

**OTT, Russell L.** [D]—(Dist. No. 26, *Calhoun*-Lexington-Richland Cos.)—Businessman; residing at 135 Ott Farm Trail, St. Matthews; b. Mar. 26; s. Harry L., Jr. and Linda Fleming Ott; g. Clemson Univ., B.A., 2000; Univ. of S.C., M.P.A., 2003; 2 children, Lawson Legare and Bryce Jameson; former Town Admin. for towns of Elloree, North, and Neeses; S.C. Farm Bureau,

2004–13; Med., Mil., Public & Municipal Affairs Com., 2014–24; mem., Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church; House of Reps. Oct. 29, 2013–24.



**PEELER, Harvey Smith, Jr.** [R]— (Dist. No. 14, *Cherokee*-Spartanburg-Union-York Cos.)—Dairyman & Businessman; residing at 3033 Old Georgia Hwy., Gaffney; b. Sept 8, 1948, in Gaffney; s. the late H. Smith, Sr. and Sally (Bratton) Peeler; g. Clemson Univ., B.S., 1970; Aug. 8, 1969, m. Ila LaDonna Caudill, 3 children, Brantlee Rene, Harvey Smith III, and Boone

Solomon; mem.: Gaffney First Baptist Church; Mason; Shriner; Amer. Jersey Cattle Assn.; Amer. Legion; Cherokee Co. Council, 1977–80; Sen. Majority Leader, 2005–16; Pres. of the Sen. Jan. 8, 2019–Dec. 6, 2021; Chm., Sen. Fin. Com., 2021–; mil. serv.: Lt., USA, 1970–72; prev. serv. in Sen. 1981–24.



RANKIN, Luke A. [R]—(Dist. No. 33, Horry Co.)—Atty.; residing at 3745 Waterford Dr., Myrtle Beach; b. Apr. 9, 1962, in Horry Co.; s. O. A. and Dorothy S. Rankin; g. Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1984, J.D., 1987; 2 children, Luke, Jr. and Hollings; May 28, 2011, m. Lindsey Bonds; prev. serv. in Sen. 1993–24. REICHENBACH, Mike [R]—(Dist. No. 31, *Florence* Co.)—Pres. & Owner, Mike Reichenbach Ford, Lincoln, Chevy & VW; residing in Florence; b. Oct. 29, 1971, in Lima, Ohio; s. Edward and the late Shirley Reichenbach; g. Bowling Green State Univ., 1994; Univ. of Michigan, M.B.A., 2000; Aug. 16, 1996, m. Charisse Alexandra Reichenbach, 2 children, Olivia and Isaiah; earned his law



enforcement comm. through the S.C. Law Enforcement Div. (SLED) as a State Constable, 2009; Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year, 2011; Florence School Dist. One Foundation's First "Dancing with the Florence Stars" Winner, 2011; USA War Coll's. Natl. Security Seminar, 2012; Bd. mem., Inaugural Francis Marion Univ. School of Bus., Center for Entrepreneurship, 2012; McLeod Health Fellows, 2013; Inaugural recipient of the Florence-Darlington Tech. Coll's. Entrepreneurial Forum, 2015; Game Warden/Dep. Law Enforcement Off., S.C. Dept. of Natural Resources, 2018; The Riley Inst.'s Diversity Leadership Initiative Class of 2018; promoted to Major in the S.C. Mil. Dept.'s Volunteer Jt. Servs. Detachment, 2018; awarded S.C. Mil. Dept.'s Certificate of Achievement for extraordinary leadership, 2019; launched prog. "Helping Florence Work," 2019; Liberty Fellowship Class of 2019; Leadership S.C. Class of 2020; Leadership Florence Class of 2020; Club for Growth Foundation Fellowship Class of 2021; Florence School Dist. One Fellows in Educ. Class of 2022; past mem., Bd. of Dirs.: Coastal Carolina Hosp., VC; Florence-Darlington Tech. Coll. Foundation; Law Enforcement Adv. Foundation; Darlington Chamber of Commerce; coaching positions held: Head Coach, Florence Co. Recreation League Girls Softball and Florence YMCA Boys Basketball; Asst. Coach, Florence Co. Recreation League Boys Baseball, Florence City League Boys Football, and Florence Upward Boys Football; mem., Bds. of Dirs.: Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, Immediate Past Chm.; McLeod Health Foundation, VC; First Reliance Bank; United Way Assn. of S.C.; Francis Marion Univ. School of Bus. Adv. Bd.; Florence School Dist. One, Southside Middle School Adv. Council; Duke Energy Adv. Council; Leadership Support Team & mem., Newspring Church, Florence Campus; prev. serv. in Sen. Mar. 29, 2022–24.



**RICE, Rex Fontaine** [R]—(Dist. No. 2, Greenville-*Pickens* Cos.)—Businessman; residing in Easley; *b.* May 9, 1957, in Pensacola, Fla.; *s.* Frank Towers and Claire Fontaine Rice; *g.* Christ Church Episcopal School; attended Anderson Coll.; Apr. 17, 1982, *m.* Ruth Britts, 2 children, Toni and Meredith; House of Reps. 1995–10; prev. serv. in Sen. 2017–24.



SABB, Ronnie A. [D]—(Dist. No. 32, Berkeley-Charleston-Florence-Georgetown-Horry-*Williamsburg* Cos.)—Atty.; residing in Williamsburg Co.; b. Sept. 2, 1958, in Greeleyville; s. John Earl and Annie Ree Sabb Gamble; g. Voorhees Coll., B.S., 1980; Univ. of Florida, 1987; m. Jennifer, 2 chil dren, Whitney A. and Lindsay A.; Asst. Solicitor, 1990–10; Gen. Counsel, Santee

Electric Cooperative, 1997–16; Bd. of Govs., Assn. of Justice, 2005–12; Bd. of Govs., S.C. Bar Assn., 2007–10; Amer. Coll. of Trial Lawyers; Voorhees Coll. Hall of Fame, 2008; Deacon, Good Hope Baptist Church; House of Reps. 2011–14; prev. serv. in Sen. Nov. 4, 2014–24.



STUBBS, Everett III [R]—(Dist. No. 17, Chester-Fairfield-Lancaster-York Cos.)— Atty.; residing at 2649 Clubside Dr., Rock Hill; b. June 17, 1985, in Greenville; s. Everett "Chip," Jr. and Gwen Stubbs; g. Lander Univ., B.S., 2008; Charlotte School of Law, J.D., 2011; Aug. 25, 2012, m. Caroline Rockholt, 2 children, Everett "Rett" and Anne Margaret. SUTTON, Ed II [D]—(Dist. No. 20, Charleston Co.)—Real Estate Developer/ Air Force Pilot; residing in Charleston; The Citadel, B.A., 2006; Air Comd. and Staff Coll., Master's Degree, 2014; Pres. Emeritus, Reynolds Ave. Merchants Assn.; former Bd. mem.: Natl. Medal of Honor Museum, 2015–20; Arts Forms & Theater Concepts, 2016–21; Multiplying Good,

2020–23; Bd. mem., Leadership S.C., 2023–; VC, Legis. Com., Charleston Trident Assn. Realtors (CTAR), 2023; Bd. of Dirs., Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA), 2023–25; Roper Saint Francis Fellow, 2022; mil. serv.: Co. Grade Off. of the Year, USAF, 2013; 621st Contingency Response Wing AMLO of the year, 2013; Field Grade Off. of the Year, USAF, 2016; USAF, Active Duty, 2006–14; USAF Reserves, 2014–, Lt. Col.; X2 Carolopolis Award Winner, 2025.

**TEDDER, Deon T.** [D]—(Dist. No. 42, *Charleston*-Dorchester Cos.)—Atty; residing in N. Charleston; *b*. Apr. 26, 1990, in Durham, N.C.; *s*. the late Louis, Jr. and Chandra Tedder; *g*. S.C. State Univ., B.A., 2012; Univ. of S.C. Law School, J.D., 2015; married; House of Reps. 2021–23; prev. serv. in Sen. Nov. 7, 2023–24.

TURNER, Clarence Ross III [R]—(Dist. No. 8, Greenville Co.)—Pres., The Turner Ag. Inc.; residing at 43 Charlbury St., Greenville; b. May 15, 1964, in Greenville; s. Clarence Ross, Jr. and Anne Summers Turner; g. Clemson Univ., B.S., 1986; Jan. 20, 1990, m. Julie Barker, 3 children, Clarence Ross "Clay" IV, Carey, and Ellis; Certified Ins. Counselor (CIC). 1994–:

mem., Sen. Fish, Game, and Forestry Com.; Buncombe Street Methodist Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–24.









VERDIN, Daniel Byron III [R]—(Dist. No. 9, Greenville-Laurens-Union Cos.)— Owner, Verdin's Farm & Garden Center; residing in Laurens; b. May 9, 1964, at England Air Force Base in Alexandria, La.; s. Daniel B. Verdin, Jr. and Eloise Watts Verdin; g. Bob Jones Univ., B.A., 1986; Sept. 26, 1987, m. Kimberlee Diane Owens, 4 children and 8 grandchildren;

Agric. & Natural Resources Advisor, Gov.'s Office, 1987-89; Chm., Agric. & Natural Resources Com., 2007-18; Chm., Med. Affairs Com., 2018-; Majority Whip for Sen. Rep. Caucus, 2011-13; S.C. Div. Comdr. Sons of Confederate Veterans, 1998-00; 2006 Friend of SCAV, S.C. Assn. of Veterinarians; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Farm Bureau, 2006; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Veterinarians Assn., 2007; Legislator of the Year, Palmetto Cycling Coalition, 2008; Sen. Legis. Champion, Palmetto Family Council, 2007-08; S.C. Quality of Life Award, S.C. Realtors Assn., 2008; Friend of the Taxpayer Award, 2008, S.C. Taxpayers Assn.; hon. State FFA Degree, 2009; John W. Parris Agricultural Leadership Award, 2009, by the S.C. Agricultural Educators Assn.; 2009 Advocate of the Year, S.C. Advocates for Agric.; hon. Chair for the 2009 State 4-H Congress; 2009 Legislator of the Year, S.C. Poultry Fed.; 2010 Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce; 2010 Senator of the Year, S.C. Human Serv. Providers; mem., Historical Pendleton Farmers Soc.; Hickory Tavern Young Farmers; 2010 hon. Amer. FFA Degree; 2012 BIPEC Sword and Mace Award; 2012 Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber; 2012 Friend of the Taxpayer Award, S.C. Taxpayers Assn.; Old Dist. 96 Comm. 2012 Legislator of the Year Award; Sen. Legis. Champion, Palmetto Family Council, 2011-12; 2013 Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce; mem.: Green School Caucus; Agric. & Rural Dev. Com., 2014; S.C. Assn. for Career and Tech. Educ. (SCACTE) 2016 Advocate of the Year; 2018 S.C. Green Industry Assn. Legislator of the Year; Bob Jones Univ. Honored Alumnus Award, 2022; Donate Life Legislator of the Year, 2023; S.C. Podiatric Med. Assn. Legislator of the Year Award, 2023; mem., Faith Free Presbyterian Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 2001-24.

WALKER, Overture E. [D]—(Dist No. 22, *Richland* Co.)—Atty.; residing in Columbia; b. Sept. 30, 1980, at Shaw Air Force Base; s. the late James Newman and Gloria Walker Newman-Jett; g. Univ. of S.C., B.A., 2002; J.D., 2004; admitted to practice in state courts, U.S. Dist. Court, and Dist. of S.C.; June 16, 2007, m. Sharon, 1 child; Asst. Public Defender, Richland Co., 2005–06;



City Prosecutor & Asst. City Atty., City of Cola., 2006–08; private practice, 2009–; Municipal Court Judge, City of Cola., 2015–20; Richland Co. Council, 2021–24, Chm., 2022–23.

WILLIAMS, Kent M. [D]—(Dist. No. 30, Darlington-Dillon-Florence-Horry-Marion Cos.)—Dep. Co. Admin.; residing at 4205 Stirk Place, Marion; b. Sept. 15, 1960, in Marion; s. James and Thelma Howard Williams; g. Florence-Darlington Tech. Coll., A.S., 1981; S.C. State Univ., B.S., 1987; single; Independence Fed. Savings and Loan Bank, Washington, D.C., 1985–86; S.C. State



Univ., 1986-90; Clemson Extension Serv., 1990-99; mem., Marion Co. Bd. of Educ., 1998-04, Chm. 4 years; 12th Judicial Circuit, S.C. Agric. Comm.; 12th Judicial Circuit Youth Council Bd.; Duke Endowment Bd.; Marion Dist. of the Rural Comm. on Econ. Dev.; mem.: Educ. Oversight Com.; Behavioral Health Study Com.; S.C. Housing Comm.; Marion Co. Healthcare Foundation Bd.; S.C. Gov.'s State Workforce Investment Bd.; Jt. N.C.-S.C. Boundary Comm.; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Comm. for the Blind, 2006; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Black Family, 2009; Greater Mullins Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year, 2010; Conservation Voters of S.C. Peas and Carrots Award, 2012; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Assn. of Conservation Dists., 2014; Friend of Extension Award, Clemson Univ. Cooperative Extension Serv., 2016; 2018 Legislator of the Year, Amer. Legion Dept. of S.C.; 2018 Legislator of the Year, S.C. Poultry Assn.; 2018 Legislator of the Year, Farm Bureau; 2018 Legislator of the Year, S.C. Advocates for Agric.; prev. serv. in Sen. 2005-24.



YOUNG, Tom, Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 24, Aiken Co.)—Atty. & Bus. Owner, residing in Aiken; b. Oct. 8, 1971, in Aiken; s. Thomas R., Sr. and Delly O. Young; g. Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1993, J.D., 1996; Aug. 4, 2001, m. Heather Winkles, 2 children, Hailey Elizabeth and Ashley Caroline; Univ. of S.C. Student Body Pres., 1992–93; Univ. of S.C. Carolina Scholar, 1989; Phi Beta Kappa; Algernon

Sydney Sullivan Award, 1993; Order of Wig and Robe, Univ. of S.C., 1996; 2009 Univ. of S.C. Law Alumni Silver Compleat Lawyer Award; mem., St. John's Methodist Church; House of Reps. 2009–12; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–24.



**ZELL, Jeffrey E. II** [R]—(Dist. No. 36, Calhoun-Clarendon-Orangeburg-Sumter Cos.)—Ret. military/Sumter School Bd. Trustee; residing in Sumter; b. Mar. 18, 1980, in Bellefontaine, Ohio; s. Jeffrey Zell and Patricia Frederick; g. Community Coll. of the Air Force, A.A.; Amer. Mil. Univ., B.A.; magna cum laude; Aug. 29, 2009, m. Christina Marie, 1 child, Eva: Big

Brother, Big Brothers Big Sisters (Dover, Del.), 2009–13; former Pres., Dolomite Chap., Air Force Assn.; mil. serv., USAF, 2002–22.