

EDGERTON, Sarita L. [R]—(Dist. No. 34, *Spartanburg* Co.)—Realtor; *b.* Feb. 22 in Shelby, N.C.; *d.* Steve and Sarah; *g.* Winthrop Univ., B.A., 1992; 1999 *m.* Michael M. Edgerton, Jr., 4 children, Isabela, Ella, Summie, and AJay; prev. serv. in House 2025.



ERICKSON, Shannon Smith [R]—(Dist. No. 124, *Beaufort* Co.)—Educator & Businesswoman; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1997; *m.* Kendall F. Erickson; 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.; prev. serv. in House Oct. 23, 2007–25.



FORD, Greg [R]—(Dist. No. 98, Dorchester Co.)—Retired; *b.* in Charlotte, N.C.; *g.* Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ., B.S., 2010; The Citadel, M.S., 2018; enrolled in doctoral program at Charleston Southern Univ.; 1998 *m.* Julie, 2 children, 1 son and 1 daughter; mil. serv.: USAF, 1997–2017; elected Jan. 6, 2026, to fulfill the unexpired term of Christopher J. Murphy, resigned.



FORREST, Cally R., Jr. "Cal" [R]—(Dist. No. 39, Lexington-*Saluda* Cos.)—Bus. Owner; *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 2017–25.



FRANK, Stephen D. [R]—(Dist. No. 20, *Greenville* Co.)—Ins./Risk Mgmt.; *b.* Nov. 4, 1987; *s.* Robert and Pam Frank; attended Bob Jones Univ., 2006–09; *m.* Jessica Anna, 4 children, Jackson, Addyson, Emmy Lou, and Ellie Mae; Eagle Scout, 2005; Entrepreneur, 2008–; Child Evangelism Fellowship Local Bd., 2024–; prev. serv. in House 2025.



GAGNON, Craig Alan [R]—(Dist. No. 11, *Abbeville*-Anderson-Laurens Cos.)—Chiropractor; *b.* Aug. 2, 1960, in Lowell, Mass.; *s.* Clayton W. and Claire Dutton Gagnon; *g.* Sherman Coll. of Chiropractic, 1984; 2 children; Chm., Abbeville Co. Rep. Party, 1989–12; Sherman Coll. of Chiropractic Bd. of Trustees, 2005–08; prev. serv. in House 2013–25.



GARVIN, Kambrell Houston [D]—(Dist. No. 77, *Richland* Co.)—Principal Atty./Owner, Kambrell Garvin Law Firm, LLC; *b.* Oct. 2, 1991; *s.* Dr. Sonji Garvin Baxter, Rev. John K. Baxter, and the late 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., 2011–13; ex-officio mem., Bd. of Trustees, Winthrop Univ., 2011–13; mem., 10th Presidential Search and Selection Com., Winthrop Univ., 2012–13; 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–; Pres., S.C. NAACP Youth & Coll. Div., 2009–11; Alpha Phi Alpha Frat. Inc., 2010–; VC, Richland Co. Legis. Delegation, 2020–22; Parliamentarian, S.C. Legis. Black Caucus, 2020–22; Treas., S.C. House Dem. Caucus, 2022–24; Co-Chm., Jud. Com., S.C. Legis. Black Caucus, 2024–; Med., Mil., Public & Municipal Affairs Com., 2018–20; Social Servs., Mental Health & Children's Affairs Subcom.; Interstate Cooperation Com., 2018–20; Agric., Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Com., 2020–22; Environmental Affairs Subcom.; Govt. Efficiency & Legis. Oversight Com., 2020–; Educ. & Cultural Affairs Subcom.; Law Enforcement, Criminal & Civil Justice Subcom.; Educ. & Public Works, 2022–; K–12 Subcom.; Higher Educ. Subcom.; Covid-19 Employment, Workforce & Bus. Recovery Com., 2020; State Election Comm., Ad Hoc Com., 2021; Child Food & Nutrition Servs. Study Com., 2023; Econ. Dev. & Utility Modernization Ad Hoc Com., 2025–; Dept. of Transportation (DOT) Modernization Ad Hoc Com., 2025–; Juvenile Crime Assessment & Strategic Reform Ad Hoc Com., 2025–; mem., First Nazareth Baptist Church, 2000–; prev. serv. in House 2019–25.



GATCH, Gil [R]—(Dist. No. 94, Charleston-*Dorchester* Cos.)—Atty., Gil Gatch Law; *b.* June 18, 1981, in Charleston; *s.* the late Harry and Margaret Gatch; *g.* Southern Evangelical Seminary, B.A., 2015; Georgetown Univ. Law School, J.D., 2019; Sept. 3, 2010, *m.* Heather Lee, 2 children, Claire Boswell and Hugo Holmes; Student Fellow, Georgetown Center for the Constitution; elected delegate, Student Bar Assn.; mem.: S.C. Bar, N.C. Bar, Phi Alpha Delta; Bd. mem., Southern Evangelical Seminary; prev. serv. in House 2021–25.



GIBSON, N. Daniel [R]—(Dist. No. 12, *Greenwood*-McCormick Cos.)—Commercial Pilot; *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 2023–25.



GILLIAM, Leon Douglas "Doug" [R]—(Dist. No. 42, Laurens-*Union* Cos.)—USA (Ret.); *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; S.C. 2025 Legislator of the Year Award, Natl. Assn. Social Workers (NASW); SCNG Enlisted Hall of Fame, 2016; mil. serv.: SCANG, 1984–89; USA, 1989–15; mem., Phillippi Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 2019–25.



GILLIARD, Wendell Gregory [D]—(Dist. No. 111, *Charleston* Co.)—Public Relations Consultant; *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 2009–25.



GILREATH, Thomas Lee [R]—(Dist. No. 7, Abbeville-*Anderson*-Greenville Cos.)—Bus. Owner; *b.* Feb. 27, 1969, in Anderson; *s.* Ronald Lee and Joanne Woodham Gilreath; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1992; Nov. 16, 1991, *m.* Paula Roberts, 2 children; Pres., Earth Innovations Grading LLC, 1996–; mil. serv., Army Natl. Guard, 1987–95; prev. serv. in House 2025.



GOVAN, Jerry N., Jr. [D]—(Dist. No. 93, Calhoun-Lexington-*Orangeburg* Cos.)—Retired Orangeburg Co. Attendance Supvr.; *b.* Mar. 17, 1958; *s.* the late Jerry N. Govan, Sr. and the late Roberta W. Govan; *g.* S.C. State Univ., B.A., 1982, M.A.T., 2003; Ed. Spec., 2023; hon. Doctor of Divinity; Graduate Studies, Univ. of S.C.; S.C. Educ. Policy Fellow, 2011; S.C. Health Policy Fellow, 2015; Fleming Policy Fellow; 1980 Graduate, Off. Candidate School, USMC; Aug. 1980 *m.* Wanda E. Gibson, 4 children, Shawntara, Jeri Nicole, LaWanda, and Gabrielle, 7 grandchildren; Human Resources with the U.S. Dept. of Navy; S.C. DHEC and S.C. State Univ., Dir. of Small Bus. Dev. Center; Primary Prevention Specialist for the Tri-County Comm. on Alcohol & Drug Abuse; Coordinator, Pre-Trial Intervention Prog., 1st Judicial Circuit; Orangeburg Co. People's Assault on Drugs Comm. Anti-Drug Task Force; School Dist. Parent Educ.; Parenting & After-School Coordination Literary Consultant, Dropout Prevention Coordinator; Owner, The Govan Agency, LLC, specializing in Life, Auto, and Commercial Ins.; Small Bus. Consultant & Motivational Speaker; Lt. Gov., 2004–05, Div. 21 Carolinas Dist.; Kiwanis Intl., past Pres., Bd. mem.; Kiwanis Club of Orangeburg; Claflin Univ. Bd. of Visitors, Exec. Bd.; S.C. SAEP II Project on Effective School Leadership Natl. Black Caucus Inst. Fin. Literacy Task Force; Omega Psi Phi Frat. Inc., Natl. Council of Negro Women Inc.; Mothers Against Drunk Driving; S.C. Assn. of School Admin.; former 2nd ranking mem., S.C. House of Reps.; Chm., S.C. Legis. Black Caucus, 2005, 2019; former mem., State House Com.; apptd. by the S.C. Gov. & the Adjutant Gen. to Mil. Dept. Rank: Lt. Col.; mem. and Assoc. Minister, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church; House of Reps. 1993–22; prev. serv. in House 2025.



GRANT, Hamilton R. [D]—(Dist. No. 79, *Richland* Co.)—Fin. Consultant; *b.* Dec. 21, 1988; *s.* Anthony and Helen Grant; *g.* S.C. State Univ., B.S., 2011; Ala. A & M Univ., M.B.A.; Nov. 10, 2018, *m.*; *Columbia Business Monthly* magazine's Family-Owned Business of the Year & Professional Coaching/ Mentor of the Year, 2023; United Way of the Midlands Young Men United Adv. Com. mem., 2022; Cola. Omega Psi Phi Frat. Inc.; Kappa Kappa Psi Natl. Hon. Band Frat.; 100 Black Men of America; prev. serv. in House 2025.



GUEST, Thomas Duval, Jr. "Val" [R]—(Dist. No. 106, *Horry* Co.)—Atty. & Law Partner, Ouverson & Guest, P.A.; *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 2023–25.



GUFFEY, Brandon [R]—(Dist. No. 48, *York* Co.)—Pres. of Less Than 3, a nonprofit organization committed to youth mental health and suicide prevention; Public Speaker & Author, Sr. Exec. Adv., Cyber Dive; *b.* Jan. 29, 1980, in York; attended York Tech. Coll., Clemson Univ.; *m.* since 2003, 3 children; York Co. Council Dist. 6 Rep., 2020–22; former youth soccer coach; entrepreneur and small bus. owner in the serv. and retail sectors; vocal leader on social and legis. issues; July 2022, lost his oldest son, Gavin, to suicide following a sextortion crime; primary sponsor of Gavin's Law (H.3583), a landmark bill that increases penalties for sextortion and mandates awareness through school educ. progs., was signed into law in 2023;

named Legislator of the Year by the S.C. Counseling Assn., 2023; endorsed by Pres. Donald Trump, 2024; in 2025, testified before U.S. Congress and the World Court in Berlin; participated in round table discussions with First Lady Melania Trump; panelist at the 2025 Trafficking Conf.; participated in the signing of the "Take It Down" Act; appeared on major investigative platforms in Paris, Berlin, London, Rome, and Australia; named Legislator of the Year by the S.C. GOP, 2025; his story featured in: People Magazine, Bloomberg, Daily Mail, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Dr. Phil, ABC, CBS, Fox News, NewsNation, NewsMax, CNN, and Trafficked on Natl. Geographic; featured guest of Chris Hansen at CrimeCon, 2024; continues to lead efforts in safeguarding children, promoting mental health awareness, and reforming laws to reflect the modern digital threats facing today's youth; prev. serv. in House 2023–25.



HADDON, Patrick B. [R]—(Dist. No. 19, *Greenville* Co.)—Businessman/Farmer; *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; S.C. Presidential Elector, 2008, at-large mem.; Greenville Co. Special Purpose Dist. Assn., Pres., 2008–09; Natl. Young Reps. Man of the Year, 2009; CSG, Rural & Agric. Dev. Com.; Pendleton Farmers Soc., 2023; State House Com., 2023; S.C. Poultry Fed. Legislator of the Year, 2023; Upstate Forever-Forever Green Public Servant Award, 2024; SCAFERD Legislator of the Year, 2024;

mem., Deacon & Sunday School teacher, Berea First Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House Aug. 20, 2019–25.



HAGER, William "Bill" [R]—(Dist. No. 122, Beaufort-Colleton-*Hampton*-Jasper Cos.)—Retired Engineer; *b.* Feb. 7, 1960, in Charlotte, N.C.; *s.* the late 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 2023–25.



HARDEE, Kevin James [R]—(Dist. No. 105, *Horry* Co.)—Retired; *b.* Apr. 9, 1965, in Conway; *s.* Elton J. and Sally Hardee; *g.* Horry-Georgetown Tech. Coll., 1986; *m.* Tina Montgomery Hardee, 3 children, 2 grandchildren; Horry Co. Council, 2001–08; mem., Ways & Means Com.; prev. serv. in House 2013–25.



HARRIS, Robert J. "Rob" [R]—(Dist. No. 36, *Spartanburg* Co.)—Operating Room Nurse; *b.* June 2, 1965; *m.* Janice Harris; prev. serv. in House 2023–25.



HART, Christopher Richard [D]—(Dist. No. 73, *Richland* Co.)—Atty.; *b.* Sept. 22, 1972, in Columbia; *g.* Howard Univ., B.A., 1997; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2000; Omega Psi Phi Frat. Inc.; Natl. Bar Assn.; Adjunct Professor, Benedict Coll.; S.C. Bar Assn.; Kuwait Liberation Medal; SW Asian Serv. Medal; Natl. Defense Serv. Medal; Expert Marksmanship Rifle–M16; Expert Marksmanship Grenade; Army Serv. Ribbon; mil. serv.: Army Natl. Guard, 1989–98; prev. serv. in House 2007–25.



HARTNETT, Thomas Forbes, Jr. "Tom" [R]—(Dist. No. 110, *Charleston* Co.)—Certified Gen. Real Estate Appraiser; *b.* Feb. 11, 1971, in Charleston; *s.* Tommy and Bonnie Hartnett; *g.* Coll. of Charleston, B.A., 2009; *m.* Alison Dillon, 3 children, Thomas, Rhett, and Nicholas; Bd. mem., Mt. Pleasant Cotillion; Logan Janik Memorial Lacrosse Tournament; former Bd. mem., Wakeup Carolina; mem., Hibernian Soc.; the Savannah River Maritime Comm.; Review & Oversight Com. for State Ports Authority (ROCSPA); mem., Christ Anglican Church; prev. serv. in House 2023–25.



HARTZ, Charles V. [R]—(Dist. No. 81, *Aiken* Co.)—Self-Employed; *b.* July 27, 1959, in Rochester, N.Y.; *s.* Richard and Susan Hartz; *g.* Alfred Univ., B.A., 1981; Mar. 15, 2004, *m.* Kathryn Tice, 1 child, Katie; Chm., Chamber of Commerce, 2018, 2024; Bd. mem.: Aiken Corp., United Way; Comr., Aiken Tech. Coll.; prev. serv. in House 2025.