



African American Members of the United States Congress: 1870-2012

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Summary

There are 43 African American Members serving in the 112th Congress, all in the House of Representatives. There have been 132 African American Members of Congress: 126 have been elected to the House; 5 have been elected to the Senate; and 1 has been appointed to the Senate. There have been 103 Democrats, 100 in the House and 3 in the Senate; and 29 Republicans, 26 in the House and 3 in the Senate.

The number of African American Members has steadily increased since the first African Americans entered Congress in 1870. There were fewer than 10 Members until the 91st Congress (1969-1971). In the 98th Congress (1983-1985), the number surpassed 20 for the first time and then jumped to 40 in the 103rd Congress (1993-1995). Since the 106th Congress (1999-2001), the number has remained between 39 and 44 serving at any one time.

The first African American Member of Congress was Hiram Rhodes Revels (R-MS), who served in the Senate in the 41st Congress (served 1870-1871). The first African American Member of the House was Joseph H. Rainey (R-SC), who also served in the 41st Congress.

Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), elected to the 91st through 97th Congresses (1969-1983), was the first African American woman in Congress. Since that time, 30 other African American women have been elected, including Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL, 1993-1999), who is the only African American woman, as well as the first African American Democrat, elected to the Senate.

Representative John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI, 1965-present), the current chair of the House Judiciary Committee, holds the record for length of service by an African American Member (46 years). He was first elected to the 89th Congress (1965-1967) and has served since January 3, 1965.

Representative James E. Clyburn (D-SC, 1993-present) and former Representatives William H. Gray III (D-PA, 1979-1991) and J.C. Watts (R-OK, 1995-2003) have been elected to the highest leadership positions held by African American Members of Congress. Representative Clyburn, the House Assistant Democratic leader in the 112th Congress, served as the House majority whip in the 110th and 111th Congresses and as vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus in the 108th and 109th Congresses. Representative Gray was chair of the House Democratic Caucus in 1989 (101st Congress). Later in that Congress, when a vacancy occurred, he was elected House majority whip, a position he held until his resignation from Congress in September 1991 (102nd Congress). Representative Watts served as chair of the House Republican Conference in the 106th-107th Congresses (1997-2001).

Twenty African Americans have served as committee chairs, 19 in the House and 1 in the Senate.

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), whose origins date back to 1969, currently has 43 members. Over its 40-year history, the CBC has been one of the most influential caucuses in Congress.

This report will be updated as needed.

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Introduction

One hundred thirty-two African Americans have served in the U.S. Congress: 126 in the House and 6 in the Senate.¹ Of these, 31 have been women. A record 43 African American Members (all in the House, including two delegates) serve in the 112th Congress. All but 2 are Democrats and 15 are women. No African Americans have served in both houses of Congress.

The majority of African American Members of Congress (103) have been Democrats; 29 have been Republicans. Five others, all Democrats, have served as Delegates to the House. All of the Democrats have been elected in the 20th and 21st centuries. Twenty-two African American Republicans served in the 19th century House, five in the 20th century (four in the House and one in the Senate), and one was reelected to a single term in the 21st century before retiring. Two others have been elected to the House in the 21st century.

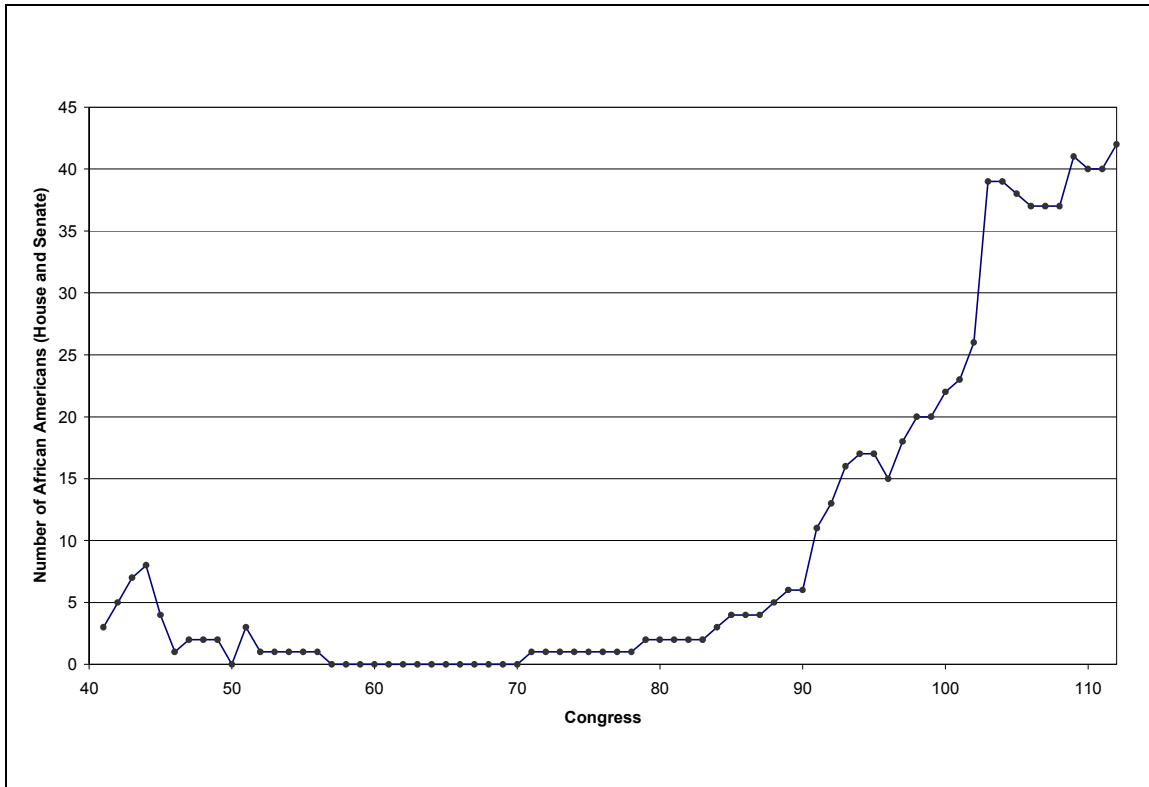
Historical Overview of African Americans in Congress

Excluding delegates, African Americans currently hold 41 (9.4%) of the 435 voting seats in the House of Representatives in the 112th Congress. Including delegates, African Americans currently hold 43 seats in the House of Representatives, totaling 9.8% of the entire House.² No African Americans serve in the Senate in the 112th Congress.

¹ Includes three Delegates from the U.S. Virgin Islands and two from the District of Columbia. For an in-depth look at African Americans in Congress, refer to U.S. Congress, House, Office of History and Preservation, *Black Americans in Congress, 1870-2007* (Washington: GPO, 2008), <http://baic.house.gov> .

² 44 African Americans were elected to the House at the beginning of the 112th Congress; one African American Member died in March 2012.

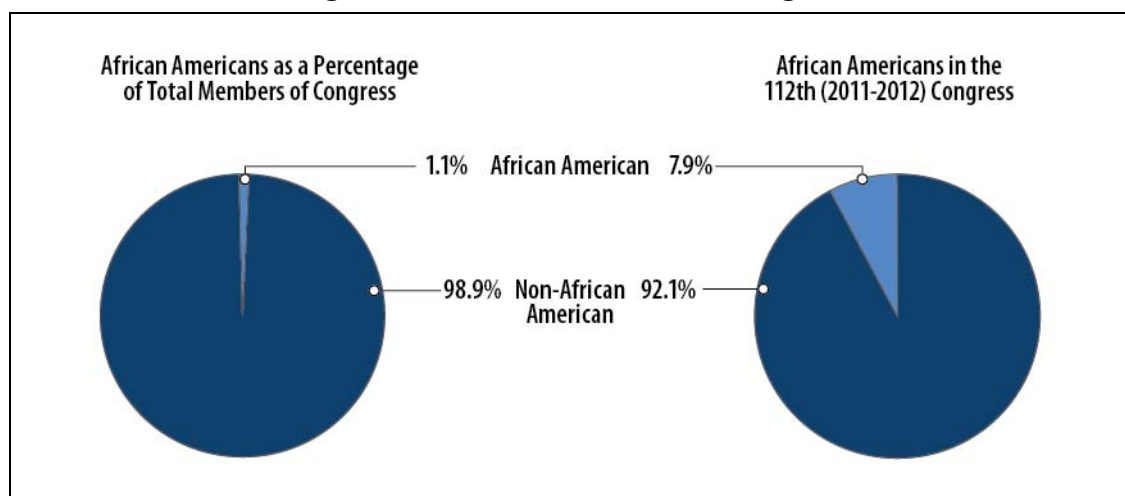
Figure I. Trends in the Number of African Americans in Congress, 41st Congress (1870-1871) to Present



Source: *Black Americans in Congress, 1870-2007* (Washington: GPO, 2008), <http://baic.house.gov>, supplemented by CRS.

Note: Delegates are not included in the data.

As **Figure 1** shows, the number of African Americans serving in Congress stayed below 10 until the 91st Congress (1969-1971), when those in the House doubled, growing from 5 to 10 in one Congress. The number of African-American Senators remained at 1. Subsequently, the number of African American Members steadily increased. In the 98th Congress (1983-1985), the number surpassed 20 for the first time and in the 103rd Congress (1993-1995) reached 40. Since the 106th Congress (1999-2001), the number has remained between 39 and 44 at any one time.

Figure 2. African Americans in Congress

Source: *Black Americans in Congress, 1870-2007* (Washington: GPO, 2008), <http://baic.house.gov>, supplemented by CRS. Figures compiled by CRS.

Notes: Delegates are not included in the data.

African Americans did not serve in Congress until the 41st Congress (1869-1871) when two were elected to the House and a third, Hiram Rhodes Revels (R-MS), was elected to the Senate by the Mississippi state legislature.³ This was during the Reconstruction period following the Civil War (1865-1877). Of particular significance is the fact that “all of the 17 African-American Members between 1870 and 1887 came from the new Reconstruction governments in the former Confederacy.”⁴ No African Americans served in Congress from the 57th Congress (1901-1903) until the 71st Congress (1929-1931), when one Member was elected to the House. This was in part because (1) the congressional focus on racial equality had faded; (2) the slow disintegration of the Republican-dominated Reconstruction governments had a detrimental effect on the rights of black voters, and those seeking political office were vulnerable to Democratic state governments controlled by former Confederates and their sympathizers; (3) a variety of impediments such as the poll tax and educational tests prevented African Americans from voting; and (4) some state legislatures attempted to gerrymander congressional districts to restrict the election of African Americans.⁵

Despite increases in the number of African Americans serving in Congress, especially since the 91st Congress (1969-1971), **Figure 2** shows that 1.1% of Members in the United States history have been African Americans. **Figure 2** shows the current composition of the 112th Congress with 7.9% voting African American Members.

³ This was prior to the ratification of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution in 1913 that provided for the direct election of Senators.

⁴ U. S. Congress, House, Office of History and Preservation, *Black Americans in Congress, 1870-2007* (Washington: GPO, 2008), p. 22; and <http://baic.house.gov>.

⁵ *Ibid.*, pp. 152-159.

African American Firsts in Congress

The first African American Member of Congress was Hiram Rhodes Revels (R-MS), who served in the Senate in the 41st Congress (1870-1871). He also has the distinction of being the first African American Member of the Senate and the first African American Member of Congress from Mississippi. On January 20, 1870, he was chosen by the Mississippi legislature to take the seat previously held by Albert G. Brown, who withdrew from the Senate on January 12, 1861, after Mississippi seceded from the Union. Senator Blanche K. Bruce (R-MS, 1875-1881) was the first African American Senator to serve a full Senate term of six years.

Joseph H. Rainey (R-SC, 1870-1879) was the first African American Member of the House of Representatives, beginning service, like Senator Revels, in the 41st Congress. Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), elected to the 91st through 97th Congresses (1969-1983), was the first African American woman to serve in Congress. Edward Brooke (R-MA) was the first African American elected to the Senate after passage of the Seventeenth Amendment, which provided for the direct election of Senators. He served in the 90th through 95th Congresses (1967-1979).

Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL, 1993-1999) is the only African American woman, as well as the first African American Democrat, to serve in the Senate. President Barack Obama was the first African American male Democrat to serve in the Senate. He served as a Senator from Illinois from 2005 until his resignation on November 16, 2008, after he was elected President of the United States. Senator Roland Burris (D-IL, 2009-present), who was appointed to the seat vacated by President Obama, is the first African American appointed to the Senate. Representative Walter Fauntroy (D-DC, 1971-1991) was the first African American delegate to serve in Congress.

Representative Charles Diggs (D-MI, 1955-1980) was the first chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

As chair of the Senate Select Committee to Investigate Freedman's Savings and Trust Company (46th Congress), Blanche K. Bruce (R-MS) was the first African American to chair a congressional committee. As chair of the House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments (81st Congress), William L. Dawson (D-IL, 1943-1970) was the first African American to chair a House committee.

Length of Service

John Conyers Jr. (D-MI), the current chair of the House Judiciary Committee, has served longer than any other African American Member of Congress. Representative Conyers has served since 1965. Edward Brooke (R-MA, 1967-1979) holds the record for Senate service by an African American.

How African Americans Enter Congress

Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution requires that all Members of the House of Representatives must be "chosen every second Year by the People of the several States." Therefore, all Representatives enter office through election, even those who enter after a seat becomes open during a Congress. By contrast, the Seventeenth Amendment gives state legislatures the option to empower governors to fill Senate vacancies by temporary appointment.

All 126 of the African Americans who have served in the House have been elected, as well as all but one of the six African American Senators. The lone exception is Senator Roland Burris (D-IL, 2009-2010).

African American Members in Leadership Positions

Representative James E. Clyburn (D-SC, 1993-present), the House assistant minority leader in the 112th Congress, served as the House majority whip in the 110th-111th Congresses, and as vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus in the 108th and 109th Congresses. Former Representatives William H. Gray III (D-PA, 1979-1991) and J.C. Watts (R-OK, 1995-2003) were also elected members of the House leadership. Representative Gray was chair of the House Democratic Caucus in 1989 (101st Congress). Later in that Congress, when a vacancy occurred, he was elected House majority whip, a position he held until his resignation from Congress in September 1991 (102nd Congress). Representative Watts served as chair of the House Republican Conference in the 106th-107th Congresses (1997-2003).

Representative John Lewis (D-GA, 1987-present), the Democratic senior chief deputy whip in the 110th-112th Congresses, served as a Democratic chief deputy whip in the 102nd-109th Congresses (1991-2007). Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA, 1991-present) has served as a Democratic chief deputy whip since the 106th Congress, and Representative G.K. Butterfield (D-NC, 2004-present) has served as a Democratic chief deputy whip since the 110th Congress. Former Representative Shirley Chisholm (D-NY, 1969-1983) served as secretary to the Democratic Caucus in the 96th Congress (1977-1979).

Nineteen African American Representatives and one Senator have chaired congressional committees, including four in the House in the 111th Congress and a record five in the 110th Congress. No African Americans serve as committee chairs in the 112th Congress.

The other African American committee chairs were Senator Blanche Bruce (R-MS, 1875-1881) and Representatives Yvonne B. Burke (D-CA, 1973-1979); William L. Clay Sr. (D-MO, 1969-2001); 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, 1979-2000); 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); Louis Stokes (D-OH, 1969-1999); Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA, 1996-2007); and Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH, 1999-2008).⁶

Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) traces its origins to the start of the 91st Congress in January 1969 when Representative Charles Diggs (MI) brought together the other African American Members of the House to form the Democratic Select Committee.⁷ As the Select

⁶ For more information, refer to “Black Americans Who Have Chaired Congressional Committees, 1870 to Present” at the *Black Americans in Congress* website at <http://baic.house.gov/historical-data/congressional-committee-chairs.html>

⁷ James Stuart Olson, “Congressional Black Caucus,” in *Historical Dictionary of the 1970s*, ed. James Stuart Olson (Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood Publishing Group, 1999), p. 103; and Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., (continued...)

Committee expanded its legislative goals and activities during 1970, it reorganized into a more formal organization, the Congressional Black Caucus, with 13 members at the start of the 92nd Congress in 1971. The CBC became only the fifth Member organization to exist in Congress.⁸ Since the 92nd Congress, all African American Members except three have joined the CBC. Currently, there are 42 members of the Congressional Black Caucus, comprising all the African American Members of Congress except one. It is chaired by Representative Emanuel Cleaver (MO).⁹

Three main factors contributed to the founding of the CBC: greater African American participation in electoral politics following passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, a perceived African American leadership vacuum due to the deaths or marginalization of many civil rights leaders in the late 1960s, and perceived inattention to issues of concern to African Americans by the Nixon Administration.¹⁰ Although the number of African American legislators increased during the 1968 and 1970 congressional elections, the African American community was still proportionally underrepresented in Congress. According to the CBC, its founding members “believed that a black caucus in Congress, speaking with a single voice, would provide political influence and visibility far beyond their numbers.”¹¹

In addition to serving as a voice for the African American community, the Congressional Black Caucus has also addressed issues of concern to the poor and other underrepresented minority groups, both in the United States and abroad. This broader scope is reflected in the original mission of the CBC: “to promote the public welfare through legislation designed to meet the needs of millions of neglected citizens.”¹² In domestic policy, the CBC has supported efforts to improve access and quality of education and health care, reduce unemployment, protect voting rights, and provide better housing and childcare for the poor and working class. In foreign policy, the CBC generally supports international human rights and focuses on issues where current U.S. policy may conflict with professed American values of liberty and equality.¹³ This was shown in the CBC stance against apartheid in South Africa, its push for humanitarian aid and refugee assistance for Haiti, and the continual efforts of some CBC members to urge Congress to consider the concerns of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).¹⁴ Historically, the CBC has used

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“Origins and the History of the Congressional Black Caucus,” at <http://www.cbcfinc.org/cbc/html>.

⁸ CRS Report R40683, *Congressional Member Organizations: Their Purpose and Activities, History, and Formation*, by Robert Jay Dilger.

⁹ For more information about the current CBC members, see Congressional Black Caucus, “CBC Members,” at <http://www.house.gov/cleaver/cbc/members.html>.

¹⁰ Carol M. Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress* (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2006), p. 37; and Charles E. Jones, “An Overview of the Congressional Black Caucus,” in *Readings in American Political Issues*, ed. Franklin D. Jones, et al., (Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, 1987), p. 233.

¹¹ Congressional Black Caucus, “History & Agenda,” at http://thecongressionalblackcaucus.lee.house.gov/history_details.html.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Raymond W. Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy* (New York: Novinka Books, 2003), pp. 14-15.

¹⁴ Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, pp. 11-12.

both informal and formal strategies to influence foreign policy, varying from organizing protests and boycotts to conducting special hearings, writing letters, and introducing legislation.¹⁵

At times, the CBC plays an oppositional role, both within Congress and the established party structure. One scholar has argued that within Congress, the CBC serves “not only as an interest group for blacks but also as a labor union for its members.”¹⁶ In 1974, for example, House leadership agreed to put one black Member on each major committee at the urging of the CBC.¹⁷ The CBC also often issues declarations of its policy agenda, distinct from either party’s agenda. This was reflected by some of the earliest caucus efforts, beginning with a February 1970 letter to President Richard Nixon addressing issues facing black and impoverished Americans and the presentation of 61 policy recommendations to the President concerning domestic and foreign policy matters at a meeting on March 25, 1971.¹⁸ Another example is the CBC alternative federal budget, which has been presented to Congress annually since 1981.¹⁹

The caucus also plays a symbolic role for the African American community. Some scholars have argued that the caucus is more effective as a social and community organization than it is a political or legislative institution.²⁰ Evidence also indicates that in recent years CBC members may use the organization’s increased size and influence within the House to ascend to party and committee leadership positions.²¹ As Members of the House and Senate, CBC members held the highest national elected office positions of any African Americans until the 2008 presidential election of former CBC member Barack Obama. The CBC Foundation (CBCF) sponsors a number of leadership development programs, internships, fellowships, and scholarships to encourage the next generation of African American leaders.²² In Congress, CBC members regularly celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans and minorities, by introducing resolutions to commemorate African American and minority leaders as well as civil rights activists.²³

¹⁵ Michael L. Clemons, “Conceptualizing the Foreign Affairs Participation of African Americans,” in *African Americans in Global Affairs: Contemporary Perspectives*, ed. Michael L. Clemons, (Boston, MA: Northeastern University Press, 2010), pp. 57-59.

¹⁶ Robert Singh, *The Congressional Black Caucus: Racial Politics in the U.S. Congress* (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, 1998), p. xii.

¹⁷ Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, p. 40.

¹⁸ Marguerite Ross Barnett, “The Congressional Black Caucus,” *Proceedings of the Academy of Political Science*, vol. 32, no. 1 (1975), p. 35.

¹⁹ Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, pp. 12-13; For information on recent CBC alternative budgets, see Office of Representative Bobby Scott, “Congressional Black Caucus FY2010 Budget Substitute Amendment,” April 2009 press release, at http://www.bobbyscott.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=380&Itemid=89.

²⁰ Arthur B. Levy and Susan Stouder, “Sources of Voting Cues for the Congressional Black Caucus,” *Journal of Black Studies*, vol. 7 (1976), pp. 29-46.

²¹ Kareem Crayton, “The Changing Face of the Congressional Black Caucus,” *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*, vol. 19 (2009-2010), p. 494.

²² Members of the CBC established the non-profit and non-partisan Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) in 1976 to “advance the global black community by developing leaders, informing policy and educating the public.” In addition to leadership development programs, the CBCF conducts policy research on economic development, public health, and other pertinent issues for the black community. As a part of its public education goals, the CBCF also holds seminars on these topics, and launched an online archive (Avoice Online) to document the history of African Americans in Congress and the history of the CBC. See Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., “About CBCF,” at <http://www.cbcfinc.org/about-cbcf.html>.

²³ Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, p. 17.

Three noteworthy legislative initiatives championed by the CBC include the establishment of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, sanctions on South Africa to pressure an end to apartheid, and humanitarian assistance to Haiti.²⁴ The subsequent section describes the CBC's role in these legislative endeavors.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The bill to establish a federal holiday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on November 3, 1983.²⁵ Representative John Conyers (MI) introduced the first Martin Luther King Jr. holiday bill on April 8, 1968, four days after King's assassination. After its founding in 1971, the CBC became a strong advocate for a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, frequently participating in demonstrations, orchestrating petition drives, and introducing legislation. In 1971, Congress received a petition signed by 6 million Americans in support of the King holiday, and Representative Conyers and Representative Shirley Chisholm (NY), another CBC member, reintroduced King holiday legislation during every subsequent session of Congress until the holiday became law. On January 15, 1981, musician Stevie Wonder, with the support of the CBC, sponsored a march, rally, and benefit concert in Washington, DC, to celebrate what would have been King's 52nd birthday and to raise awareness about the King holiday legislation.²⁶

On August 27, 1983, more than 200,000 people gathered for a civil rights march at the Lincoln Memorial to commemorate the 20th anniversary of King's march on Washington.²⁷ The attention to King's legacy, coupled with political protests and the spread of local and state King holiday legislation, made 1983 an opportune time for enactment of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The successful 1983 legislation was introduced by CBC member Representative Katie Hall on July 29, passing the House by a vote of 338-90 on August 2 and the Senate by a vote of 78-22 on October 19, and was signed into law on November 2.²⁸

Ending Apartheid in South Africa

The CBC began to address apartheid during the 1970s because it felt that the executive branch had not made ending discrimination in South Africa a priority.²⁹ Between 1972 and 1986,

²⁴ Sources detailing CBC involvement with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Bill, include Avoice Online, "The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Bill," at <http://www.avoiceonline.org/mlk/timeline.html>; Jones, "An Overview of the Congressional Black Caucus," p. 236; and Singh, *The Congressional Black Caucus: Racial Politics in the U.S. Congress*, pp. 95-96. For CBC efforts to end apartheid in South Africa, see Avoice Online, "Anti-Apartheid," at <http://www.avoiceonline.org/aam/>; Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, pp. 11-14, pp. 26-30; and Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, p. 12. Sources detailing CBC involvement with humanitarian aid and other policies regarding Haiti include Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, pp. 37-40; Singh, *The Congressional Black Caucus: Racial Politics in the U.S. Congress*, pp. 188-189; and Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, pp. 236-237.

²⁵ P.L. 98-144, 97 Stat. 917 (Nov. 3, 1983).

²⁶ Avoice Online, "The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Bill," <http://www.avoiceonline.org/mlk/timeline.html>.

²⁷ John Herbers, "1983 March: Left Revives," *New York Times*, August 29, 1983, at <http://www.factiva.com>.

²⁸ Congressional Black Caucus, "1983 Legislative Achievements," at <http://www.avoiceonline.org/assets/txu-gwc-84-98-f8-01/txu-gwc-84-98-f8-01.pdf>; Avoice Online, "Origins of the CBC," at <http://www.avoiceonline.org/cbc/history.html>; and Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, p. 132.

²⁹ Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, p. 27.

members of the CBC introduced more than 15 bills seeking to end apartheid and racial discrimination practices in South Africa. As a result of the CBC's Black Leadership Conference, the CBC helped establish TransAfrica in 1976, a foreign policy advocacy group designed to raise awareness about African and Caribbean issues. Besides endorsing legislative sanctions, TransAfrica and the CBC also lobbied corporations and universities to divest from South Africa. Through hearings, rallies, and protests in their home districts and in Washington, DC, CBC members increased attention on apartheid in South Africa.³⁰

During the 1980s, public awareness and concern about apartheid grew as violence increased in South Africa. By the mid-1980s, the need to address apartheid in South Africa became more pressing and politically feasible. The Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act (H.R. 4868), introduced by a CBC member, Representative William H. Gray (PA),³¹ included sanctions against South Africa that would not be eased until certain conditions, like the release of political prisoners, were met. The original sanctions in the bill included banning new investments in or loans to South Africa, prohibiting imports of uranium, steel, and coal imports, and removing airport landing rights for South African Airways. An amendment by another CBC member, Representative Ronald Dellums (CA), strengthened the sanctions to include a full trade embargo and complete divestment from South Africa.³² The bill was vetoed by President Ronald Reagan on September 26, 1986,³³ but was overridden by a House vote of 313 to 83 on September 29, 1986, and by a Senate vote of 78 to 21 on October 2, 1986.³⁴

Humanitarian Aid to Haiti

In 1976, Representative Shirley Chisholm (NY) and Delegate Walter Fauntroy (DC) formed the Congressional Black Caucus Task Force on Haitian Refugees to pursue humane treatment and equal justice for refugees from Haiti entering the United States. The name of the caucus was changed to the Congressional Task Force on Haiti in 1981 as it adopted broader policy objectives regarding Haiti and also included members outside of the CBC.³⁵

By 1985, it was clear that the 30-year dictatorial regime of Francois Duvalier and his son Jean-Claude Duvalier was nearing its end. In 1986, the U.S. Embassy, working with the Roman Catholic Church and Haitian army, deposed President Jean-Claude Duvalier peacefully, and Haiti scheduled its first free election for November 29, 1987.³⁶ In response to the efforts of the

³⁰ For more information about the CBC and the formation of TransAfrica, see Avoice Online, "Origins of the CBC," at <http://www.avoiceonline.org/cbc/history.html>; and TransAfrica Forum, "Our History," at <http://www.transafricaforum.org/about-us/our-history>. For more information regarding CBC opposition to South African apartheid, see Avoice Online, "Anti-Apartheid," at <http://www.avoiceonline.org/aam/>.

³¹ P.L. 99-440, 100 Stat. 1086 (Oct. 2, 1986).

³² Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, pp. 26-30.

³³ Pres. Ronald Reagan, "Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986 – Veto Message from the President of the United States," read in the House, *Congressional Record*, vol. 132, part 19 (September 29, 1986), pp. 27076-27077.

³⁴ "Roll Call 425," *Congressional Record*, vol. 132, part 19 (September 29, 1986), p. 27101; and "Roll Call 311," *Congressional Record*, vol. 132, part 19 (October 2, 1986), p. 27859.

³⁵ Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, p. 13.

³⁶ Walter E. Fauntroy, "Haiti Doesn't Need a Tarzan to Come Rescue It," letter to the editor, *New York Times*, September 16, 1987.

Congressional Task Force on Haiti, American aid to Haiti doubled from \$50 million in 1986 to \$101 million in 1987, despite tight fiscal conditions.³⁷

CBC activism for Haiti continued during the late 1980s and 1990s, as a series of military coups led to a difficult post-Duvalier transition period. After Haiti's first democratic presidential election in December 1990, President Bertrand Aristide was overthrown in September 1991, eight months after taking office. Many in the CBC believed the only remedy for the escalating refugee crisis was to restore Aristide to office. Beginning in October 1993, the CBC asked President Bill Clinton to impose the strongest military sanctions available against Haiti or to conduct a military intervention. A letter sent to President Clinton on March 18, 1994, by the CBC and signed by all its members, stated that "The United States Haiti policy must be scrapped." The CBC supported the U.S.- and U.N.-imposed sanctions on Haiti during May and June 1994, with some members advocating for even stronger sanctions. An envoy sent to Haiti on September 18, 1994, by President Clinton convinced Haiti's military rulers to resign and to allow U.S. peacekeeping troops to enter the country and restore Aristide to the presidency.³⁸

Concerned about the cost of the Haiti mission and the lack of a troop withdrawal date, Representative Gary Franks (CT), the only Republican member of the CBC, publicly opposed the Clinton Administration's policy and blamed the CBC for the President's decision, stating that a "majority of the Congressional Black Caucus wanted the United States to invade Haiti, and President Clinton caved in." Others argue that Clinton and the CBC simply shared the same position and that the refugee situation constituted a vital American interest.³⁹

Tables and Data

This section of the report provides tabular information on African American Members of Congress, including the Congresses in which they served, the committees, on which they served, and an indication of the committees they chaired or co-chaired, or served as ranking Member. In addition, five tables summarize information about African American Members.

Table 1 presents the number and names of African American Members by Congress. **Table 2** presents the same information by state. **Table 3** shows the changing number of African American Members serving in Congress since 1870, when the first Member was elected.

Most of the data presented are drawn from the *Biographical Directory of the American Congress*, <http://bioguide.congress.gov>, various editions of the *Congressional Directory*, and a broad range of Congressional Quarterly Inc. and Leadership Directories Inc. publications. For additional information, refer to *Black Americans in Congress, 1870-2007*, (Washington: GPO, 2008), <http://baic.house.gov>, written by the Office of History and Preservation in the House of Representatives.⁴⁰

³⁷ David Binder, "Washington Talk: Foreign Affairs; Haitians Gain Influential Following in America," *New York Times*, September 23, 1987, p. A26.

³⁸ Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, pp. 38-39.

³⁹ Rep. Richard Gephardt et al., "Commending the President and the Special Delegation to Haiti, and Supporting the United States Armed Forces in Haiti," remarks in the House, *Congressional Record*, vol. 140, part 18 (September 19, 1994), pp. 24755-24768.

⁴⁰ The *Black Americans in Congress* website, <http://baic.house.gov>, is updated for each Congress, despite the "2007" in (continued...)

For 112th Congress committee assignments, the sources are *Official Alphabetical List of the Members with Committee Assignments in the 112th Congress* (available online from the clerk's website at http://clerk.house.gov/committee_info/oal.pdf).

Note that the names and jurisdiction of House and Senate committees have changed several 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 African American 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 108th Congress; served from January 7, 2003, until his resignation June 11, 2004.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. Agriculture | 108 th |
| H. Small Business | 108 th |

BASS, KAREN, a Representative from California. Born on October 3, 1953. Elected as a Democrat to the 112th Congress; has served since January 3, 2011.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. Budget | 112 th |
| H. Foreign Affairs | 112 th |

BISHOP, SANFORD D. Jr., a Representative from Georgia. Born on February 4, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 112th Congresses; has served since January 5, 1993.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Agriculture | 103 rd -107 th |
| H. Post Office and Civil Service | 103 rd |
| H. Veterans' Affairs | 103 rd -104 th |
| H. Select Intelligence | 105 th -107 th |
| H. Appropriations | 108 th -112 th |

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BLACKWELL, LUCIEN E., a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on August 1, 1931; died on January 24, 2003. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative William Gray; reelected to the 103rd Congress; served from November 11, 1991, to January 3, 1995.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries | 102 nd |
| H. Public Works and Transportation | 102 nd -103 rd |
| H. Budget | 103 rd |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|------------------------------------|
| S. Aeronautical and Space Sciences | 90 th |
| S. Banking and Currency (ranking Member, 95 th) | 90 th -91 st |
| S. Government Operations | 90 th |
| S. Armed Services | 91 st |
| S. Select Equal Education Opportunity | 91 st -92 nd |
| S. Appropriations | 92 nd -95 th |
| S. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 92 nd -95 th |
| S. Special Aging | 92 nd -95 th |
| S. Select Standards and Conduct | 93 rd -94 th |
| Jt. Bicentennial Arrangements (vice-chair, 94 th) | 94 th |
| Jt. Defense Production | 94 th -95 th |

BROWN, CORRINE, a Representative from Florida. Born on November 11, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 112th Congresses; has served since January 5, 1993.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Government Operations | 103 rd |
| H. Public Works and Transportation | 103 rd |
| H. Veterans' Affairs | 103 rd -112 th |
| H. Transportation and Infrastructure | 104 th -112 th |

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 44th Congress and served through the 46th Congress, from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1881.

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

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

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

BURRIS, ROLAND, a Senator from Illinois. Born on August 3, 1937. Appointed as a Democrat to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of President Barack Obama; appointed on December 31, 2008, to the 110th Congress, but not seated until January 15, 2009, in the 111th Congress. Served from January 15, 2009, to November 29, 2010.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|-------------------|
| S. Armed Services | 111 th |
| S. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | 111 th |
| S. Veteran's Affairs | 111 th |

BUTTERFIELD, G.K., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on April 27, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 108th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Frank Ballance; reelected to the 109th-112th Congresses, has served since July 21, 2004; a chief deputy Democratic whip in the 110th and 112th Congresses.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Small Business | 108 th |
| H. Agriculture | 108 th -109 th |

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Armed Services | 109 th |
| H. Energy and Commerce | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Standards of Official Conduct | 111 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| H. Agriculture | 43 rd |
| H. Private Land Claims | 45 th |

CARSON, ANDRÉ, a Representative from Indiana. Born on October 16, 1974. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his grandmother, Julia Carson; reelected to the 111th-112th Congresses; has served since March 13, 2008.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Financial Services | 110 th -112 th |

CARSON, JULIA M., a Representative from Indiana. Born on July 8, 1938; died in office December 15, 2007. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th through 110th Congresses; served from January 9, 1997, to December 15, 2007.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Banking and Financial Services | 105 th -106 th |
| H. Financial Services | 107 th -110 th |
| H. Veterans' Affairs | 105 th -107 th |
| H. Transportation and Infrastructure | 108 th -110 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| H. Expenditures on Public Buildings | 51 st -52 nd |
| H. Education | 51 st -52 nd |
| H. Agriculture | 52 nd |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| H. Veterans' Affairs | 91 st -92 nd |
| H. Education and Labor | 92 nd -94 th |
| H. Rules | 95 th -97 th |

CHRISTENSEN, DONNA M., a Delegate from the Virgin Islands. Born on September 19, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th Congress through 112th Congresses; has served since January 7, 1997. First woman elected from the Virgin Islands.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| H. Resources / H. Natural Resources | 105 th -112 th (1 st session) |
| H. Small Business | 106 th -109 th |
| H. Homeland Security | 108 th -110 th , 112 th (1 st session) |
| H. Energy and Commerce | 111 th -112 th |

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

CLARKE, HANSEN H., a Representative from Michigan. Born on March 2, 1957. Elected as a Democrat to 112th Congress; has served since January 3, 2011.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. Homeland Security | 112 th |
| H. Science, Space and Technology | 112 th |

CLARKE, YVETTE D., a Representative from New York. Born on November 21, 1964. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 4, 2007.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Education and Labor | 110 th -111 th |
| H. Homeland Security | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Small Business | 110 th -112 th |

CLAY, WILLIAM L. Sr., a Representative from Missouri. Born on April 30, 1931. Elected as a Democrat to the 91st through 106th Congresses; served from January 3, 1969, to January 3, 2001. Succeeded by his son, Representative William Lacy Clay Jr. First African American Member of Congress from Missouri.

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

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 107th-112th Congresses; has served since January 3, 2001.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Financial Services | 107 th -112 th |
| H. Government Reform | 107 th -109 th |
| H. Oversight and Government Reform | 110 th -112 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Agriculture | 103 rd -107 th |
| H. Small Business | 103 rd |
| H. Budget | 105 th -107 th |

CLEAVER, EMANUEL II, a Representative from Missouri. Born on October 26, 1944. Elected as Democrat to the 109th-112th Congresses; has served since January 4, 2005. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 112th Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| H. Financial Services | 109 th -112 th |
| H. Energy Independence and Global Warming | 110 th -111 th |
| H. Homeland Security | 111 th |

CLYBURN, JAMES E., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on July 21, 1940. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 112th Congresses; has served since January 5, 1993. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 106th Congress. Vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus in the 108th-109th Congresses; House majority whip in the 110th and 111th Congresses; Assistant Democratic Leader, 112th Congress.

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

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

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

COLLINS, CARDISS, a Representative from Illinois. Born on September 24, 1931. Elected as a Democrat to the 93rd through 104th 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 in the 96th Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| H. Government Operations / H. Government Reform and Oversight (ranking Member, 104 th) | 93 rd -104 rd |
| H. Public Works | 93 rd |
| H. International Relations | 94 th -95 th |
| H. Foreign Affairs | 96 th |
| H. District of Columbia | 95 th |
| H. Energy and Commerce | 97 th -103 rd |
| H. Commerce | 104 th |
| H. Select Population | 95 th |
| H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control | 96 th -102 nd |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| H. Government Operations | 91 st -92 nd |
| H. Public Works | 92 nd |

CONYERS, JOHN Jr., a Representative from Michigan. Born on May 16, 1929. Elected as a Democrat to the 89th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 3, 1965.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| H. Judiciary (committee chair, 110 th -111 th ; ranking Member, 104 th -109 th , 112 th) | 89 th -112 th |
| H. Government Operations (committee chair, 101 st -103 rd) | 92 nd -103 rd |
| H. Small Business | 100 th -103 rd |

CROCKETT, GEORGE W., a Representative from Michigan. Born on August 10, 1909; died on September 7, 1997. Elected as a Democrat to the 96th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Charles Diggs; reelected to the 97th through 101st Congresses; served from November 12, 1980, to January 3, 1991.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| H. Foreign Affairs | 96 th -101 st |
| H. Judiciary | 97 th -101 st |
| H. Small Business | 97 th |
| H. Select Aging | 97 th -101 st |

CUMMINGS, ELIJAH E., a Representative from Maryland. Born on January 18, 1951. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Kweisi Mfume; reelected to the 105th through 112th Congresses; has served since April 25, 1996. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 108th Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| H. Government Reform and Oversight / H. Government Reform | 104 th -109 th |
| H. Oversight and Government Reform (ranking Member, 112 th) | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Transportation and Infrastructure | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Armed Services | 110 th |
| Jt. Economic Committee | 109 th -112 th |

DAVIS, ARTUR, a Representative from Alabama. Born on October 9, 1967. Elected as a Democrat to the 108th through 111th Congresses; served from January 7, 2003, to January 3, 2011.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| H. Budget | 108 th -109 th |
| H. Financial Services | 108 th - 109 th |
| H. Judiciary | 110 th |
| H. Ways and Means | 110 th -111 th |

DAVIS, DANNY K., a Representative from Illinois. Born on September 6, 1941. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 7, 1997.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| H. Small Business | 105 th -109 th |
| H. Government Reform and Oversight / H. Government Reform | 105 th -109 th |
| H. Oversight and Government Reform | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Education and the Workforce | 108 th -109 th |
| H. Education and Labor | 110 th |
| H. Ways and Means | 111 th |
| H. Homeland Security | 112 th |

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

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

DeLARGE, ROBERT C., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on March 15, 1842; died on February 14, 1874. Elected as a Republican to the 42nd 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.

| Committee Assignment | Congress |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| H. Manufactures | 42 nd |

DELLUMS, RONALD V., a Representative from California. Born on November 25, 1935. Elected as a Democrat to the 92nd through 105th Congresses; served from January 3, 1971, until February 6, 1998, when he resigned from the House. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 101st Congress. Elected mayor of Oakland in 2006.

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

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| H. Enrolled Bills | 71 st -73 rd |
| H. Invalid Pensions | 71 st -73 rd |
| H. Indian Affairs | 71 st -73 rd |
| H. Post Office and Post Roads | 73 rd |

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

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

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| H. Appropriations | 96 th -106 th |
| H. Standards of Official Conduct (committee chair, 99 th -101 st) | 98 th -101 st |
| H. Select Intelligence (ranking Member, 106 th) | 103 rd -106 th |

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

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

EDWARDS, DONNA F., a Representative from Maryland. Born on June 28, 1958. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Albert Wynn; reelected to the 111th and 112th Congresses; has served since June 19, 2008.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| H. Science and Technology / H. Science, Space and Technology | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Transportation and Infrastructure | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Ethics | 112 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| H. Education and Labor | 42 nd -43 rd |
| H. Militia | 43 rd |

ELLISON, KEITH, a Representative from Minnesota. Born on August 4, 1963. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 4, 2007. First African American Member of Congress from Minnesota. First Muslim Member of Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Financial Services | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Judiciary | 110 th |
| H. Foreign Affairs | 111 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Agriculture | 100 th -102 nd |
| H. Budget | 101 st -102 nd |
| H. Select Hunger | 101 st -102 nd |
| Jt. Deficit Reduction | 100 th |

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 96th Congress; served from January 3, 1979, to January 3, 1981. First African American Delegate from the Virgin Islands.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| H. Armed Services | 96 th |
| H. Interior and Insular Affairs | 96 th |
| H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries | 96 th |

FATTAH, CHAKA, a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on November 21, 1956. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 3, 1995.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| H. Government Reform and Oversight / H. Government Reform | 104 th -106 th |
| H. Economic and Educational Opportunities | 104 th |
| H. Education and the Workforce | 105 th -106 th |
| H. Small Business | 104 th |
| H. Standards of Official Conduct | 105 th -106 th |
| H. Administration | 106 th -107 th |
| Jt. Printing | 106 th -107 th |
| H. Appropriations | 107 th -112 th |

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

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

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs | 103 rd |
| H. Banking and Financial Services | 104 th |
| H. Small Business | 103 rd -104 th |

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

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

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| H. Veterans' Affairs | 94 th |

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| H. Banking, Currency, and Housing | 94 th |
| H. Ways and Means | 94 th -104 th |
| H. Select Aging | 94 th -102 nd |
| H. Select Assassinations | 94 th -95 th |

FORD, HAROLD E. Jr., a Representative from Tennessee. Born on May 11, 1970. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th through 109th Congresses; served from January 7, 1997, to January 3, 2007. At age 26, he was the youngest Member of the 105th Congress. Succeeded his father, Harold E. Ford Sr.

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

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. Armed Services | 102 nd |
| H. Small Business | 102 nd |
| H. Energy and Commerce | 103 rd |
| H. Commerce | 104 th |
| H. Select Committee on Aging | 102 nd |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. International Relations | 104 th |

FUDGE, MARCIA L., a representative from Ohio. Born on October 29, 1952. Elected as Democrat to the 111th Congress and also to the 110th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Stephanie Tubbs Jones; reelected to the 112th Congress; has served since November 19, 2008.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| H. Education and Labor | 111 th |
| H. Science and Technology / H. Science, Space and Technology | 111 th -112 th |
| H. Agriculture | 112 th |

GRAY, WILLIAM H. III, a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on August 20, 1941. Elected as a Democrat to the 96th through 102nd 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 101st Congress; later in that Congress House Democratic whip (through the First Session of the 102nd Congress).

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

GREEN, AL, a Representative from Texas. Born on September 1, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 109th through the 112th Congress; has served since January 4, 2005.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Financial Services | 109 th -112 th |
| H. Science | 109 th |
| H. Homeland Security | 110 th -111 th |
| H. Foreign Affairs | 111 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| H. Post Office and Civil Service | 98 th |
| H. Public Works and Transportation | 98 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| H. Public Expenditures | 44 th |

HASTINGS, ALCEE L., a Representative from Florida. Born on September 5, 1936. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 112th Congresses; has served since January 5, 1993.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Foreign Affairs | 103 rd |
| H. International Relations | 104 th -107 th |
| H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries | 103 rd |
| H. Post Office and Civil Service | 103 rd |
| H. Science | 104 th -105 th |
| H. Select Intelligence | 106 th -111 th |
| H. Rules | 107 th -112 th |
| H. Standards of Official Conduct | 110 th |

HAWKINS, AUGUSTUS F., a Representative from California. Born on August 31, 1907; died on November 10, 2007. Elected as a Democrat to the 88th through 101st Congresses; served from January 3, 1963, to January 3, 1991. First African American Member of Congress from California.

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

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Education and Labor | 98 th -102 nd |
| H. Small Business | 98 th -101 st |
| H. Post Office and Civil Service | 101 st -102 nd |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Agriculture | 103 rd -107 th |
| H. Small Business | 103 rd -104 th |
| H. International Relations | 105 th -107 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| H. Manufactures | 44 th |

JACKSON, JESSE L. Jr., a Representative from Illinois. Born on March 11, 1965. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th Congress to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Melvin Reynolds; reelected to the 105th through 112th Congresses; has served since December 14, 1995.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Banking and Financial Services | 104 th -105 th |
| H. Small Business | 105 th |
| H. Appropriations | 106 th -112 th |

JACKSON LEE, SHEILA, a Representative from Texas. Born on January 12, 1950. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 3, 1995.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Judiciary | 104 th -112 th |
| H. Science | 104 th -109 th |
| H. Homeland Security | 108 th -112 th |
| H. Foreign Affairs | 110 th -111 th |

JEFFERSON, WILLIAM J., a Representative from Louisiana. Born on March 14, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd through 110th Congresses; served from January 3, 1991, to January 3, 2009.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. Education and Labor | 102 nd |
| H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries | 102 nd |
| H. District of Columbia | 103 rd |

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|--|
| H. Ways and Means | 103 rd , 105 th -109 th |
| H. National Security | 104 th |
| H. House Oversight | 104 th |
| H. Budget | 109 th |
| H. Small Business | 110 th |
| Jt. Printing | 104 th |

JOHNSON, EDDIE BERNICE, a Representative from Texas. Born on December 3, 1935. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 112th Congresses; has served since January 5, 1993. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 107th Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| H. Public Works and Transportation | 103 rd |
| H. Transportation and Infrastructure | 104 th -111 th |
| H. Science, Space, and Technology / H. Science and Technology/ H. Science (ranking Member, 112 th) | 103 rd -112 th |

JOHNSON, HENRY C. (HANK) Jr., a Representative from Georgia. Born on October 2, 1954. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 4, 2007.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Armed Services | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Judiciary | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Small Business | 110 th |

JONES, STEPHANIE TUBBS, a Representative from Ohio. Born on September 10, 1949; died in office August 20, 2008. Elected as a Democrat to the 106th through 110th Congresses; served from January 3, 1999, to August 20, 2008.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| H. Banking and Financial Services | 106 th |
| H. Financial Services | 107 th |
| H. Small Business | 106 th |
| H. Standards of Official Conduct (committee chair, 110 th) | 107 th -110 th |
| H. Ways and Means | 108 th -110 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| H. Judiciary | 93 rd -95 th |
| H. Government Operations | 94 th -95 th |

KILPATRICK, CAROLYN CHEEKS, a Representative from Michigan. Born on June 25, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th through 111th Congresses; served from January 7, 1997, to January 3, 2011. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 110th Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Banking and Financial Services | 105 th |
| H. House Oversight | 105 th |
| Jt. Committee on the Library | 105 th |
| H. Appropriations | 106 th -111 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| H. Education | 51 st |

LEE, BARBARA, a Representative from California. Born on July 16, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Ronald Dellums; reelected to the 106th through 112th Congresses; has served since April 20, 1998. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 111th Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Banking and Financial Services | 105 th -106 th |
| H. Financial Services | 107 th -109 th |
| H. Science | 105 th |
| H. International Relations | 106 th -109 th |
| H. Appropriations | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Foreign Affairs | 111 th |

LELAND, GEORGE T. (MICKEY), a Representative from Texas. Born on November 27, 1944; died in a airplane crash on August 7, 1989, while touring Ethiopian refugee camps. Elected as a Democrat to the 96th through 101st Congresses; served from January 3, 1979, to August 7, 1989. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 99th Congress.

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

LEWIS, JOHN R., a Representative from Georgia. Born on February 19, 1940. Elected as a Democrat to the 100th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 6, 1987. A Democratic chief deputy whip in the 102nd through 109th Congresses; senior chief deputy Democratic whip in the 110th through 112th Congresses.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Public Works and Transportation | 100 th -102 nd |
| H. Interior and Insular Affairs | 100 th -102 nd |
| H. Select Aging | 101 st -102 nd |
| H. District of Columbia | 103 rd |
| H. Ways and Means | 103 rd -112 th |
| H. Budget | 108 th |

LONG, JEFFERSON F., a Representative from Georgia. Born on March 3, 1836; died on February 5, 1900. Elected as a Republican to the 41st 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 African American Member of Congress from Georgia.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| None | — |

LYNCH, JOHN R., a Representative from Mississippi. Born on September 10, 1847; died on November 2, 1939. Elected as a Republican to the 43rd, 44th, and 47th 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 43rd Congress. First African American Member of the House of Representatives from Mississippi.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| H. Mines and Mining | 43 rd -44 th |
| H. Militia | 47 th |
| H. Education and Labor | 47 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. Budget | 108 th |
| H. Education and the Workforce | 108 th |
| H. Small Business | 108 th |

McKINNEY, CYNTHIA A., a Representative from Georgia. Born on March 17, 1955. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 107th Congresses; served from January 5, 1993, to January 3, 2003; elected to the 109th Congress; served from January 4, 2005, to January 3, 2007.

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

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------------|--|
| H. Appropriations | 103 rd , 105 th -107 th |
| H. Budget | 104 th |
| H. Government Reform and Oversight | 104 th |

MEEK, KENDRICK, a Representative from Florida. Born on September 6, 1966. Elected to the 108th through 111th Congresses; served from January 7, 2003, to January 3, 2011. Succeeded his mother, Representative Carrie Meek.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Armed Services | 108 th -110 th |
| H. Homeland Security | 108 th -109 th |
| H. Ways and Means | 110 th -111 th |

MEEKS, GREGORY, a Representative from New York. Born on September 25, 1953. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Floyd Flake; reelected to the 106th through 112th Congresses; has served since February 5, 1998.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Banking and Financial Services | 105 th -106 th |
| H. Financial Services | 107 th -112 th |
| H. International Relations | 106 th -109 th |
| H. Foreign Affairs | 110 th -112 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| H. Interstate and Foreign Commerce | 92 nd -95 th |
| H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries | 92 nd -95 th |
| H. Post Office and Civil Service | 95 th |

MFUME, KWEISI, a Representative from Maryland. Born on October 24, 1948. Elected as a Democrat to the 100th through 104th 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 103rd Congress. Co-chair of the Democratic Policy Committee in the 104th Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs | 100 th -103 rd |
| H. Banking and Financial Services | 104 th |
| H. Small Business | 100 th -104 th |
| H. Education and Labor | 101 st |
| H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control | 101 st -102 nd |
| Jt. Economic | 102 nd -104 th |

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. Standards of Official Conduct | 103 rd |
| H. Select Hunger | 100 th |

MILLENDER-McDONALD, JUANITA, a Representative from California. Born on September 7, 1938; died in office on April 22, 2007. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Walter Tucker; reelected to the 105th through 110th Congresses; served from April 16, 1996, to April 22, 2007.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| H. Small Business | 104 th -110 th |
| H. Transportation and Infrastructure | 104 th -109 th |
| H. Administration (committee chair, 110 th , 1 st sess.; ranking Member 109 th) | 108 th -110 th |
| Jt. Library (committee chair, 110 th , 1 st session) | 108 th , 110 th |
| Jt. Printing (committee chair, 110 th , 1 st sess.) | 110 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| H. Library of Congress | 51 st |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| H. Post Office and Post Roads | 74 th -77 th |

MITCHELL, PARREN J., a Representative from Maryland. Born on April 29, 1922; died May 28, 2007. Elected as a Democrat to the 92nd through 99th Congresses; served from January 3, 1971, to January 3, 1987. First African American Member of Congress from Maryland. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 95th Congress.

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

MOORE, GWEN, a Representative from Wisconsin. Born on April 18, 1951. Elected as a Democrat to the 109th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 4, 2005. First African American Member of Congress from Wisconsin.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Financial Services | 109 th -112 th |
| H. Small Business | 109 th -110 th |
| H. Budget | 110 th -112 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| S. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 103 rd -105 th |
| S. Judiciary | 103 rd |
| S. Small Business | 103 rd |
| S. Finance | 104 th -105 th |
| S. Special Aging | 104 th -105 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|------------------------------------|
| H. Education | 53 rd -54 th |
| H. Expenditures in the Treasury Department | 54 th |

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

| Committee Assignment | Congress |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| H. Education and Labor | 44 th |

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 85th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Earl Chudoff; reelected to the 86th through 95th Congresses; served from June 4, 1958, to January 3, 1979. First African American Member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

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

NORTON, ELEANOR HOLMES, a Delegate from the District of Columbia. Born on June 13, 1937. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd through 112th Congresses; has served since January 3, 1991.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| H. District of Columbia | 102 nd -103 rd |
| H. Post Office and Civil Service | 102 nd -103 rd |
| H. Public Works and Transportation | 102 nd -103 rd |
| H. Transportation and Infrastructure | 104 th -112 th |
| H. Government Reform and Oversight / H. Government Reform | 104 th -109 th |

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| H. Oversight and Government Reform | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Small Business | 104 th |
| Jt. Committee on the Organization of Congress | 102 nd -103 rd |
| H. Homeland Security | 108 th -111 th |

OBAMA, BARACK, a Senator from Illinois. Born on August 4, 1961. Elected as a Democrat to a six-year term beginning with the 109th Congress; served from January 4, 2005, until November 16, 2008, when he resigned after being elected first African American President of the United States.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| S. Environment and Public Works | 109 th -110 th |
| S. Foreign Relations | 109 th -110 th |
| S. Veterans' Affairs | 109 th -110 th |
| S. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 110 th |
| S. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | 110 th |

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 48th and 49th Congresses; served from March 4, 1883, to March 3, 1887.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| H. Mines and Mining | 48 th |
| H. Expenditures on Public Buildings | 49 th |
| H. Invalid Pensions | 49 th |

OWENS, MAJOR R., a Representative from New York. Born on June 28, 1936. Elected as a Democrat to the 98th through 110th Congresses; served from January 3, 1983, to January 3, 2007.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|--|
| H. Education and Labor / H. Education and the Workforce | 98 th -103 rd , 105 th -109 th |
| H. Economic and Educational Opportunities | 104 th |
| H. Government Operations | 98 th -103 rd |
| H. Government Reform and Oversight / H. Government Reform | 104 th -109 th |

PAYNE, DONALD M., a Representative from New Jersey. Born on July 16, 1934; died in office on March 6, 2012. Elected as a Democrat to the 101st through 112th Congresses; served from

January 3, 1989, to March 6, 2012. First African American Member of Congress from New Jersey. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 104th Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|--|
| H. Education and Labor / H. Education and the Workforce | 101 st -103 rd , 105 th -109 th , 111 th -112 th |
| H. Economic and Educational Opportunities | 104 th |
| H. Foreign Affairs | 101 st -103 rd , 111 th -112 th |
| H. International Relations | 104 th -109 th |
| H. Government Operations | 101 st -103 rd |

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 79th through 90th Congresses, but was not seated in the 90th 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 91st Congress and served from January 3, 1969, to January 3, 1971. First African American Member of Congress from New York.

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

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

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

RANGEL, CHARLES B., a Representative from New York. Born on June 11, 1930. Elected as a Democrat to the 92nd through 112th Congresses; has served since January 3, 1971. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 94th Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|--|
| H. Public Works | 92 nd |
| H. Science and Astronautics | 92 nd |
| H. Judiciary | 92 nd -93 rd |
| H. District of Columbia | 93 rd |
| H. Ways and Means (committee chair, 110 th and 111 th ; ranking Member, 105 th -109 th) | 94 th -112 th |
| H. Select Crime | 92 nd -93 rd |
| H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control (committee chair, 98 th -102 nd) | 94 th -102 nd |
| Jt. Taxation | 104 th -105 th , 111 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| H. Manufactures | 43 rd |

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

| Committee Assignment | Congress |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| H. Education and Labor | 43 rd |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| S. Education and Labor | 41 st |
| S. District of Columbia | 41 st |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|-------------------|
| H. Ways and Means | 103 rd |
| H. Economic and Educational Opportunities | 104 th |

RICHARDSON, LAURA, a Representative from California. Born on April 14, 1962. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald; reelected to the 111th and 112th Congresses; has served since September 4, 2007.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Science and Technology | 110 th |
| H. Transportation and Infrastructure | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Homeland Security | 111 th -112 th |

RICHMOND, CEDRIC L, a Representative from Louisiana. Born on September 13, 1973. Elected as a Democrat to the 112th Congress; has served since January 3, 2011.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. Homeland Security | 112 th |
| H. Small Business | 112 th |

RUSH, BOBBY L., a Representative from Illinois. Born on November 23, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 112th Congresses; has served since January 5, 1993.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs | 103 rd |
| H. Government Operations | 103 rd |
| H. Science, Space, and Technology | 103 rd |
| H. Commerce | 104 th -106 th |
| H. Energy and Commerce | 107 th -112 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| H. Post Office and Civil Service | 97 th |
| H. Public Works and Transportation | 97 th -102 nd |
| H. Small Business | 97 th -102 nd |

SCOTT, DAVID, a Representative from Georgia. Born on June 27, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 108th-112th Congresses; has served since January 7, 2003.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Agriculture | 108 th -112 th |
| H. Financial Services | 108 th -112 th |
| H. Foreign Affairs | 111 th |
| H. Standards of Official Conduct | 110 th |

SCOTT, ROBERT C., a Representative from Virginia. Born on April 30, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 112th Congresses; has served since January 5, 1993.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|--|
| H. Education and Labor | 103 rd , 110 th -112 th |
| H. Economic and Educational Opportunities | 104 th |
| H. Education and the Workforce | 105 th -107 th , 109 th |
| H. Judiciary | 103 rd -112 th |
| H. Science, Space, and Technology | 103 rd |
| H. Select U.S. National ...Concerns with the People's Republic of China | 106 th |
| H. Budget | 108 th , 110 th -111 th |

SCOTT, TIM E., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on September 19, 1965. Elected as a Republican to the 112th Congress; has served since January 3, 2011. An assistant majority whip, 112th Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. Rules | 112 th |

SEWELL, TERRYCINA "TERRI", a Representative from Alabama. Born on January 1, 1965. Elected as a Democrat to the 112th Congress; has served since January 3, 2011. A senior Democratic whip, 112th Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. Agriculture | 112 th |
| H. Science, Space and Technology | 112 th |

SMALLS, ROBERT, a Representative from South Carolina. Born on April 5, 1839; died on February 22, 1915. Elected as a Republican to the 44th, 45th, and 47th through 49th 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.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| H. Agriculture | 44 th , 47 th |
| H. Militia | 45 th |
| H. Manufactures | 48 th |
| H. War Claims | 49 th |

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

| Committee Assignment | Congress |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| H. Appropriations | 96 th |

STOKES, LOUIS, a Representative from Ohio. Born on February 23, 1925. Elected as a Democrat to the 91st through 105th Congresses; served from January 3, 1969, to January 3, 1999. First African American Member of Congress from Ohio. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 92nd and 93rd Congresses.

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

THOMPSON, BENNIE G., a Representative from Mississippi. Born on January 28, 1948. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd Congress to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Representative Mike Espy; reelected to the 104th through 112th Congresses; has served since April 20, 1993.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Agriculture | 103 rd -108 th |
| H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries | 103 rd |
| H. Small Business | 103 rd -104 th |
| H. Budget | 105 th -107 th |

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| H. Homeland Security (committee chair, 110 th and 111 th ; ranking Member, 112 th) | 108 th -112 th |

TOWNS, EDOLPHUS, a Representative from New York. Born on July 21, 1934. Elected as a Democrat to the 98th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 3, 1983. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 102nd Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|---|
| H. Government Operations | 98 th -103 rd |
| H. Government Reform and Oversight / H. Government Reform | 104 th -109 th |
| H. Oversight and Government Reform (committee chair, 111 th) | 110 th -112 th |
| H. Public Works and Transportation | 98 th -104 th |
| H. Energy and Commerce | 101 st -103 rd , 107 th -110 th , 112 th |
| H. Commerce | 104 th -106 th |
| H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control | 98 th -102 nd |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Public Works and Transportation | 103 rd |
| H. Small Business | 103 rd -104 th |
| H. Transportation and Infrastructure | 104 th |

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

| Committee Assignment | Congress |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| H. Invalid Pensions | 42 nd |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| H. Education and Labor | 99 th |

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Small Business

99th

WALLS, JOSIAH T., a Representative from Florida. Born on December 30, 1842; died on May 5, 1905. Elected as a Republican to the 42nd through 44th 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 African American Member of Congress from Florida.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Militia

42nd-43rd

H. Mileage

44th

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

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Education and Labor

101st-102nd

H. Judiciary

101st-103rd

H. Energy and Commerce

103rd

H. Government Operations

103rd

H. Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control

102nd

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

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Government Operations

97th

H. Education and Labor

97th-98th

H. Judiciary

97th-98th

WATERS, MAXINE, a Representative from California. Born on August 31, 1938. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd through 112th Congresses, has served since January 3, 1991. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 105th Congress; vice chair of the Democratic Steering Committee in the 105th through 108th Congresses; a Democratic chief deputy whip in the 106th through 112th Congresses.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs | 102 nd -103 rd |
| H. Banking and Financial Services | 104 th -106 th |
| H. Financial Services | 107 th -112 th |
| H. Veterans Affairs | 102 nd -104 th |
| H. Small Business | 103 rd -104 th |
| H. Judiciary | 105 th -112 th |

WATSON, DIANE E., a Representative from California. Born on November 12, 1933. Elected as a Democrat to the 107th Congress to fill vacancy caused by the death of Representative Julian Dixon; reelected to the 108th-111th Congresses; served from June 7, 2001, to January 3, 2011. U.S. ambassador to Micronesia from 1999 to 2001.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| H. International Relations | 107 th -109 th |
| H. Foreign Affairs | 110 th -111 th |
| H. Government Reform / H. Oversight and Government Reform | 107 th -111 th |

WATT, MELVIN L., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on August 26, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 112th Congresses; has served since January 5, 1993. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 109th Congress.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs | 103 rd |
| H. Banking and Financial Services | 104 th -106 th |
| H. Financial Services | 107 th -112 th |
| H. Post Office and Civil Service | 103 rd |
| H. Judiciary | 103 rd -112 th |
| Jt. Economic | 107 th -108 th |

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. Banking and Financial Services | 104 th |
| H. National Security | 104 th -105 th |
| H. Transportation and Infrastructure | 105 th -106 th |
| H. Armed Services | 106 th -107 th |

WEST, ALLEN B., a Representative from Florida. Born on February 7, 1961. Elected as a Republican to the 112th Congress; served from January 3, 2011, to present.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. Armed Services | 112 th |
| H. Small Business | 112 th |

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

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

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

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| H. Agriculture | 55 th |
| H. District of Columbia | 55 th -56 th |

WILSON, FREDERICA S., a Representative from Florida. Born on November 5, 1942. Elected as a Democrat to the 112th Congress; has served since January 3, 2011.

| Committee Assignments | Congress |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. Foreign Affairs | 112 th |

Committee Assignments

H. Science, Space and Technology

Congress

112th

WYNN, ALBERT R., a Representative from Maryland. Born on September 10, 1951. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 110th Congresses; served from January 5, 1993, to May 31, 2008.

Committee Assignments

H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs

H. Banking and Financial Services

H. Foreign Affairs

H. International Relations

H. Post Office and Civil Service

H. Commerce

H. Energy and Commerce

Congress

103rd

104th

103rd

104th

103rd

105th-106th

107th-110th

YOUNG, ANDREW, a Representative from Georgia. Born on March 12, 1932. Elected as a Democrat to the 93rd through 95th Congresses; served from January 3, 1973, to January 29, 1977, when he resigned to become U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Committee Assignments

H. Banking, Currency, and Housing

H. Rules

Congress

93rd

94th

Table I. Number and Names of African American Members of Congress, by Congress

| No. ^a | Chamber | Names ^b | | |
|--|---------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 112th Congress (2011-2013) | | | | |
| 44 ^c | House | Karen Bass | Chaka Fattah | Cedric L. Richmond |
| | | Sanford D. Bishop Jr. | Marcia L. Fudge | Bobby L. Rush |
| | | Corrine Brown | Al Green | David Scott |
| | | G.K. Butterfield | Alcee L. Hastings | Robert C. Scott |
| | | André Carson | Jesse L. Jackson Jr. | Tim E. Scott |
| | | Donna Christensen | Sheila Jackson Lee | Terrycina "Terri" Sewell |
| | | Hansen H. Clarke | Eddie Bernice Johnson | Bennie G. Thompson |
| | | Yvette D. Clarke | Henry (Hank) Johnson | Edolphus Towns |
| | | William Lacy Clay Jr. | Barbara Lee | Maxine Waters |
| | | Emanuel Cleaver II | John Lewis | Melvin L. Watt |
| | | James E. Clyburn | Gregory W. Meeks | Allen B. West |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Gwen Moore | Frederica S. Wilson |
| | | Elijah E. Cummings | Eleanor Holmes Norton | |
| | | Danny K. Davis | Donald M. Payne | |
| | | Donna F. Edwards | Charles B. Rangel | |
| | | Keith Ellison | Laura Richardson | |
| 0 | Senate | | | |
| 111th Congress (2009-2011) | | | | |
| 41 | House | Sanford D. Bishop Jr. | Chaka Fattah | Gwen Moore |
| | | Corrine Brown | Marcia L. Fudge | Eleanor Holmes Norton |
| | | G.K. Butterfield | Al Green | Donald M. Payne |
| | | André Carson | Alcee L. Hastings | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | Donna Christensen | Jesse L. Jackson Jr. | Laura Richardson |
| | | Yvette D. Clarke | Sheila Jackson Lee | Bobby L. Rush |
| | | William Lacy Clay Jr. | Eddie Bernice Johnson | David Scott |
| | | Emanuel Cleaver II | Henry (Hank) Johnson | Robert C. Scott |
| | | James E. Clyburn | Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick | Bennie G. Thompson |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Barbara Lee | Edolphus Towns |
| | | Elijah E. Cummings | John Lewis | Maxine Waters |
| | | Artur Davis | Kendrick Meek | Diane E. Watson |
| | | Danny K. Davis | Gregory W. Meeks | Melvin L. Watt |
| | | Donna F. Edwards | | |
| | | Keith Ellison | | |
| 1 | Senate | Roland Burris | | |

| No. ^a | Chamber | Names ^b | | |
|--|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 110th Congress (2007-2009) | | | | |
| 42 ^d | House | Sanford D. Bishop Jr. | Chaka Fattah | Juanita Millender-McDonald |
| | | Corrine Brown | Marcia L. Fudge | Gwen Moore |
| | | G.K. Butterfield | Al Green | Eleanor Holmes Norton |
| | | André Carson | Alcee L. Hastings | Donald M. Payne |
| | | Julia M. Carson | Jesse L. Jackson Jr. | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | Donna Christian-Christensen | Sheila Jackson Lee | Laura Richardson |
| | | Yvette D. Clarke | William J. Jefferson | Bobby L. Rush |
| | | William Lacy Clay Jr. | Eddie Bernice Johnson | David Scott |
| | | Emanuel Cleaver II | Henry (Hank) Johnson | Robert C. Scott |
| | | James E. Clyburn | Stephanie Tubbs Jones | Bennie G. Thompson |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Carolyn Cheeks | Edolphus Towns |
| | | Elijah E. Cummings | Kilpatrick | Maxine Waters |
| | | Artur Davis | Barbara Lee | Diane E. Watson |
| | | Danny K. Davis | John Lewis | Melvin L. Watt |
| | | Donna F. Edwards | Kendrick Meek | Albert R. Wynn |
| | | Keith Ellison | Gregory W. Meeks | |
| I | Senate | Barack Obama | | |
| 109th Congress (2005-2007) | | | | |
| 42 | House | Sanford D. Bishop Jr. | Jesse L. Jackson Jr. | Major R. Owens |
| | | Corrine Brown | Sheila Jackson Lee | Donald M. Payne |
| | | G.K. Butterfield | William J. Jefferson | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | Julia M. Carson | Eddie Bernice Johnson | Bobby L. Rush |
| | | Donna Christian-Christensen | Stephanie Tubbs Jones | David Scott |
| | | William Lacy Clay Jr. | Carolyn Cheeks | Robert C. Scott |
| | | Emanuel Cleaver II | Kilpatrick | Bennie G. Thompson |
| | | James E. Clyburn | Barbara Lee | Edolphus Towns |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | John Lewis | Maxine Waters |
| | | Elijah E. Cummings | Cynthia McKinney | Diane E. Watson |
| | | Artur Davis | Kendrick Meek | Melvin L. Watt |
| | | Danny K. Davis | Gregory W. Meeks | Albert R. Wynn |
| | | Chaka Fattah | Juanita Millender-McDonald | |
| | | Harold E. Ford Jr. | Gwen Moore | |
| | | Al Green | Eleanor Holmes Norton | |
| | | Alcee L. Hastings | | |

| No. ^a | Chamber | Names ^b | | |
|--|---------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| I | Senate | Barack Obama | | |
| 108th Congress (2003-2005) | | | | |
| 39 ^e | House | Frank W. Ballance Jr. | Jesse L. Jackson Jr. | Major R. Owens |
| | | Sanford D. Bishop Jr. | Sheila Jackson Lee | Donald M. Payne |
| | | G.K. Butterfield | William J. Jefferson | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | Corrine Brown | Eddie Bernice Johnson | Bobby L. Rush |
| | | Andre Carson | Stephanie Tubbs Jones | David Scott |
| | | Julia M. Carson | Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick | Robert C. Scott |
| | | Donna Christian- Christensen | Barbara Lee | Bennie G. Thompson |
| | | William Lacy Clay Jr. | John Lewis | Edolphus Towns |
| | | James E. Clyburn | Denise Majette | Maxine Waters |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Kendrick Meek | Diane E. Watson |
| | | Elijah E. Cummings | Gregory W. Meeks | Melvin L. Watt |
| | | Artur Davis | Juanita Millender- McDonald | Albert R. Wynn |
| | | Danny K. Davis | | |
| | | Chaka Fattah | Eleanor Holmes Norton | |
| | | Harold E. Ford Jr. | | |
| | | Alcee L. Hastings | | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 107th Congress (2001-2003) | | | | |
| 39 ^f | House | Sanford D. Bishop Jr. | Jesse L. Jackson Jr. | Major R. Owens |
| | | Corrine Brown | Sheila Jackson Lee | Donald M. Payne |
| | | Julia Carson | William J. Jefferson | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | Donna Christian- Christensen | Eddie Bernice Johnson | Bobby L. Rush |
| | | William Lacy Clay Jr. | Stephanie Tubbs Jones | Robert C. Scott |
| | | Eva M. Clayton | Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick | Bennie G. Thompson |
| | | James E. Clyburn | Barbara Lee | Edolphus Towns |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | John Lewis | Maxine Waters |
| | | Elijah E. Cummings | Cynthia A. McKinney | Diane E. Watson |
| | | Danny K. Davis | Carrie P. Meek | Melvin L. Watt |
| | | Chaka Fattah | Gregory W. Meeks | J.C. Watts Jr. |
| | | Harold E. Ford Jr. | Juanita Millender- McDonald | Albert R. Wynn |
| | | Alcee L. Hastings | | |
| | | Earl Hilliard | Eleanor Holmes Norton | |
| | Senate | None | | |

| No. ^a | Chamber | Names ^b | | |
|--|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 106th Congress (1999-2001) | | | | |
| 39 | House | Sanford D. Bishop Jr. | Alcee L. Hastings | Juanita Millender-McDonald |
| | | Corrine Brown | Earl Hilliard | Eleanor Holmes Norton |
| | | Julia M. Carson | Jesse L. Jackson Jr. | Major R. Owens |
| | | | Sheila Jackson Lee | Donald M. Payne |
| | | Donna Christian-Christensen | William J. Jefferson | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | William L. Clay Sr. | Eddie Bernice Johnson | Bobby L. Rush |
| | | Eva M. Clayton | Stephanie Tubbs Jones | Robert C. Scott |
| | | James E. Clyburn | Carolyn Cheeks | Bennie G. Thompson |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Kilpatrick | Edolphus Towns |
| | | Elijah Cummings | Barbara Lee | Maxine Waters |
| | | Danny K. Davis | John Lewis | Melvin L. Watt |
| | | Julian C. Dixon | Cynthia A. McKinney | J.C. Watts Jr. |
| | | Chaka Fattah | Carrie P. Meek | Albert R. Wynn |
| | | Harold E. Ford Jr. | Gregory W. Meeks | |
| | | | Senate | None |
| 105th Congress (1997-1999) | | | | |
| 39 ^g | House | Sanford D. Bishop Jr. | Floyd Flake | Juanita Millender-McDonald |
| | | Corrine Brown | Harold E. Ford Jr. | Eleanor Holmes Norton |
| | | Julia M. Carson | Alcee L. Hastings | Major R. Owens |
| | | Donna M. Christian-Green | Earl Hilliard | Donald M. Payne |
| | | William L. Clay Sr. | Jesse L. Jackson Jr. | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | Eva M. Clayton | Sheila Jackson Lee | Bobby Rush |
| | | James E. Clyburn | William J. Jefferson | Robert Scott |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Eddie Bernice Johnson | Louis Stokes |
| | | Elijah Cummings | Carolyn Cheeks | Bennie G. Thompson |
| | | Danny K. Davis | Kilpatrick | Edolphus Towns |
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | Barbara Lee | Maxine Waters |
| | | Julian C. Dixon | John Lewis | Melvin L. Watt |
| | | Chaka Fattah | Cynthia A. McKinney | J.C. Watts Jr. |
| | | | Carrie P. Meek | Albert R. Wynn |
| | | | Gregory W. Meeks | |
| I | Senate | Carol Moseley-Braun | | |
| 104th Congress (1995-1997) | | | | |
| 40 ^h | House | Sanford D. Bishop Jr. | Gary Franks | Donald M. Payne |
| | | Corrine Brown | Victor Frazer | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | William L. Clay Sr. | Alcee L. Hastings | Melvin J. Reynolds |

| No. ^a | Chamber | Names ^b | | |
|--|---------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Eva M. Clayton | Earl F. Hilliard | Bobby L. Rush |
| | | James E. Clyburn | Jesse L. Jackson Jr. | Robert Scott |
| | | Barbara-Rose Collins | William J. Jefferson | Louis Stokes |
| | | Cardiss Collins | Eddie Bernice Johnson | Bennie G. Thompson |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Sheila Jackson Lee | Edolphus Towns |
| | | Elijah E. Cummings | John Lewis | Walter Tucker |
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | Cynthia A. McKinney | Maxine Waters |
| | | Julian C. Dixon | Carrie P. Meek | Melvin L. Watt |
| | | Chaka Fattah | Kweisi Mfume | J.C. Watts Jr. |
| | | Cleo Fields | Juanita Millender-McDonald | Albert R. Wynn |
| | | Floyd H. Flake | Eleanor Holmes Norton | |
| | | Harold E. Ford Sr. | Major R. Owens | |
| I | Senate | Carol Moseley-Braun | | |
| 103rd Congress (1993-1995) | | | | |
| 39 ⁱ | House | Sanford D. Bishop Jr. | Harold E. Ford Sr. | Melvin J. Reynolds |
| | | Lucien Blackwell | Gary Franks | Bobby L. Rush |
| | | Corrine Brown | Earl F. Hilliard | Robert Scott |
| | | William L. Clay Sr. | Alcee L. Hastings | Louis Stokes |
| | | Eva M. Clayton | William J. Jefferson | Bennie G. Thompson |
| | | James E. Clyburn | Eddie Bernice Johnson | Edolphus Towns |
| | | Barbara-Rose Collins | John Lewis | Walter Tucker |
| | | Cardiss Collins | Cynthia A. McKinney | Craig Washington |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Carrie P. Meek | Maxine Waters |
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | Kweisi Mfume | Melvin L. Watt |
| | | Julian C. Dixon | Eleanor Holmes Norton | Alan D. Wheat |
| | | Mike Espy | Major R. Owens | Albert R. Wynn |
| | | Cleo Fields | Donald M. Payne | |
| | | Floyd H. Flake | Charles B. Rangel | |
| I | Senate | Carol Moseley-Braun | | |
| 102nd Congress (1991-1993) | | | | |
| 27 ⁱ | House | Lucien Blackwell | Floyd H. Flake | Donald M. Payne |
| | | William L. Clay Sr. | Harold E. Ford Sr. | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | Eva M. Clayton | Gary Franks | Gus Savage |
| | | Barbara-Rose Collins | William H. Gray III | Louis Stokes |
| | | Cardiss Collins | Charles A. Hayes | Edolphus Towns |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | William J. Jefferson | Craig A. Washington |

| No. ^a | Chamber | Names ^b | | |
|--|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | John Lewis | Maxine Waters |
| | | Julian C. Dixon | Kweisi Mfume | Alan D. Wheat |
| | | Mervyn M. Dymally | Eleanor Holmes Norton | |
| | | Mike Espy | Major R. Owens | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 101st Congress (1989-1991) | | | | |
| 24 ^k | House | William L. Clay Sr. | Floyd H. Flake | Donald M. Payne |
| | | Cardiss Collins | Harold E. Ford Sr. | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | William H. Gray III | Gus Savage |
| | | George Crockett | Augustus F. Hawkins | Louis Stokes |
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | Charles A. Hayes | Edolphus Towns |
| | | Julian C. Dixon | Mickey Leland | Craig A. Washington |
| | | Mervyn M. Dymally | John Lewis | Alan D. Wheat |
| | | Mike Espy | Kweisi Mfume | |
| | | Walter E. Fauntroy | Major R. Owens | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 100th Congress (1987-1989) | | | | |
| 23 | House | William L. Clay Sr. | Floyd H. Flake | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | Cardiss Collins | Harold E. Ford Sr. | Gus Savage |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | William H. Gray III | Louis Stokes |
| | | George W. Crockett | Augustus F. Hawkins | Edolphus Towns |
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | Charles A. Hayes | Alan D. Wheat |
| | | Julian C. Dixon | Mickey Leland | |
| | | Mervyn M. Dymally | John Lewis | |
| | | Mike Espy | Kweisi Mfume | |
| | | Walter E. Fauntroy | Major R. Owens | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 99th Congress (1985-1987) | | | | |
| 21 | House | William L. Clay Sr. | Walter E. Fauntroy | Major R. Owens |
| | | Cardiss Collins | Harold E. Ford Sr. | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | William H. Gray III | Gus Savage |
| | | George W. Crockett | Augustus F. Hawkins | Louis Stokes |
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | Charles A. Hayes | Edolphus Towns |
| | | Julian C. Dixon | Mickey Leland | Alton Waldon Jr. |
| | | Mervyn M. Dymally | Parren J. Mitchell | Alan D. Wheat |
| | Senate | None | | |

| No. ^a | Chamber | Names ^b | | |
|---|---------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 98th Congress (1983-1985) | | | | |
| 21 ^l | House | William L. Clay Sr. | Harold E. Ford Sr. | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | Cardiss Collins | William H. Gray III | Gus Savage |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Katie Hall | Louis Stokes |
| | | George W. Crockett | Augustus F. Hawkins | Edolphus Towns |
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | Charles A. Hayes | Harold D. Washington |
| | | Julian C. Dixon | Mickey Leland | Alan D. Wheat |
| | | Mervyn M. Dymally | Parren J. Mitchell | |
| | | Walter E. Fauntroy | Major R. Owens | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 97th Congress (1981-1983) | | | | |
| 19 | House | Shirley A. Chisholm | Mervyn M. Dymally | Parren J. Mitchell |
| | | William L. Clay Sr. | Walter E. Fauntroy | Charles R. Rangel |
| | | Cardiss Collins | Harold E. Ford Sr. | Gus Savage |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | William H. Gray III | Louis Stokes |
| | | George W. Crockett | Katie B. Hall | Harold D. Washington |
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | Augustus F. Hawkins | |
| | | Julian C. Dixon | Mickey Leland | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 96th Congress (1979-1981) | | | | |
| 17 ^m | House | Shirley A. Chisholm | Charles C. Diggs Jr. | Augustus F. Hawkins |
| | | William L. Clay Sr. | Julian C. Dixon | Mickey Leland |
| | | Cardiss Collins | Melvin H. Evans | Parren J. Mitchell |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Walter E. Fauntroy | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | George W. Crockett | Harold E. Ford Sr. | Bennett M. Stewart |
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | William H. Gray III | Louis Stokes |
| | | | Senate | None |
| 95th Congress (1977-1979) | | | | |
| 17 | House | Yvonne B. Burke | Charles C. Diggs Jr. | Parren J. Mitchell |
| | | Shirley A. Chisholm | Walter E. Fauntroy | Robert N.C. Nix Sr. |
| | | William L. Clay Sr. | Harold E. Ford Sr. | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | Cardiss Collins | Augustus F. Hawkins | Louis Stokes |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Barbara C. Jordan | Andrew J. Young |
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | Ralph H. Metcalfe | |
| I | Senate | Edward W. Brooke | | |
| 94th Congress (1975-1977) | | | | |
| 17 | House | Yvonne B. Burke | Charles C. Diggs Jr. | Parren J. Mitchell |

| No. ^a | Chamber | Names ^b | | |
|---|---------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Shirley A. Chisholm | Walter E. Fauntroy | Robert N.C. Nix Sr. |
| | | William L. Clay Sr. | Harold E. Ford Sr. | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | Cardiss Collins | Augustus F. Hawkins | Louis Stokes |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Barbara C. Jordan | Andrew J. Young |
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | Ralph W. Metcalfe | |
| 1 | Senate | Edward W. Brooke | | |
| 93rd Congress (1973-1975) | | | | |
| 16 | House | Yvonne B. Burke | Charles C. Diggs Jr. | Robert N.C. Nix Sr. |
| | | Shirley A. Chisholm | Walter E. Fauntroy | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | William L. Clay Sr. | Augustus F. Hawkins | Louis Stokes |
| | | Cardiss Collins | Barbara C. Jordan | Andrew J. Young |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Ralph H. Metcalfe | |
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | Parren J. Mitchell | |
| 1 | Senate | Edward W. Brooke | | |
| 92nd Congress (1971-1973) | | | | |
| 13 | House | Shirley A. Chisholm | Charles C. Diggs Jr. | Robert N.C. Nix Sr. |
| | | William L. Clay Sr. | Walter E. Fauntroy | Charles B. Rangel |
| | | George W. Collins | Augustus F. Hawkins | Louis Stokes |
| | | John Conyers Jr. | Ralph H. Metcalfe | |
| | | Ronald V. Dellums | Parren J. Mitchell | |
| 1 | Senate | Edward W. Brooke | | |
| 91st Congress (1969-1971) | | | | |
| 10 | House | Shirley A. Chisholm | John Conyers Jr. | Adam C. Powell Jr. |
| | | William L. Clay Sr. | William L. Dawson | Louis Stokes |
| | | George W. Collins | Charles C. Diggs Jr. | |
| | | Augustus F. Hawkins | Robert N.C. Nix | |
| 1 | Senate | Edward W. Brooke | | |
| 90th Congress (1967-1969) | | | | |
| 5 ⁿ | House | John Conyers Jr. | Charles C. Diggs Jr. | Robert N.C. Nix Sr. |
| | | William L. Dawson | Augustus F. Hawkins | |
| 1 | Senate | Edward W. Brooke | | |
| 89th Congress (1965-1967) | | | | |
| 6 | House | John Conyers Jr. | Charles Diggs Jr. | Robert N.C. Nix Sr. |
| | | William L. Dawson | Augustus F. Hawkins | Adam Clayton Powell Jr. |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 88th Congress (1963-1965) | | | | |
| 5 | House: | William L. Dawson | Augustus F. Hawkins | Adam C. Powell Jr. |

| No. ^a | Chamber | Names ^b | | |
|---|---------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | | Charles C. Diggs Jr. | Robert N.C. Nix Sr. | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 85th - 87th Congresses (1957-1963) | | | | |
| 4 | House | William L. Dawson | Robert N.C. Nix Sr. | |
| | | Charles C. Diggs Jr. | Adam C. Powell Jr. | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 84th Congress (1955-1957) | | | | |
| 3 | House | William L. Dawson | Charles C. Diggs Jr. | Adam C. Powell Jr. |
| 79th - 83rd Congresses (1945-1955) | | | | |
| 2 | House | William L. Dawson | Adam C. Powell Jr. | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 78th Congress (1943-1945) | | | | |
| 1 | House | William L. Dawson | | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 74th - 77th Congresses (1935-1943) | | | | |
| 1 | House | Arthur W. Mitchell | | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 71st - 73rd Congresses (1929-1935) | | | | |
| 1 | House | Oscar S. DePriest | | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 57th - 70th Congresses (1901-1929) | | | | |
| | House | None | | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 55th - 56th Congresses (1897-1901) | | | | |
| 1 | House | George H. White | | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 53rd - 54th Congresses (1893-1897) | | | | |
| 1 | House | George W. Murray | | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 52nd Congress (1891-1893) | | | | |
| 1 | House | Henry P. Cheatham | | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 51st Congress (1889-1891) | | | | |
| 3 | House | Henry P. Cheatham | John M. Langston | Thomas E. Miller |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 50th Congress (1887-1889) | | | | |
| | House | None | | |

| No. ^a | Chamber | Names ^b | | |
|---|---------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | Senate | None | | |
| 48th - 49th Congresses (1883-1887) | | | | |
| 2 | House | James E. O'Hara | Robert Smalls | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 47th Congress (1881-1883) | | | | |
| 2 | House | John R. Lynch | Robert Smalls | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 46th Congress (1879-1881) | | | | |
| | House | None | | |
| 1 | Senate | Blanche K. Bruce | | |
| 45th Congress (1877-1879) | | | | |
| 3 | House | Richard H. Cain | Joseph H. Rainey | Robert Smalls |
| 1 | Senate | Blanche K. Bruce | | |
| 44th Congress (1875-1877) | | | | |
| 7 | House | Jeremiah Haralson | Charles E. Nash | Josiah T. Walls |
| | | John A. Hyman | Joseph H. Rainey | |
| | | John R. Lynch | Robert Smalls | |
| 1 | Senate | Blanche K. Bruce | | |
| 43rd Congress (1873-1875) | | | | |
| 7 | House | Richard H. Cain | Joseph H. Rainey | Josiah T. Walls |
| | | Robert B. Elliott | Alonzo J. Ransier | |
| | | John R. Lynch | James T. Rapier | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 42nd Congress (1871-1873) | | | | |
| 5 | House | Robert C. DeLarge | Joseph H. Rainey | Josiah T. Walls |
| | | Robert B. Elliott | Benjamin S. Turner | |
| | Senate | None | | |
| 41st Congress (1869-1871)^o | | | | |
| 2 | House | Jefferson F. Long | Joseph H. Rainey | |
| 1 | Senate | Hiram R. Revels ^p | | |

- a. Unless otherwise specified, number given is the largest number of African Americans serving at any one time during each Congress.
- b. For specific dates of service, please see each individual Member's biographical entry in this report.
- c. 44 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 112th Congress; Rep. Donald Payne died in March 2012.
- d. Although 46 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 110th Congress, 42 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Laura Richardson filled the seat vacated by the death of Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald; Rep. André Carson filled the seat vacated by the death of his

- grandmother, Rep. Julia Carson; Rep. Donna Edwards filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Albert Wynn; and Rep. Marcia Fudge filled the seat vacated by the death of Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones.
- e. Although 40 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 108th Congress, 39 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. G.K. Butterfield filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Frank Ballance.
 - f. Although 40 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 107th Congress, 39 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Julian Dixon was reelected to the 107th Congress but died on Dec. 8, 2000, before the Congress commenced; his seat was filled by Rep. Diane Watson.
 - g. Although 41 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 105th Congress, 39 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Gregory Meeks filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Floyd Flake, and Rep. Barbara Lee filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Ron Dellums.
 - h. Although 43 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 104th Congress, 40 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Mel Reynolds; Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Walter Tucker; and Rep. Elijah Cummings filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Kweisi Mfume.
 - i. Although 40 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 103rd Congress, 39 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Bennie Thompson filled the seat vacated by Rep. Mike Espy, who resigned to serve as Secretary of Agriculture.
 - j. Although 28 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 102nd Congress, 27 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Lucien Blackwell filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. William H. Gray III.
 - k. Although 25 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 101st Congress, 24 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Craig Washington filled the seat vacated by the death of Rep. Mickey Leland.
 - l. Although 22 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 98th Congress, 21 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Charles Hayes filled the seat vacated by Rep. Harold Washington, who resigned to serve as Mayor of Chicago.
 - m. Although 18 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 96th Congress, 17 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. George Crockett filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Charles Diggs Jr.
 - n. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. was reelected to the House in the 90th Congress, but was excluded and not seated. He was then reelected to the seat vacated by his exclusion but never took the oath of office.
 - o. There were no African American Members of Congress until 1870, the 41st Congress, 2nd session.
 - p. Seated after Mississippi was readmitted to the Union on February 23, 1870; first African American Member of Congress.

Table 2. African American Members of Congress, 41st Congress to Present, by State or Territory

| | | |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Alabama (6 African-American Members) | | |
| Artur Davis | Earl F. Hilliard | Terrycina “Terri” Sewell |
| Jeremiah Haralson | James T. Rapier | Benjamin S. Turner |
| California (12 African-American Members) | | |
| Karen Bass | Mervyn M. Dymally | Laura Richardson |
| Yvonne Braithwaite Burke | Augustus F. Hawkins | Walter R. Tucker |
| Ronald V. Dellums | Barbara Lee | Maxine Waters |
| Julian C. Dixon | Juanita Millender-McDonald | Diane E. Watson |
| Connecticut (1 African-American Member) | | |
| Gary A. Franks | | |
| District of Columbia (2 African-American Members) | | |
| Walter E. Fauntroy | Eleanor Holmes Norton | |
| Florida (7 African-American Members) | | |
| Corrine Brown | Kendrick Meek | Frederica Wilson |
| Alcee L. Hastings | Josiah T. Walls | |
| Carrie P. Meek | Allen B. West | |
| Georgia (8 African-American Members) | | |
| Sanford D. Bishop Jr. | Jefferson F. Long | David Scott |
| Henry C. (Hank) Johnson Jr. | Denise L. Majette | Andrew J. Young |
| John R. Lewis | Cynthia A. McKinney | |
| Illinois (17 African-American Members) | | |
| Roland Burris ^a | Charles A. Hayes | Melvin J. Reynolds |
| Cardiss Collins | Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. | Bobby L. Rush |
| George W. Collins | Ralph H. Metcalfe | Gus Savage |
| Danny K. Davis | Arthur W. Mitchell | Bennett M. Stewart |
| William L. Dawson | Carol Moseley-Braun ^a | Harold D. Washington |
| Oscar S. DePriest | Barack Obama ^a | |
| Indiana (3 African-American Members) | | |
| André Carson | Julia Carson | Katie B. Hall |
| Louisiana (4 African-American Members) | | |
| Cleo Fields | Charles E. Nash | Cedric L. Richmond |
| William J. Jefferson | | |
| Maryland (5 African-American Members) | | |
| Elijah E. Cummings | Parren J. Mitchell | Albert R. Wynn |
| Donna Edwards | Kweisi Mfume | |
| Massachusetts (1 African-American Member) | | |

Edward W. Brooke^a

Michigan (6 African-American Members)

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Hansen H. Clarke | John Conyers Jr. | Charles C. Diggs Jr. |
| Barbara-Rose Collins | George W. Crockett | Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick |

Minnesota (1 African-American Member)

Keith Ellison

Mississippi (5 African-American Members)

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Blanche K. Bruce ^a | John R. Lynch | Bennie G. Thompson |
| Albert M. (Mike) Espy | Hiram Rhodes Revels ^a | |

Missouri (4 African-American Members)

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| William Lacy Clay Jr. | Emanuel Cleaver II | Alan D. Wheat |
| William L. Clay Sr. | | |

New Jersey (1 African-American Member)

Donald M. Payne

New York (9 African-American Members)

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Shirley A. Chisholm | Gregory Meeks | Charles B. Rangel |
| Yvette D. Clarke | Major R. Owens | Edolphus Towns |
| Floyd H. Flake | Adam Clayton Powell Jr. | Alton R. Waldon Jr. |

North Carolina (8 African-American Members)

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Frank W. Ballance Jr. | Eva M. Clayton | Melvin L. Watt |
| G.K. Butterfield | John A. Hyman | George H. White |
| Henry P. Cheatham | James E. O'Hara | |

Ohio (3 African-American Members)

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Marcia L. Fudge | Stephanie Tubbs Jones | Louis Stokes |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|

Oklahoma (1 African-American Member)

J.C. Watts Jr.

Pennsylvania (4 African-American Members)

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Lucien E. Blackwell | William H. Gray III | Robert N.C. Nix Sr. |
| Chaka Fattah | | |

South Carolina (10 African-American Members)

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Richard H. Cain | Thomas E. Miller | Tim Scott |
| James E. Clyburn | George W. Murray | Robert Smalls |
| Robert C. DeLarge | Joseph H. Rainey | |
| Robert B. Elliott | Alonzo J. Ransier | |

Tennessee (2 African-American Members)

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| Harold E. Ford Jr. | Harold E. Ford Sr. | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--|

Texas (6 African-American Members)

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Al Green | Eddie Bernice Johnson | George T. (Mickey) Leland |
| Sheila Jackson Lee | Barbara C. Jordan | Craig A. Washington |

Virginia (2 African-American Members)

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| John M. Langston | Robert C. Scott |
|------------------|-----------------|

Virgin Islands (3 African-American Members)

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Donna M. Christensen | Melvin H. Evans | Victor O. Frazer |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|

Wisconsin (1 African-American Member)

Gwen Moore

- a. Serves/served in the Senate.

**Table 3. Number of African American Members in the U.S. Congress,
41st Congress to Present**

| Congress | Year | Total African American Members of Congress | African American Members of House^a | African American Members of Senate^b |
|------------------|---------------|---|--|---|
| 41 st | 1869- 1871 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 42 nd | 1871- 1873 | 5 | 5 | – |
| 43 rd | 1873- 1875 | 7 | 7 | – |
| 44 th | 1875- 1877 | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| 45 th | 1877- 1879 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 46 th | 1879- 1881 | 1 | – | 1 |
| 47 th | 1881- 1883 | 2 | 2 | – |
| 48 th | 1883- 1885 | 2 | 2 | – |
| 49 th | 1885- 1887 | 2 | 2 | – |
| 50 th | 1887- 1889 | – | – | – |
| 51 st | 1889- 1891 | 3 | 3 | – |
| 52 nd | 1891- 1893 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 53 rd | 1893- 1895 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 54 th | 1895- 1897 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 55 th | 1897- 1899 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 56 th | 1899- 1901 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 57 th | 1901- 1903 | – | – | – |
| 58 th | 1903- 1905 | – | – | – |
| 59 th | 1905- 1907 | – | – | – |
| 60 th | 1907- 1909 | – | – | – |
| 61 st | 1909- 1911 | – | – | – |

| Congress | Year | Total African American Members of Congress | African American Members of House^a | African American Members of Senate^b |
|------------------|-------------|---|--|---|
| 62 nd | 1911-1913 | – | – | – |
| 63 rd | 1913-1915 | – | – | – |
| 64 th | 1915-1917 | – | – | – |
| 65 th | 1917-1919 | – | – | – |
| 66 th | 1919-1921 | – | – | – |
| 67 th | 1921-1923 | – | – | – |
| 68 th | 1923-1925 | – | – | – |
| 69 th | 1925-1927 | – | – | – |
| 70 th | 1927-1929 | – | – | – |
| 71 st | 1929-1931 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 72 nd | 1931-1933 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 73 rd | 1933-1935 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 74 th | 1935-1937 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 75 th | 1937-1939 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 76 th | 1939-1941 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 77 th | 1941-1943 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 78 th | 1943-1945 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 79 th | 1945-1947 | 2 | 2 | – |
| 80 th | 1947-1949 | 2 | 2 | – |
| 81 st | 1949-1951 | 2 | 2 | – |
| 82 nd | 1951-1953 | 2 | 2 | – |
| 83 rd | 1953-1955 | 2 | 2 | – |

| Congress | Year | Total African American Members of Congress | African American Members of House^a | African American Members of Senate^b |
|-------------------|-------------|---|--|---|
| 84 th | 1955-1957 | 3 | 3 | — |
| 85 th | 1957-1959 | 4 | 4 | — |
| 86 th | 1959-1961 | 4 | 4 | — |
| 87 th | 1961-1963 | 4 | 4 | — |
| 88 th | 1963-1965 | 5 | 5 | — |
| 89 th | 1965-1967 | 6 | 6 | — |
| 90 th | 1967-1969 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| 91 st | 1969-1971 | 11 | 10 | 1 |
| 92 nd | 1971-1973 | 14 | 13 | 1 |
| 93 rd | 1973-1975 | 17 | 16 | 1 |
| 94 th | 1975-1977 | 18 | 17 | 1 |
| 95 th | 1977-1979 | 18 | 17 | 1 |
| 96 th | 1979-1981 | 17 | 17 | — |
| 97 th | 1981-1983 | 19 | 19 | — |
| 98 th | 1983-1985 | 21 | 21 | — |
| 99 th | 1985-1987 | 21 | 21 | — |
| 100 th | 1987-1989 | 23 | 23 | — |
| 101 st | 1989-1991 | 24 | 24 | — |
| 102 nd | 1991-1993 | 27 | 27 | — |
| 103 rd | 1993-1995 | 40 | 39 | 1 |
| 104 th | 1995-1997 | 41 | 40 | 1 |
| 105 th | 1997-1999 | 40 | 39 | 1 |

| Congress | Year | Total African American Members of Congress | African American Members of House^a | African American Members of Senate^b |
|-------------------|-------------|---|--|---|
| 106 th | 1999-2001 | 39 | 39 | 0 |
| 107 th | 2001-2003 | 39 | 39 | 0 |
| 108 th | 2003-2005 | 39 | 39 | 0 |
| 109 th | 2005-2007 | 43 | 42 | 1 |
| 110 th | 2007-2009 | 42 ^b | 42 | 1 ^c |
| 111 th | 2009-2011 | 42 | 41 | 1 |
| 112 th | 2011-2013 | 44 | 44 | 0 |

- a. The numbers here reflect the highest number of African American Members, including Delegates, to serve in the House at any one time during a Congress. For example, a record number of 47 African American Members were elected to the 110th Congress, but only 43 served at any one time during the Congress.
- b. The numbers here reflect the highest number of African American Members to serve in the Senate at any one time during a Congress.
- c. President Barack Obama served in the Senate in the 110th Congress until his resignation on Nov. 16, 2008.

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