PEDALINO, Fawn M. [R]—(Dist. No. 64, *Clarendom*-Sumter Cos.)—CFO, Southeastern Technology & Realtor; residing at 1463 Diles Bay Rd., Turbeville; b. May 12, 1987, in Charleston; d. Timothy Russell and Kimberly Roumillat; attended Trident Tech. Coll.; May 13, 2011, m. Joseph Jason Pedalino, 2 children, Selah and Rumer; EMS Ice Award, 2011; mem.: Sumter Bd. of



Realtors, Natl. Assn. of Realtors; prev. serv. in House 2023-24.

POPE, Thomas E. "Tommy", Speaker *Pro Tempore* (for biography and picture see p. 77).

RANKIN, Luke S. [R]—(Dist. No. 14, Laurens Co.)—Health Ins. Advisor; residing in Gray Court; b. Aug. 16, 1997, in Greenville; s. Gregory Rankin and Kari Joy; g. Southern New Hampshire Univ., B.S., 2020; Apr. 27, 2024, m. Hope Marie; Laurens Co. Council, 2020–24; Laurens Co. Rep. Party Chm., 2021–24; Chm., S.C. House Freshman Caucus, 2024–.

REESE, Robert T. [D]—(Dist No. 70, Kershaw-*Richland* Cos.)—Bus. Admin.; residing at 204 Sonoma Dr., Hopkins; *b*. Nov. 13, 1967, in Columbia; *s*. Bobby and Thelma Reese; *g*. Morehouse Coll., B.A., 1994; Univ. of S.C., M.B.A., 2001; 2 children, Kayla Sherron and Sierra Marie; VC of Operations, U.S. Biosphere Network; Chm., Richland Co. Bd. of Zoning Appeals,

2024; Pres., Lower Richland Branch of the NAACP, 2019-21.

RIVERS, Michael F., Sr. [D]—(Dist. No. 121, *Beaufort*-Colleton Cos.)—Minister & Retired USAF; residing at 734 Seaside Rd., St. Helena Island; b. Oct 16, 1958, in Baltimore, Md.; s. Cleaver B. Johnson and Julia Boles (biological parents) and Harris and Ophelia Rivers (parents); g. DeVry Inst., Tech. Certificate, 1980; Tech. Coll. of







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Lowcountry, CAD & Drafting certificate, 2003; Claffin Univ., B.S., 2008; *m*. Lisa, 3 children, Monica, Michelle, and Michael, Jr., 2 grandchildren; mem.: Beaufort Co. Ministerial Alliance; NAACP; Beaufort Co. School Bd., 1998–16; mil. serv.: USAF, 1976–78; prev. serv. in House 2017–24.



ROBBINS, Robert D. "Robby" [R]— (Dist. No. 97, Colleton-*Dorchester* Cos.)— Atty.; residing in Summerville; *b*. May 5, 1962, in Charleston; *s*. Douglas W. and Nancy M. Robbins; *g*. Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1984, J.D., 1987; Nov. 9, 1991, *m*. Mary Bryce, 2 children, Robert Bryce and Lena Ruth; Solicitor, First Judicial Circuit, 2004; Comr., S.C. Dept. of Transportation, 1st

Congressional Dist., 2016–22; prev. serv. in House May 17, 2022–24.



ROSE, Seth [D]—(Dist. No. 72, *Richland* Co.)—Atty; residing in Columbia; *b*. Dec. 26, 1980; *s*. Jeffrey Joseph and Gigi Rose; *g*. Univ. of S.C., B.A., 2003, J.D., 2007; Apr. 5, 2008, *m*. Anna Cartin, 3 children, Cole, Luke, and Matilda "Tillie"; S.C. Bar, 2007; Richland Co. Asst. Prosecutor, 2007–11; Richland Co. Councilman, 2011–18; First Team All-America Singles Tennis Player

for the Univ. of S.C.; Univ of S.C. Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee, 2014; prev. serv. in House 2019–24.



RUTHERFORD, James Todd [D]— (Dist. No. 74, *Richland* Co.)—Atty; residing at 2321 Lincoln St, Columbia; b. Oct. 10, 1970, in Columbia; s. Harry and Karen Rutherford; g. Howard Univ., B.A., 1992; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1996; Dec. 11, 2020, m. Megan Pinckney, 3 children, J. Todd II "Ty", Tripp Benjamin, and C. Teagan; Legis. Asst., Congressman Robin Tallon, 1992–93; Owner,

3 Tech Integrated Systems, 1993; Asst. Solicitor/Special Prosecutor of Narcotic and Drug Cases, Fifth Solicitor's Office, 1996–98; The Rutherford Law Firm LLC, 1998–; House Minority Leader, 2013–; Owner: 803 Trucking LLC; The Sweet Temptations Bakery LLC; Natl. Bd. mem., NAACP Special Contributions Fund; mem., Judicial Merit Selection Comm.; Bd. mem., Brookland Baptist Church; Comm. Credit Union; mem., S.C. Bar Assn.; prev. serv. in House 1999–24.

SANDERS, Richard B. "Blake" [R]— (Dist. No. 9, Anderson Co.)—Landscape Architect; residing in Pelzer; b. July 27, 1982, in Greenville; s. Rick and Denise; g. Clemson Univ., 2006, B.S.; May 12, 2007, m. Ashley Sweet, 2 children, Lane and Gracie; Town Council, Town of W. Pelzer, 2011–15; Mayor, Town of W. Pelzer, 2015–23.



SCHUESSLER, Carla M. [R]—(Dist No. 61, Horry Co.)—Dir. of Bus. Dev. & Admin., G3 Engineering & Surveying LLC; residing in Horry Co.; b. Sept. 18, 1972, in Ft Wayne, Ind.; d. the late Carl W. Weaver and Elizabeth C. Kuchar; g. Illinois State Univ., B.S., 1996; 2 children, Jack R. and Nathan R.; Leadership Grand Strand, 2009; Leadership Grand Strand Bd. of Regents, 2009–12;



Exec. Dir., Habitat for Humanity of Horry Co., 2014–20; Grand Strand Housing and Comm. Dev. Corp. Bd. of Dirs., 2015–19; Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Bd. of Dirs., 2015–19, 2022, Bd. Chairwoman, 2018; recipient of Ann DeBock Leadership Award, 2016; S.C. Assn. of Habitat Affiliates Bd. of Dirs., 2018–20, Bd. Pres., 2019–20; Chm., Myrtle Beach Work Force Housing Task Force, 2019; Grand Strand Water & Sewer Citizens Adv. Com., 2021–22; mem., Wellspring Church; Wellspring Youth Group Leader, 2016–23; Leadership S.C. Class of 2024–25; Waccamaw Regional Council of Govts. Bd. mem., 2024–; S.C. Health Policy Fellow; prev. serv. in House 2023–24.



SESSIONS, Heath [R]—(Dist. No. 46, York Co.)—VP, Construction; b. Nov. 24, 1976, in Spartanburg; s. Adam Hernandez and Vickie Sessions; g. Univ. of S.C., B.A., 2004; Oct. 9, 2004, m. Kristin, 3 children, Emma, Ben, and Asher; Historic Rock Hill Bd., 2021–; Camp Canaan Bd., 2022; Winthrop Stakeholder Bd., 2022; Deacon, Oakland Baptist Church, 2019–20, Personnel

Chm., 2020, 2022; prev. serv. in House 2023-24.

SMITH, George Murrell, Jr., Speaker (for biography and picture see p. 76).



SMITH, Marvin "Mark" [R]—(Dist. No. 99, Berkeley Co.)—Small Bus. Owner; residing at 1125 Pinefield Dr., Daniel Island; b. June 18, 1970, in Bamberg; s. the late Randy Smith and Linda Bunch Duffie; g. Fayetteville Tech. Coll., A.A., 1993; Oct. 24, 1993, m. Elayne Forastiere, 3 sons, Parker, Avery, and Domenic; Pres. & CEO, McAlister-Smith Funeral Homes Inc.; Town council-

man, Mt. Pleasant, 2013; Graduate, S.C. Municipal Elected Officials Inst., 2015; past Pres., E. Cooper Rep. Club; Pres., Daniel Island Rep. Club; mem., Daniel Island Rotary Club; past Pres., Rotary Club of Charleston; past Chm.: Low Country Food Bank, S.C. Aging in Place Council, Cremation Assn. of N. America; past VC, S.C. Alzheimer's Assn.; Volunteer participant, Water Missions Intl., Water System Installations in both Ecuador and Peru; Chm., Roper St. Francis Mt. Pleasant Hosp. Bd., 2020–; past Chm., S.C. Adv. Com. on Aging, 2020; mem., St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, Daniel Island; prev. serv. in House 2021–24. SPANN-WILDER, Tiffany R. [D]—(Dist. No. 109, Charleston-Dorchester Cos.)— Atty:; residing in N. Charleston; b. Feb. 1 in Charleston; d. Geneva Spann; g. Winthrop Univ., B.A., cum laude, 1995; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 1998; Mar. 17, 2001, m. Sgt. Jeffery Wilder, 2 children, Jared and Lauren; Law Clerk, Hon. Matthew J. Perry, Jr., 1998–99; N. Charleston Munici-

pal Judge, 2001–05; Comr., S.C. Gov.'s Comm. on Women, 2002–08; Pres., S.C. Young Lawyers Div. of the Bar, 2008–09; S.C. Bar Bd. of Govs. & House of Delegates, 2009–10; Univ. of S.C. Compleat Lawyer Award, 2010; Leadership S.C., 2010; Liberty Fellowship, 2013; Leadership S.C. Alumnus of the Year, Dick & Tunky Riley Award, 2013; The Riley Diversity Leadership, 2016; Charleston Co. Magistrate, 2019–23; Girl Scouts of America, life mem.; mem.: Delta Sigma Theta Sor. Inc.; The Links Inc.; Jack and Jill of America Inc.; elected in Special Election, Apr. 2, 2024, to fulfill the unexpired term of Deon Tedder, resigned.

STAVRINAKIS, Leonidas Emmanuel "Leon" [D]—(Dist. No. 119, Charleston Co.)—Atty; residing in Charleston; b. in Charleston; g. Coll. of Charleston, B.A., 1988; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 1992; Chm., Charleston Co. Council, 2005–06; Co. Council, 1999–06; Asst. Solicitor, Ninth Circuit, 1993–96; prev. serv. in House 2007–24.



TAYLOR, Bill [R]—(Dist. No. 86, Aiken-Lexington Cos.)—Full-time Legislator/ Retired Media Consultant; residing in Aiken Co.; b. July 16, 1946, in Aurora, III.; s. the late Harold and the late Pearl Taylor; attended Bradley Univ., Journalism; Nov. 2, 1970, m. Donna J., 2 children, Kasey Taylor Lenz and William Ryan Taylor; mem., House Legis. Oversight Com., 2015–20;



Majority Caucus Whip, 2013–16; S.C. Chamber of Commerce "Bus. Advocate Award", 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016; S.C.-BIPEC



"Champion of Free Enterprise", 2012; Palmetto Family Alliance "A" Rating, 2012, 2017; NRA "A" Rating, 2012, 2014, 2016; NRA "A+" Rating, 2018, 2020, 2022; Convention of States "Abraham Lincoln Leadership Award", 2018; ABATE's Comm. Leader Award, 2019; Television News Dir./Anchor/Reporter, 1965-76; Pres., Illinois News Broadcasters Assn., 1974; Television News Consultant, 1976-07; Co-founder & CEO of media research & consulting firms based in Dallas, Los Angeles, and London, 1978-07; Consultant to Pres. George H.W. Bush's "Points of Light" initiative, 1991-92; named "Fifth Estater", Broadcast & Cable Magazine, 1998; Founder & Commander, Civil Air Patrol Squadron, Rockford, Ill., 1968-70; Amer. Red Cross, Aiken Co. Chap., Bd. mem., 2007-16, Chm., 2009-10, VC, 2010-12; Aiken Salvation Army, Adv. Bd. mem., 2013-; Aiken Symphony Orchestra, Bd. mem., 2016-; 32° Mason & Shriner; mem., Rotary Club of Aiken, 2009-20; mem., Millbrook Baptist Church, Aiken; prev. serv. in House 2011 - 24.



TEEPLE, James E. [R]—(Dist. No. 116, *Charleston*-Colleton Cos.)—Owner, Christian childcare centers & educ. software co.; residing at 3425 Great Egret Dr., Johns Island; *b.* Dec. 20, 1979, in San Diego, Calif.; s. Stephen E. Teeple and Sheila Calhoun; Missouri State Univ., B.S., 2006; currently enrolled in graduate prog.; June 7, 2008, *m.* Janelle Diane, 2 children, Isaac James

and Kinsey Grace; mil. serv., USN Veteran.



TERRIBILE, Jackie R. [R]—(Dist No. 66, York Co.)—Consultant, Marketing; residing in Fort Mill; b. Feb. 2 in Staten Island, N.Y.; d. Douglas and Susan Rosenthal; g. Univ. at Albany, B.S., 1997; May 4, 2002, m. Michael P. Terribile III, 2 children, Michael IV and Carter; S.C. State Bd. mem., 19th Judicial Circuit, 2023–. VAUGHAN, David [R]—(Dist. No. 27, Greenville Co.)—Gen. Contractor & Businessman; residing in Simpsonville; b. Jan. 21, 1965, in Greenville; s. Marion and Sara Vaughan; g. Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1987; Aug. 19, 1989, m. Celeste Martin, 3 children, Miranda, Trevor, and Marlee; Bus. Owner, 1996–; Gen. Contractor, 1998–; Greenville Legis. Delegation Transportation Com., 2018–22; Series Parallel Church 2010, compared for the series of the s



mem., Brookwood Church, 2010-; prev. serv. in House 2023-24.

WATERS, Courtney S. [D]—(Dist. No. 113, Charleston Co.)—Non-profit Exec.; residing in N. Charleston; b. Sept. 19 in Flint, Mich.; g. Rhodes Coll., B.A., 2011; Univ. of Mississippi, M.A., 2013; 1 child, Yara; Educator, Mississippi Teacher Corps, 2011–13; Sales & Marketing Rep, ARD Logistics & Key Logistics Solutions, 2013–18; Bd. mem., Teacher Supply Closet, 2014–16; Trustee,



Charleston Co. School Dist., 2020–24; Mentor, Coll. of Charleston Teacher Leader Program, 2023–; Urban Land Inst. REDI Charleston Fellow, 2025; mem., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sor., Inc.; elected in Special Election, Mar. 25, 2025.

WEEKS, David [D]—(Dist. No. 51, Sumter Co.)—Atty.; residing at 2 Marlborough Court, Sumter; b. Sept. 24, 1953, in Sumter; s. the late Goliath Brunson, Sr. and the late Eartha Lee Weeks Brunson; g. Morris Coll., B.A., 1975; Howard Univ., M.Ed., 1996; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1989; Morris Coll., School of Religion, 1996; Aug. 31, 1985, m. Cheryl Elaine Hannibal, 2 children,



Lynette and Davida; Chm., Sumter City-Co. Planning Comm., 1998–00; Chm., Sumter Co. Voter Registration Bd., 1994; Municipal Court Judge, Timmonsville, 1996–00; Morris Coll. Bd. of Trustees, 2001–21; Deacon and church school teacher, Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 2001–24.



WETMORE, Elizabeth "Spencer" [D]— (Dist. No. 115, Charleston Co.)—Atty, Wetmore Law Firm; residing in Folly Beach; b. Apr. 22, 1983, in Charleston; d. Kell Brunson Compton and Melinda Lucka Kelley; g. Princeton Univ., A.B., 2005; Vanderbilt Univ. School of Law, J.D., 2010; May 3, 2014, m. Burns Malone Wetmore, 2 children, Brooks and Lola Kate; Asst. Solicitor,

Charleston Co., 2010–14; City Admin., City of Folly Beach, 2014–20; mem., Tourism Expenditure Review Com., 2018–20; prev. serv. in House Aug. 11, 2020–24.



WHITE, Joseph S. "Joe" [R]—(Dist. No. 40, Lexington-Neuberry Cos.)—Retired Businessman; residing at 501 Hamms Landing Rd., Prosperity; b. Dec. 13, 1945, in Rockwood, Tenn.; s. Joseph and Theda White; g. Univ. of Tenn. Knoxville; Feb. 23, 1968, m. Linda Friel, 2 children, Christopher and Robin; CEO, Med. Comfort Systems Inc., 1982–17; mil. serv.: USAF,

1966-69; prev. serv. in House 2023-24.



WHITMIRE, William Ramsey [R]— (Dist. No. 1, Oconee-Pickens Cos.)—Retired Educ., School Dist. of Oconee Co. & Owner, S & W Farms; residing at 518 W. North Broad St., Walhalla; b. Aug. 24, 1948, in Seneca; s. Ramsey and Marie Fagan Whitmire; g. Piedmont Coll., A.B., 1972; The Hunt Inst. for Public Educ. Policy Initiatives; July 26, 1975, m. Kathy Lynn Pittard,

3 children, Ashley Aven, Alayna Brianne, and Trevor Ramsey; Mayor of Walhalla, 2000–02; Mayor *Pro Tempore*, 1998–99; Bd. of Dirs., Walhalla Chamber of Commerce; mem.: Westminister Chamber of Commerce; Walhalla Rotary Club; Walhalla Lions Club; Walhalla Sertoma Club; Amer. Legion Post 124; Oconee Heritage Center; Patriot's Hall Assn.; Walhalla Oktoberfest Com.; Walhalla City Council; Walhalla Civic Auditorium Bd. of Dirs.; Asst. Coach Walhalla High School, 1976–80; Walhalla High School Football Public Announcer, 1993–; Bd. mem.: S.C. Council on Accreditation and School Improvement; Southern Assn. of Colls. and Schools; Walhalla Jaycees; mem.: Educ. Com. of the Southern Legis. Conf.; S.C.-Ga. Savannah River Caucus; Chm., Com. to Screen Candidates for Bds. of Trustees of State Colls. & Univs.; Soc. of Descendants of the U.S. Constitution; Educ. Oversight Com.; 2010 Amer. Legion Legislator of the Year; 2010, 2011 Bus. Advocate Awards; Historic Old Pickens Foundation; Sportsmen's Caucus; mem., Oconee Co. Soil & Water Conservation Dist.; Chm., Oconee Co. Delegation, 2009-11; mem., Jt. Transportation Review Com.; S.C. House Veteran Caucus; House Mil. Caucus; S.C. Legis. Prayer Caucus; St. Luke's Methodist Church, Outreach Com. Chm., Archives Com. Chm.; Pastor Parish Relations Com.; Walhalla Sesquicentennial Comm.; USAF Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol; mem., S.C. Family Caucus; 2nd VC, Ways & Means Com.; mil. serv.: USAR, 1971-77; prev. serv. in House 2003-24.

WICKENSIMER, Paul B. [R]—(Dist. No. 22, Greenville Co.)—Retired; residing in Greenville Co.; b. June 4 in Ohio; s. Rex and Louise Wickensimer; g. Southern Wesleyan Univ., B.S., 2007; 2 children, Kami and Grant; Greenville Co. Council, 1985–00, Chm., 1997–98; Greenville Co. Clerk of Court, 2000–23; former mem. and past Pres., Rotary Club of Greenville; past Chm.,



Rotary Charities; former mem. and past Chm., Greenville Tech. Paralegal Adv. Com.; Graduate, Leadership Greenville, Class 46; former ex-officio Bd. mem., Greenville Co. Bar Assn.; former mem., S.C. Family Court CFS Project Adv. Com.; former mem., S.C. ADR Comm.; mem., First Monday and Adv. Com.; past mem., Univ. Center of Greenville Bd. of Trustees; past Pres. and former mem. of the S.C. Clerks of Court and Register of Deeds Assn.; Retired Mgmt. employee of BellSouth (AT&T); former Chm. of the new Taylors, S.C. Branch Library Com.; former Greenville Chamber of Commerce Bd. mem.; former Treas. and Fundraising Com. mem. for the new Hughes Main Library; past Pres. and former mem., N. Greenville Rotary; former Bd. mem.: S.C. Telco Credit Union (Spero Fin.); Appalachian Council of Govts.; Miracle Hill Ministries; S.C. Chief Justice's Technology Task Force; served on the S.C. Supreme Court Docket Mgmt. Task Force and E-Filing Coms.; former Bd. mem. and past Bd. Chm., Friends of the Greenville Zoo; awards: Clerk of Court of the Year, 2006, from Amer. Bd. of Trial Advocates; Terry Haskins Memorial Award, 2005; Liberty Bell Award from the Greenville Co. Bar Assn., 2010; Order of the Palmetto from Gov. Henry D. McMaster, 2021.



WILLIAMS, Robert Quintin [D]—(Dist. No. 62, Darlington-Florence Cos.)—Bus. Dev. Consultant; residing in Darlington; b. July 12, 1964, in Darlington; s. the late Robbie "Mae" Williams; g. Voorhees Coll., B.S., 1982–84, 1990–91; Troy State Univ., M.P.A., 1999–03; Dec. 5, 1992, m. Janice Ham-Williams, 3 children, Jacobie, Rodrick, and Jarell, mem., BDPA Data Processing Assn.;

Bd. mem., Round O. Missionary Baptist Church, Man of the Year Award, 2001; former coach, Darlington Co. Recreation Dept.; Phi Beta Sigma Frat. Inc.; Florence Chamber of Commerce, Humanitarian Award, 2002; mil. serv.: SCARNG, Army Achievement Medal, 2002 and 2004, Army Commendation Medal, 2005; Veteran of the Operation Iraq Freedom, 2005; mem., VFW; GSSM Adv. Bd.; Voorhees Coll. Hall of Fame; Leadership & Entrepreneur Adv. Council, Hartsville; Health Policy Fellow, 2015; prev. serv. in House 2007–24.



WILLIS, Mark Nye [R]—(Dist No. 16, Greenville-Laurens Cos.)—Long Term Care Admin.; residing at 201 Quillen Ave., Fountain Inn; b. Aug. 1, 1963, in Greenville; s. the late Jack and the late Gerry Willis; g. Erskine Coll., B.A., 1986; June 4, 1988, m. Tracy Langston, 3 children, Mary-Langston, Elledge, and Reeves; Lander Univ. Bd. of Visitors: Golden Strip Relief

Ag. Bd.; Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce Bd.; Amlkids Piedmont Wilderness Inst. Bd.; mem., Fountain Inn First Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 2009–24. WOOTEN, Christopher Sloan "Chris" [R]—(Dist. No. 69, *Lexington* Co.)—Businessman; residing in Lexington Co.; b. Aug. 28, 1968, in Greer; s. the late John Wooten and Kay Brank; Greer High School, 1986; Northern Virginia Comm. Coll., 1988–90; 3 children, Woods, Carsan, and Zuri; Presidential Protection Detail (Presidents Ronald Reagan and George



Bush), 1988–91; S.C. State Trooper, 1992–99; bus. owner in Lexington, 2000–; mil. serv.: USMC, 1987–91; prev. serv. in House May 1, 2018–24.

YOW, Richard Lloyd "Richie" [R]—(Dist. No. 53, *Chesterfield*-Darlington-Lancaster Cos.)—Air Force Veteran & Retired ANG; residing in Chesterfield Co.; b. Oct. 28, 1974, in Cheraw; s. Ricky and Judy Jones Yow; m. Crystal Lee Wallace, 1 child, RJ; life mem.: Disabled Veterans Assn.; NRA; NGA; mem.: Natl. Wild Turkey Fed.; VFW; Amer. Legion; S.C. Meritorious Serv. Award;



S.C. Palmetto Serv. Award; USAF Commendation Award; Louisiana Emergency Serv. Award; NCNG Achievement Award; 6 USAF Achievement Awards; 2 USAF Outstanding Unit Awards with Valor Device; 6 USAFR Forces Meritorious Serv. Awards; Natl. Defense Serv. Award; 2 Southwest Asia Serv. Awards; USAF Overseas Short Tour Ribbon; 2 USAF Longevity Serv. Awards; 2 Armed Forces Reserve Awards; Lower Macedonia Baptist Church Father of the Year; mil. serv.: USAF, 1992–95; SCANG, 1995–03; NCANG, 2004–09; VIANG, 2009–11; NCANG, 2012–14; prev. serv. in House 2015–24.