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## Summary

A record number of 43 black or African-American Members serve in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; 42 in the House of Representatives, one in the Senate. There have been 117 black Members of Congress: 112 elected to the House and five to the Senate. The majority of the black Members (90) have been Democrats; the rest (27) have been Republicans.

The first black Member of Congress was Hiram Rhodes Revels (R-MS), who served in the Senate in the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress (1870). The first black Member of the House was Joseph H. Rainey (R-SC). He also served in the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress. Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), elected to the 91<sup>st</sup> through 97<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1969-1983), was the first black woman in Congress. Since that time, 23 other black women have been elected, including Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL, 1993-1999), who was the first black woman, as well as the first black Democrat, elected to the Senate.

The black Members of Congress have served on all major committees. Sixteen have served as committee chairmen, 15 in the House and one in the Senate.

This report will be updated at the commencement of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress unless there are significant changes in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress.

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## Introduction

One hundred seventeen black Americans have been elected to the U.S. Congress: 112 to the House and five to the Senate.<sup>1</sup> Of these, 24 have been women. A record 43 black Members serve in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, 42 in the House of Representatives, and one in the Senate.<sup>2</sup> Freshman Senator Barack Obama of Illinois is the first black, male, Democrat to serve in the Senate.

The largest number of black Members elected as freshmen was 17 in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress. Sixteen were elected to the House, and one, Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL, 1993-1999), was elected to the Senate. Senator Moseley-Braun was also the first black woman and black Democrat to serve in the Senate.

The first black Member of Congress was Hiram Rhodes Revels (R-MS), who served in the Senate in the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress (1870). He also has the distinction of being the first black Member of the Senate and the first black Member of Congress from Mississippi. On January 20, 1870, he was chosen by the Mississippi legislature to fill the unexpired term of former Confederate President Jefferson Davis in the U. S. Senate.<sup>3</sup>

Senator Blanche K. Bruce (R-MS, 1875-1881) was the first black Senator to serve a full Senate term of six years. Joseph H. Rainey (R-SC) was the first black Member of the House of Representatives. He also served in the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress. Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), elected to the 91<sup>st</sup> through 97<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1969-1983), was the first black woman to serve in Congress. Edward Brooke (R-MA) was the first black person elected to the Senate after the passage of the Seventeenth Amendment, which provided for the direct election of Senators. He served in the 90<sup>th</sup> through 95<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1967-1979).

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<sup>1</sup>Includes three Delegates from the U.S. Virgin Islands and two from the District of Columbia.

<sup>2</sup>A record number of 43 black Members was elected to the House of Representatives in the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress. Only 40, however, actually served at any one time. Rep. Melvin Reynolds (D-IL) resigned in Oct. 1995 and was replaced by Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-IL); Rep. Walter Tucker (D-CA) resigned in Dec. 1995 and was replaced by Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA); and Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-MD) resigned in Feb. 1996 and was replaced by Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD).

<sup>3</sup>Bruce A. Ragsdale and Joel D. Treese, *Black Americans in Congress, 1870-1989* (Washington: GPO, 1990), p. 130.

The majority of the black Members of Congress (90) have been Democrats; the rest (27) have been Republicans. All the black Democrats have been elected in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Five black Republican men were elected to Congress in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, four to the House and one to the Senate. One of them was reelected to one term in the 21<sup>st</sup> century before retiring from Congress.

John Conyers Jr. (D-MI) holds the record for length of service by a black Member (40 years). He was first elected to the 89<sup>th</sup> Congress and has served since January 3, 1965.

Eighteen black Members were first elected to fill vacancies in the House. They include Representative Cardiss Collins (D-IL, 1973-1997), who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Representative George Collins (D-IL, 1970-1972). The others were Representatives Eva Clayton (D-NC), Katie Hall (D-IN), Robert N.C. Nix, Sr. (D-PA), George Collins (D-IL), Charles Hayes (D-IL), Bennett Stewart (D-IL), George W. Crockett, Jr. (D-MI), Lucien Blackwell (D-PA), Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-IL), Elijah Cummings (D-MD), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Craig Washington (D-TX), Bennie Thompson (D-MS), Alton Waldon, Jr. (D-NY), Gregory Meeks (D-NY), Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA), Diane Watson (D-CA), and G.K. Butterfield (D-NC). All of these Members, except Representatives Stewart and Walden, were subsequently elected to additional terms.

## Female Members

Fourteen black women serve in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, all in the House. A record number of 15 black women served in the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, all in the House. A total of 24 black women have served in Congress. The first was Representative Shirley Chisholm (D-NY, 1969-1983). Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL, 1993-1999) is the only black woman to have served in the Senate. The black female Members of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress include Delegates Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) and Donna Christian-Christensen (D-VI) and Representatives Maxine Waters (D-CA), Corinne Brown (D-FL), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA), Julia Carson (D-IN), Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-MI), Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH), Diane Watson (D-CA), Cynthia McKinney (D-GA), and Gwen Moore (D-WI). The other black female Members are Cardiss Collins (D-IL, 1973-1997), Barbara-Rose Collins (D-MI, 1991-1997), Yvonne Brathwaite Burke (D-CA, 1973-1979), Katie Hall (D-IN, 1982-1985), Barbara Jordan (D-TX, 1973-1979), Eva Clayton (D-NC, 1992-2003), Carrie Meek (D-FL, 1993-2003), and Denise Majette (D-GA, 2003-2005).

## Relationships

Three incumbent black Members, all serving in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, are the sons of former Members: Representative William Lacy Clay Jr. (D-MO), the son of Representative William L. Clay Sr. (D-MO, 1969-2001), Representative Harold Ford Jr. (D-TN, 1997-present), the son of Representative Harold Ford Sr. (D-TN, 1975-1997), and Representative Kendrick Meek (D-FL), the son of Representative Carrie

Meek (D-FL, 1993-2003). All directly succeeded their parents. In addition, Representative Cardiss Collins (D-IL, 1973-1997) succeeded her husband, Representative George Collins (D-IL, 1970-1972). Representative George White (R-NC, 1897-1901) was the brother-in-law of Representative Henry Cheatham (R-NC, 1889-1893).

## **Oldest and Youngest Black Members**

The oldest black Member to be elected to the House, Representative George Crockett (D-MI, 1980-1991), won his first election at 71, followed by Representative Charles Hayes (D-IL, 1983-1993), who was first elected at 65. At age 47, Senator Edward Brooke (R-MA, 1969-1979) became the oldest black Senator elected to a first term.

The youngest elected black Member was Representative John Lynch (R-MS, 1873-1877, 1882-1883), who was first elected at age 25, followed by Representative Harold Ford, Jr. (D-TN; 1997-present), who was first elected at age 26. At age 33, Senator Blanche Bruce (R-MS, 1875-1881) was the youngest black Senator elected to a first term.

## **Black Members in Leadership Positions**

A significant number of black Members of Congress have held positions of leadership. Former Representatives William Gray (D-PA, 1979-1991) and J.C. Watts (R-OK, 1995-2003), and Representative John Clyburn (D-SC, 1993-present) were elected to the highest leadership positions thus far held by black Members. Representative Gray was elected chair of the House Democratic Caucus in 1989 (101<sup>st</sup> Congress). Later in the 101<sup>st</sup> Congress, when a vacancy occurred, Representative Gray was elected House Democratic Whip, a position he held until his resignation from Congress in September 1991 (102<sup>nd</sup> Congress). Representative Watts served as chair of the House Republican Conference in the 106<sup>th</sup>-107<sup>th</sup> Congresses. Representative Clyburn currently is vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus, a position to which he was also elected in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress. Former Representative Shirley Chisholm (D-NY, 1969-1983) served as Secretary to the Democratic Caucus in the 96<sup>th</sup> Congress (1977-1979).

In addition, Representatives Maxine Waters (D-CA, 1991-present) and John Lewis (D-GA, 1987-present) have served as Democratic Chief Deputy Whips. Representative Lewis has served since the 102<sup>nd</sup> Congress; Representative Waters, since the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Black Members of Congress have served on all major committees. Fifteen Representatives and one Senator have chaired congressional committees. These include Senator Blanche Bruce (R-MS, 1875-1881), Representatives Yvonne B. Burke (D-CA, 1973-1979), William L. Clay, Sr. (D-MO, 1969-2001), John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI, 1965- ), William L. Dawson (D-IL, 1943-1970), Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA, 1971-1998), Charles C. Diggs, Jr. (D-MI, 1955-1980), Julian Dixon (D-CA,

1979- ), William H. Gray, III (D-PA, 1979-1991), Augustus F. Hawkins (D-CA, 1963-1991), George T. (Mickey) Leland (D-TX, 1979-1989), Parren J. Mitchell (D-MD, 1971-1987), Robert N.C. Nix, Sr. (D-PA, 1958-1979), Adam Clayton Powell Jr. (D-NY, 1945-1967, 1969-1971), Charles B. Rangel (D-NY, 1971- ), and Louis Stokes (D-OH, 1969-1999).

## Tables and Data

This part of the report provides tabular information on black Members of Congress, including the Congresses in which they have served, the committees on which they have served, and, where relevant, an indication of the committees they have chaired or co-chaired. In addition, five tables summarize information about black Members. **Tables 1 and 2** list selected data about each black Member. **Table 3** presents the number and names of black Members by Congress. **Table 4** presents the same information by state. **Table 5** shows the changing number of black Members serving in Congress since 1870, when the first black Member was elected.

Most of the data presented are from the *Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1996*, at [<http://bioguide.congress.gov>]; various editions of the *Congressional Directory*; and a broad range of *Congressional Quarterly* and Leadership Directories, Inc. publications. Information on the committee assignments of the women in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress was obtained from the *Congressional Yellow Book*, winter 2005; the website of the U.S. Senate available online at [[http://www.senate.gov/general/committee\\_assignments/assignments.htm](http://www.senate.gov/general/committee_assignments/assignments.htm)]; and *List of Standing Committees and Select Committees and Their Subcommittees of the House of Representatives Together With Joint Committees, One Hundred Nineth Congress*, prepared under the direction of Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House of Representatives, April 29, 2005 (available online from the clerk's website at [<http://clerk.house.gov/committee/scsoal.pdf>]).

Note that the names and jurisdiction of House and Senate committees have changed many times over the years covered by this report. In the interest of brevity, this report does not identify all historical name changes. The committee names that are listed are those that were in effect at the time a particular member served on a panel.

## Alphabetical Listing of Black Members, Selected Biographical Information, and Committee Assignments During Their Tenure in Office

BALLANCE, FRANK W., Jr., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on February 15, 1942. Elected as a Democrat to the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from January 7, 2003, until his resignation June 11, 2004.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Agriculture	108 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	108 <sup>th</sup>

BISHOP, SANFORD D., Jr., a Representative from Georgia. Born on February 4, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Agriculture	103 <sup>rd</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Veterans' Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Intelligence	105 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Appropriations	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

BLACKWELL, LUCIEN E., a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on August 1, 1931. Elected as a Democrat to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative William Gray; reelected to the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress; served from November 11, 1991, to January 3, 1995.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Public Works and Transportation	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Budget	103 <sup>rd</sup>



BROOKE, EDWARD W., a Senator from Massachusetts. Born on October 26, 1919. Elected as a Republican to two six-year terms beginning with the 90<sup>th</sup> Congress and served through the 95<sup>th</sup> Congress, from January 3, 1967, to January 3, 1979. First black Member of Congress from Massachusetts.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
S. Aeronautical and Space Sciences	90 <sup>th</sup>
S. Banking and Currency	90 <sup>th</sup> -91 <sup>st</sup>
S. Government Operations	90 <sup>th</sup>
S. Armed Services	91 <sup>st</sup>
S. Select Equal Education Opportunity	91 <sup>st</sup> -92 <sup>nd</sup>
S. Appropriations	92 <sup>nd</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>
S. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	92 <sup>nd</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>
S. Special Aging	92 <sup>nd</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>
S. Select Standards and Conduct	93 <sup>rd</sup> -94 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Bicentennial Arrangements	94 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Defense Production	94 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>

BROWN, CORRINE, a Representative from Florida. Born on November 11, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Government Operations	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Public Works and Transportation	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Veterans' Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

BRUCE, BLANCHE K., a Senator from Mississippi. Born on March 1, 1841; died on March 17, 1898. Elected as a Republican to a six-year term beginning with the 44<sup>th</sup> Congress and served through the 46<sup>th</sup> Congress, from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1881.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
S. Manufactures	44 <sup>th</sup>
S. Pensions	44 <sup>th</sup> -45 <sup>th</sup>
S. Education and Labor	44 <sup>th</sup> -46 <sup>th</sup>
S. Select Mississippi River	45 <sup>th</sup> -46 <sup>th</sup>
S. Select To Investigate the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company	46 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair)

BURKE, YVONNE B., a Representative from California. Born on October 5, 1932. Elected as a Democrat to the 93<sup>rd</sup> through 95<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1973, to January 3, 1979. First female chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, 94<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1976.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Public Works	93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Appropriations	94 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Assassinations	94 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Beauty Shop	94 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 94 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup> )

BUTTERFIELD, G.K., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on April 27, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Frank Balance; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, has served since July 21, 2004.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Small Business	108 <sup>th</sup>
H. Agriculture	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Armed Services	109 <sup>th</sup>

CAIN, RICHARD H., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on April 12, 1825; died on January 18, 1887. Elected as a Republican to the 43<sup>rd</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from March 4, 1873, to March 3, 1875, and from March 4, 1877, to March 3, 1879.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Agriculture	43 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Private Land Claims	45 <sup>th</sup>

CARSON, JULIA M., a Representative from Indiana. Born on July 8, 1938. Elected as a Democrat to the 105<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 9, 1997.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Veterans' Affairs	105 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

CHEATHAM, HENRY P., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on December 27, 1857; died on November 29, 1935. Elected as a Republican to the 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Congresses; served from March 4, 1889, to March 3, 1893.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Expenditures on Public Buildings	51 <sup>st</sup> -52 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Education	51 <sup>st</sup> -52 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Agriculture	52 <sup>nd</sup>

CHISHOLM, SHIRLEY A., a Representative from New York. Born on November 30, 1924; died on January 1, 2005. Elected as a Democrat to the 91<sup>st</sup> through 97<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1969, to January 3, 1983. First black woman elected to Congress and first black female presidential candidate, 1972. Secretary of the Democratic Caucus in the 96<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1977-1979.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Veterans' Affairs	91 <sup>st</sup> -92 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Education and Labor	92 <sup>nd</sup> -94 <sup>th</sup>
H. Rules	95 <sup>th</sup> -97 <sup>th</sup>

CHRISTIAN-CHRISTENSEN, DONNA M., a Delegate from the Virgin Islands. Born on September 19, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 7, 1997. First woman elected from the Virgin Islands and first female doctor in Congress.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Resources	105 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Homeland Security	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

CHRISTIAN-GREEN, DONNA. See CHRISTIAN-CHRISTENSEN, DONNA.

CLAY, WILLIAM L., Sr., a Representative from Missouri. Born on April 30, 1931. Elected as a Democrat to the 91<sup>st</sup> through 106<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1969, to January 3, 2001. First black Member of Congress from Missouri.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	91 <sup>st</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Education and the Workforce	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	93 <sup>rd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup> (committee chair, 102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup> )
H. Select to Study the Committee System	96 <sup>th</sup>
H. House Administration	99 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Jt. Library	101 <sup>st</sup>

CLAY, William Lacy, Jr., a Representative from Missouri. Born on July 27, 1956; succeeded his father, Representative William L. Clay Sr. Elected as a Democrat to the 107<sup>th</sup> -108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 2001.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

CLAYTON, EVA M., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on September 16, 1934. Elected as a Democrat to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Walter Jones; reelected to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 107<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from November 5, 1992, to January 3, 2003. Co-chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee in the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Agriculture	103 <sup>rd</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Budget	105 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>

CLEAVER, EMANUEL, a Representative from Missouri. Born on October 26, 1944. Elected as Democrat to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 4, 2005.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Financial Services	109 <sup>th</sup>

CLYBURN, JAMES E., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on July 21, 1940. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993. Vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus in the 108<sup>th</sup>-109<sup>th</sup> Congresses.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Public Works and Transportation	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Veterans' Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Appropriations	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

COLLINS, BARBARA-ROSE, a Representative from Michigan. Born on April 13, 1939. Elected as a Democrat to the 102<sup>nd</sup> through 104<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1991, to January 3, 1997.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Public Works and Transportation	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Operations	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Science, Space, and Technology	102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Select Children, Youth, and Families	102 <sup>nd</sup>

COLLINS, CARDISS, a Representative from Illinois. Born on September 24, 1931. Elected as a Democrat to the 93<sup>rd</sup> through 104<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from June 7, 1973, to January 3, 1997. First elected to succeed her husband, Representative George Collins. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 96<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1979-1980.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Government Operations	93 <sup>rd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Public Works	93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. International Relations	94 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	96 <sup>th</sup>
H. District of Columbia	95 <sup>th</sup>
H. Energy and Commerce	97 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Commerce	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Population	95 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control	96 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>

COLLINS, GEORGE W., a Representative from Illinois. Born on March 5, 1926; died on December 8, 1972. Elected as a Democrat to the 91<sup>st</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy by the death of Representative Daniel Ronan; reelected to the 92<sup>nd</sup> and 93<sup>rd</sup> Congresses; served from November 16, 1970, to December 8, 1972. Succeeded by his wife, Representative Cardiss Collins.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Government Operations	91 <sup>st</sup> -92 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Public Works	92 <sup>nd</sup>

CONYERS, JOHN, Jr., a Representative from Michigan. Born on May 16, 1929. Elected as a Democrat to the 89<sup>th</sup> through 107<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1965.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Judiciary	89 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Operations	92 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup> (committee chair, 101 <sup>st</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup> )
H. Small Business	100 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>

CROCKETT, GEORGE W., a Representative from Michigan. Born on August 10, 1909. Elected as a Democrat to the 96<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Charles Diggs; reelected to the 97<sup>th</sup> through 101<sup>st</sup> Congresses; served from November 12, 1980, to January 3, 1991.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Foreign Affairs	96 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>
H. Judiciary	97 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>
H. Small Business	97 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Aging	97 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>

CUMMINGS, ELIJAH E., a Representative from Maryland. Born on January 18, 1951. Elected as a Democrat to the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Kweisi Mfume; reelected to the 105<sup>th</sup> through 109<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since April 25, 1996. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

DAVIS, ARTUR, a Representative from Alabama. Born on October 9, 1967. Elected as a Democrat to the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, has served since January 7, 2003.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Budget	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	108 <sup>th</sup> - 109 <sup>th</sup>

DAVIS, DANNY K., a Representative from Illinois. Born on September 6, 1941. Elected as a Democrat to the 105<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 7, 1997.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	105 <sup>th</sup> - 109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Education and the Workforce	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

DAWSON, WILLIAM L., a Representative from Illinois. Born on April 26, 1886; died on November 9, 1970. Elected as a Democrat to the 78<sup>th</sup> through 91<sup>st</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1943, to November 9, 1970.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Expenditures in the Executive Departments	78 <sup>th</sup> -82 <sup>nd</sup> (committee chair, 81 <sup>st</sup> , 82 <sup>nd</sup> )
H. Government Operations	83 <sup>rd</sup> -91 <sup>st</sup> (committee chair, 84 <sup>th</sup> -91 <sup>st</sup> )
H. Coinage, Weights, and Measures	78 <sup>th</sup> -79 <sup>th</sup>
H. Invalid Pensions	78 <sup>th</sup> -79 <sup>th</sup>
H. Insular Affairs	78 <sup>th</sup> -79 <sup>th</sup>
H. Irrigation and Reclamation	78 <sup>th</sup> -79 <sup>th</sup>
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	82 <sup>nd</sup>
H. District of Columbia	84 <sup>th</sup> -91 <sup>st</sup>

DeLARGE, ROBERT C., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on March 15, 1842; died on February 14, 1874. Elected as a Republican to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Congress; served from March 4, 1871, until January 24, 1873, when his seat was declared vacant after his election was successfully contested by former Representative Christopher C. Bowen.

<i>Committee Assignment</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Manufactures	42 <sup>nd</sup>

DELLUMS, RONALD V., a Representative from California. Born on November 25, 1935. Elected as a Democrat to the 92<sup>nd</sup> through 105<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1971, until February 6, 1998, when he resigned from the House. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 101<sup>st</sup> Congress, 1989-1990.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. District of Columbia	92 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup> (committee chair, 96 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup> )
H. Foreign Affairs	92 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Armed Services	93 <sup>rd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup> (committee chair, 103 <sup>rd</sup> )
H. National Security	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	97 <sup>th</sup> -98 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Intelligence	94 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>

DePRIEST, OSCAR S., a Representative from Illinois. Born on March 9, 1871; died on May 12, 1951. Elected as a Republican to the 71<sup>st</sup> through 73<sup>rd</sup> Congresses; served from March 4, 1929, to March 3, 1935. First black Member of Congress from Illinois.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Enrolled Bills	71 <sup>st</sup> -73 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Invalid Pensions	71 <sup>st</sup> -73 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Indian Affairs	71 <sup>st</sup> -73 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Post Office and Post Roads	73 <sup>rd</sup>

DIGGS, CHARLES C., Jr., a Representative from Michigan. Born on December 2, 1922; died on August 24 1998. Elected as a Democrat to the 84<sup>th</sup> through 96<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1955, until his resignation on June 3, 1980. First black Member of Congress from Michigan and first chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, 92<sup>nd</sup> Congress, 1971-1972.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	84 <sup>th</sup> -85 <sup>th</sup>
H. Veterans' Affairs	84 <sup>th</sup> -85 <sup>th</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	86 <sup>th</sup> -93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. International Relations	94 <sup>th</sup> -96 <sup>th</sup>
H. District of Columbia	88 <sup>th</sup> -96 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 93 <sup>rd</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup> )



DIXON, JULIAN C., a Representative from California. Born on August 8, 1934; died on December 8, 2000. Elected as a Democrat to the 96<sup>th</sup> through 106<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, but died before the commencement of the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from January 3, 1979, until his death. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 98<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1983-1984.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Appropriations	96 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Standards of Official Conduct	98 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup> (committee chair, 99 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup> )
H. Select Intelligence	103 <sup>rd</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>

DYMALLY, MERVYN M., a Representative from California. Born on May 12, 1926. Elected as a Democrat to the 97<sup>th</sup> through 102<sup>nd</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1981, to January 3, 1993. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 100<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1987-1988.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. District of Columbia	97 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	97 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Science and Technology	97 <sup>th</sup> -98 <sup>th</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	98 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Education and Labor	99 <sup>th</sup>

ELLIOTT, ROBERT B., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on August 11, 1842; died on August 9, 1884. Elected as a Republican to the 42<sup>nd</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Congresses; served from March 4, 1871, until his resignation on November 1, 1874.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	42 <sup>nd</sup> -43 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Militia	43 <sup>rd</sup>

ESPY, ALBERT MICHAEL (MIKE), a Representative from Mississippi. Born on November 28, 1953. Elected as a Democrat to the 100<sup>th</sup> through 103<sup>rd</sup> Congresses. Served from January 6, 1987, to January 25, 1993, when he resigned to become Secretary of Agriculture.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Agriculture	100 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Budget	101 <sup>st</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Select Hunger	101 <sup>st</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
Jt. Deficit Reduction	100 <sup>th</sup>

EVANS, MELVYN H., a Delegate from the Virgin Islands. Born on August 7, 1917; died on November 27, 1984. Elected as a Republican to the 96<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from January 3, 1979, to January 3, 1981. First black Delegate from the Virgin Islands and first black physician to serve in Congress.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Armed Services	96 <sup>th</sup>
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	96 <sup>th</sup>
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	96 <sup>th</sup>

FATTAH, CHAKA, a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on November 21, 1956. Elected as a Democrat to the 104<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1995.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Education and the Workforce	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Standards of Official Conduct	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Administration	106 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	106 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Printing	106 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Appropriations	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

FAUNTROY, WALTER E., a Delegate from the District of Columbia. Born on February 6, 1933. Elected as a Democrat to the 92<sup>nd</sup> Congress in a special election after the District of Columbia was authorized to elect a delegate to Congress; reelected to the 93<sup>rd</sup> through 101<sup>st</sup> Congresses; served from April 19, 1971, to January 3, 1991. First black Delegate from the District of Columbia. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 97<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1981-1982.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. District of Columbia	92 <sup>nd</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>
H. Banking and Currency	93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Banking, Currency, and Housing	94 <sup>th</sup>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	95 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>
H. Select Assassinations	94 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control	98 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>

FIELDS, CLEO, a Representative from Louisiana. Born on November 22, 1962. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 5, 1993, to January 3, 1997. At age 30, he was the youngest Member of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	103 <sup>rd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>

FLAKE, FLOYD H., a Representative from New York. Born on January 30, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 100<sup>th</sup> through 105<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 6, 1987, to November 15, 1997, when he resigned from the House.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	100 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	100 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Operations	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Select Children, Youth, and Families	100 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Hunger	100 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>

FORD, HAROLD E., Sr., a Representative from Tennessee. Born on May 20, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 94<sup>th</sup> through 104<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1975, to January 3, 1997. First black Member of Congress from Tennessee. Succeeded by his son, Harold E. Ford, Jr.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Veterans' Affairs	94 <sup>th</sup> , 1 <sup>st</sup>
H. Banking, Currency, and Housing	94 <sup>th</sup> , 1 <sup>st</sup>
H. Ways and Means	94 <sup>th</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Aging	94 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Select Assassinations	94 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>

FORD, HAROLD E., Jr., a Representative from Tennessee. Born on May 11, 1970. Elected as a Democrat to the 105<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 7, 1997. He was the youngest Member of the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress. Succeeded his father, Harold E. Ford, Sr.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and the Workforce	105 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Budget	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

FRANKS, GARY A., a Representative from Connecticut. Born on February 9, 1953. Elected as a Republican to the 102<sup>nd</sup> through 104<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1991, to January 3, 1997. First black Member of Congress from Connecticut.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Armed Services	102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Small Business	102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Energy and Commerce	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Commerce	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Committee on Aging	102 <sup>nd</sup>

FRAZER, VICTOR O., a Delegate from the U.S. Virgin Islands. Born on May 24, 1943. Elected as a Democrat to the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from January 3, 1995, to January 3, 1997.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. International Relations	104 <sup>th</sup>

GRAY, WILLIAM H., III, a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on August 20, 1941. Elected as a Democrat to the 96<sup>th</sup> through 102<sup>nd</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1979, to September 11, 1991, when he resigned to become president of the United Negro College Fund. Chair of the House Democratic Caucus in the First Session of the 101<sup>st</sup> Congress; later in that Congress House Democratic Whip (through the First Session of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Congress).

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Budget	96 <sup>th</sup> , 98 <sup>th</sup> -100 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 99 <sup>th</sup> -100 <sup>th</sup> )
H. District of Columbia	96 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	96 <sup>th</sup>
H. Appropriations	97 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. House Administration	102 <sup>nd</sup>
Jt. Deficit Reduction	100 <sup>th</sup>

GREEN, AL, a Representative from Texas. Born on September 1, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 4, 2005.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Financial Services	109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Science	109 <sup>th</sup>

HALL, KATIE B., a Representative from Indiana. Born on April 3, 1938. Elected as a Democrat to the 97<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Adam Benjamin; reelected to the 98<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from November 29, 1982, to January 3, 1985. First black Member of Congress from Indiana.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	98 <sup>th</sup>
H. Public Works and Transportation	98 <sup>th</sup>

HARALSON, JEREMIAH, a Representative from Alabama. Born on April 1, 1846, died in 1916. Elected as a Republican to the 44<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1877.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Public Expenditures	44 <sup>th</sup>

HASTINGS, ALCEE L., a Representative from Florida. Born on September 5, 1936. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Foreign Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. International Relations	104 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Science	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Intelligence	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Rules	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

HAWKINS, AUGUSTUS F., a Representative from California. Born on August 31, 1907. Elected as a Democrat to the 88<sup>th</sup> through 101<sup>st</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1963, to January 3, 1991. First black Member of Congress from California.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	88 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup> (committee chair, 98 <sup>th</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> sess. - 101 <sup>st</sup> )
H. House Administration	91 <sup>st</sup> -98 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 97 <sup>th</sup> - 98 <sup>th</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> sess.)
Jt. Committee on Printing	95 <sup>th</sup> -98 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 96 <sup>th</sup> , 98 <sup>th</sup> )
Jt. Committee on the Library	97 <sup>th</sup> -98 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 97 <sup>th</sup> )
Jt. Economic	97 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>

HAYES, CHARLES A., a Representative from Illinois. Born on February 17, 1918; died on April 8, 1997. Elected as a Democrat to the 98<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Harold Washington; reelected to the 99<sup>th</sup> through 102<sup>nd</sup> Congresses; served from September 12, 1983, to January 3, 1993.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	98 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Small Business	98 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	101 <sup>st</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>

HILLIARD, EARL F., a Representative from Alabama. Born on April 9, 1942. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 106<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from January 5, 1993, to January 3, 2003.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Agriculture	103 <sup>rd</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	103 <sup>rd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. International Relations	105 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>

HYMAN, JOHN ADAMS, a Representative from North Carolina. Born on July 23, 1840; died on September 14, 1891. Elected as a Republican to the 44<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1877. First black Member of Congress from North Carolina.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Manufactures	44 <sup>th</sup>

JACKSON, JESSE L., JR., a Representative from Illinois. Born on March 11, 1965. Elected as a Democrat to the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Melvin Reynolds; reelected to the 105<sup>th</sup> through 109<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since December 14, 1995.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Appropriations	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

JACKSON LEE, SHEILA, a Representative from Texas. Born on January 12, 1950. Elected as a Democrat to the 104<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1995.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Judiciary	104 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Science	104 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Homeland Security	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

JEFFERSON, WILLIAM J., a Representative from Louisiana. Born on March 14, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 102<sup>nd</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1991.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. District of Columbia	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Ways and Means	103 <sup>rd</sup> , 105 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. National Security	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. House Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Budget	109 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Printing	104 <sup>th</sup>

JOHNSON, EDDIE BERNICE, a Representative from Texas. Born on December 3, 1935. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Public Works and Transportation	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Science, Space, and Technology	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Science	104 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

JONES, STEPHANIE TUBBS, a Representative from Ohio. Born on September 10, 1949. Elected as a Democrat to the 106<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1999.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking and Financial Services	106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Standards of Official Conduct	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Ways and Means	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>



JORDAN, BARBARA C., a Representative from Texas. Born on February 21, 1936; died on January 17, 1996. Elected as a Democrat to the 93<sup>rd</sup> through 95<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1973, to January 3, 1979. First black Member of Congress from Texas.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Judiciary	93 <sup>rd</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Operations	94 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>

KILPATRICK, CAROLYN CHEEKS, a Representative from Michigan. Born on June 25, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 105<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 7, 1997.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 <sup>th</sup>
H. House Oversight	105 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Committee on the Library	105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Appropriations	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

LANGSTON, JOHN M., a Representative from Virginia. Born on December 14, 1829; died on November 15, 1897. Elected as a Republican to the 51<sup>st</sup> Congress; served from September 23, 1890, to March 3, 1891, after he successfully contested the election of Edward Venable. First black Member of Congress from Virginia.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education	51 <sup>st</sup>

LEE, BARBARA, a Representative from California. Born on July 16, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Ronald Dellums; reelected to the 106<sup>th</sup> through 109<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since April 20, 1998.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Science	105 <sup>th</sup>
H. International Relations	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

LELAND, GEORGE T. (MICKEY), a Representative from Texas. Born on November 27, 1944; died on August 7, 1989. Elected as a Democrat to the 96<sup>th</sup> through 101<sup>st</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1979, to August 7, 1989. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 99<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1985-1986.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. District of Columbia	96 <sup>th</sup> -99 <sup>th</sup>
H. Interstate and Foreign Commerce	96 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	96 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>
H. Select Hunger	98 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>
	(committee chair, 98 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup> )
H. Select Children, Youth, and Families	98 <sup>th</sup>

LEWIS, JOHN R., a Representative from Georgia. Born on February 19, 1940. Elected as a Democrat to the 100<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 6, 1987. A Democratic Chief Deputy Whip in the 102<sup>nd</sup> through 109<sup>th</sup> Congresses.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Public Works and Transportation	100 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	100 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Select Aging	101 <sup>st</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. District of Columbia	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Ways and Means	103 <sup>rd</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Budget	108 <sup>th</sup>

LONG, JEFFERSON F., a Representative from Georgia. Born on March 3, 1836; died on February 5, 1900. Elected as a Republican to the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress after the House declared that Representative Samuel Gove was not entitled to his seat; served from January 16, 1871, to March 3, 1871. First black Member of Congress from Georgia.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
None	—

LYNCH, JOHN R., a Representative from Mississippi. Born on September 10, 1847; died on November 2, 1939. Elected as a Republican to the 43<sup>rd</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, and 47<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from March 4, 1873, to March 3, 1877, and from April 29, 1882, to March 3, 1883, after he successfully contested the election of Representative James Chalmers. At age 26, he was the youngest Member of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Congress. First black Member of the House of Representatives from Mississippi.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Mines and Mining	43 <sup>rd</sup> -44 <sup>th</sup>
H. Militia	47 <sup>th</sup>
H. Education and Labor	47 <sup>th</sup>

McKINNEY, CYNTHIA A., a Representative from Georgia. Born on March 17, 1955. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 107<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 5, 1993, to January 3, 2003; elected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 4, 2005.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Agriculture	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. International Relations	104 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. National Security	105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Armed Services	106 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup> , 109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Budget	109 <sup>th</sup>

MAJETTE, DENISE L., a Representative from Georgia. Born on May 18, 1955. Elected as a Democrat to the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from January 7, 2003, to January 3, 2005.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Budget	108 <sup>th</sup>
H. Education and the Workforce	108 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	108 <sup>th</sup>

MEEK, CARRIE P., a Representative from Florida. Born on April 29, 1926. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 107<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 5, 1993, to January 3, 2003. Succeeded by her son, Representative Kendrick Meek.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Appropriations	103 <sup>rd</sup> , 105 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Budget	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup>

MEEK, KENDRICK, a Representative from Florida. Born on September 6, 1966. Elected to the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 7, 2003. Succeeded his mother, Representative Carrie Meek.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Armed Services	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Homeland Security	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

MEEKS, GREGORY, a Representative from New York. Born on September 25, 1953. Elected as a Democrat to the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Floyd Flake; reelected to the 106<sup>th</sup> through 109<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since February 5, 1998.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. International Relations	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

METCALFE, RALPH H., a Representative from Illinois. Born on May 30, 1910; died on October 10, 1978. Elected as a Democrat to the 92<sup>nd</sup> through 95<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1971, to October 10, 1978.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Interstate and Foreign Commerce	92 <sup>nd</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	92 <sup>nd</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	95 <sup>th</sup>

MFUME, KWEISI, a Representative from Maryland. Born on October 24, 1948. Elected as a Democrat to the 100<sup>th</sup> through 104<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 6, 1987, to February 16, 1996, when he resigned to become executive director of the NAACP. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress, 1993-1994. Co-chair of the Democratic Policy Committee in the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1995-1996.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	100 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	100 <sup>th</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Education and Labor	101 <sup>st</sup>
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control	101 <sup>st</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
Jt. Economic	102 <sup>nd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Standards of Official Conduct	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Select Hunger	100 <sup>th</sup>

MILLENDER-McDONALD, JUANITA, a Representative from California. Born on September 7, 1938. Elected as a Democrat to the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Walter Tucker; reelected to the 105<sup>th</sup> through 109<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since April 16, 1996.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Small Business	104 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Administration	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Library	108 <sup>th</sup>

MILLER, THOMAS E., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on June 17, 1849; died on April 8, 1936. Elected as a Republican to the 51<sup>st</sup> Congress; served from September 24, 1890, to March 3, 1891, when he successfully contested the election of William Elliott.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Library of Congress	51 <sup>st</sup>

MITCHELL, ARTHUR W., a Representative from Illinois. Born on December 22, 1883; died on May 9, 1968. Elected as a Democrat to the 74<sup>th</sup> through 77<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1935, to January 3, 1943. First black Democrat elected to Congress.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Post Office and Post Roads	74 <sup>th</sup> -77 <sup>th</sup>

MITCHELL, PARREN J., a Representative from Maryland. Born on April 29, 1922. Elected as a Democrat to the 92<sup>nd</sup> through 99<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1971, to January 3, 1987. First black Member of Congress from Maryland. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 95<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1977-1978.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking and Currency	92 <sup>nd</sup> -93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	94 <sup>th</sup> -99 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Small Business	92 <sup>nd</sup> -93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Small Business	94 <sup>th</sup> , 96 <sup>th</sup> -99 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 97 <sup>th</sup> -99 <sup>th</sup> )
H. Budget	93 <sup>rd</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Defense Production	94 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Economic	95 <sup>th</sup> -99 <sup>th</sup>

MOORE, GWEN, a Representative from Wisconsin. Born on April 18, 1951. Elected as Democrat to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 4, 2005. First black Member of Congress from Wisconsin.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Financial Services	109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	109 <sup>th</sup>

MOSELEY-BRAUN, CAROL, a Senator from Illinois. Born on August 16, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to a six- year term beginning with the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress and served through the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress; from January 5, 1993, to January 3, 1999. First black woman and black Democrat to serve in the Senate. Ambassador to New Zealand from 1999-2001; candidate for U.S. President in 2004.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
S. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
S. Judiciary	103 <sup>rd</sup>
S. Small Business	103 <sup>rd</sup>
S. Finance	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
S. Special Aging	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>

MURRAY, GEORGE W., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on September 22, 1853; died on April 21, 1926. Elected as a Republican to the 53<sup>rd</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from March 4, 1893, to March 3, 1895, and from June 4, 1896, to March 3, 1897 (successfully contested an election).

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education	53 <sup>rd</sup> -54 <sup>th</sup>
H. Expenditures in the Treasury Department	54 <sup>th</sup>

NASH, CHARLES E., a Representative from Louisiana. Born on May 23, 1844; died on June 21, 1913. Elected as a Republican to the 44<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1877. First black Member of Congress from Louisiana.

<i>Committee Assignment</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	44 <sup>th</sup>

NIX, ROBERT N.C., Sr., a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on August 9, 1905; died on June 22, 1987. Elected as a Democrat to the 85<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Earl Chudoff; reelected to the 86<sup>th</sup> through 95<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from June 4, 1958, to January 3, 1979. First black Member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	85 <sup>th</sup> -86 <sup>th</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	87 <sup>th</sup> -93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. International Relations	94 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>
H. Veterans' Affairs	85 <sup>th</sup> -86 <sup>th</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	88 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 95 <sup>th</sup> )
H. Select Standards and Conduct	89 <sup>th</sup>
H. Crime	91 <sup>st</sup>

NORTON, ELEANOR HOLMES, a Delegate from the District of Columbia. Born on June 13, 1937. Elected as a Democrat to the 102<sup>nd</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1991.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. District of Columbia	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Public Works and Transportation	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	104 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Committee on the Organization of Congress	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Government Reform	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Homeland Security	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

OBAMA, BARACK, a Senator from Illinois. Born on August 4, 1961. Elected as a Democrat to a six-year term beginning with the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 4, 2005. First black male Democrat elected to the Senate.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
S. Environment and Public Works	109 <sup>th</sup>
S. Foreign Relations	109 <sup>th</sup>
S. Veterans' Affairs	109 <sup>th</sup>

O'HARA, JAMES E., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on February 26, 1844; died on September 15, 1905. Elected as a Republican to the 48<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from March 4, 1883, to March 3, 1887.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Mines and Mining	48 <sup>th</sup>
H. Expenditures on Public Buildings	49 <sup>th</sup>
H. Invalid Pensions	49 <sup>th</sup>



OWENS, MAJOR R., a Representative from New York. Born on June 28, 1936. Elected as a Democrat to the 98<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1983.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	98 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Operations	98 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Education and the Workforce	105 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

PAYNE, DONALD M., a Representative from New Jersey. Born on July 16, 1934. Elected as a Democrat to the 101<sup>st</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1989. First black Member of Congress from New Jersey. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1995-1996.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	101 <sup>st</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Education and the Workforce	105 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	101 <sup>st</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Government Operations	101 <sup>st</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. International Relations	104 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

POWELL, ADAM CLAYTON, Jr., a Representative from New York. Born on November 29, 1908; died on April 4, 1972. Elected as a Democrat to the 79<sup>th</sup> through 90<sup>th</sup> Congresses, but was not seated in the 90<sup>th</sup> Congress (excluded from that Congress on March 1, 1967). He served from January 3, 1945, to January 3, 1967. In April 1967, he was reelected in a special election to the seat from which he had been excluded, but he did not attempt to take the oath of office. He was reelected to the 91<sup>st</sup> Congress and served from January 3, 1969, to January 3, 1971. First black Member of Congress from New York.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Indian Affairs	79 <sup>th</sup>
H. Invalid Pensions	79 <sup>th</sup>
H. Labor	79 <sup>th</sup>
H. Education and Labor	80 <sup>th</sup> -89 <sup>th</sup> , 91 <sup>st</sup> (committee chair, 87 <sup>th</sup> -89 <sup>th</sup> )
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	84 <sup>th</sup> -86 <sup>th</sup>

RAINEY, JOSEPH H., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on June 21, 1832; died on August 2, 1887. Elected as a Republican to the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress when the House declared the seat of Representative Benjamin Whittemore vacant; reelected to the 42<sup>nd</sup> through 45<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from December 12, 1870, to March 3, 1879. First black Member of the House of Representatives and first black Member of Congress from South Carolina.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Freedmen's Affairs	41 <sup>st</sup> -42 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Indian Affairs	43 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Invalid Pensions	44 <sup>th</sup> -45 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Celebration of Proposed National Census of 1875	43 <sup>rd</sup>

RANGEL, CHARLES B., a Representative from New York. Born on June 11, 1930. Elected as a Democrat to the 92<sup>nd</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1971. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 94<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1975.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Public Works	92 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Science and Astronautics	92 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Judiciary	92 <sup>nd</sup> -93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. District of Columbia	93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Ways and Means	94 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Crime	92 <sup>nd</sup> -93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control	94 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup> (committee chair, 98 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup> )
Jt. Taxation	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>

RANSIER, ALONZO J., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on January 3, 1834; died on August 17, 1882. Elected as a Republican to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Congress; served from March 3, 1873, to March 3, 1875.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Manufactures	43 <sup>rd</sup>

RAPIER, JAMES T., a Representative from Alabama. Born on November 13, 1837; died on May 31, 1883. Elected as a Republican to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Congress; served from March 4, 1873, to March 3, 1875.

<i>Committee Assignment</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	43 <sup>rd</sup>

REVELS, HIRAM R., a Senator from Mississippi. Born on September 27, 1827; died on January 16, 1901. Elected as a Republican to the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress after Mississippi was readmitted to the union, and served from February 25, 1870, to March 3, 1871. First black Member of Congress; first black Senator; first black Republican elected to Congress; first black Member of Congress from Mississippi.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
S. Education and Labor	41 <sup>st</sup>
S. District of Columbia	41 <sup>st</sup>

REYNOLDS, MELVIN J., a Representative from Illinois. Born on January 8, 1952. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 5, 1993, until his resignation on October 1, 1995.

<i>Committee Assignment</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Ways and Means	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 <sup>th</sup>

RUSH, BOBBY L., a Representative from Illinois. Born on November 23, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Government Operations	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Science, Space, and Technology	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Commerce	104 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Energy and Commerce	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

SAVAGE, GUS, a Representative from Illinois. Born on October 30, 1925. Elected as a Democrat to the 97<sup>th</sup> through 102<sup>nd</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1981, to January 3, 1993.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	97 <sup>th</sup>
H. Public Works and Transportation	97 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Small Business	97 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>

SCOTT, DAVID, a Representative from Georgia. Born on June 27, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 7, 2003.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Agriculture	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	108 <sup>th</sup> - 109 <sup>th</sup>

SCOTT, ROBERT C., a Representative from Virginia. Born on April 30, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Judiciary	103 <sup>rd</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Science, Space, and Technology	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Education and the Workforce	105 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup> , 109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China	106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Budget	108 <sup>th</sup>

SMALLS, ROBERT, a Representative from South Carolina. Born on April 5, 1839; died on February 22, 1915. Elected as a Republican to the 44<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, and 47<sup>th</sup> through 49<sup>th</sup> Congresses. He served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1879; from July 19, 1882, to March 3, 1883, after he successfully contested the reelection of Representative George Tillman; and from March 18, 1884, to March 3, 1887, after he was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Edmund Mackey.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Agriculture	44 <sup>th</sup> , 47 <sup>th</sup>
H. Militia	45 <sup>th</sup>
H. Manufactures	48 <sup>th</sup>
H. War Claims	49 <sup>th</sup>

STEWART, BENNETT M., a Representative from Illinois. Born on August 6, 1912; died on April 26, 1988. Elected as a Democrat to the 96<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from January 3, 1979, to January 3, 1981.

<i>Committee Assignment</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Appropriations	96 <sup>th</sup>

STOKES, LOUIS, a Representative from Ohio. Born on February 23, 1925. Elected as a Democrat to the 91<sup>st</sup> through 105<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1969, to January 3, 1999. First black Member of Congress from Ohio. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 92<sup>nd</sup> and 93<sup>rd</sup> Congresses, 1972-1974.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	91 <sup>st</sup>
H. Internal Security	91 <sup>st</sup>
H. Appropriations	92 <sup>nd</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Budget	95 <sup>th</sup> -96 <sup>th</sup>
H. Standards of Official Conduct	96 <sup>th</sup> -98 <sup>th</sup> , 102 <sup>nd</sup> (committee chair, 97 <sup>th</sup> -98 <sup>th</sup> , 102 <sup>nd</sup> )
H. Select Assassinations	94 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 95 <sup>th</sup> )
H. Select Intelligence	98 <sup>th</sup> -100 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select to Investigate Arms Transactions to Iran	100 <sup>th</sup>

THOMPSON, BENNIE G., a Representative from Mississippi. Born on January 28, 1948. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Mike Espy to become Secretary of Agriculture; reelected to the 104<sup>th</sup> through 109<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since April 20, 1993.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Agriculture	103 <sup>rd</sup> -108 <sup>th</sup>
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Small Business	103 <sup>rd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Budget	105 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Homeland Security	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

TOWNS, EDOLPHUS, a Representative from New York. Born on July 21, 1934. Elected as a Democrat to the 98<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1983. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 102<sup>nd</sup> Congress, 1991-1992.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Government Operations	98 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Public Works and Transportation	98 <sup>th</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Energy and Commerce	101 <sup>st</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup> , 107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Commerce	104 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control	98 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>

TUCKER, WALTER R., a Representative from California. Born on May 28, 1957. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 5, 1993, until his resignation on December 15, 1995.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Public Works and Transportation	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Small Business	103 <sup>rd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 <sup>th</sup>

TURNER, BENJAMIN S., a Representative from Alabama. Born on March 17, 1825; died on March 21, 1894. Elected as a Republican to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Congress; served from March 4, 1871, to March 3, 1873. First black Member of Congress from Alabama.

<i>Committee Assignment</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Invalid Pensions	42 <sup>nd</sup>

WALDON, ALTON R., Jr., a Representative from New York. Born on December 21, 1936. Elected as a Democrat to the 99<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Joseph Addabbo; served from July 29, 1986, to January 3, 1987.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	99 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	99 <sup>th</sup>

WALLS, JOSIAH T., a Representative from Florida. Born on December 30, 1842; died on May 5, 1905. Elected as a Republican to the 42<sup>nd</sup> through 44<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from March 4, 1871, to January 29, 1873 (when his election was successfully contested); from March 4, 1873, to March 3, 1875; and from March 4, 1875, to April 19, 1876 (when his election was successfully contested). First black Member of Congress from Florida.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Militia	42 <sup>nd</sup> -43 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Mileage	44 <sup>th</sup>

WASHINGTON, CRAIG A., a Representative from Texas. Born on October 12, 1941. Elected as a Democrat to the 101<sup>st</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Mickey Leland; reelected to the 102<sup>nd</sup> and 103<sup>rd</sup> Congresses; served from December 9, 1989, to January 3, 1995.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	101 <sup>st</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Judiciary	101 <sup>st</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Energy and Commerce	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Government Operations	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control	102 <sup>nd</sup>

WASHINGTON, HAROLD D., a Representative from Illinois. Born on April 15, 1922; died on November 25, 1987. Elected as a Democrat to the 97<sup>th</sup> and 98<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1981, to April 29, 1983, when he resigned to become Mayor of Chicago, Illinois.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Government Operations	97 <sup>th</sup>
H. Education and Labor	97 <sup>th</sup> -98 <sup>th</sup>
H. Judiciary	97 <sup>th</sup> -98 <sup>th</sup>

WATERS, MAXINE, a Representative from California. Born on August 31, 1938. Elected as a Democrat to the 102<sup>nd</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses, reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1991. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress; vice chair of the Democratic Steering Committee in the 105<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; a Democratic Chief Deputy Whip in the 106<sup>th</sup> through 109<sup>th</sup> Congresses.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Veterans Affairs	102 <sup>nd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	103 <sup>rd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Judiciary	105 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

WATSON, DIANE E., a Representative from California. Born on November 12, 1933. Elected as a Democrat to the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Julian Dixon; reelected to the 108<sup>th</sup>-109<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since June 7, 2001.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. International Relations	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

WATT, MELVIN L., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on August 26, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Judiciary	103 <sup>rd</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Economic	107 <sup>th</sup> -108 <sup>th</sup>

WATTS, J.C., Jr., a Representative from Oklahoma. Born on November 18, 1957. Elected as a Republican to the 104<sup>th</sup> through 107<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1995, to January 3, 2003. First black Member of Congress from Oklahoma. Chair of the House Republican Conference in the 106<sup>th</sup> through 107<sup>th</sup> Congresses.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. National Security	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Armed Services	106 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>

WHEAT, ALAN D., a Representative from Missouri. Born on October 16, 1951. Elected as a Democrat to the 98<sup>th</sup> through 103<sup>rd</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1983, to January 3, 1995.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. District of Columbia	98 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Rules	98 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Select Children, Youth, and Families	98 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Select Hunger	101 <sup>st</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>



WHITE, GEORGE H., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on December 18, 1852; died on December 28, 1918. Elected as a Republican to the 55<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from March 4, 1897, to March 3, 1901.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Agriculture	55 <sup>th</sup>
H. District of Columbia	55 <sup>th</sup> -56 <sup>th</sup>

WYNN, ALBERT R., a Representative from Maryland. Born on September 10, 1951. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. International Relations	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Commerce	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Energy and Commerce	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>

YOUNG, ANDREW, a Representative from Georgia. Born on March 12, 1932. Elected as a Democrat to the 93<sup>rd</sup> through 95<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1973, to January 29, 1977, when he resigned to become U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Elected Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, in 1981.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking, Currency, and Housing	93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Rules	94 <sup>th</sup>

**Table 1. Black Members of Congress — Senate**

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	Party
Brooke, Edward W.	90 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>	1967-1979	MA	R
Bruce, Blanche K.	44 <sup>th</sup> -46 <sup>th</sup>	1875-1881	MS	R
Moseley-Braun, Carol	103 <sup>rd</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>	1993-1999	IL	D
Obama, Barack	109 <sup>th</sup> -	2005-	IL	D
Revels, Hiram R. <sup>a</sup>	41 <sup>st</sup>	1870-1871	MS	R

a. Seated after Mississippi was readmitted to the Union on Feb. 23, 1870; first black Member of Congress.

**Table 2. Black Members of Congress — House of Representatives**

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District*	Party
Ballance, Frank W., Jr.	108 <sup>th</sup>	2003-2004	NC	1 <sup>st</sup>	D
Bishop, Sanford D., Jr.	103 <sup>rd</sup> -	1993-	GA	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D
Blackwell, Lucien E. <sup>a</sup>	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>	1991-1995	PA	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D
Brown, Corrine	103 <sup>rd</sup> -	1993-	FL	3 <sup>rd</sup>	D
Burke, Yvonne B.	93 <sup>rd</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>	1973-1979	CA	28 <sup>th</sup>	D
Butterfield, G.K. <sup>b</sup>	108 <sup>th</sup> -	2004-	NC	1 <sup>st</sup>	D
Cain, Richard Harvey	43 <sup>rd</sup> 45 <sup>th</sup>	1873-1875 1877-1879	SC	AL	R
Carson, Julia M.	105 <sup>th</sup> -	1997-	IN	10 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>	D
Cheatham, Henry P.	51 <sup>st</sup> -52 <sup>nd</sup>	1889-1893	NC	2 <sup>nd</sup>	R
Chisholm, Shirley A. <sup>c</sup>	91 <sup>st</sup> -97 <sup>th</sup>	1969-1983	NY	12 <sup>th</sup>	D
Christian-Christensen, Donna	105 <sup>th</sup> -	1997-	VI	AL	D
Clay, William L., Sr.	91 <sup>st</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>	1969-2001	MO	1 <sup>st</sup>	D
Clay, William Lacy, Jr.	107 <sup>th</sup> -	2001-	MO	1 <sup>st</sup>	D
Clayton, Eva M. <sup>d</sup>	102 <sup>nd</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>	1992-2003	NC	1 <sup>st</sup>	D
Cleaver, Emanuel	109 <sup>th</sup> -	2005-	MO	5 <sup>th</sup>	D
Clyburn, James E.	103 <sup>rd</sup> -	1993-	SC	6 <sup>th</sup>	D
Collins, Barbara-Rose	102 <sup>nd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>	1991-1997	MI	15 <sup>th</sup>	D

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District*	Party
Collins, Cardiss <sup>e</sup>	93 <sup>rd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>	1973-1997	IL	7 <sup>th</sup>	D
Collins, George W. <sup>f</sup>	91 <sup>st</sup> -92 <sup>nd</sup>	1970-1972	IL	6 <sup>th</sup>	D
Conyers, John, Jr.	89 <sup>th</sup> -	1965-	MI	14 <sup>th</sup>	D
Crockett, George W. <sup>g</sup>	96 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>	1980-1991	MI	13 <sup>th</sup>	D
Cummings, Elijah E. <sup>h</sup>	104 <sup>th</sup> -	1996-	MD	7 <sup>th</sup>	D
Davis, Artur	108 <sup>th</sup> -	2003-	AL	7 <sup>th</sup>	D
Davis, Danny K.	105 <sup>th</sup> -	1997-	IL	7 <sup>th</sup>	D
Dawson, William L. <sup>i</sup>	78 <sup>th</sup> -91 <sup>st</sup>	1943-1970	IL	1 <sup>st</sup>	D
DeLarge, Robert C. <sup>j</sup>	42 <sup>nd</sup>	1871-1873	SC	2 <sup>nd</sup>	R
Dellums, Ronald V.	92 <sup>nd</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>	1971-1998	CA	8 <sup>th</sup>	D
DePriest, Oscar S.	71 <sup>st</sup> -73 <sup>rd</sup>	1929-1935	IL	1 <sup>st</sup>	R
Diggs, Charles C., Jr. <sup>k</sup>	84 <sup>th</sup> -96 <sup>th</sup>	1955-1980	MI	13 <sup>th</sup>	D
Dixon, Julian C. <sup>l</sup>	96 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>	1979-2000	CA	32 <sup>nd</sup>	D
Dymally, Mervyn M.	97 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>	1981-1993	CA	31 <sup>st</sup>	D
Elliott, Robert B. <sup>m</sup>	42 <sup>nd</sup> -43 <sup>rd</sup>	1871-1874	SC	3 <sup>rd</sup>	R
Espy, Albert M. (Mike) <sup>n</sup>	100 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>	1987-1993	MS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D
Evans, Melvin H.	96 <sup>th</sup>	1979-1981	VI	AL	R
Fattah, Chaka	104 <sup>th</sup> -	1995-	PA	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D
Fauntroy, Walter E. <sup>o</sup>	92 <sup>nd</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>	1971-1991	DC	AL	D
Fields, Cleo	103 <sup>rd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>	1993-1997	LA	4 <sup>th</sup>	D
Flake, Floyd H.	100 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>	1987-1997	NY	6 <sup>th</sup>	D
Ford, Harold E., Jr.	105 <sup>th</sup> -	1997-	TN	9 <sup>th</sup>	D
Ford, Harold E., Sr.	94 <sup>th</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>	1975-1997	TN	9 <sup>th</sup>	D
Franks, Gary A.	102 <sup>nd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>	1991-1997	CT	5 <sup>th</sup>	R
Frazer, Victor O.	104 <sup>th</sup>	1995	VI	AL	D
Gray, William H., III <sup>p</sup>	96 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>	1979-1991	PA	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D
Green, Al	109 <sup>th</sup> -	2005-	TX	9 <sup>th</sup>	D
Hall, Katie B. <sup>q</sup>	97 <sup>th</sup> -98 <sup>th</sup>	1982-1985	IN	1 <sup>st</sup>	D
Haralson, Jeremiah	44 <sup>th</sup>	1875-1877	AL	1 <sup>st</sup>	R
Hastings, Alcee L.	103 <sup>rd</sup> -	1993-	FL	23 <sup>rd</sup>	D

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District*	Party
Hawkins, Augustus F.	88 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>	1963-1991	CA	29 <sup>th</sup>	D
Hayes, Charles A. <sup>r</sup>	98 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>	1983-1993	IL	1 <sup>st</sup>	D
Hilliard, Earl F.	103 <sup>rd</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>	1993-2003	AL	7 <sup>th</sup>	D
Hyman, John Adams	44 <sup>th</sup>	1875-1877	NC	2 <sup>nd</sup>	R
Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. <sup>s</sup>	104 <sup>th</sup> -	1995-	IL	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D
Jackson Lee, Sheila	104 <sup>th</sup> -	1995-	TX	18 <sup>th</sup>	D
Jefferson, William J.	102 <sup>nd</sup> -	1991-	LA	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D
Johnson, Eddie Bernice	103 <sup>rd</sup> -	1993-	TX	30 <sup>th</sup>	D
Jones, Stephanie Tubbs	106 <sup>th</sup> -	1999-	OH	11 <sup>th</sup>	D
Jordan, Barbara C.	93 <sup>rd</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>	1973-1979	TX	18 <sup>th</sup>	D
Kilpatrick, Carolyn C.	105 <sup>th</sup> -	1997-	MI	15 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup>	D
Langston, John M. <sup>t</sup>	51 <sup>st</sup>	1890-1891	VA	4 <sup>th</sup>	R
Lee, Barbara <sup>u</sup>	105 <sup>th</sup> -	1998-	CA	9 <sup>th</sup>	D
Leland, George T. (Mickey) <sup>v</sup>	96 <sup>th</sup> -101 <sup>st</sup>	1979-1989	TX	18 <sup>th</sup>	D
Lewis, John R.	100 <sup>th</sup> -	1987-	GA	5 <sup>th</sup>	D
Long, Jefferson F. <sup>w</sup>	41 <sup>st</sup>	1870-1871	GA	4 <sup>th</sup>	R
Lynch, John R. <sup>x</sup>	43 <sup>rd</sup> -44 <sup>th</sup> 47 <sup>th</sup>	1873-1877 1882-1883	MS	7 <sup>th</sup>	R
McKinney, Cynthia A.	103 <sup>rd</sup> - 107 <sup>th</sup> 109 <sup>th</sup>	1993-2003 2005-	GA	4 <sup>th</sup>	D
Majette, Denise L.	108 <sup>th</sup>	2003-2005	GA	4 <sup>th</sup>	D
Meek, Carrie P.	103 <sup>rd</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>	1993-2003	FL	17 <sup>th</sup>	D
Meek, Kendrick	108 <sup>th</sup> -	2003-	FL	17 <sup>th</sup>	D
Meeks, Gregory <sup>y</sup>	105 <sup>th</sup> -	1998-	NY	6 <sup>th</sup>	D
Metcalf, Ralph H. <sup>z</sup>	92 <sup>nd</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>	1971-1978	IL	1 <sup>st</sup>	D
Mfume, Kweisi <sup>aa</sup>	100 <sup>th</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>	1987-1996	MD	7 <sup>th</sup>	D
Millender-McDonald, Juanita <sup>ab</sup>	104 <sup>th</sup> -	1996-	CA	37 <sup>th</sup>	D
Miller, Thomas E. <sup>ac</sup>	51 <sup>st</sup>	1890-1891	SC	7 <sup>th</sup>	R
Mitchell, Arthur W.	74 <sup>th</sup> -77 <sup>th</sup>	1935-1943	IL	1 <sup>st</sup>	D
Mitchell, Parren J.	92 <sup>nd</sup> -99 <sup>th</sup>	1971-1987	MD	7 <sup>th</sup>	D
Moore, Gwen	109 <sup>th</sup>	2005-	WI	4 <sup>th</sup>	D

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District*	Party
Murray, George W. <sup>ad</sup>	53 <sup>rd</sup> -54 <sup>th</sup>	1893-1895 1896-1897	SC	7 <sup>th</sup>	R
Nash, Charles E.	44 <sup>th</sup>	1875-1877	LA	6 <sup>th</sup>	R
Nix, Robert N.C., Sr. <sup>ae</sup>	85 <sup>th</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>	1958-1979	PA	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D
Norton, Eleanor Holmes	102 <sup>nd</sup> -	1991-	DC	AL	D
O'Hara, James E.	48 <sup>th</sup> -49 <sup>th</sup>	1883-1887	NC	2 <sup>nd</sup>	R
Owens, Major R.	98 <sup>th</sup> -	1983-	NY	11 <sup>th</sup>	D
Payne, Donald M.	101 <sup>st</sup> -	1989-	NJ	10 <sup>th</sup>	D
Powell, Adam C., Jr. <sup>af</sup>	79 <sup>th</sup> -89 <sup>th</sup> 91 <sup>st</sup>	1945-1967 1969-1971	NY	18 <sup>th</sup>	D
Rainey, Joseph H. <sup>ag</sup>	41 <sup>st</sup> -45 <sup>th</sup>	1870-1879	SC	1 <sup>st</sup>	R
Rangel, Charles B.	92 <sup>nd</sup> -	1971-	NY	15 <sup>th</sup>	D
Ransier, Alonzo J.	43 <sup>rd</sup>	1873-1875	SC	2 <sup>nd</sup>	R
Rapier, James T.	43 <sup>rd</sup>	1873-1875	AL	2 <sup>nd</sup>	R
Reynolds, Melvin J. <sup>ah</sup>	103 <sup>rd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>	1993-1995	IL	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D
Rush, Bobby L.	103 <sup>rd</sup> -	1993-	IL	1 <sup>st</sup>	D
Savage, Gus	97 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>	1981-1993	IL	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D
Scott, David	108 <sup>th</sup> -	2003-	GA	13 <sup>th</sup>	D
Scott, Robert C.	103 <sup>rd</sup> -	1993-	VA	3 <sup>rd</sup>	D
Smalls, Robert <sup>ai</sup>	44 <sup>th</sup> -45 <sup>th</sup> 47 <sup>th</sup> 48 <sup>th</sup> -49 <sup>th</sup>	1875-1879 1882-1883 1884-1887	SC	5 <sup>th</sup>	R
Stewart, Bennett M.	96 <sup>th</sup>	1979-1981	IL	1 <sup>st</sup>	D
Stokes, Louis	91 <sup>st</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>	1969-1999	OH	21 <sup>st</sup>	D
Thompson, Bennie G. <sup>aj</sup>	103 <sup>rd</sup> -	1993-	MS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D
Towns, Edolphus	98 <sup>th</sup> -	1983-	NY	10 <sup>th</sup>	D
Tucker, Walter R. <sup>ak</sup>	103 <sup>rd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>	1993-1995	CA	37 <sup>th</sup>	D
Turner, Benjamin S.	42 <sup>nd</sup>	1871-1873	AL	1 <sup>st</sup>	R
Waldon, Alton R., Jr. <sup>al</sup>	99 <sup>th</sup>	1986-1987	NY	6 <sup>th</sup>	D
Walls, Josiah T. <sup>am</sup>	42 <sup>nd</sup> 43 <sup>rd</sup> 44 <sup>th</sup>	1871-1873 1873-1875 1875-1876	FL	AL	R
Washington, Craig A. <sup>an</sup>	101 <sup>st</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>	1989-1995	TX	18 <sup>th</sup>	D

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District*	Party
Washington, Harold D. <sup>ao</sup>	97 <sup>th</sup> -98 <sup>th</sup>	1981-1983	IL	1 <sup>st</sup>	D
Waters, Maxine	102 <sup>nd</sup> -	1991-	CA	35 <sup>th</sup>	D
Watson, Diane E. <sup>ap</sup>	107 <sup>th</sup> -	2001-	CA	32 <sup>nd</sup> , 33 <sup>rd</sup>	D
Watt, Melvin L.	103 <sup>rd</sup> -	1993-	NC	12 <sup>th</sup>	D
Watts, J.C., Jr.	104 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>	1995-2003	OK	4 <sup>th</sup>	R
Wheat, Alan D.	98 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>	1983-1995	MO	5 <sup>th</sup>	D
White, George H.	55 <sup>th</sup> -58 <sup>th</sup>	1897-1901	NC	2 <sup>nd</sup>	R
Wynn, Albert R.	103 <sup>rd</sup> -	1993-	MD	4 <sup>th</sup>	D
Young, Andrew J. <sup>aq</sup>	93 <sup>rd</sup> -95 <sup>th</sup>	1973-1977	GA	5 <sup>th</sup>	D

\* The number noted for a Member's congressional district is that which is now assigned to it or was assigned to it when he or she was last in Congress. "AL" indicates that the Member served at-large.

- a. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. William Gray; seated on Nov. 13, 1991.
- b. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Frank Ballance, seated on July 21, 2004.
- c. First black woman elected to Congress and first black female presidential candidate, 1972.
- d. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Walter Jones; took office on Nov. 5, 1992.
- e. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Rep. George W. Collins; seated on June 7, 1973.
- f. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Daniel J. Ronan; seated on Nov. 16, 1970. He was subsequently killed in an airplane crash on Dec. 8, 1972.
- g. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Charles C. Diggs, Jr.; seated on Nov. 12, 1980.
- h. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Kweisi Mfume; seated on Apr. 25, 1996.
- i. Died on Nov. 9, 1970.
- j. Seat declared vacant on January 24, 1873, after Rep. Robert DeLarge's election was successfully contested.
- k. Resigned from office on June 3, 1980.
- l. Died on Dec. 8, 2000.
- m. Resigned from office, effective Nov. 1, 1874.
- n. Resigned from office on Jan. 25, 1993, to become Secretary of Agriculture.
- o. Delegate from the District of Columbia. Elected in a special election and sworn in on Apr. 19, 1971.
- p. Resigned from office on Sept. 11, 1991.
- q. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Adam Benjamin; seated on Nov. 29, 1982.
- r. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Harold Washington; seated on Sept. 12, 1983.
- s. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Mel Reynolds; seated on Dec. 14, 1995.
- t. Successfully contested the election of Rep. Edward C. Venable and served from Sept. 23, 1890, to Mar. 3, 1891.
- u. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Ronald Dellums; seated on Apr. 20, 1998.
- v. Died in a plane crash on Aug. 7, 1989, while in Ethiopia on a fact-finding tour investigating hunger among refugees.
- w. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the House declaring that Rep. Samuel Gove was not entitled to his seat; served from Dec. 22, 1870, to Mar. 3, 1871.

- x. Successfully contested the election of Rep. James R. Chalmers to the 47<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from Apr. 29, 1882, to Mar. 3, 1883.
- y. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Floyd Flake; seated on Feb. 5, 1998.
- z. Died on Oct. 10, 1978.
- aa. Resigned from office on Feb. 16, 1996.
- ab. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Walter Tucker; seated on Apr. 16, 1996.
- ac. Successfully contested an election; served from Sept. 24, 1890, to Mar. 3, 1891.
- ad. Successfully contested an election; served from June 4, 1896, to Mar. 3, 1897.
- ae. First elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Earl Chudoff; seated on June 4, 1958.
- af. Elected to the 90<sup>th</sup> Congress, but excluded and not seated. Re-elected to the seat vacated by his exclusion, but never took the oath of office. Re-elected to the 91<sup>st</sup> Congress and seated. Defeated for renomination to the 92<sup>nd</sup> Congress in 1970.
- ag. First black Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Elected to the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the House declaring the seat of Rep. Benjamin Whittemore vacant. Seated on Dec. 12, 1870.
- ah. Resigned from office on Oct. 1, 1995.
- ai. Successfully contested an election and seated in the 47<sup>th</sup> Congress on July 19, 1882. Subsequently elected to the 48<sup>th</sup>-49<sup>th</sup> Congresses; first elected to the 48<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Edmund Mackey; seated on Mar. 18, 1884.
- aj. Elected to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Mike Espy; seated on Apr. 20, 1993.
- ak. Resigned from office on Dec. 15, 1995.
- al. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Joseph Addabbo; seated on July 29, 1986.
- am. Served from Mar. 4, 1871, until January 29, 1873, when seat was lost to Rep. Silas L. Niblack, who successfully challenged his election. Served from Mar. 4, 1875, until Apr. 19, 1876, when seat was lost to Rep. Jesse J. Finley, who successfully challenged his election.
- an. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Mickey Leland; seated on Dec. 9, 1989.
- ao. Resigned on Apr. 29, 1983, to become Mayor of Chicago, IL.
- ap. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Julian Dixon; seated on June 7, 2001.
- aq. Resigned his seat on Jan. 29, 1977, to become U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

**Table 3. Number and Names of Black Members of Congress, by Congress**

No.	Chamber	Names		
<b>109<sup>th</sup> Congress (2005-2007)</b>				
42	House	Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. Corrine Brown G.K. Butterfield Julia M. Carson Donna Christian-Christensen William Lacy Clay, Jr. Emanuel Cleaver James E. Clyburn John Conyers, Jr. Elijah E. Cummings Artur Davis Danny K. Davis Chaka Fattah Harold E. Ford, Jr. Al Green Alcee L. Hastings	Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. Sheila Jackson Lee William J. Jefferson Eddie Bernice Johnson Stephanie Tubbs Jones Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick Barbara Lee John Lewis Cynthia McKinney Kendrick Meek Gregory W. Meeks Juanita Millender-McDonald Gwen Moore Eleanor Holmes Norton	Major R. Owens Donald M. Payne Charles B. Rangel Bobby L. Rush David Scott Robert C. Scott Bennie G. Thompson Edolphus Towns Maxine Waters Diane E. Watson Melvin L. Watt Albert R. Wynn
1	Senate	Barack Obama		
<b>108<sup>th</sup> Congress (2003-2005)<sup>a</sup></b>				
39	House	Frank W. Ballance, Jr. <sup>b</sup> Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. G.K. Butterfield Corrine Brown Julia M. Carson Donna Christian-Christensen William Lacy Clay, Jr. James E. Clyburn John Conyers, Jr. Elijah E. Cummings Artur Davis Danny K. Davis Chaka Fattah Harold E. Ford, Jr. Alcee L. Hastings	Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. Sheila Jackson Lee William J. Jefferson Eddie Bernice Johnson Stephanie Tubbs Jones Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick Barbara Lee John Lewis Kendrick Meek Gregory W. Meeks Juanita Millender-McDonald Eleanor Holmes Norton	Major R. Owens Donald M. Payne Charles B. Rangel Bobby L. Rush David Scott Robert C. Scott Bennie G. Thompson Edolphus Towns Maxine Waters Diane E. Watson Melvin L. Watt Albert R. Wynn
	Senate	None		



No.	Chamber	Names		
<b>107<sup>th</sup> Congress (2001-2003)<sup>c</sup></b>				
39	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr. Corrine Brown Julia Carson Donna Christian-Christensen William Lacy Clay, Jr. Eva M. Clayton James E. Clyburn John Conyers, Jr. Elijah E. Cummings Danny K. Davis Chaka Fattah Harold E. Ford, Jr. Alcee L. Hastings Earl Hilliard	Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. Sheila Jackson Lee William J. Jefferson Eddie Bernice Johnson Stephanie Tubbs Jones Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick Barbara Lee John Lewis Cynthia A. McKinney Carrie P. Meek Gregory W. Meeks Juanita Millender-McDonald Eleanor Holmes Norton	Major R. Owens Donald M. Payne Charles B. Rangel Bobby L. Rush Robert C. Scott Bennie G. Thompson Edolphus Towns Maxine Waters Diane E. Watson Melvin L. Watt J.C. Watts, Jr. Albert R. Wynn
	Senate	None		
<b>106<sup>th</sup> Congress (1999-2001)</b>				
39	House	Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. Corrine Brown Julia M. Carson Donna Christian-Christensen William L. Clay, Sr. Eva M. Clayton James E. Clyburn John Conyers, Jr. Elijah Cummings Danny K. Davis Julian C. Dixon <sup>d</sup> Chaka Fattah Harold E. Ford, Jr.	Alcee L. Hastings Earl Hilliard Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. Sheila Jackson Lee William J. Jefferson Eddie Bernice Johnson Stephanie Tubbs Jones Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick Barbara Lee John Lewis Cynthia A. McKinney Carrie P. Meek Gregory W. Meeks	Juanita Millender-McDonald Eleanor Holmes Norton Major R. Owens Donald M. Payne Charles B. Rangel Bobby L. Rush Robert C. Scott Bennie G. Thompson Edolphus Towns Maxine Waters Melvin L. Watt J.C. Watts, Jr. Albert R. Wynn
	Senate	None		

No.	Chamber	Names		
<b>105<sup>th</sup> Congress (1997-1999)<sup>e</sup></b>				
39	House	Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. Corrine Brown Julia M. Carson Donna M. Christian-Green William L. Clay, Sr. Eva M. Clayton James E. Clyburn John Conyers, Jr. Elijah Cummings Danny K. Davis Ronald V. Dellums <sup>f</sup> Julian C. Dixon Chaka Fattah	Floyd Flake <sup>g</sup> Harold E. Ford, Jr. Alcee L. Hastings Earl Hilliard Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. Sheila Jackson Lee William J. Jefferson Eddie Bernice Johnson Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick Barbara Lee John Lewis Cynthia A. McKinney Carrie P. Meek Gregory W. Meeks	Juanita Millender-McDonald Eleanor Holmes Norton Major R. Owens Donald M. Payne Charles B. Rangel Bobby Rush Robert Scott Louis Stokes Bennie G. Thompson Edolphus Towns Maxine Waters Melvin L. Watt J.C. Watts, Jr. Albert R. Wynn
1	Senate	Carol Moseley-Braun		
<b>104<sup>th</sup> Congress (1995-1997)<sup>h</sup></b>				
40	House	Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. Corrine Brown William L. Clay, Sr. Eva M. Clayton James E. Clyburn Barbara-Rose Collins Cardiss Collins John Conyers, Jr. Elijah E. Cummings Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Chaka Fattah Cleo Fields Floyd H. Flake Harold E. Ford, Sr.	Gary Franks Victor Frazer Alcee L. Hastings Earl F. Hilliard Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. William J. Jefferson Eddie Bernice Johnson Sheila Jackson Lee John Lewis Cynthia A. McKinney Carrie P. Meek Kweisi Mfume <sup>i</sup> Juanita Millender-McDonald Eleanor Holmes Norton Major R. Owens	Donald M. Payne Charles B. Rangel Melvin J. Reynolds <sup>j</sup> Bobby L. Rush Robert Scott Louis Stokes Bennie G. Thompson Edolphus Towns Walter Tucker <sup>k</sup> Maxine Waters Melvin L. Watt J.C. Watts, Jr. Albert R. Wynn
1	Senate	Carol Moseley-Braun		

No.	Chamber	Names		
<b>103<sup>rd</sup> Congress (1993-1995)<sup>l</sup></b>				
39	House	Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. Lucien Blackwell Corrine Brown William L. Clay, Sr. Eva M. Clayton James E. Clyburn Barbara-Rose Collins Cardiss Collins John Conyers, Jr. Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Mike Espy <sup>m</sup> Cleo Fields Floyd H. Flake	Harold E. Ford, Sr. Gary Franks Earl F. Hilliard Alcee L. Hastings William J. Jefferson Eddie Bernice Johnson John Lewis Cynthia A. McKinney Carrie P. Meek Kweisi Mfume Eleanor Holmes Norton Major R. Owens Donald M. Payne Charles B. Rangel	Melvin J. Reynolds Bobby L. Rush Robert Scott Louis Stokes Bennie G. Thompson Edolphus Towns Walter Tucker Craig Washington Maxine Waters Melvin L. Watt Alan D. Wheat Albert R. Wynn
1	Senate	Carol Moseley-Braun		
<b>102<sup>nd</sup> Congress (1991-1993)<sup>n</sup></b>				
27	House	Lucien Blackwell William L. Clay, Sr. Eva M. Clayton Barbara-Rose Collins Cardiss Collins John Conyers, Jr. Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Mervyn M. Dymally Mike Espy	Floyd H. Flake Harold E. Ford, Sr. Gary Franks William Gray, III <sup>o</sup> Charles A. Hayes William J. Jefferson John Lewis Kweisi Mfume Eleanor Holmes Norton Major R. Owens	Donald M. Payne Charles B. Rangel Gus Savage Louis Stokes Edolphus Towns Craig A. Washington Maxine Waters Alan D. Wheat
	Senate	None		
<b>101<sup>st</sup> Congress (1989-1991)<sup>p</sup></b>				
24	House	William L. Clay, Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers, Jr. George Crockett Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Mervyn M. Dymally Mike Espy Walter E. Fauntroy	Floyd H. Flake Harold E. Ford, Sr. William H. Gray, III Augustus F. Hawkins Charles A. Hayes Mickey Leland <sup>q</sup> John Lewis Kweisi Mfume Major R. Owens	Donald M. Payne Charles B. Rangel Gus Savage Louis Stokes Edolphus Towns Craig A. Washington Alan D. Wheat
	Senate	None		

No.	Chamber	Names		
<b>100<sup>th</sup> Congress (1987-1989)</b>				
23	House	William L. Clay, Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers, Jr. George W. Crockett Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Mervyn M. Dymally Mike Espy Walter E. Fauntroy	Floyd H. Flake Harold E. Ford, Sr. William H. Gray, III Augustus F. Hawkins Charles A. Hayes Mickey Leland John Lewis Kweisi Mfume Major R. Owens	Charles B. Rangel Gus Savage Louis Stokes Edolphus Towns Alan D. Wheat
	Senate	None		
<b>99<sup>th</sup> Congress (1985-1987)</b>				
21	House	William L. Clay, Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers, Jr. George W. Crockett Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Mervyn M. Dymally	Walter E. Fauntroy Harold E. Ford Sr. William H. Gray, III Augustus F. Hawkins Charles A. Hayes Mickey Leland Parren J. Mitchell	Major R. Owens Charles B. Rangel Gus Savage Louis Stokes Edolphus Towns Alton Waldon, Jr. Alan D. Wheat
	Senate	None		
<b>98<sup>th</sup> Congress (1983-1985)<sup>r</sup></b>				
21	House	William L. Clay, Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers, Jr. George W. Crockett Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Mervyn M. Dymally Walter E. Fauntroy	Harold E. Ford, Sr. William H. Gray, III Katie Hall Augustus F. Hawkins Charles A. Hayes Mickey Leland Parren J. Mitchell Major R. Owens	Charles B. Rangel Gus Savage Louis Stokes Edolphus Towns Harold D. Washington <sup>s</sup> Alan D. Wheat
	Senate	None		
<b>97<sup>th</sup> Congress (1981-1983)</b>				
19	House	Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers, Jr. George W. Crockett Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon	Mervyn M. Dymally Walter E. Fauntroy Harold E. Ford, Sr. William H. Gray, III Katie B. Hall Augustus F. Hawkins Mickey Leland	Parren J. Mitchell Charles R. Rangel Gus Savage Louis Stokes Harold D. Washington
	Senate	None		

No.	Chamber	Names		
<b>96<sup>th</sup> Congress (1979-1981)<sup>t</sup></b>				
17	House	Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay, Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers, Jr. George W. Crockett Ronald V. Dellums	Charles C. Diggs, Jr. <sup>u</sup> Julian C. Dixon Melvin H. Evans Walter E. Fauntroy Harold E. Ford, Sr. William H. Gray, III	Augustus F. Hawkins Mickey Leland Parren J. Mitchell Charles B. Rangel Bennett M. Stewart Louis Stokes
	Senate	None		
<b>95<sup>th</sup> Congress (1977-1979)</b>				
17	House	Yvonne B. Burke Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay, Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers, Jr. Ronald V. Dellums	Charles C. Diggs, Jr. Walter E. Fauntroy Harold E. Ford, Sr. Augustus F. Hawkins Barbara C. Jordan Ralph H. Metcalfe	Parren J. Mitchell Robert N.C. Nix, Sr. Charles B. Rangel Louis Stokes Andrew J. Young
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
<b>94<sup>th</sup> Congress (1975-1977)</b>				
17	House	Yvonne B. Burke Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay, Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers, Jr. Ronald V. Dellums	Charles C. Diggs, Jr. Walter E. Fauntroy Harold E. Ford, Sr. Augustus F. Hawkins Barbara C. Jordan Ralph W. Metcalfe	Parren J. Mitchell Robert N.C. Nix, Sr. Charles B. Rangel Louis Stokes Andrew J. Young
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
<b>93<sup>rd</sup> Congress (1973-1975)</b>				
16	House	Yvonne B. Burke Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay, Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers, Jr. Ronald V. Dellums	Charles C. Diggs, Jr. Walter E. Fauntroy Augustus F. Hawkins Barbara C. Jordan Ralph H. Metcalfe Parren J. Mitchell	Robert N.C. Nix, Sr. Charles B. Rangel Louis Stokes Andrew J. Young
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
<b>92<sup>nd</sup> Congress (1971-1973)</b>				
13	House	Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay, Sr. George W. Collins John Conyers, Jr. Ronald V. Dellums	Charles C. Diggs, Jr. Walter E. Fauntroy Augustus F. Hawkins Ralph H. Metcalfe Parren J. Mitchell	Robert N.C. Nix, Sr. Charles B. Rangel Louis Stokes
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		

No.	Chamber	Names		
<b>91<sup>st</sup> Congress (1969-1971)</b>				
10	House	Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay, Sr. George W. Collins Augustus F. Hawkins	John Conyers, Jr. William L. Dawson Charles C. Diggs, Jr. Robert N.C. Nix	Adam C. Powell, Jr. Louis Stokes
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
<b>90<sup>th</sup> Congress (1967-1969)<sup>v</sup></b>				
5	House	John Conyers, Jr. William L. Dawson	Charles C. Diggs, Jr. Augustus F. Hawkins	Robert N.C. Nix, Sr.
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
<b>89<sup>th</sup> Congress (1965-1967)</b>				
6	House	John Conyers, Jr. William L. Dawson	Charles Diggs, Jr. Augustus F. Hawkins	Robert N.C. Nix, Sr. Adam Clayton Powell
	Senate	None		
<b>88<sup>th</sup> Congress (1963-1965)</b>				
5	House:	William L. Dawson Charles C. Diggs, Jr.	Augustus F. Hawkins Robert N.C. Nix, Sr.	Adam C. Powell, Jr.
	Senate	None		
<b>85<sup>th</sup> - 87<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1957-1963)</b>				
4	House	William L. Dawson Charles C. Diggs, Jr.	Robert N.C. Nix, Sr. Adam C. Powell, Jr.	
	Senate	None		
<b>84<sup>th</sup> Congress (1955-1957)</b>				
3	House	William L. Dawson	Charles C. Diggs, Jr.	Adam C. Powell, Jr.
<b>79<sup>th</sup> - 83<sup>rd</sup> Congresses (1945-1955)</b>				
2	House	William L. Dawson	Adam C. Powell, Jr.	
	Senate	None		
<b>78<sup>th</sup> Congress (1943-1945)</b>				
1	House	William L. Dawson		
	Senate	None		
<b>74<sup>th</sup> - 77<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1935-1943)</b>				
1	House	Arthur W. Mitchell		
	Senate	None		

No.	Chamber	Names		
<b>71<sup>st</sup> - 73<sup>rd</sup> Congresses (1929-1935)</b>				
1	House	Oscar S. DePriest		
	Senate	None		
<b>57<sup>th</sup> - 70<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1901-1929)</b>				
	House	None		
	Senate	None		
<b>55<sup>th</sup> - 56<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1897-1901)</b>				
1	House	George H. White		
	Senate	None		
<b>53<sup>rd</sup> - 54<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1893-1897)</b>				
1	House	George W. Murray		
	Senate	None		
<b>52<sup>nd</sup> Congress (1891-1893)</b>				
1	House	Henry P. Cheatham		
	Senate	None		
<b>51<sup>st</sup> Congress (1889-1891)</b>				
3	House	Henry P. Cheatham	John M. Langston	Thomas E. Miller
	Senate	None		
<b>50<sup>th</sup> Congress (1887-1889)</b>				
	House	None		
	Senate	None		
<b>48<sup>th</sup> - 49<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1883-1887)</b>				
2	House	James E. O'Hara	Robert Smalls	
	Senate	None		
<b>47<sup>th</sup> Congress (1881-1883)</b>				
2	House	John R. Lynch	Robert Smalls	
	Senate	None		
<b>46<sup>th</sup> Congress (1879-1881)</b>				
	House	None		
1	Senate	Blanche K. Bruce		

No.	Chamber	Names		
<b>45<sup>th</sup> Congress (1877-1879)</b>				
3	House	Richard H. Cain	Joseph H. Rainey	Robert Smalls
1	Senate	Blanche K. Bruce		
<b>44<sup>th</sup> Congress (1875-1877)</b>				
7	House	Jeremiah Haralson John A. Hyman John R. Lynch	Charles E. Nash Joseph H. Rainey Robert Smalls	Josiah T. Walls <sup>w</sup>
1	Senate	Blanche K. Bruce		
<b>43<sup>rd</sup> Congress (1873-1875)</b>				
7	House	Richard H. Cain Robert B. Elliott <sup>x</sup> John R. Lynch	Joseph H. Rainey Alonzo J. Ransier James T. Rapier	Josiah T. Walls <sup>w</sup>
	Senate	None		
<b>42<sup>nd</sup> Congress (1871-1873)</b>				
5	House	Robert C. DeLarge <sup>y</sup> Robert B. Elliott	Joseph H. Rainey Benjamin S. Turner	Josiah T. Walls
	Senate	None		
<b>41<sup>st</sup> Congress (1869-1871)<sup>z</sup></b>				
2	House	Jefferson F. Long	Joseph H. Rainey	
1	Senate	Hiram R. Revels		

- a. Although 40 black individuals were elected to the House for the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress, 39 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Frank Ballance resigned and was replaced by Rep. G. K. Butterfield.
- b. Resigned on June 11, 2004.
- c. Although 40 black individuals were elected to the House for the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, 39 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Julian Dixon, who was reelected to the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, died before the commencement of the Congress and was later replaced by Rep. Diane Watson.
- d. Died on Dec. 8, 2000.
- e. Although 41 black individuals were elected to the House in the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress, 39 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Floyd Flake resigned and was replaced by Rep. Gregory Meeks, and Rep. Ron Dellums resigned and was replaced by Rep. Barbara Lee.
- f. Resigned on Feb. 6, 1998.
- g. Resigned on Nov. 15, 1997.
- h. Although 43 black individuals were elected to the House in the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress, 40 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Melvin J. Reynolds resigned and was replaced by Rep. Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.; Rep. Walter Tucker resigned and was replaced by Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald; and Rep. Kweisi Mfume resigned and was replaced by Rep. Elijah Cummings.
- i. Resigned on Feb. 16, 1996.
- j. Resigned on Oct. 1, 1995.
- k. Resigned on Dec. 15, 1995.
- l. Although 40 black individuals were elected to the House in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress, 39 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Mike Espy resigned and was replaced by Rep. Bennie Thompson.
- m. Resigned on Jan. 25, 1993, to become Secretary of Agriculture.



- n. Although 28 black individuals were elected to the House in the 102<sup>nd</sup> Congress, 27 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. William Gray resigned and was replaced by Rep. Lucien Blackwell.
- o. Resigned on Sept. 11, 1991.
- p. Although 25 black individuals were elected to the House in the 101<sup>st</sup> Congress, 24 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Mickey Leland, who was killed in an airplane crash was replaced by Rep. Craig Washington.
- q. Died Aug. 2, 1989.
- r. Although 22 black individuals were elected to the House in the 98<sup>th</sup> Congress, 21 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Harold Washington resigned and was replaced by Rep. Charles Hayes.
- s. Resigned on April 29, 1983.
- t. Although 18 individuals were elected to the House in the 96<sup>th</sup> Congress, 17 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Charles Diggs, Jr. resigned and was replaced by Rep. George Crockett.
- u. Resigned on June 3, 1980.
- v. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. was reelected to the 90<sup>th</sup> Congress, but never took his seat.
- w. Resigned from Congress on Jan. 29, 1873, and on April 19, 1876, after his election was successfully contested during two different Congresses.
- x. Resigned from Congress on Nov. 1, 1874.
- y. His seat was declared vacant on Jan. 24, 1873, after his election was successfully contested.
- z. There were no black Members of the U.S. Congress until 1870, the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> session.

**Table 4. Number and Names of Black Members of Congress, by State**

State	Number	Names	Years of Service
Alabama	5	Benjamin S. Turner James T. Rapier Jeremiah Haralson Earl F. Hilliard Artur Davis	1871-1873 1873-1875 1875-1877 1993-2003 2003-
California	10	Augustus F. Hawkins Ronald V. Dellums Yvonne B. Burke Julian C. Dixon Mervyn M. Dymally Maxine Waters Walter R. Tucker Juanita Millender-McDonald Barbara Lee Diane Watson	1963-1991 1971-1998 1973-1979 1979-2000 1981-1993 1991- 1993-1995 1996- 1998- 2001-
Connecticut	1	Gary A. Franks	1991-1997
District of Columbia	2	Walter E. Fauntroy Eleanor Holmes Norton	1971-1991 1991-
Florida	5	Josiah T. Walls Alcee L. Hastings Corrine Brown Carrie P. Meek Kendrick Meek	1871-1876 1993- 1993- 1993-2003 2003-
Georgia	7	Jefferson F. Long Andrew J. Young John R. Lewis Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. Cynthia A. McKinney  Denise L. Majette David Scott	1870-1871 1973-1977 1987- 1993- 1993-2003, 2005- 2003-2005 2003-

State	Number	Names	Years of Service
Illinois	16	Oscar S. DePriest Arthur W. Mitchell William L. Dawson George W. Collins Ralph H. Metcalfe Cardiss Collins Bennett M. Stewart Gus Savage Harold D. Washington Charles A. Hayes Carol Moseley-Braun <sup>a</sup> Melvin J. Reynolds Bobby L. Rush Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. Danny K. Davis Barack Obama <sup>a</sup>	1929-1935 1935-1943 1943-1970 1970-1972 1971-1978 1973-1997 1979-1981 1981-1993 1981-1983 1983-1993 1993-1999 1993-1995 1993- 1995- 1997- 2005-
Indiana	2	Katie B. Hall Julia Carson	1982-1985 1997-
Louisiana	3	Charles E. Nash William J. Jefferson Cleo Fields	1875-1877 1991- 1993-1997
Maryland	4	Parren J. Mitchell Kweisi Mfume Albert R. Wynn Elijah E. Cummings	1971-1987 1987-1996 1993- 1996-
Massachusetts	1	Edward W. Brooke <sup>a</sup>	1967-1979
Michigan	5	Charles C. Diggs, Jr. John Conyers, Jr. George W. Crockett Barbara-Rose Collins Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick	1955-1980 1965- 1980-1991 1991-1997 1997-
Mississippi	5	Hiram R. Revels <sup>a</sup> John R. Lynch  Blanche K. Bruce <sup>a</sup> Albert M. (Mike) Espy Bennie G. Thompson	1870-1871 1873-1877 1882-1883 1875-1881 1987-1993 1993-
Missouri	4	William L. Clay, Sr. Alan D. Wheat William Lacy Clay, Jr. Emanuel Cleaver	1969-2001 1983-1995 2001- 2005-
New Jersey	1	Donald M. Payne	1989-

State	Number	Names	Years of Service
New York	8	Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Shirley A. Chisholm Charles B. Rangel Major R. Owens Edolphus Towns Alton R. Waldon, Jr. Floyd H. Flake Gregory Meeks	1945-1967 1969-1971 1969-1983 1971- 1983- 1983- 1986-1987 1987-1997 1998-
North Carolina	8	John A. Hyman James E. O'Hara Henry P. Cheatham George H. White Eva M. Clayton Melvin L. Watt Frank W. Ballance, Jr. G. K. Butterfield	1875-1877 1883-1887 1889-1893 1897-1901 1992-2003 1993- 2003-2004 2004-
Ohio	2	Louis Stokes Stephanie Tubbs Jones	1969-1999 1999-
Oklahoma	1	J.C. Watts, Jr.	1995-2003
Pennsylvania	4	Robert N.C. Nix, Sr. William H. Gray, III Lucien E. Blackwell Chaka Fattah	1958-1979 1979-1991 1991-1995 1995-
South Carolina	9	Joseph H. Rainey Robert C. DeLarge Robert B. Elliott Richard H. Cain  Alonzo J. Ransier Robert Smalls  Thomas E. Miller George W. Murray  James E. Clyburn	1870-1879 1871-1873 1871-1874 1873-1875 1877-1879 1873-1875 1875-1879 1882-1883 1884-1887 1890-1891 1893-1895 1896-1897 1993-
Tennessee	2	Harold E. Ford, Sr. Harold E. Ford, Jr.	1975-1997 1997-
Texas	6	Barbara C. Jordan George T. (Mickey) Leland Craig A. Washington Eddie Bernice Johnson Sheila Jackson Lee Al Green	1973-1979 1979-1989 1991-1995 1993- 1995- 2005-

State	Number	Names	Years of Service
Virginia	2	John M. Langston Robert C. Scott	1890-1891 1993-
Virgin Islands	3	Melvin H. Evans Victor O. Frazer Donna M. Christian-Christensen	1979-1981 1995-1997 1997-
Wisconsin	1	Gwen Moore	2005-

a. Serves/Served in the Senate.

**Table 5. Number of Black Members in the U.S. Congress,  
41<sup>st</sup>-109<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1870-2005)**

Congress	Year	Total Black Members of Congress	Black Members of House <sup>a</sup>	Black Members of Senate
41 <sup>st</sup>	1869-1871	3	2	1
42 <sup>nd</sup>	1871-1873	5	5	-
43 <sup>rd</sup>	1873-1875	7	7	-
44 <sup>th</sup>	1875-1877	8	7	1
45 <sup>th</sup>	1877-1879	4	3	1
46 <sup>th</sup>	1879-1881	1	-	1
47 <sup>th</sup>	1881-1883	2	2	-
48 <sup>th</sup>	1883-1885	2	2	-
49 <sup>th</sup>	1885-1887	2	2	-
50 <sup>th</sup>	1887-1889	-	-	-
51 <sup>st</sup>	1889-1891	3	3	-
52 <sup>nd</sup>	1891-1893	1	1	-
53 <sup>rd</sup>	1893-1895	1	1	-
54 <sup>th</sup>	1895-1897	1	1	-
55 <sup>th</sup>	1897-1899	1	1	-
56 <sup>th</sup>	1899-1901	1	1	-
57 <sup>th</sup>	1901-1903	-	-	-
58 <sup>th</sup>	1903-1905	-	-	-
59 <sup>th</sup>	1905-1907	-	-	-
60 <sup>th</sup>	1907-1909	-	-	-
61 <sup>st</sup>	1909-1911	-	-	-
62 <sup>nd</sup>	1911-1913	-	-	-
63 <sup>rd</sup>	1913-1915	-	-	-
64 <sup>th</sup>	1915-1917	-	-	-
65 <sup>th</sup>	1917-1919	-	-	-
66 <sup>th</sup>	1919-1921	-	-	-
67 <sup>th</sup>	1921-1923	-	-	-

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<b>Congress</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Black Members of Congress</b>	<b>Black Members of House<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Black Members of Senate</b>
68 <sup>th</sup>	1923-1925	-	-	-
69 <sup>th</sup>	1925-1927	-	-	-
70 <sup>th</sup>	1927-1929	-	-	-
71 <sup>st</sup>	1929-1931	1	1	-
72 <sup>nd</sup>	1931-1933	1	1	-
73 <sup>rd</sup>	1933-1935	1	1	-
74 <sup>th</sup>	1935-1937	1	1	-
75 <sup>th</sup>	1937-1939	1	1	-
76 <sup>th</sup>	1939-1941	1	1	-
77 <sup>th</sup>	1941-1943	1	1	-
78 <sup>th</sup>	1943-1945	1	1	-
79 <sup>th</sup>	1945-1947	2	2	-
80 <sup>th</sup>	1947-1949	2	2	-
81 <sup>st</sup>	1949-1951	2	2	-
82 <sup>nd</sup>	1951-1953	2	2	-
83 <sup>rd</sup>	1953-1955	2	2	-
84 <sup>th</sup>	1955-1957	3	3	-
85 <sup>th</sup>	1957-1959	4	4	-
86 <sup>th</sup>	1959-1961	4	4	-
87 <sup>th</sup>	1961-1963	4	4	-
88 <sup>th</sup>	1963-1965	5	5	-
89 <sup>th</sup>	1965-1967	6	6	-
90 <sup>th</sup>	1967-1969	6	5	1
91 <sup>st</sup>	1969-1971	11	10	1
92 <sup>nd</sup>	1971-1973	14	13	1
93 <sup>rd</sup>	1973-1975	17	16	1
94 <sup>th</sup>	1975-1977	18	17	1
95 <sup>th</sup>	1977-1979	18	17	1
96 <sup>th</sup>	1979-1981	17	17	-

<b>Congress</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Black Members of Congress</b>	<b>Black Members of House<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Black Members of Senate</b>
97 <sup>th</sup>	1981-1983	19	19	-
98 <sup>th</sup>	1983-1985	21	21	-
99 <sup>th</sup>	1985-1987	21	21	-
100 <sup>th</sup>	1987-1989	23	23	-
101 <sup>st</sup>	1989-1991	24	24	-
102 <sup>nd</sup>	1991-1993	27	27	-
103 <sup>rd</sup>	1993-1995	40	39	1
104 <sup>th</sup>	1995-1997	41	40	1
105 <sup>th</sup>	1997-1999	40	39	1
106 <sup>th</sup>	1999-2001	39	39	0
107 <sup>th</sup>	2001-2003	39	39	0
108 <sup>th</sup>	2001-2003	39	39	0
109 <sup>th</sup>	2003-2005	43	42	1

a. The numbers here reflect the highest number of black Members to serve in the House at any one time during a Congress. For example, a record number of 43 black Members was elected to the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress, but only 40 served at any one time during that Congress