

2013–2014 South Carolina House of Representatives



FRESHMAN MEMBERS

Freshman House Members



2013–2014

2013–2014 NEW REPRESENTATIVES (19)
6 Democrats, 13 Republicans

Beth E. Bernstein [D] Dist. No. 78
1019 Assembly St.
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Heather Ammons Crawford [R] Dist. No. 68
P.O. Box 31385
Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29588

MaryGail K. Douglas [D] Dist. No. 41
56 Kabbad Rd.
Winnsboro, S.C. 29180

R. Raye Felder [R] Dist. No. 26
116 Mary Mack Lane
Fort Mill, S.C. 29715

Kirkman Finlay III [R] Dist. No. 75
P.O. Box 11684
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Craig Alan Gagnon [R] Dist. No. 11
161 Colony E.
Abbeville, S.C. 29620

J. Wayne George [D] Dist. No. 57
223 Meadowview Lane
Mullins, S.C. 29574

Stephen L. Goldfinch [R] Dist. No. 108
P.O. Box 823
Murrells Inlet, S.C. 29576

Kevin James Hardee [R] Dist. No. 105
2088 Cane Branch Rd.
Loris, S.C. 29569

Ralph Shealy Kennedy, Jr. [R] Dist. No. 39
617 Woodland Way
Leesville, S.C. 29070

Wm. Weston J. Newton [R] Dist. No. 120
83 Myrtle Island Rd.
Bluffton, S.C. 29910

Mandy Powers Norrell [D] Dist. No. 44
P.O. Box 994
Lancaster, S.C. 29721

Robert Lee Ridgeway III [D] Dist. No. 64
117 N. Brooks St.
Manning, S.C. 29102

Robert Shannon Riley [R] Dist. No. 13
6309 Hwy. 25 North
Hodges, S.C. 29653

Samuel Rivers, Jr. [R] Dist. No. 15
P.O. Box 760
Goose Creek, S.C. 29445

Leola C. Robinson-Simpson [D] Dist. No. 25
19 Prince Ave.
Greenville, S.C. 29605

Michael Q. “Mike” Ryhal [R] Dist. No. 56
8328 Juxa Dr.
Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29579

Don L. Wells [R] Dist. No. 81
615 Cardinal Dr.
Aiken, S.C. 29803

Donna Hicks Wood [R] Dist. No. 37
P.O. Box 170794
Inman, S.C. 29301

BERNSTEIN, Beth E. [D]—(Dist. No. 78, *Richland Co.*)—Atty.; residing at 6181 Eastshore Dr., Columbia; *b.* Nov. 13, 1969 in Columbia; *d.* Isadore and Carol Bernstein; *g.* Univ. of Georgia, B.A., 1991; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1994; Mar. 22, 2003 *m.* Knowlton “Rip” Sanders, 2 children, Caroline and Isabel; Graduate, Leadership Cola., 1998; Junior League of Cola., 1999–; S.C. Philharmonic Bd., 2000; Pres., Overtures of the S.C. Philharmonic, 2000; Beth Shalom Synagogue Bd. of Dirs., 2001–09; Three Rivers Heritage & Music Foundation Bd., 2002–05; Exec. Com., Richland Co. Bar Assn., 2004–10; Recipient of The State’s “Top 20 under 40,” 2006; Cola. Jewish Day School Bd., 2007–09; Pres., Richland Co. Bar Assn., 2009; Palmetto Health Foundation Cancer Center Bd., 2009–12.



CRAWFORD, Heather Ammons [R]—(Dist. No. 68, *Horry Co.*)—Businesswoman/Consultant; residing in Socastee; *b.* June 25 in Myrtle Beach; *d.* Richard D, Sr. and Rhonda (Baxley) Ammons; *g.* Francis Marion Univ., B.S., 2005; *m.* Cam Crawford; Pres., Francis Marion Univ. Fed. of Coll. Rep., 2003–05; Bd. mem., Grand Strand Citizens for Life, 2008–; Chm., Grand Strand Young Rep., 2009–11; NRA; Francis Marion Univ. Alumni Assn.; S.C. Rep. Party State Exec. Com., 2009–11; S.C. Natl. Committeewoman, Young Rep. Natl. Fed., 2009–; former Dir., Kingdom Kids Child Dev. Center; VP, Crawford Properties, 2011–; mem., Garden City Baptist Church; elected in Special Election July 24, 2012, to fulfill unexpired term of Thad T. Viers, resigned.



DOUGLAS, MaryGail K. [D]—(Dist. No. 41, *Chester-Fairfield-Richland Cos.*)—Retired; residing at 56 Kabbad Rd., Winnsboro; *b.* Jan. 19, 1950 in Fairfield Co.; *d.* Abie, Sr. and Evelyn Roberts Kelly; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1972; Apr. 18, 1969 *m.* the late Jerry W. Douglas, 2 children, Bradley W. and Jarrett L.; pianist/organist, First Baptist Church, Winnsboro, 1979–; Pres., S.C. Assn. Council on Aging Dirs., 1988–89; Charter Bd. mem., Eldercare Trust Fund, 1995.



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.; *d.* Robert, Sr. and Sarah Cook Thompson; attended Winthrop Coll. and York Tech. Coll.; *g.* Limestone Coll., B.S., 1993; *m.* J. Wayne Felder.



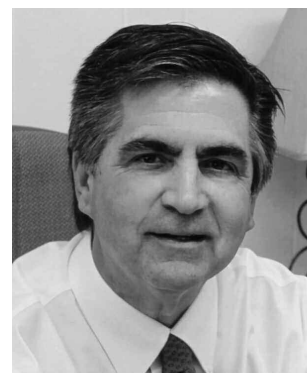
FINLAY, Kirkman III [R]—(Dist. No. 75, *Richland Co.*)—Bus. Owner; residing at 102 Hampton Place, Columbia; *b.* Feb. 16, 1970 in Columbia; *s.* Kirkman Finlay, Jr. and Mary Fleming (Rab) Finlay Thompson; *g.* Univ. of Va., B.A.; Nov. 27, 1997 *m.* Kathleen Ravenel, 3 children, Kathleen (Kay) Hall Finlay, Mary Fleming Hampton Finlay, and Harriott Ravenel Finlay; Cola. City Council, 2006–10.



GAGNON, Craig Alan [R]—(Dist. No. 11, *Abbeville-Anderson Cos.*)—Chiropractor; residing at 161 Colony E., Abbeville; *b.* Aug. 2, 1960 in Lowell, Mass.; *s.* Clayton W. Gagnon and Claire E. Dutton; *g.* Sherman Coll. of Chiropractic, 1984; Apr. 15, 2010 *m.* Robin E. Johnson, 3 children, Leah G., Anna E., and Joshua; Chm., Abbeville Co. Rep. Party, 1989–12; Sherman Coll. of Chiropractic Bd. of Trustees, 2005–08; Deacon, First Baptist Church, Abbeville.



GEORGE, J. Wayne [D]—(Dist. No. 57, *Marion-Dillon-Horry Cos.*)—Ins./Real Estate Professional; residing at 223 Meadowview Lane, Mullins; *b.* July 14, 1953 in Mullins; *s.* Furman and Dawsie Skipper George; attended Coastal Carolina; *g.* Morris Coll., B.S.; July 1980 *m.* Helen Barrineau, 3 children, Jeffrey, William, and Bradley; Mullins City Council, 1980–88; Pres., Mullins Rotary, 1986; Pres., Mullins Chamber, 1987; Mayor, City of Mullins, 1988–04; named by Gov., “Rural Innovator of the Year”, 2004; Coastal Carolina Univ. Bd. of Trustees, 2006–12; Fin. Chm., Macedonia United Methodist Church.



GOLDFINCH, Stephen L. [R]—(Dist. No. 108, *Charleston-Georgetown Cos.*)—Atty.; residing in Murrells Inlet; *b.* Nov. 19, 1982 in Conway; *s.* Stephen and Patricia Briggs Goldfinch; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 2004, M.B.A., 2006; Charleston School of Law, J.D., 2010; May 27, 2006 *m.* Renee Bodie.



HARDEE, Kevin James [R]—(Dist. No. 105, *Horry Co.*)—Real Estate Agent; residing at 2088 Cane Branch Rd., Loris; *b.* Apr. 9, 1965 in Conway; *s.* Elton J. and Sally Hardee; *g.* Horry-Georgetown Tech. Coll., 1986; 2 children, Chandler Nicole and Grayson Elizabeth; Horry Co. Council, 2001–08.



KENNEDY, Ralph Shealy, Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 39, *Lexington-Saluda Cos.*)—Bus. Owner/Atty.; residing at 617 Woodland Way, Leesville; *b.* Oct. 21, 1958 in Columbia; *s.* Ralph S. and Jo-Ann Kearsse Kennedy; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S.; Univ. of S.C., J.D.; May 15, 1982 *m.* Lisa Bucko, 2 children, Carlisle Evans and Lauren Elizabeth.



NEWTON, Wm. Weston J. [R]—(Dist. No. 120, *Beaufort-Jasper Cos.*)—Atty./Partner, Jones, Simpson & Newton, P.A.; residing at 83 Myrtle Island Rd., Bluffton; *b.* Feb. 22, 1967 in Greenville; *s.* Jourdan J. Macfie and the late Howard Newton; *g.* Washington & Lee Univ., B.A., 1989; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1993; Apr. 25, 1998 *m.* Rose R. Buyck, 3 children, Reedy, William, and Eliza Rose; Order of Wig and Robe, Univ. of S.C. School of Law, 1993; Law Clerk, Hon. John H. Waller, Jr., Assoc. Justice, S.C. Supreme Court, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, 1993–94; Law Clerk, Hon. C. Weston Houck, Chief U.S. Dist. Judge, Dist. of S.C., 1994–96; mem., Beaufort Co. Council, 1999–12, Chm., 2003–12; 40 Under 40 Top Young Bus. Professionals in Savannah/Hilton Head, 2004; Bd. mem., S.C. Assn. of Counties, 2005–10; 2nd VP, 2011; 1st VP, 2012; Best of Bluffton Best Atty. Award, 2007; Univ. of S.C. Bd. of Visitors, 2008–12; former Bd. mem.: Sunset Rotary Club; Volunteers in Medicine; Leadership Hilton Head/Bluffton; mem.: Beaufort Co. Bar Assn.; Hilton Head Bar Assn., Treas., 1997–98; Secy., 1998–99; Pres., 1999–01; mem., Church of the Cross, 1996.



NORRELL, Mandy Powers [D]—(Dist. No. 44, *Lancaster Co.*)—Atty.; residing in Lancaster; *b.* July 12 in Lancaster; *d.* Beverly B. and the late Carl R. Powers; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., 1995; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; Mar. 18, 1995 *m.* Mitchell A. Norrell, 2 children, Powers Thaddeus and Emma Ross Isabella; Order of the Coif; Order of the Wig and Robe; City Atty., City of Lancaster, 1999–12; Town Atty., Town of Kershaw, 2010–12; S.C. Bar; N.C. Bar; S.C. Fed. Courts; Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals; S.C. Bankruptcy Law Assn., 1999–12; Palmetto Citizens Against Sexual Assault, VC, 2008–12; Univ. of S.C. School of Law Alumni Bd. of Dirs., 2003–12; Girl Scout Troop Leader, 2009–12; mem., First Baptist Church, Lancaster.



RIDGEWAY, Robert Lee III [D]—(Dist. No. 64, *Clarendon-Sumter Cos.*)—Physician/Firefighter; residing at 117 N. Brooks St., Manning; *b.* Mar. 11, 1958 in Manning; *s.* Robert L., Jr. and Nettie Floyd Ridgeway; *g.* Univ. of S.C., M.D., 1988; May 23, 1978 *m.* Deborah Collins, 2 children, Margaret Victoria Ann and Robert Lee IV; Staff, S.C. State Firefighters Assn., 1976–; Pee Dee Firefighter's Assn., 1979–; Clarendon Memorial Hosp., 1992–; Clarendon Memorial Hosp., Chief of Obstetrics & Gynecology, 1992–04; Chief of Staff, Clarendon Memorial Hosp., 1998–02; U.S. Army Reserve, 3270th Army Hosp.



RILEY, Robert Shannon [R]—(Dist. No. 13, *Greenwood Co.*)—Businessman; residing in Hodges; *g.* Erskine Coll., B.A., 1996.



RIVERS, Samuel, Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 15, *Berkeley-Charleston Cos.*)—Senior Pastor, The Voice of the Lord Intl. Ministries, Inc.; residing in Goose Creek; *b.* Feb. 23; *s.* Samuel II and Mary L. Rivers; *g.* Smith Christian Univ., Ph.D. in Theology.



ROBINSON-SIMPSON, Leola C. [D]—(Dist. No. 25, *Greenville Co.*)—Retired Educator; residing at 19 Prince Ave., Greenville; *b.* Sept. 28, 1944 in Belton; *d.* Clyde and Rosa Lee Coleman Clement; *g.* York Coll. of the City Univ. of New York (CUNY), B.A., 1975; Furman Univ., M.Ed., 1990; July 2006 *m.* Albert Simpson, Jr., 5 children, Aminah, Basheer, Hassan, Shakir, and William; School Bd. Trustee, Dist. 25, 1996–12.



RYHAL, Michael Q. “Mike” [R]—(Dist. No. 56, *Horry Co.*)—Businessman; residing at 8328 Juxa Dr., Myrtle Beach; *b.* Oct. 1, 1957 in Sharon, Pa.; *s.* Carl Q. and Mary Anne Ryhal; *g.* Geneva Coll., B.S., 1993; 1992 *m.* Carrie J., 3 children, Kaitlyn, Kristin, and Michaela; Dir. of Industrial Relations, First Energy, 1997–01; Dir. of Operations JCP & L, First Energy, 2001–05; Conway Chamber of Commerce, 2007–; Carolina Forest Rotary Club, 2012–; Christ Community Church.



WELLS, Don L. [R]—(Dist. No. 81, *Aiken Co.*)—Owner, Park Ave. Paints; residing at 615 Cardinal Dr., Aiken; *b.* June 6, 1959 in Swainsboro, Ga.; *s.* Henry H. and Frankie Andrews Wells; attended Tenn. Temple Univ., 1979–83; 2000 *m.* Monica Garvin, 4 children, Henry, Andrew, Jones, and Walker; past Pres., Ambucs; past Pres., Rotary Club of S. Aiken; City of Aiken Councilperson, 2005–12; mem., Rotary Club Aiken; Millbrook Baptist Church.



WOOD, Donna Hicks [R]—(Dist. No. 37, *Spartanburg Co.*)—Bus. Owner; residing at 26 Angela Cir., Inman; *b.* June 28, 1960 in Spartanburg; *d.* John W., Jr. and Nancy B. Hicks; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1998; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, M.Div., 2002, Th.M., 2006; Duke Univ. Certification in Non-Profit Mgmt., 2009; Apr. 22, 2011 *m.* Kerry S. Wood, 2 children; comm. leader; past Pres. & Regional Dir., Jaycees, 1982–86; Greek Reference editor & contributor, Women's Evangelical Commentary on the New Testament, Holman Bible Publishers, 2005–06; Soil & Water Comr., 2010–12; Graduate, Leadership Spartanburg, 2012.



