



JUANITA WATKINS

16th Representative District



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Committees: Labor (Chair); Constitution and Women's Issues (Majority Vice Chair); Civil Rights; Urban Affairs

Biography: Representative Juanita Watkins was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1978 and is currently completing her 11th year of service to the state.

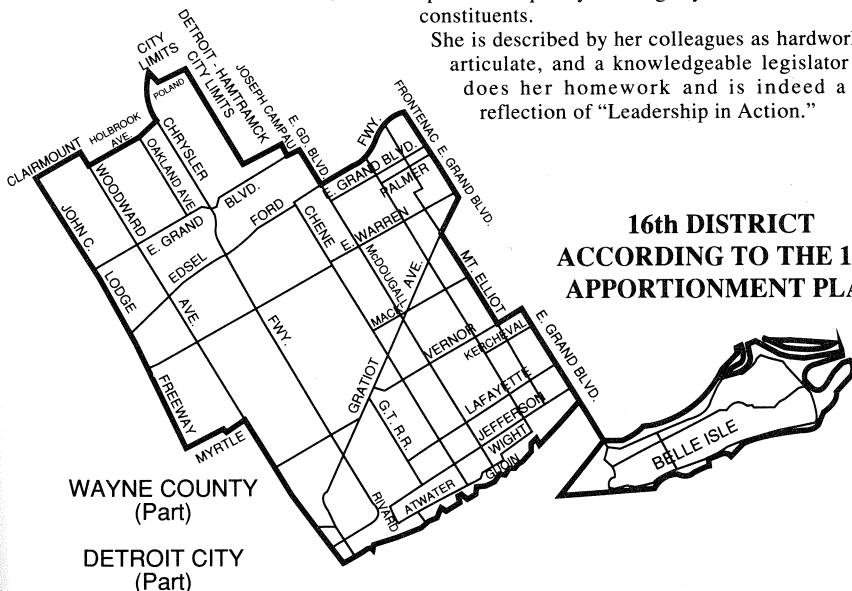
This dynamic lady is a graduate of Wayne State University, a mother, an active member of the UAW, a board member of the national Black Caucus of State Legislators, Vice President of the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL/WOMEN), the NAACP, and numerous civic, professional, and community organizations.

Representative Watkins, as chair of the powerful House Labor Committee, controls the agenda and fate of legislation that affects workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, health and safety in the workplace, job creation and a host of other issues that affect employers and employees in the state of Michigan. Additionally, Representative Watkins was one of seven Americans selected as representatives of the U.S. Department of State to study labor laws in Belgium, Portugal, and France during the summer of 1985.

Representative Watkins is committed to "making the system work for her constituency" and she works untiringly to meet their needs and demands.

She has received numerous tributes, resolutions and awards, including the Award of Distinction from the U.S. Department of Labor for her "untiring" efforts to improve the quality and dignity of work life for her constituents.

She is described by her colleagues as hardworking, articulate, and a knowledgeable legislator who does her homework and is indeed a true reflection of "Leadership in Action."



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