

## **CAROLYN CHEEKS** KILPATRICK

8th Representative District



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Biography: Democrat, of Detroit; born June 25, 1945, at Detroit; two children; son Kwame, and daughter, Avanna; attended Ferris State College and Western Michigan University; M.S., education administration, University of Michigan, 1977; teacher, Detroit public schools, 1970-78; member, Shrines of the Black Madonna of the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church; community organizer for Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young in his first mayoral campaign, 1973; area manager for Mayor Coleman A. Young in his reelection campaign, 1977; first elected to House of Representatives, 1978; delegate, 1980, 1984, 1988 Democratic Conventions; Majority Whip of the House of Representatives, and member, House Appropriations Committee (first Black woman to serve on committee); chairperson, Michigan Legislative Black Caucus, 1983-84; affiliations, National Organization of 100 Black Women, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, National Order of Women Legislators; national Treasurer, National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL/WOMEN); member, "Your Children, Our Children" Resource Committee, (a highly acclaimed television documentary); Detroit Substance Abuse Advisory Council; selected in 1984 by Governor James J. Blanchard to participate in the first of its kind Michigan African Trade Mission, visited several African countries; participant, U.S. Department of State's International Women's Conference, Nairobi, Kenya, 1986; led an eleven-member delegation for the Michigan Department of Agriculture to participate in the 1987 Nairobi, Kenya, International Agriculture Show; chairperson, National Black Caucus of State Legislators International Affairs Committee; member, Board of Trustees, Henry Ford Hospital; recipient, Anthony Wayne Award for Leadership, Wayne State University; Distinguished Legislator Award, University of Michigan; The Woman of the Year Award, Gentlemen of

Wall Street, Inc.; Burton-Abercrombie Award, 13th Democratic District; listed in Who's Who in Black America, Who's Who in American Politics, and the Detroit Historical Museum's Exhibit, "Black Women in Michigan 1785-1985." 8th DISTRICT ACCORDING TO THE 1982 APPORTIONMENT PLAN WAYNE COUNTY (Part) **DETROIT CITY (Part)** TIREMAN