., Natl. Coalition for Public School Options, 2011; Political Courage Award, Berkeley Co. Rep. Party, 2011; Support of Liberty Award, ABATE of S.C., 2012; Sword & Mace Award (for score of 100 for promotion and protection of the free, private, and competitive enterprise system), S.C. BIPEC, 2012; Pro-Life Legislator of the Year, S.C. Citizens for Life, 2012, 2016; Legis. Appreciation Award, S.C. Assn. of Conservation Dists., 2013; Public Servant Award, S.C. Baptist Convention, 2013; hon. Lt. Col., S.C. DNR, 2014; Trident Tech, Champion for Econ. Dev. Award, 2015, 2016; Barrett Lawrimore Leadership Award, Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 2015; S.C. Champion of School Choice Award for support of Public School Options, 2015; Educational Credits for Exceptional Needs Children, Leadership Recognition, 2015, 2016; Founder & Chm., S.C. Legis. Prayer Caucus, 2016–; Glenn McConnell Elected Leader Award, Charleston Metro Chamber, 2016; Palmetto Family Award (100% score for the Defense of Faith, Family, and Freedom), 2013, 2017; Legis. Champion (for leadership and

persistence to ensure passage of the S.C. Infrastructure & Econ. Dev. Reform Act), S.C. Alliance to Fix Our Roads, 2017; Bus. Champion Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2017; Motorcycle Comm. Leader, ABATE of S.C., 2017; Champion of Bus. Award, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, 2018 and 2022; S.C. Aeronautical Training Center Leadership Recognition, 2018; Legis. Achievement Award, Center for Legis. Accountability (CPAC), 2021; Legislator of the Year, Charleston Beach Foundation, 2021; Legis. Champion, S.C. Sheriff's Assn., 2022; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Councils of Govts., 2023; past Chm., Deacon Bd., First Baptist Church, St. Stephen; mem., Pointe North Community Church, Moncks Corner; prev. serv. in Sen. Nov. 4, 1997–24.

**HEMBREE, Greg** [R]—(Dist. No. 28, *Horry Co.*)—Atty.; residing at 4509 Lake Cir., Little River; *b.* Aug. 21, 1960, in Ft. Leonardwood, Mo.; *s.* John H. and Mary E. Hembree; *g.* Univ. of Memphis, B.B.A. in Economics, 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1985; Dec. 7, 1985, *m.* Renee Robertson, 3 children, Nora Taylor, Ellen Hall, and John Isaac; N. Myrtle Beach City Atty., 1995–99; 15th Circuit Solicitor (Horry & Georgetown Cos.), 1999–12; Waccamaw Amer. Leadership Forum Charter mem.; Col. Lemuel Benton Chap. of Sons of the Amer. Revolution Pres., 2006–07; N. Myrtle Beach Rotary Club mem.; Grand Strand Running Club Charter mem.; Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church Elder; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–24.



**HUTTO, Brad** [D]—(Dist. No. 40, Aiken-Allendale-Bamberg-Barnwell-Colleton-Orangeburg Cos.)—Trial Lawyer; residing at 1330 Tolly Ganly Cir., Orangeburg; *b.* Aug. 6, 1957, in Orangeburg; *s.* the late Charles L. and Harriet L. Hutto; *g.* Honors Prog. at Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1978; Georgetown Univ. Law Center, J.D., 1981; July 20, 1985, *m.* Tracy D. Macpherson, 1 child, Skyler B.; Chm., Orangeburg Co. Dem. Party, 1988–94; Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor, Order of the Arrow; Silver Antelope





Award; Sen. Minority Leader, 2021–; prev. serv. in Sen. Apr. 30, 1996–24.



**JACKSON, Darrell, Sr. [D]**—(Dist. No. 21, *Richland Co.*)—Senior Pastor, Bible Way Church of Atlas Rd.; residing in Hopkins; *b.* Feb. 1, 1957, in Columbia; *s.* the late Bishop Andrew C. and Janie (Lumpkin) Jackson; *g.* Benedict Coll., B.A. (Pres. of the Student Govt. Assn.); *Cola. Intl. Univ., M.A.*; *m.* Willie Mae Rooks, 2 adult children, Darrell, Jr. and Antoine Joseph, 4 grandchildren; former Bd. of Dirs. & mem., Denny's Corp.; Sister-Care Inc.; former Bd. of Trustees & mem., Benedict Coll.; former Bd. of Dirs. & mem., Big Brothers Big Sisters; former Trustee, United Way of the Midlands; Benedict Coll. Most Distinguished Student Award, 1979; Phi Beta Sigma Comm. Serv. Award, 1995; Omega Psi Phi Frat. Citizen of the Year Award, 1999; Richland School Dist. One Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award, 1999; Modjeska Monteith Simkins Political Courage Award, 2000; Outstanding Legis. Initiative, S.C. Victims Assistance Network, 2000; hon. Doctorate Degree, Benedict Coll., 2002; hon. Doctorate Degree, Richard Stockton Coll., Pomona, N.J., 2002; Carolina Scholarship Inc. Lifetime Achievement Award, 2003; Webster Univ. Lifetime Achievement Award, 2004; Allen Univ. Richard Allen Award, 2008; S.C. Law Enforcement Assn. Humanitarian of the Year, 2008; Phi Beta Sigma African Amer. Male Image Award, 2008; S.C. Primary Health Care Assn. Comm. Health Center Champion Award, 2009; Young Stroke Inc. Champion Award, 2010; Amer. Heart Assn. Legislator of the Year Award, 2011; S.C. State Univ. Distinguished Comm. Serv. Award, 2012; S.C. Employees Assn. Distinguished Serv. Award, 2013; S.C. Chamber of Commerce Bus. Advocate Award, 2014; The Cola. Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Advocate for Bus. Award, 2015; Pawmetto Life-line Comm. Champion & Animal Advocate Award, 2016; S.C. Chaps. of Alpha Phi Alpha Frat. Inc., Emmanuel 9 Award, 2022; hon. Doctorate Degree, Cola. Intl. Univ., 2015; Lower Richland Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award, 2023; prev. serv. in Sen. 1993–24.

**JOHNSON, Robert Michael** [R]—(Dist. No. 16, Lancaster-York Cos.)—Atty.; residing in York Co.; *b.* Nov. 22, 1970, in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; *s.* Mike and Sandy Johnson; *g.* Auburn Univ., B.A., 1993; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 1996; June 18 *m.* Amy E. Johnson, 2 children, Cole and Grace; Ft. Mill School Bd., 2005–12; Leadership York Co., 2008; Ft. Mill Rotary Club, Pres., 2011–12; York Co. Council, 2013–20; Upper Palmetto YMCA Exec. Bd., 2018–22; Leadership S.C., 2024; Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study Com., 2023–; CERRA Bd. of Dirs., 2023–; prev. serv. in Sen. 2021–24.



**KENNEDY, Carlisle E.** [R]—(Dist. No. 23, Lexington Co.)—Atty.; residing in Lexington Co.; *b.* Sept. 6 in Lexington Co.; *s.* Ralph and Lisa Kennedy; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S. & M.B.A.; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2019; 2018 *m.* Brooke, 1 child; Comr., S.C. Comm. on Consumer Affairs, 2014–20; Asst. Solicitor, 11th Judicial Circuit, 2019–22; Kennedy Law Firm, 2022–.



**KIMBRELL, Joshua Brett “Josh”** [R]—(Dist. No. 11, Spartanburg Co.)—Aviation Leasing & Charter; residing in Spartanburg Co.; *b.* Dec. 18, 1984, in Spartanburg; *s.* Brett and Cindy Kimbrell; *g.* N. Greenville Univ., B.A., 2007; Gardner Webb School of Bus.; Juris Masters, Liberty Univ., 2022; Dec. 19, 2017, *m.* Liliya Kimbrell, 2 children, Tristan and Lucian; Chm., Spartanburg Co. Rep. Party, 2017–18; VC, Honor Flight Upstate, 2019–; Bd. mem., A Hero’s 5K, 2017–; prev. serv. in Sen. 2021–24.





**LEBER, Matthew W. “Matt” [R]**—(Dist. No. 41, *Charleston-Colleton-Dorchester Cos.*)—Retired; residing at 3805 Marshfield Rd., Johns Island; *b.* Apr. 5, 1973, in Washington, N.C.; *s.* James and Susan; *g.* Mitchell Comm. Coll., A.S., 2003; attended Univ. of Maryland; Sept. 23, 2010, *m.* S. Michele, 3 children, Savannah, Lucas, and Kensington; GS-11 Employee, Top

Secret Clearance Fed. Govt., 2003–12; mem.: Veteran of Foreign Wars, 2013–; Charleston Rifle Club, 2021; Amer. Legion, Hollywood, S.C., Post 145, 2022–; Red Truck Men’s Prayer Group, 2022; past Chm., Select Com. Greater Lowcountry Rep. Club, 2022; Chm., Freshman Caucus, 2022–; mil. serv.: USA, 1991–98; USA Parachutist School, 1991; Deployed to Bosnia IFOR, 1996; attends Adam’s Run Baptist Church; House of Reps. 2023–24.



**MARTIN, Shane R. [R]**—(Dist. No. 13, *Greenville-Spartanburg-Union Cos.*)—Engineer & Bus. Owner; residing in Spartanburg Co.; *b.* Dec. 31, 1971, in Spartanburg; *s.* Shellie and Cheryl Martin; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1994, M.S., 1999; June 7, 1997, *m.* Amy M., 2 children, Ashlyn and Aidan; Bd. of Trustees, Spartanburg Co. School Dist. Six, 2005–08; mem., Amer. Soc. of

Mechanical Engineers, 1994–; Chm., Spartanburg Co. Legis. Delegation; hon. mem., Pacolet Lions Club; Friend of the Taxpayer, S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers; Chm., Sen. Corrections and Penology Com.; mem.: Sen. Fin. Com.; Sen. Med. Affairs Com.; Sen. Rules Com.; Deacon, Philadelphia Baptist Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 2009–24.



**MASSEY, A. Shane [R]**—(Dist. No. 25, *Aiken-Edgefield-Lexington-McCormick-Saluda Cos.*)—Atty.; residing in Edgefield; *b.* June 28, 1975, in Greeneville, Tenn.; *s.* Gary M. and Linda S. Massey; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1997; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2000; Jan. 31, 2004, *m.* Blair Leigh Ballard; 11th Judicial Circuit Juvenile Arbitration

Prog., Volunteer Arbitrator; Strom Thurmond High School Mock Trial Team, Atty.-coach; Johnston Dev. Bd.; Aiken Rep. Club, Bd. of Dirs., 2006, Pres., 2007; Edgefield Co. First Steps, Bd. of Dirs., 2006–08; Johnston and Edgefield Lions Clubs; Edgefield Co. United Way, Bd. of Dirs.; Aiken Sertoma Club; Providence Baptist Church, Deacon and Sunday School Teacher; prev. serv. in Sen. Nov. 6, 2007–24.

**MATTHEWS, Margie Bright** [D]—(Dist. No. 45, Beaufort-Charleston-Colleton-Hampton-Jasper Cos.)—Atty., office at 205 E. Washington St., Walterboro; *b.* Feb. 10 in Walterboro; *d.* Herbert Garfield and Jessie Rine Davis Bright; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1985, Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 1989; Oct. 24, 1992, *m.* Patrick F. Matthews, 4 children, Jessica Bright, Patrice Matthews, Meredith Matthews, and Mattison Bright Matthews, 3 grandchildren; Colleton Co. Bar; S.C. Assn. for Justice; SCWLA; SCBLA; Natl. Assn. of Criminal Defense Attys.; Recipient, 2023 John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage Award; Amer. Assn. for Justice (AAJ); law practice, Bright Matthews Law Firm LLC; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.; mem., New Life Methodist Church; prev. serv. in Sen. Oct. 20, 2015–24.



**NUTT, Roger A.** [R]—(Dist. No. 12, Greenville-Spartanburg Cos.)—Professional Engineer; residing in Moore, 1966–; *b.* Sept. 20, 1965, in Johnson City, Tenn.; *s.* Frank “Mac” Nutt and the late Sandra Nutt; Tenn. Tech. Univ., B.S., Engineering, 1989; June 25, 2001, *m.* Tracy Fennell, 3 children, Collin, Kaitlin, and Luke, 3 grandchildren; Comr., SJWD Water Dist., 2008–10; Dist. 6 Rep., Spartanburg Co. Council, 2010–20; mem.: S.C. Workforce Dev. Bd.; Animal Allies Bd. of Dirs.; TNC Engineering LLC, Owner; NRA life mem.; Natl. Deer Assn. (fka QDMA) Supporter; founding mem., West Spartanburg Church of Christ; mem., Central Church of Christ, 1966–18; House of Reps. 2021–24.

