



# African American Members of the United States Congress: 1870-2009

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## Summary

There are 42 African American Members serving in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, 41 in the House of Representatives and one in the Senate. President Barack Obama served in the Senate until he resigned on November 16, 2008. There have been 125 African American Members of Congress: 119 have been elected to the House; five have been elected to the Senate; and one has been appointed to the Senate. There have been 98 Democrats: 95 in the House, three in the Senate; and 27 Republicans: 24 in the House, three 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 91<sup>st</sup> Congress (1969-1971). In the 98<sup>th</sup> Congress (1983-1985), the number surpassed 20 for the first time and then jumped to 40 in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress (1993-1995). Since the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress (1999-2001), the number has remained between 39 and 43 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 41<sup>st</sup> Congress (1870-1871). The first African American Member of the House was Joseph H. Rainey (R-SC), who also served in the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress.

Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), elected to the 91<sup>st</sup> through 97<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1969-1983), was the first African American woman in Congress. Since that time, 27 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 (45 years). He was first elected to the 89<sup>th</sup> 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 majority whip in the 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses, served as vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus in the 108<sup>th</sup> and 109<sup>th</sup> Congresses. Representative Gray was chair of the House Democratic Caucus in 1989 (101<sup>st</sup> 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 (102<sup>nd</sup> Congress). Representative Watts served as chair of the House Republican Conference in the 106<sup>th</sup>-107<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1997-2001).

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

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), whose origins date back to 1969, currently has 42 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 twenty-five African Americans have served in the U.S. Congress: 119 in the House and six in the Senate.<sup>1</sup> Of these, 28 have been women. Forty-two (41 in the House and one in the Senate) serve in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. All are Democrats and 14 are women. A record 43 African American Members (all Democrats) served in the 109<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses. No African Americans have served in both houses of Congress.

The majority of African American Members of Congress (98) have been Democrats; 27 have been Republicans. Five others, all Democrats, have served as Delegates to the House. All of the Democrats have been elected in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Twenty-two African American Republicans served in the 19<sup>th</sup> century House, five in the 20<sup>th</sup> century (four in the House and one in the Senate), and one was reelected to a single term in the 21<sup>st</sup> century before retiring.

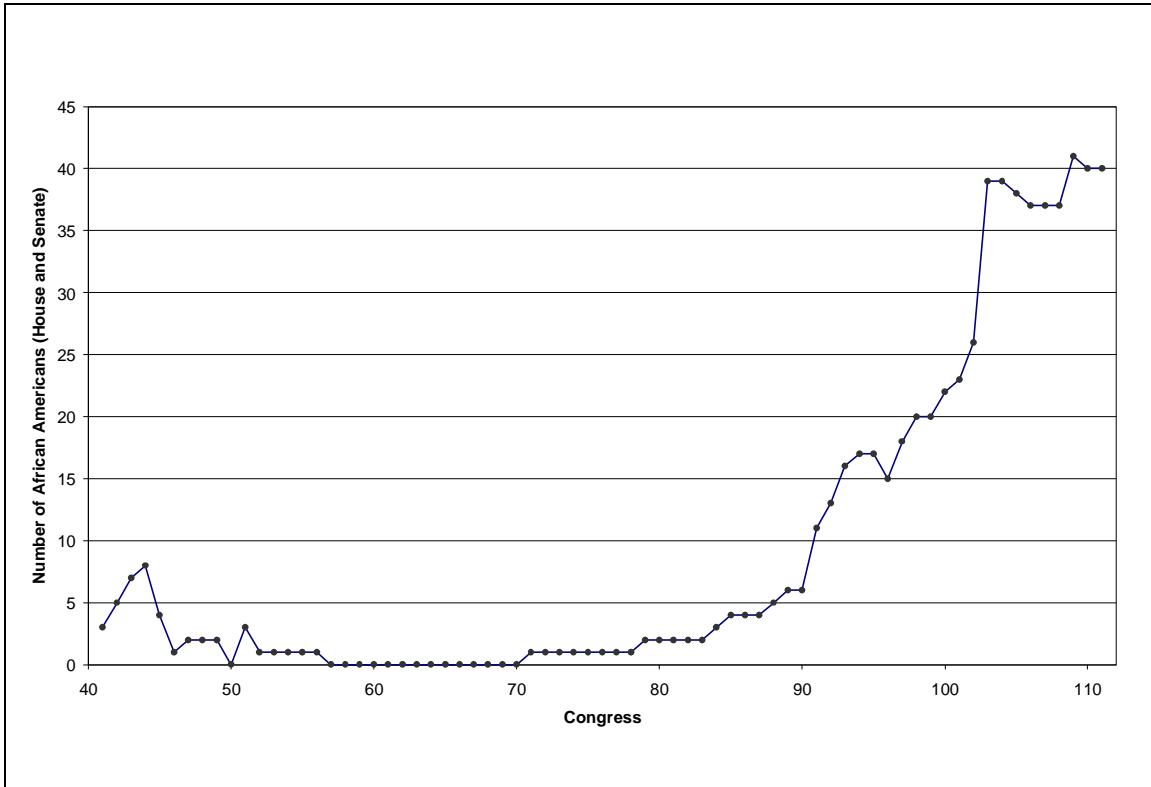
## **Historical Overview of African Americans in Congress**

Excluding delegates, African Americans currently hold 39 (8.9%) seats in the House of Representatives and one (1%) seat in the Senate. African Americans hold 40 (7.57%) of the 535 voting seats in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. Including delegates, African Americans currently hold 42 seats in the House of Representatives totaling 43 (9.9%) in the entire Congress.

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<sup>1</sup> 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> .

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

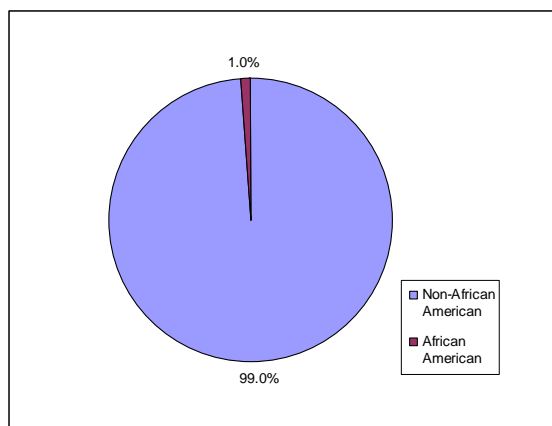


**Source:** *Black Americans in Congress, 1870-2007* (Washington: GPO, 2008), <http://baic.house.gov>, supplemented by CRS.

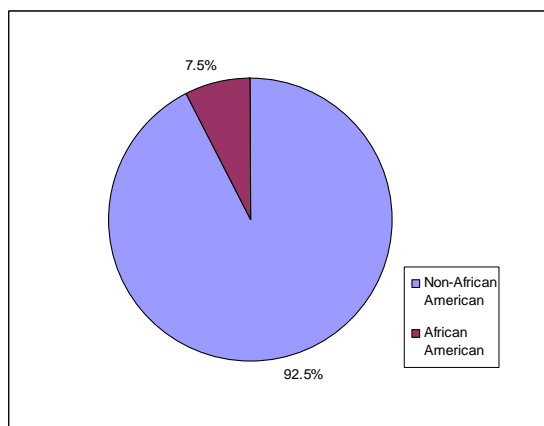
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As **Figure 1** shows, the number of African Americans serving in Congress stayed below 10 until the 91<sup>st</sup> Congress (1969-1971), when those in the House doubled, growing from five to 10 in one Congress. The number of African-American Senators remained at 1. Subsequently, the number of African American Members steadily increased. In the 98<sup>th</sup> Congress (1983-1985), the number surpassed 20 for the first time and in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress (1993-1995) reached 40. Since the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress (1999-2001), the number has remained between 39 and 43 at any one time.

**Figure 2. African Americans as a % of Total Members of Congress**



**Figure 3. African Americans in the 111<sup>th</sup> (2009-2011) Congress**



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

**Note:** Delegates are not included in the data.

African Americans did not serve in Congress until the 41<sup>st</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.”<sup>3</sup> No African Americans served in Congress from the 57<sup>th</sup> Congress (1901-1903) until the 71<sup>st</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup>

Despite increases in the number of African Americans serving in Congress, especially since the 91<sup>st</sup> Congress (1969-1971), **Figure 2** shows that 1% of Members in the United States history have been African Americans. **Figure 3** shows the current composition of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress with 7.5% voting African American Members.

<sup>2</sup> This was prior to the ratification of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution in 1913 that provided for the direct election of Senators.

<sup>3</sup> 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>.

<sup>4</sup> *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 41<sup>st</sup> 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, 1869-1878) was the first African American Member of the House of Representatives, beginning service, like Senator Revels, in the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress. Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), elected to the 91<sup>st</sup> through 97<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1969-1983), was the first 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 90<sup>th</sup> through 95<sup>th</sup> 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 (46<sup>th</sup> 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 (81<sup>st</sup> 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 119 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-present).

## **African American Members in Leadership Positions**

Representative James E. Clyburn (D-SC, 1993-present), the House majority whip in the 110<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup> Congresses, served as vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus in the 108<sup>th</sup> and 109<sup>th</sup> 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 (101<sup>st</sup> 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 (102<sup>nd</sup> Congress). Representative Watts served as chair of the House Republican Conference in the 106<sup>th</sup>-107<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1997-2003).

Representative John Lewis (D-GA, 1987-present), the senior chief deputy whip in the 110<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup> Congresses served as a Democratic chief deputy whip in the 102<sup>nd</sup>-109<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1991-2007). Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA, 1991-present) has served as a Democratic chief deputy whip since the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress, and Representative G.K. Butterfield (D-NC, 2004-present) has served as a Democratic chief deputy whip since the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. Former Representative Shirley Chisholm (D-NY, 1969-1983) served as secretary to the Democratic Caucus in the 96<sup>th</sup> Congress (1977-1979).

Nineteen African American Representatives and one Senator have chaired congressional committees, including four in the House in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress and a record five in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. Currently serving as chairs in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress are Representatives John Conyers Jr. (D-MI), chair of House Judiciary Committee; Charles B. Rangel (D-NY), chair of the House Ways and Means Committee; Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS), chair of the House Homeland Security Committee, and Edolphus Towns (D-NY), chair of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

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).

## **Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)**

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) traces its origins to the start of the 91<sup>st</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup> As the Select

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<sup>5</sup> James Stuart Olson, "Congressional Black Caucus," in *Historical Dictionary of the 1970s*, ed. James Stuart Olson (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 92<sup>nd</sup> Congress in 1971. The CBC became only the fifth Member organization to exist in Congress.<sup>6</sup> Currently, there are 42 members of the Congressional Black Caucus, comprising all the African American Members of Congress. It is chaired by Representative Barbara Lee (CA).<sup>7</sup>

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.<sup>8</sup> 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.”<sup>9</sup>

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.”<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup> 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).<sup>12</sup>

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

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(Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood Publishing Group, 1999), p. 103; and Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., “Origins and the History of the Congressional Black Caucus,” at <http://www.cbcfinc.org/cbc/html>.

<sup>6</sup> CRS Report R40683, *Congressional Member Organizations: Their Purpose and Activities, History, and Formation*, by Robert Jay Dilger.

<sup>7</sup> For more information about the current CBC members, see Congressional Black Caucus, “Member Info,” at [http://thecongressionalblackcaucus.lee.house.gov/member\\_info.html](http://thecongressionalblackcaucus.lee.house.gov/member_info.html).

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> Congressional Black Caucus, “History & Agenda,” at [http://thecongressionalblackcaucus.lee.house.gov/history\\_details.html](http://thecongressionalblackcaucus.lee.house.gov/history_details.html).

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>11</sup> Raymond W. Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy* (New York: Novinka Books, 2003), pp. 14-15.

<sup>12</sup> Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, pp. 11-12.

group for blacks but also as a labor union for its members.”<sup>13</sup> In 1974, for example, House leadership agreed to put one black Member on each major committee at the urging of the CBC.<sup>14</sup> 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.<sup>15</sup> Another example is the CBC alternative federal budget, which has been presented to Congress annually since 1981.<sup>16</sup>

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.<sup>17</sup> 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.<sup>18</sup> 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.<sup>19</sup>

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.<sup>20</sup> The subsequent section describes the CBC’s role in these legislative endeavors.

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<sup>13</sup> Robert Singh, *The Congressional Black Caucus: Racial Politics in the U.S. Congress* (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, 1998), p. xii.

<sup>14</sup> Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, p. 40.

<sup>15</sup> Marguerite Ross Barnett, “The Congressional Black Caucus,” *Proceedings of the Academy of Political Science*, vol. 32, no. 1 (1975), p. 35.

<sup>16</sup> 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 to Introduce Budget Substitute that is Fiscally and Morally Responsible,” press release, March 2008, at [http://www.bobbyscott.house.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=101&Itemid=62](http://www.bobbyscott.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=101&Itemid=62).

<sup>17</sup> Arthur B. Levy and Susan Stouinger, “Sources of Voting Cues for the Congressional Black Caucus,” *Journal of Black Studies* vol. 7 (1976), pp. 29-46.

<sup>18</sup> 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>.

<sup>19</sup> Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, p. 17.

<sup>20</sup> 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* (continued...)

## **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.<sup>21</sup> 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 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday and to raise awareness about the King holiday legislation.<sup>22</sup>

On August 27, 1983, more than 200,000 people gathered for a civil rights march at the Lincoln Memorial to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King's march on Washington.<sup>23</sup> 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.<sup>24</sup>

## **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.<sup>25</sup> Between 1972 and 1986, 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.<sup>26</sup>

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*in the U.S. Congress*, pp. 188-189; and Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, pp. 236-237.

<sup>21</sup> P.L. 98-144, 97 Stat. 917 (Nov. 3, 1983).

<sup>22</sup> Avoice Online, "The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Bill," <http://www.avoiceonline.org/mlk/timeline.html>.

<sup>23</sup> John Herbers, "1983 March: Left Revives," *New York Times*, August 29, 1983, at <http://www.factiva.com>.

<sup>24</sup> 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.

<sup>25</sup> Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, p. 27.

<sup>26</sup> 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/>.

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),<sup>27</sup> 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.<sup>28</sup> The bill was vetoed by President Ronald Reagan on September 26, 1986,<sup>29</sup> 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.<sup>30</sup>

## **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.<sup>31</sup>

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.<sup>32</sup> In response to the efforts of the Congressional Task Force on Haiti, American aid to Haiti doubled from \$50 million in 1986 to \$101 million in 1987, despite tight fiscal conditions.<sup>33</sup>

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

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<sup>27</sup> P.L. 99-440, 100 Stat. 1086 (Oct. 2, 1986).

<sup>28</sup> Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, pp. 26-30.

<sup>29</sup> 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.

<sup>30</sup> "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.

<sup>31</sup> Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, p. 13.

<sup>32</sup> Walter E. Fauntroy, "Haiti Doesn't Need a Tarzan to Come Rescue It," letter to the editor, *New York Times*, September 16, 1987.

<sup>33</sup> David Binder, "Washington Talk: Foreign Affairs; Haitians Gain Influential Following in America," *New York Times*, September 23, 1987, p. A26.

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.<sup>34</sup>

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.<sup>35</sup>

## 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. 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.

For 111<sup>th</sup> Congress committee assignments, the sources are *The Senate of the United States, Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress*, prepared under the direction of Nancy Erickson, secretary of the Senate, June 3, 2009 (available online from the Senate's website at [http://www.senate.gov/general/committee\\_assignments/assignments.htm](http://www.senate.gov/general/committee_assignments/assignments.htm)); and *List of Standing Committees and Select Committees and Their Subcommittees of the House of Representatives Together With Joint Committees, One Hundred Eleventh Congress*, compiled by Lorraine C. Miller, clerk of the House of Representatives, August 26, 2009 (available online from the clerk's website at [http://clerk.house.gov/committee\\_info/oal.pdf](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.

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<sup>34</sup> Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, pp. 38-39.

<sup>35</sup> 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.

## 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 108<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from January 7, 2003, until his resignation June 11, 2004.

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

BISHOP, SANFORD D. Jr., a Representative from Georgia. Born on February 4, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Agriculture	103 <sup>rd</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Veterans' Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Intelligence	105 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Appropriations	108 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

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

BROWN, CORRINE, a Representative from Florida. Born on November 11, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Government Operations	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Public Works and Transportation	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Veterans' Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

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

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 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, but not seated until January 15, 2009, in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. Served from January 15, 2009, to present.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
S. Armed Services	111 <sup>th</sup>
S. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	111 <sup>th</sup>
S. Veteran's Affairs	111 <sup>th</sup>

BUTTERFIELD, G.K., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on April 27, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Frank Ballance; reelected to the 109<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup> Congresses, has served since July 21, 2004; a chief deputy Democratic whip in the 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Small Business	108 <sup>th</sup>
H. Agriculture	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Armed Services	109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Energy and Commerce	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Standards of Official Conduct	111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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



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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Financial Services	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup> -110 <sup>th</sup>
H. Veterans' Affairs	105 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	108 <sup>th</sup> -110 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

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

CHRISTENSEN, DONNA M., a Delegate from the Virgin Islands. Born on September 19, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 7, 1997. First woman elected from the Virgin Islands and first female doctor in Congress.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Resources	105 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Natural Resources	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Homeland Security	108 <sup>th</sup> -110 <sup>th</sup>
H. Energy and Commerce	111 <sup>th</sup>

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

CLARKE, YVETTE D., a Representative from New York. Born on November 21, 1964. Elected as a Democrat to the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 4, 2007.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Education and Labor	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Homeland Security	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

CLAY, WILLIAM LACY Jr., a Representative from Missouri. Born on July 27, 1956; succeeded his father, Representative William L. Clay Sr. Elected as a Democrat to the 107<sup>th</sup>-110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 2001.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

CLEAVER, EMANUEL II, a Representative from Missouri. Born on October 26, 1944. Elected as Democrat to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; reelected to the 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since January 4, 2005.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Financial Services	109 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Energy Independence and Global Warming	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Homeland Security	111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONYERS, JOHN Jr., a Representative from Michigan. Born on May 16, 1929. Elected as a Democrat to the 89<sup>th</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1965.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Judiciary	89 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup> )
H. Government Operations	92 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup> (committee chair, 101 <sup>st</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup> )
H. Small Business	100 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>

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

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

CUMMINGS, ELIJAH E., a Representative from Maryland. Born on January 18, 1951. Elected as a Democrat to the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Kweisi Mfume; reelected to the 105<sup>th</sup> through 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since April 25, 1996. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Armed Services	110 <sup>th</sup>

DAVIS, ARTUR, a Representative from Alabama. Born on October 9, 1967. Elected as a Democrat to the 108<sup>th</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 7, 2003.

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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Judiciary	110 <sup>th</sup>
H. Ways and Means	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

DAVIS, DANNY K., a Representative from Illinois. Born on September 6, 1941. Elected as a Democrat to the 105<sup>th</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 7, 1997.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Small Business	105 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Education and the Workforce	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Education and Labor	110 <sup>th</sup>
H. Ways and Means	111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	84 <sup>th</sup> -85 <sup>th</sup>
H. Veterans' Affairs	84 <sup>th</sup> -85 <sup>th</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	86 <sup>th</sup> -93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. International Relations	94 <sup>th</sup> -96 <sup>th</sup>
H. District of Columbia	88 <sup>th</sup> -96 <sup>th</sup>

**Committee Assignments**

**Congress**

(committee chair, 93<sup>rd</sup>-95<sup>th</sup>)

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

**Committee Assignments**

**Congress**

H. Appropriations

96<sup>th</sup>-106<sup>th</sup>

H. Standards of Official Conduct

98<sup>th</sup>-101<sup>st</sup>

(committee chair, 99<sup>th</sup>-101<sup>st</sup>)

H. Select Intelligence

103<sup>rd</sup>-106<sup>th</sup>

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

**Committee Assignments**

**Congress**

H. District of Columbia

97<sup>th</sup>-102<sup>nd</sup>

H. Foreign Affairs

97<sup>th</sup>-102<sup>nd</sup>

H. Science and Technology

97<sup>th</sup>-98<sup>th</sup>

H. Post Office and Civil Service

98<sup>th</sup>-102<sup>nd</sup>

H. Education and Labor

99<sup>th</sup>

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

**Committee Assignments**

**Congress**

H. Science and Technology

110<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup>

H. Transportation and Infrastructure

110<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup>

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

**Committee Assignments**

**Congress**

H. Education and Labor

42<sup>nd</sup>-43<sup>rd</sup>



<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Militia	43 <sup>rd</sup>

ELLISON, KEITH, a Representative from Minnesota. Born on August 4, 1963. Elected as a Democrat to the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 4, 2007. First African American Member of Congress from Minnesota. First Muslim Member of Congress.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Financial Services	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Judiciary	110 <sup>th</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

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

FATTAH, CHAKA, a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on November 21, 1956. Elected as a Democrat to the 104<sup>th</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1995.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Education and the Workforce	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Standards of Official Conduct	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Administration	106 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Printing	106 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Appropriations	107 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Education and Labor	111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Science and Technology	111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

GREEN, AL, a Representative from Texas. Born on September 1, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 109<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> Congress; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 4, 2005.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Financial Services	109 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Science	109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Homeland Security	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

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

HASTINGS, ALCEE L., a Representative from Florida. Born on September 5, 1936. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JACKSON, JESSE L. Jr., a Representative from Illinois. Born on March 11, 1965. Elected as a Democrat to the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Melvin Reynolds; reelected to the 105<sup>th</sup> through 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since December 14, 1995.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Appropriations	106 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

JACKSON LEE, SHEILA, a Representative from Texas. Born on January 12, 1950. Elected as a Democrat to the 104<sup>th</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1995.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Judiciary	104 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Science	104 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Homeland Security	108 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Education and Labor	102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. District of Columbia	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Ways and Means	103 <sup>rd</sup> , 105 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. National Security	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. House Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Budget	109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	110 <sup>th</sup>

**Committee Assignments**

**Congress**

Jt. Printing

104<sup>th</sup>

JOHNSON, EDDIE BERNICE, a Representative from Texas. Born on December 3, 1935. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**Committee Assignments**

**Congress**

H. Public Works and Transportation

103<sup>rd</sup>

H. Transportation and Infrastructure

104<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup>

H. Science, Space, and Technology

103<sup>rd</sup>

H. Science

104<sup>th</sup>-109<sup>th</sup>

H. Science and Technology

110<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup>

JOHNSON, HENRY C. (HANK) Jr., a Representative from Georgia. Born on October 2, 1954. Elected as a Democrat to the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 4, 2007.

**Committee Assignments**

**Congress**

H. Armed Services

110<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup>

H. Judiciary

110<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup>

H. Small Business

110<sup>th</sup>

JONES, STEPHANIE TUBBS, a Representative from Ohio. Born on September 10, 1949; died on August 20, 2008. Elected as a Democrat to the 106<sup>th</sup> through 109<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from January 3, 1999, to August 20, 2008.

**Committee Assignments**

**Congress**

H. Banking and Financial Services

106<sup>th</sup>

H. Financial Services

107<sup>th</sup>

H. Small Business

106<sup>th</sup>

H. Standards of Official Conduct

107<sup>th</sup>-110<sup>th</sup>

(committee chair, 110<sup>th</sup>)

H. Ways and Means

108<sup>th</sup>-110<sup>th</sup>

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



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

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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 <sup>th</sup>
H. House Oversight	105 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Committee on the Library	105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Appropriations	106 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Science	105 <sup>th</sup>
H. International Relations	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Appropriations	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	111 <sup>th</sup>

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 96<sup>th</sup> through 101<sup>st</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1979, to August 7, 1989. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 99<sup>th</sup> Congress.

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

LEWIS, JOHN R., a Representative from Georgia. Born on February 19, 1940. Elected as a Democrat to the 100<sup>th</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 6, 1987. A Democratic chief deputy whip in the 102<sup>nd</sup> through 109<sup>th</sup> Congresses; senior chief deputy majority whip in the 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Public Works and Transportation	100 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	100 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Select Aging	101 <sup>st</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. District of Columbia	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Ways and Means	103 <sup>rd</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Budget	108 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEEK, KENDRICK, a Representative from Florida. Born on September 6, 1966. Elected to the 108<sup>th</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 7, 2003. Succeeded his mother, Representative Carrie Meek.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Armed Services	108 <sup>th</sup> -110 <sup>th</sup>
H. Homeland Security	108 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Ways and Means	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

MEEKS, GREGORY, a Representative from New York. Born on September 25, 1953. Elected as a Democrat to the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Floyd Flake; reelected to the 106<sup>th</sup> through 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since February 5, 1998.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. International Relations	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Standards of Official Conduct	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Select Hunger	100 <sup>th</sup>

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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Small Business	104 <sup>th</sup> -110 <sup>th</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 <sup>th</sup> -119 <sup>th</sup>
H. Administration	108 <sup>th</sup> -110 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 110 <sup>th</sup> , 1 <sup>st</sup> sess.)
Jt. Library	108 <sup>th</sup> , 110 <sup>th</sup> 110 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 110 <sup>th</sup> , 1 <sup>st</sup> session)
Jt. Printing	110 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 110 <sup>th</sup> , 1 <sup>st</sup> sess.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOORE, GWEN, a Representative from Wisconsin. Born on April 18, 1951. Elected as a Democrat to the 109<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 4, 2005. First African American Member of Congress from Wisconsin.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Financial Services	109 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	109 <sup>th</sup> -110 <sup>th</sup>
H. Budget	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

MOSELEY-BRAUN, CAROL, a Senator from Illinois. Born on August 16, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to a six-year term beginning with the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress and served through the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress, from January 5, 1993, to January 3, 1999. First 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NORTON, ELEANOR HOLMES, a Delegate from the District of Columbia. Born on June 13, 1937. Elected as a Democrat to the 102<sup>nd</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1991.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. District of Columbia	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Public Works and Transportation	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	104 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Committee on the Organization of Congress	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Homeland Security	108 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

OBAMA, BARACK, a Senator from Illinois. Born on August 4, 1961. Elected as a Democrat to a six-year term beginning with the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from January 4, 2005, until November 16, 2008, when he resigned after being elected President of the U.S. He is not only the first African American elected President but also the first African American male Democrat elected to the Senate.

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

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

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

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

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



**Committee Assignments**

**Congress**

H. Government Reform

106<sup>th</sup>-109<sup>th</sup>

PAYNE, DONALD M., a Representative from New Jersey. Born on July 16, 1934. Elected as a Democrat to the 101<sup>st</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1989. First African American Member of Congress from New Jersey. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**Committee Assignments**

**Congress**

H. Education and Labor

101<sup>st</sup>-103<sup>rd</sup>, 111<sup>th</sup>

H. Economic and Educational Opportunities

104<sup>th</sup>

H. Education and the Workforce

105<sup>th</sup>-109<sup>th</sup>

H. Foreign Affairs

101<sup>st</sup>-103<sup>rd</sup>, 111<sup>th</sup>

H. International Relations

104<sup>th</sup>-109<sup>th</sup>

H. Government Operations

101<sup>st</sup>-103<sup>rd</sup>

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

**Committee Assignments**

**Congress**

H. Indian Affairs

79<sup>th</sup>

H. Invalid Pensions

79<sup>th</sup>

H. Labor

79<sup>th</sup>

H. Education and Labor

80<sup>th</sup>-89<sup>th</sup>, 91<sup>st</sup>

(committee chair, 87<sup>th</sup>-89<sup>th</sup>)

H. Interior and Insular Affairs

84<sup>th</sup>-86<sup>th</sup>

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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Indian Affairs	43 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Invalid Pensions	44 <sup>th</sup> -45 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Celebration of Proposed National Census of 1875	43 <sup>rd</sup>

RANGEL, CHARLES B., a Representative from New York. Born on June 11, 1930. Elected as a Democrat to the 92<sup>nd</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1971. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 94<sup>th</sup> Congress.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Public Works	92 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Science and Astronautics	92 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Judiciary	92 <sup>nd</sup> -93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. District of Columbia	93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Ways and Means	94 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 110 <sup>th</sup> and 111 <sup>th</sup> Congresses)
H. Select Crime	92 <sup>nd</sup> -93 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control	94 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup> (committee chair, 98 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup> )
Jt. Taxation	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup> , 111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

Member of Congress; first African American Senator; first African American Republican elected to Congress; first African American Member of Congress from Mississippi.

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

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

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

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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Science and Technology	110 <sup>th</sup>
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Homeland Security	111 <sup>th</sup>

RUSH, BOBBY L., a Representative from Illinois. Born on November 23, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Government Operations	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Science, Space, and Technology	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Commerce	104 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Energy and Commerce	107 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	97 <sup>th</sup>

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Public Works and Transportation	97 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>
H. Small Business	97 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>

SCOTT, DAVID, a Representative from Georgia. Born on June 27, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 108<sup>th</sup>-110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 7, 2003.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Agriculture	108 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	108 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Standards of Official Conduct	110 <sup>th</sup>

SCOTT, ROBERT C., a Representative from Virginia. Born on April 30, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THOMPSON, BENNIE G., a Representative from Mississippi. Born on January 28, 1948. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Mike Espy to become secretary of agriculture; reelected to the 104<sup>th</sup> through 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since April 20, 1993.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Agriculture	103 <sup>rd</sup> -108 <sup>th</sup>
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Small Business	103 <sup>rd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Budget	105 <sup>th</sup> -107 <sup>th</sup>
H. Homeland Security	108 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 110 <sup>th</sup> and 111 <sup>th</sup> Congresses)

TOWNS, EDOLPHUS, a Representative from New York. Born on July 21, 1934. Elected as a Democrat to the 98<sup>th</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1983. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 102<sup>nd</sup> Congress.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Government Operations	98 <sup>th</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 <sup>th</sup> -105 <sup>th</sup>
H. Government Reform	106 <sup>th</sup> -109 <sup>th</sup>
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup> (committee chair, 111 <sup>th</sup> Congress)
H. Public Works and Transportation	98 <sup>th</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Energy and Commerce	101 <sup>st</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup> , 107 <sup>th</sup> -110 <sup>th</sup>
H. Commerce	104 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control	98 <sup>th</sup> -102 <sup>nd</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WATERS, MAXINE, a Representative from California. Born on August 31, 1938. Elected as a Democrat to the 102<sup>nd</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses, reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 1991. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress; vice chair of the Democratic Steering Committee in the 105<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses; a Democratic chief deputy whip in the 106<sup>th</sup> through 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	102 <sup>nd</sup> -103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Veterans Affairs	102 <sup>nd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Small Business	103 <sup>rd</sup> -104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Judiciary	105 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

WATT, MELVIN L., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on August 26, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 103<sup>rd</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 5, 1993. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress.

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Financial Services	107 <sup>th</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Judiciary	103 <sup>rd</sup> -111 <sup>th</sup>
Jt. Economic	107 <sup>th</sup> -108 <sup>th</sup>

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Congress</b>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Foreign Affairs	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. International Relations	104 <sup>th</sup>
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 <sup>rd</sup>
H. Commerce	105 <sup>th</sup> -106 <sup>th</sup>
H. Energy and Commerce	107 <sup>th</sup> -110 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

No. <sup>a</sup>	Chamber	Names <sup>b</sup>		
<b>111<sup>th</sup> Congress (2009-2011)</b>				
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		Albert R. Wynn
		Keith Ellison		
I	Senate	Roland Burris		
<b>110<sup>th</sup> Congress (2007-2009)</b>				
42 <sup>c</sup>	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 Kilpatrick	Edolphus Towns
		Elijah E. Cummings	Barbara Lee	Maxine Waters
		Artur Davis	John Lewis	Diane E. Watson
		Danny K. Davis	Kendrick Meek	Melvin L. Watt
		Donna F. Edwards	Gregory W. Meeks	Albert R. Wynn
		Keith Ellison		

No. <sup>a</sup>	Chamber	Names <sup>b</sup>		
I	Senate	Barack Obama		
<b>109<sup>th</sup> Congress (2005-2007)</b>				
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 Kilpatrick	Robert C. Scott
		Emanuel Cleaver II	Barbara Lee	Bennie G. Thompson
		James E. Clyburn	John Lewis	Edolphus Towns
		John Conyers Jr.	Cynthia McKinney	Maxine Waters
		Elijah E. Cummings	Kendrick Meek	Diane E. Watson
		Artur Davis	Gregory W. Meeks	Melvin L. Watt
		Danny K. Davis	Juanita Millender-McDonald	Albert R. Wynn
		Chaka Fattah	Gwen Moore	
		Harold E. Ford Jr.	Eleanor Holmes Norton	
		Al Green		
		Alcee L. Hastings		
I	Senate	Barack Obama		
<b>108<sup>th</sup> Congress (2003-2005)</b>				
39 <sup>d</sup>	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	Eleanor Holmes Norton	
		Chaka Fattah		
		Harold E. Ford Jr.		
		Alcee L. Hastings		

No. <sup>a</sup>	Chamber	Names <sup>b</sup>		
	Senate	None		
<b>107<sup>th</sup> Congress (2001-2003)</b>				
39 <sup>e</sup>	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		
<b>106<sup>th</sup> Congress (1999-2001)</b>				
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 Kilpatrick	Bennie G. Thompson
		John Conyers Jr.	Barbara Lee	Edolphus Towns
		Elijah Cummings	John Lewis	Maxine Waters
		Danny K. Davis	Cynthia A. McKinney	Melvin L. Watt
		Julian C. Dixon	Carrie P. Meek	J.C. Watts Jr.
		Chaka Fattah	Gregory W. Meeks	Albert R. Wynn
		Harold E. Ford Jr.		
	Senate	None		
<b>105<sup>th</sup> Congress (1997-1999)</b>				
39 <sup>f</sup>	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Floyd Flake	Juanita Millender-McDonald
		Corrine Brown	Harold E. Ford Jr.	

No. <sup>a</sup>	Chamber	Names <sup>b</sup>		
		Julia M. Carson	Alcee L. Hastings	Eleanor Holmes Norton
		Donna M. Christian-Green	Earl Hilliard	Major R. Owens
		William L. Clay Sr.	Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	Donald M. Payne
		Eva M. Clayton	Sheila Jackson Lee	Charles B. Rangel
		James E. Clyburn	William J. Jefferson	Bobby Rush
		John Conyers Jr.	Eddie Bernice Johnson	Robert Scott
		Elijah Cummings	Carolyn Cheeks	Louis Stokes
		Danny K. Davis	Kilpatrick	Bennie G. Thompson
		Ronald V. Dellums	Barbara Lee	Edolphus Towns
		Julian C. Dixon	John Lewis	Maxine Waters
		Chaka Fattah	Cynthia A. McKinney	Melvin L. Watt
			Carrie P. Meek	J.C. Watts Jr.
			Gregory W. Meeks	Albert R. Wynn
I	Senate	Carol Moseley-Braun		
		<b>104<sup>th</sup> Congress (1995-1997)</b>		
40 <sup>th</sup>	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
		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		
		<b>103<sup>rd</sup> Congress (1993-1995)</b>		
39 <sup>th</sup>	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

No. <sup>a</sup>	Chamber	Names <sup>b</sup>		
		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		
<b>102<sup>nd</sup> Congress (1991-1993)</b>				
27 <sup>i</sup>	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
		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		
<b>101<sup>st</sup> Congress (1989-1991)</b>				
24 <sup>i</sup>	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		
<b>100<sup>th</sup> Congress (1987-1989)</b>				
23	House	William L. Clay Sr.	Floyd H. Flake	Charles B. Rangel
		Cardiss Collins	Harold E. Ford Sr.	Gus Savage

No. <sup>a</sup>	Chamber	Names <sup>b</sup>		
		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		
<b>99<sup>th</sup> Congress (1985-1987)</b>				
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		
<b>98<sup>th</sup> Congress (1983-1985)</b>				
21 <sup>k</sup>	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		
<b>97<sup>th</sup> Congress (1981-1983)</b>				
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		
<b>96<sup>th</sup> Congress (1979-1981)</b>				

No. <sup>a</sup>	Chamber	Names <sup>b</sup>		
17 <sup>1</sup>	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	
<b>95<sup>th</sup> Congress (1977-1979)</b>				
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	
		Senate	Edward W. Brooke	
<b>94<sup>th</sup> Congress (1975-1977)</b>				
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 W. Metcalfe	
		Senate	Edward W. Brooke	
<b>93<sup>rd</sup> Congress (1973-1975)</b>				
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	
		Senate	Edward W. Brooke	
<b>92<sup>nd</sup> Congress (1971-1973)</b>				
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	



No. <sup>a</sup>	Chamber	Names <sup>b</sup>		
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
<b>91<sup>st</sup> Congress (1969-1971)</b>				
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		
<b>90<sup>th</sup> Congress (1967-1969)</b>				
5 <sup>m</sup>	House	John Conyers Jr.	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.
		William L. Dawson	Augustus F. Hawkins	
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
<b>89<sup>th</sup> Congress (1965-1967)</b>				
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		
<b>88<sup>th</sup> Congress (1963-1965)</b>				
5	House:	William L. Dawson	Augustus F. Hawkins	Adam C. Powell Jr.
		Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.	
	Senate	None		
<b>85<sup>th</sup> - 87<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1957-1963)</b>				
4	House	William L. Dawson	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.	
		Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Adam C. Powell Jr.	
	Senate	None		
<b>84<sup>th</sup> Congress (1955-1957)</b>				
3	House	William L. Dawson	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Adam C. Powell Jr.
<b>79<sup>th</sup> - 83<sup>rd</sup> Congresses (1945-1955)</b>				
2	House	William L. Dawson	Adam C. Powell Jr.	
	Senate	None		
<b>78<sup>th</sup> Congress (1943-1945)</b>				
1	House	William L. Dawson		
	Senate	None		
<b>74<sup>th</sup> - 77<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1935-1943)</b>				
1	House	Arthur W. Mitchell		
	Senate	None		
<b>71<sup>st</sup> - 73<sup>rd</sup> Congresses (1929-1935)</b>				
1	House	Oscar S. DePriest		
	Senate	None		

No. <sup>a</sup>	Chamber	Names <sup>b</sup>		
<b>57<sup>th</sup> - 70<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1901-1929)</b>				
	House	None		
	Senate	None		
<b>55<sup>th</sup> - 56<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1897-1901)</b>				
1	House	George H. White		
	Senate	None		
<b>53<sup>rd</sup> - 54<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1893-1897)</b>				
1	House	George W. Murray		
	Senate	None		
<b>52<sup>nd</sup> Congress (1891-1893)</b>				
1	House	Henry P. Cheatham		
	Senate	None		
<b>51<sup>st</sup> Congress (1889-1891)</b>				
3	House	Henry P. Cheatham	John M. Langston	Thomas E. Miller
	Senate	None		
<b>50<sup>th</sup> Congress (1887-1889)</b>				
	House	None		
	Senate	None		
<b>48<sup>th</sup> - 49<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1883-1887)</b>				
2	House	James E. O'Hara	Robert Smalls	
	Senate	None		
<b>47<sup>th</sup> Congress (1881-1883)</b>				
2	House	John R. Lynch	Robert Smalls	
	Senate	None		
<b>46<sup>th</sup> Congress (1879-1881)</b>				
	House	None		
1	Senate	Blanche K. Bruce		
<b>45<sup>th</sup> Congress (1877-1879)</b>				
3	House	Richard H. Cain	Joseph H. Rainey	Robert Smalls
1	Senate	Blanche K. Bruce		
<b>44<sup>th</sup> Congress (1875-1877)</b>				
7	House	Jeremiah Haralson	Charles E. Nash	Josiah T. Walls
		John A. Hyman	Joseph H. Rainey	
		John R. Lynch	Robert Smalls	
1	Senate	Blanche K. Bruce		
<b>43<sup>rd</sup> Congress (1873-1875)</b>				
7	House	Richard H. Cain	Joseph H. Rainey	Josiah T. Walls

No. <sup>a</sup>	Chamber	Names <sup>b</sup>		
		Robert B. Elliott	Alonzo J. Ransier	
		John R. Lynch	James T. Rapier	
	Senate	None		
<b>42<sup>nd</sup> Congress (1871-1873)</b>				
5	House	Robert C. DeLarge	Joseph H. Rainey	Josiah T. Walls
		Robert B. Elliott	Benjamin S. Turner	
	Senate	None		
<b>41<sup>st</sup> Congress (1869-1871)<sup>n</sup></b>				
2	House	Jefferson F. Long	Joseph H. Rainey	
1	Senate	Hiram R. Revels <sup>o</sup>		

- 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. Although 46 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 110<sup>th</sup> 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.
- d. Although 40 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 108<sup>th</sup> 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.
- e. Although 40 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, 39 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Julian Dixon was reelected to the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress but died on Dec. 8, 2000 before the Congress commenced; his seat was filled by Rep. Diane Watson.
- f. Although 41 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 105<sup>th</sup> 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.
- g. Although 43 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 104<sup>th</sup> 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.
- h. Although 40 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 103<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- i. Although 28 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 102<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- j. Although 25 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 101<sup>st</sup> 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.
- k. Although 22 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 98<sup>th</sup> 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.
- l. Although 18 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 96<sup>th</sup> 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.

- m. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. was reelected to the House in the 90<sup>th</sup> 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.
- n. There were no African American Members of Congress until 1870, the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> session.
- o. 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, 41<sup>st</sup> Congress to Present, by State or Territory**

<b>Alabama (5 African-American Members)</b>		
Artur Davis	Earl F. Hilliard	Benjamin S. Turner
Jeremiah Haralson	James T. Rapier	
<b>California (11 African-American Members)</b>		
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
Mervyn M. Dymally	Laura Richardson	
<b>Connecticut (1 African-American Member)</b>		
Gary A. Franks		
<b>District of Columbia (2 African-American Members)</b>		
Walter E. Fauntroy	Eleanor Holmes Norton	
<b>Florida (5 African-American Members)</b>		
Corrine Brown	Carrie P. Meek	Josiah T. Walls
Alcee L. Hastings	Kendrick Meek	
<b>Georgia (8 African-American Members)</b>		
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	
<b>Illinois (17 African-American Members)</b>		
Roland Burris <sup>a</sup>	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 <sup>a</sup>	Harold D. Washington
Oscar S. DePriest	Barack Obama <sup>a</sup>	
<b>Indiana (3 African-American Members)</b>		
André Carson	Julia Carson	Katie B. Hall
<b>Louisiana (3 African-American Members)</b>		
Cleo Fields	William J. Jefferson	Charles E. Nash

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**Maryland (5 African-American Members)**

Elijah E. Cummings	Parren J. Mitchell	Albert R. Wynn
Donna Edwards	Kweisi Mfume	

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**Massachusetts (1 African-American Member)**

Edward W. Brooke<sup>a</sup>

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**Michigan (5 African-American Members)**

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

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**Minnesota (1 African-American Member)**

Keith Ellison

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**Mississippi (5 African-American Members)**

Blanche K. Bruce <sup>a</sup>	John R. Lynch	Bennie G. Thompson
Albert M. (Mike) Espy	Hiram Rhodes Revels <sup>a</sup>	

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**Missouri (4 African-American Members)**

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

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**New Jersey (1 African-American Member)**

Donald M. Payne

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**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.

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**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	

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**Ohio (3 African-American Members)**

Marcia L. Fudge	Stephanie Tubbs Jones	Louis Stokes
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**Oklahoma (1 African-American Member)**

J.C. Watts Jr.

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**Pennsylvania (4 African-American Members)**

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

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**South Carolina (9 African-American Members)**

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

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**Tennessee (2 African-American Members)**

Harold E. Ford Jr.                                  Harold E. Ford Sr.

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**Texas (6 African-American Members)**

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

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**Virginia (2 African-American Members)**

John M. Langston    Robert C. Scott

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**Virgin Islands (3 African-American Members)**

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

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**Wisconsin (1 African-American Member)**

Gwen Moore

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- a. Serves/served in the Senate.

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

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

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



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

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<b>Congress</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Total African American Members of Congress</b>	<b>African American Members of House<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>African American Members of Senate</b>
106 <sup>th</sup>	1999-2001	39	39	0
107 <sup>th</sup>	2001-2003	39	39	0
108 <sup>th</sup>	2003-2005	39	39	0
109 <sup>th</sup>	2005-2007	43	42	1
110 <sup>th</sup>	2007-2009	42 <sup>b</sup>	42	— <sup>b</sup>
111 <sup>th</sup>	2009-2011	42	41	1

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- a. The numbers here reflect the highest number of African American Members 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 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, but only 43 have served at any one time during the Congress.
- b. President Barack Obama served in the Senate in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress until his resignation on Nov. 16, 2008.

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