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Summary

There are 43 African-American Members serving in the 110th Congress: 42 in the House of Representatives, one in the Senate. There have been 123 African American Members of Congress: 118 elected to the House and five to the Senate. There have been 96 Democrats: 94 in the House, two in the Senate; and 27 Republicans: 24 in the House, three in the Senate.

A record 43 African American Members also served in the 109th Congress: 42 in the House, one in the Senate. The number of African American Members has steadily increased since the first African American Members entered Congress in 1870. There were fewer than 10 Members until the 91st Congress (1969-1971). In the 98th Congress (1983-1985), the number surpassed 20 for the first time and then jumped to 40 in the 103rd Congress (1993-1995). Since the 106th Congress (1999-2001), the number has remained between 39 and 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 41st Congress (1870). The first African American Member of the House was Joseph H. Rainey (R-SC), who also served in the 41st Congress. Representative John Conyers Jr. (D-MI, 1965-present), the current chair of the House Judiciary Committee, has served longer than any other African American Member of Congress.

Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), elected to the 91st through 97th Congresses (1969-1983), was the first African American woman in Congress. Since that time, 25 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.

Representatives 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 110th Congress, served as vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus in the 108th and 109th Congresses. Representative Gray was chair of the House Democratic Caucus in 1989 (101st Congress). Later in that Congress, when a vacancy occurred, he was elected House majority whip, a position he held until his resignation from Congress in September 1991 (102nd Congress). Representative Watts served as chair of the House Republican Conference in the 106th-107th Congresses (1997-2001).

African American Members of Congress have served on standing and select committees. Nineteen have served as committee chair, 18 in the House and one in the Senate.

This report will be updated as needed.

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Background

One hundred twenty-three African Americans have been elected to the U.S. Congress: 118 to the House and five to the Senate.¹ Of these, 27 have been women. There are 43 African American Members serving in the 110th Congress, 42 in the House of Representatives and one in the Senate, the same number as the record 43 African American Members who served in the 109th Congress. All are Democrats.²

The number of African American Members has steadily increased since the first African Americans entered Congress in 1870. There were fewer than 10 Members until the 91st Congress (1969-1971). In the 98th Congress (1983-1985), the number surpassed 20 for the first time and then jumped to 40 in the 103rd Congress (1993-1995). Since the 106th Congress (1999-2001), the number has remained between 39 and 43 at any one time.

The largest number of African American Members elected as freshmen was 17 in the 103rd Congress. Sixteen were elected to the House, and one, Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL, 1993-1999), was elected to the Senate. Senator Moseley-Braun, who is the only African American woman to serve in the Senate, also was the first African American Democrat to serve in the Senate.³

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

² A record 46 different African American Members have served in the 110th Congress (45 in the House and one in the Senate). However, only 43 (42 in the House and one in the Senate) have served at any one time. Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA) died on Apr. 22, 2007, and was replaced by Representative Laura Richardson (D-CA) on Sept. 4, 2007; Rep. Julia Carson (D-IN) died on Dec. 15, 2007, and was replaced by her grandson, Rep. André Carson on Mar. 13, 2008; and Rep. Al Wynn resigned on May 31, 2008, and was replaced by Rep. Donna Edwards on June 19, 2008. The previous record number was in the 104th Congress (1995-1997) when 43 African American Members was elected to the House of Representatives. Only 40, however, actually served at any one time. Rep. Melvin Reynolds (D-IL) resigned in Oct. 1995 and was replaced by Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-IL); Rep. Walter Tucker (D-CA) resigned in Dec. 1995 and was replaced by Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA); and Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-MD) resigned in Feb. 1996 and was replaced by Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD).

³ Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) is the first African American male Democrat to serve in the Senate.

The majority of African American Members of Congress (96) have been Democrats; 27 have been Republicans. All the African American Democrats have been elected in the 20th and 21st centuries. Five African American Republican men were elected to Congress in the 20th century, four to the House and one to the Senate. One of them was reelected to one term in the 21st century before retiring from Congress. All other African American Republican Members served in the 19th century.

The first African American Member of Congress was Hiram Rhodes Revels (R-MS), who served in the Senate in the 41st Congress (1870). 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 fill the unexpired term in the U. S. Senate of former Confederate President Jefferson Davis.⁴ 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 41st Congress. Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), elected to the 91st through 97th Congresses (1969-1983), was the first African American woman to serve in Congress. Edward Brooke (R-MA) was the first African American person elected to the Senate after passage of the Seventeenth Amendment, which provided for the direct election of Senators. He served in the 90th through 95th Congresses (1967-1979).

John Conyers Jr. (D-MI) holds the record for length of service by a African American Member (43 years). He was first elected to the 89th Congress and has served since January 3, 1965.

Twenty-two African American Members have first been elected to fill vacancies in the House. They include Bennie Thompson (D-MS, 1993-present); Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-IL, 1995-present); Elijah Cummings (D-MD, 1996-present); Barbara Lee (D-CA, 1998-present); Gregory Meeks (D-NY, 1998-present); Diane Watson (D-CA, 2001-present); G.K. Butterfield (D-NC, 2004-present); Laura Richardson (D-CA, 2007-present); André Carson (D-IN, 2008-present); and Donna Edwards (D-MD, 2008-present). Representative Cardiss Collins (D-IL, 1973-1997), was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Representative George Collins (D-IL, 1970-1972). The other former Members were Robert N.C. Nix Sr. (D-PA, 1958-1979); George Collins (D-IL, 1970-1972); Bennett Stewart (D-IL, 1979-1981); George W. Crockett Jr. (D-MI, 1980-1991); Katie Hall (D-IN, 1982-1985); Charles Hayes (D-IL, 1983-1993); Alton Waldon Jr. (D-NY, 1986-1987); Lucien Blackwell (D-PA, 1991-1995); Craig Washington (D-TX, 1989-1995); Representatives Eva Clayton (D-NC, 1992-2003); and Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA, 1996-2007).

⁴ Bruce A. Ragsdale and Joel D. Treese, *Black Americans in Congress, 1870-1989* (Washington: GPO, 1990), p. 130.

All of these Members, except Representatives Stewart and Waldon, were subsequently elected to additional terms.⁵

Female Members

Fourteen African American women serve in the 110th Congress, all in the House.⁶ A record number of 15 African American women served in the 107th Congress, all in the House. A total of 27 African American women have served in Congress.

The first African American female Member was Representative Shirley Chisholm (D-NY, 1969-1983). Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL, 1993-1999) is the only African American woman to have served in the Senate. The African American female Members of the 110th Congress are Delegates Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) and Donna Christian-Christensen (D-VI) and Representatives Maxine Waters (D-CA); Corinne Brown (D-FL); Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX); Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX); Barbara Lee (D-CA); Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-MI); Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH); Diane Watson (D-CA); Gwen Moore (D-WI); Yvette Clarke (D-NY); Laura Richardson (D-CA); and Donna Edwards (D-MD). The other African American female Members, in addition to Representative Chisholm, Senator Moseley-Braun, and currently serving Members, were Cardiss Collins (D-IL, 1973-1997); Barbara-Rose Collins (D-MI, 1991-1997); Yvonne Brathwaite Burke (D-CA, 1973-1979); Katie Hall (D-IN, 1982-1985); Barbara Jordan (D-TX, 1973-1979); Eva Clayton (D-NC, 1992-2003); Carrie Meek (D-FL, 1993-2003); Denise Majette (D-GA, 2003-2005); Cynthia McKinney (D-GA, 1993-2003, 2005-2007); Juanita Millender-McDonald (1996-2007); and Julia Carson (D-IN, 1997-2007).

Relationships

Two African American Members of the 110th Congress are the sons of former Members: Representative William Lacy Clay Jr. (D-MO, 2001-present) is the son of former Representative William L. Clay Sr. (D-MO, 1969-2001), and Representative Kendrick Meek (D-FL, 2003-present) is the son of former Representative Carrie Meek (D-FL, 1993-2003). Representative André Carson (D-IN, 2008-present) is the grandson of former Representative Julia Carson (D-IN, 1997-2007).

Former Representative Harold Ford Jr. (D-TN, 1997-2007) is the son of former Representative Harold Ford Sr. (D-TN, 1975-1997). These sons directly succeeded their parents. In addition, Representative Cardiss Collins (D-IL, 1973-1997) succeeded her husband, Representative George Collins (D-IL, 1970-1972).

⁵ Representatives Richardson, Carson, and Edwards's first opportunity to stand for reelection will occur Nov. 4, 2008.

⁶ A record of 16 African American women, including the late Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA) and the late Julia Carson, were elected to the House in the 110th Congress. However, 14 is the largest number to serve at any one time.

Representative George White (R-NC, 1897-1901) was the brother-in-law of Representative Henry Cheatham (R-NC, 1889-1893).

Oldest and Youngest African American Members

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

The youngest African American Member to be elected, Representative John Lynch (R-MS, 1873-1877, 1882-1883), was first elected at age 25. Representative Harold Ford Jr. (D-TN, 1997-2007) was first elected at age 26. At age 33, Senator Blanche Bruce (R-MS, 1875-1881) was the youngest African American Senator elected to a first term.

African American Members in Leadership Positions

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

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

Eighteen African American Representatives and one African American Senator have chaired congressional committees, including a record five in the 110th Congress.⁷ African American Members currently serving as chairs in the 110th Congress are Representatives John Conyers Jr. (D-MI, 1965-present), chair of House Judiciary Committee; Charles B. Rangel (D-NY, 1971-present), chair of the House Ways and Means Committee; Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS, 1993-present), chair of

⁷ A record five African American Members were elected House committee chairs at the beginning of the 110th Congress. However, Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA), chair of the Committee on House Administration, died on April 22, 2007.

the House Homeland Security Committee; and Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH, 1999-present), chair of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

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); and Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA, 1996-2007).

Tables and Data

This part 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, where relevant, an indication of the committees they chaired or co-chaired. In addition, five tables summarize information about African American Members. **Tables 1** and **2** list selected data about each African American Member, with the first table listing Senators and the second listing Representatives. **Table 3** presents the number and names of African American Members by Congress, organized by Congress. **Table 4** presents the same information by state. **Table 5** shows the changing number of African American Members serving in Congress since 1870, when the first African American 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 110th Congress committee assignments, the sources are *The Senate of the United States, Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Tenth Congress*, prepared under the direction of Nancy Erickson, secretary of the Senate, April 2, 2007 (available online from the Senate's website at [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 Tenth Congress*, prepared under the direction of Lorraine C. Miller, clerk of the House of Representatives, June 19, 2008 (available online from the clerk's website at [http://clerk.house.gov/committee_info/oal.pdf]).

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

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

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

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

BISHOP, SANFORD D. Jr., a Representative from Georgia. Born on February 4, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Agriculture	103 rd -107 th
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 rd
H. Veterans' Affairs	103 rd -104 th
H. Select Intelligence	105 th -107 th
H. Appropriations	108 th -110 th

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

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

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

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

BROWN, CORRINE, a Representative from Florida. Born on November 11, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Government Operations	103 rd
H. Public Works and Transportation	103 rd
H. Veterans' Affairs	103 rd -110 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 th -110 th

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

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

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

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

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

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Small Business	108 th
H. Agriculture	108 th -109 th
H. Armed Services	109 th
H. Energy and Commerce	110 th

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

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

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

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Financial Services	110 th

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN-CHRISTENSEN, DONNA M., a Delegate from the Virgin Islands. Born on September 19, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th Congress through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 7, 1997. First woman elected from the Virgin Islands and first female doctor in Congress.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Resources	105 th -109 th
H. Natural Resources	110 th
H. Small Business	106 th -109 th
H. Homeland Security	108 th -110 th

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

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

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	110 th
H. Homeland Security	110 th
H. Small Business	110 th

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

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

CLAY, WILLIAM LACY Jr., a Representative from Missouri. Born on July 27, 1956; succeeded his father, Representative William L. Clay Sr. Elected as a Democrat to the 107th-109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 2001.

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

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

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

CLEAVER, EMANUEL, a Representative from Missouri. Born on October 26, 1944. Elected as Democrat to the 109th Congress; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 4, 2005.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Financial Services	109 th -110 th
H. Energy Independence and Global Warming	110 th

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONYERS, JOHN Jr., a Representative from Michigan. Born on May 16, 1929. Elected as a Democrat to the 89th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1965.

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

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

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

CUMMINGS, ELIJAH E., a Representative from Maryland. Born on January 18, 1951. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Kweisi Mfume; reelected to the 105th through 110th Congresses; has served since April 25, 1996. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 108th Congress.

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

DAVIS, ARTUR, a Representative from Alabama. Born on October 9, 1967. Elected as a Democrat to the 108th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 7, 2003.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Budget	108 th -109 th
H. Financial Services	108 th - 109 th
H. Judiciary	110 th
H. Ways and Means	110 th

DAVIS, DANNY K., a Representative from Illinois. Born on September 6, 1941. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 7, 1997.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Science and Technology	110 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	110 th

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

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

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

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Financial Services	110 th
H. Judiciary	110 th

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

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

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

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

FATTAH, CHAKA, a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on November 21, 1956. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1995.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 th -105 th
H. Government Reform	106 th
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 th
H. Education and the Workforce	105 th -106 th
H. Small Business	104 th
H. Standards of Official Conduct	105 th -106 th
H. Administration	106 th -107 th
Jt. Printing	106 th -107 th
H. Appropriations	107 th -110 th

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Financial Services	109 th -110 th
H. Science	109 th
H. Homeland Security	110 th

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

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

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

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

HASTINGS, ALCEE L., a Representative from Florida. Born on September 5, 1936. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JACKSON, JESSE L. Jr., a Representative from Illinois. Born on March 11, 1965. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Melvin Reynolds; reelected to the 105th through 110th Congresses; has served since December 14, 1995.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 th -105 th
H. Small Business	105 th
H. Appropriations	106 th -110 th

JACKSON LEE, SHEILA, a Representative from Texas. Born on January 12, 1950. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1995.

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

JEFFERSON, WILLIAM J., a Representative from Louisiana. Born on March 14, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1991.

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

JOHNSON, EDDIE BERNICE, a Representative from Texas. Born on December 3, 1935. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 107th Congress.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Public Works and Transportation	103 rd
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 th -110 th
H. Science, Space, and Technology	103 rd
H. Science	104 th -109 th
H. Science and Technology	110 th

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

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Armed Services	110 th
H. Judiciary	110 th
H. Small Business	110 th

JONES, STEPHANIE TUBBS, a Representative from Ohio. Born on September 10, 1949. Elected as a Democrat to the 106th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1999.

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

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

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

KILPATRICK, CAROLYN CHEEKS, a Representative from Michigan. Born on June 25, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 7, 1997. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 110th Congress.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 th
H. House Oversight	105 th
Jt. Committee on the Library	105 th
H. Appropriations	106 th -110 th

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

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

LEE, BARBARA, a Representative from California. Born on July 16, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Ronald Dellums; reelected to the 106th through 110th Congresses; has served since April 20, 1998.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 th -106 th
H. Financial Services	107 th -109 th
H. Science	105 th
H. International Relations	106 th -109 th
H. Appropriations	110 th

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

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

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

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Public Works and Transportation	100 th -102 nd
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	100 th -102 nd
H. Select Aging	101 st -102 nd
H. District of Columbia	103 rd
H. Ways and Means	103 rd -110 th
H. Budget	108 th

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEEK, KENDRICK, a Representative from Florida. Born on September 6, 1966. Elected to the 108th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 7, 2003. Succeeded his mother, Representative Carrie Meek.

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

MEEKS, GREGORY, a Representative from New York. Born on September 25, 1953. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Floyd Flake; reelected to the 106th through 110th Congresses; has served since February 5, 1998.

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

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

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

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

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

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

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Small Business	104 th -110 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 th -119 th
H. Administration	108 th -110 th (committee chair, 110 th , 1 st sess.)
Jt. Library	108 th , 110 th 110 th (committee chair, 110 th , 1 st session)
Jt. Printing	110 th (committee chair, 110 th , 1 st 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 51st Congress; served from September 24, 1890, to March 3, 1891, when he successfully contested the election of William Elliott.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOSELEY-BRAUN, CAROL, a Senator from Illinois. Born on August 16, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to a six-year term beginning with the 103rd Congress and served through the 105th 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NORTON, ELEANOR HOLMES, a Delegate from the District of Columbia. Born on June 13, 1937. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1991.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. District of Columbia	102 nd -103 rd
H. Post Office and Civil Service	102 nd -103 rd
H. Public Works and Transportation	102 nd -103 rd
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 th -110 th
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 th -105 th
H. Government Reform	106 th -109 th
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 th
H. Small Business	104 th
Jt. Committee on the Organization of Congress	102 nd -103 ^r
H. Homeland Security	108 th -110 th

OBAMA, BARACK, a Senator from Illinois. Born on August 4, 1961. Elected as a Democrat to a six-year term beginning with the 109th Congress; has served since January 4, 2005. First African American presidential nominee from a major political party as well as first African American male Democrat elected to the Senate.

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

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

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

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

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

PAYNE, DONALD M., a Representative from New Jersey. Born on July 16, 1934. Elected as a Democrat to the 101st through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1989. First African American Member of Congress from New Jersey. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 104th Congress.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Education and Labor	101 st -103 rd , 110 th
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 th
H. Education and the Workforce	105 th -109 th
H. Foreign Affairs	101 st -103 rd , 110 th
H. International Relations	104 th -109 th
H. Government Operations	101 st -103 rd

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

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

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

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

RANGEL, CHARLES B., a Representative from New York. Born on June 11, 1930. Elected as a Democrat to the 92nd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1971. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 94th Congress.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Science and Technology	110 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	110 th

RUSH, BOBBY L., a Representative from Illinois. Born on November 23, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	103 rd
H. Government Operations	103 rd
H. Science, Space, and Technology	103 rd
H. Commerce	104 th -106 th
H. Energy and Commerce	107 th -110 th

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

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

SCOTT, DAVID, a Representative from Georgia. Born on June 27, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 108th-109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 7, 2003.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Agriculture	108 th -110 th
H. Financial Services	108 th - 110 th
H. Foreign Affairs	110 th

SCOTT, ROBERT C., a Representative from Virginia. Born on April 30, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THOMPSON, BENNIE G., a Representative from Mississippi. Born on January 28, 1948. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Mike Espy to become secretary of agriculture; reelected to the 104th through 110th Congresses; has served since April 20, 1993.

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

TOWNS, EDOLPHUS, a Representative from New York. Born on July 21, 1934. Elected as a Democrat to the 98th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1983. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 102nd Congress.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WATERS, MAXINE, a Representative from California. Born on August 31, 1938. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd through 109th Congresses, reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1991. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 105th Congress; vice chair of the Democratic Steering Committee in the 105th through 108th Congresses; a Democratic chief deputy whip in the 106th through 110th Congresses.

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	102 nd -103 rd
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 th -106 th
H. Financial Services	107 th -110 th
H. Veterans Affairs	102 nd -104 th
H. Small Business	103 rd -104 th
H. Judiciary	105 th -110 th

WATSON, DIANE E., a Representative from California. Born on November 12, 1933. Elected as a Democrat to the 107th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Julian Dixon; reelected to the 108th-110th Congresses; has served since June 7, 2001. U.S. ambassador to Micronesia from 1999 to 2001.

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

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

<i>Committee Assignments</i>	<i>Congress</i>
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	103 rd
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 th -106 th
H. Financial Services	107 th -110 th
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 rd
H. Judiciary	103 rd -110 th
Jt. Economic	107 th -108 th

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 1. African American Members of Congress — Senate

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

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

Table 2. African American Members of Congress — House of Representatives

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District*	Party
Ballance, Frank W. Jr.	108 th	2003-2004	NC	1 st	D
Bishop, Sanford D. Jr.	103 rd -	1993-	GA	2 nd	D
Blackwell, Lucien E. ^a	102 nd -103 rd	1991-1995	PA	2 nd	D
Brown, Corrine	103 rd -	1993-	FL	3 rd	D
Burke, Yvonne B.	93 rd -95 th	1973-1979	CA	28 th	D
Butterfield, G.K. ^b	108 th -	2004-	NC	1 st	D
Cain, Richard Harvey	43 rd 45 th	1873-1875 1877-1879	SC	AL	R
Carson, Julia M ^c	105 th -110 th	1997-2007	IN	10 th , 7 th	D
Carson, André ^c	110 th -	2008-	IN	7 th	D
Cheatham, Henry P.	51 st -52 nd	1889-1893	NC	2 nd	R
Chisholm, Shirley A. ^d	91 st -97 th	1969-1983	NY	12 th	D
Christian-Christensen, Donna	105 th -	1997-	VI	AL	D
Clarke, Yvette D.	110 th	2007-	NY	11 th	D
Clay, William L. Sr.	91 st -106 th	1969-2001	MO	1 st	D
Clay, William Lacy Jr.	107 th -	2001-	MO	1 st	D
Clayton, Eva M. ^e	102 nd -107 th	1992-2003	NC	1 st	D
Cleaver, Emanuel	109 th -	2005-	MO	5 th	D
Clyburn, James E.	103 rd -	1993-	SC	6 th	D

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District*	Party
Collins, Barbara-Rose	102 nd -104 th	1991-1997	MI	15 th	D
Collins, Cardiss ^f	93 rd -104 th	1973-1997	IL	7 th	D
Collins, George W. ^g	91 st -92 nd	1970-1972	IL	6 th	D
Conyers, John Jr.	89 th -	1965-	MI	14 th	D
Crockett, George W. ^h	96 th -101 st	1980-1991	MI	13 th	D
Cummings, Elijah E. ⁱ	104 th -	1996-	MD	7 th	D
Davis, Artur	108 th -	2003-	AL	7 th	D
Davis, Danny K.	105 th -	1997-	IL	7 th	D
Dawson, William L. ^j	78 th -91 st	1943-1970	IL	1 st	D
DeLarge, Robert C. ^k	42 nd	1871-1873	SC	2 nd	R
Dellums, Ronald V. ^l	92 nd -105 th	1971-1998	CA	8 th	D
DePriest, Oscar S.	71 st -73 rd	1929-1935	IL	1 st	R
Diggs, Charles C. Jr. ^m	84 th -96 th	1955-1980	MI	13 th	D
Dixon, Julian C. ⁿ	96 th -106 th	1979-2000	CA	32 nd	D
Dymally, Mervyn M.	97 th -102 nd	1981-1993	CA	31 st	D
Edwards, Donna ^o	110 th -	2008-	MD	4 th	D
Elliott, Robert B. ^p	42 nd -43 rd	1871-1874	SC	3 rd	R
Ellison, Keith	110 th	2007-	MN	5 th	D
Espy, Albert M. (Mike) ^q	100 th -103 rd	1987-1993	MS	2 nd	D
Evans, Melvin H.	96 th	1979-1981	VI	AL	R
Fattah, Chaka	104 th -	1995-	PA	2 nd	D
Fauntroy, Walter E. ^r	92 nd -101 st	1971-1991	DC	AL	D
Fields, Cleo	103 rd -104 th	1993-1997	LA	4 th	D
Flake, Floyd H.	100 th -105 th	1987-1997	NY	6 th	D
Ford, Harold E. Jr.	105 th -109 th	1997-2007	TN	9 th	D
Ford, Harold E. Sr.	94 th -104 th	1975-1997	TN	9 th	D
Franks, Gary A.	102 nd -104 th	1991-1997	CT	5 th	R
Frazer, Victor O.	104 th	1995	VI	AL	D
Gray, William H. III ^s	96 th -102 nd	1979-1991	PA	2 nd	D
Green, Al	109 th -	2005-	TX	9 th	D
Hall, Katie B ^t	97 th -98 th	1982-1985	IN	1 st	D

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District*	Party
Haralson, Jeremiah	44 th	1875-1877	AL	1 st	R
Hastings, Alcee L.	103 rd -	1993-	FL	23 rd	D
Hawkins, Augustus F.	88 th -101 st	1963-1991	CA	29 th	D
Hayes, Charles A. ^u	98 th -102 nd	1983-1993	IL	1 st	D
Hilliard, Earl F.	103 rd -107 th	1993-2003	AL	7 th	D
Hyman, John Adams	44 th	1875-1877	NC	2 nd	R
Jackson, Jesse L. Jr. ^v	104 th -	1995-	IL	2 nd	D
Jackson Lee, Sheila	104 th -	1995-	TX	18 th	D
Jefferson, William J.	102 nd -	1991-	LA	2 nd	D
Johnson, Eddie Bernice	103 rd -	1993-	TX	30 th	D
Johnson, Henry C. (Hank) Jr.	110 th -	2007-	GA	4 th	D
Jones, Stephanie Tubbs	106 th -	1999-	OH	11 th	D
Jordan, Barbara C.	93 rd -95 th	1973-1979	TX	18 th	D
Kilpatrick, Carolyn C.	105 th -	1997-	MI	15 th , 13 th	D
Langston, John M. ^w	51 st	1890-1891	VA	4 th	R
Lee, Barbara ^x	105 th -	1998-	CA	9 th	D
Leland, George T. (Mickey) ^y	96 th -101 st	1979-1989	TX	18 th	D
Lewis, John R.	100 th -	1987-	GA	5 th	D
Long, Jefferson F. ^z	41 st	1870-1871	GA	4 th	R
Lynch, John R. ^{aa}	43 rd -44 th 47 th	1873-1877 1882-1883	MS	7 th	R
McKinney, Cynthia A.	103 rd - 107 th 109 th	1993-2003 2005-2007	GA	4 th	D
Majette, Denise L.	108 th	2003-2005	GA	4 th	D
Meek, Carrie P.	103 rd -107 th	1993-2003	FL	17 th	D
Meek, Kendrick	108 th -	2003-	FL	17 th	D
Meeks, Gregora ^{ab}	105 th -	1998-	NY	6 th	D
Metcalfe, Ralph H. ^{ac}	92 nd -95 th	1971-1978	IL	1 st	D
Mfume, Kweisi ^{ad}	100 th -104 th	1987-1996	MD	7 th	D
Millender-McDonald, Juanita ^{ae}	104 th -110 th	1996-2007	CA	37 th	D
Miller, Thomas E. ^{af}	51 st	1890-1891	SC	7 th	R

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Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District*	Party
Mitchell, Arthur W.	74 th -77 th	1935-1943	IL	1 st	D
Mitchell, Parren J.	92 nd -99 th	1971-1987	MD	7 th	D
Moore, Gwen	109 th	2005-	WI	4 th	D
Murray, George W. ^{af}	53 rd -54 th	1893-1895 1896-1897	SC	7 th	R
Nash, Charles E.	44 th	1875-1877	LA	6 th	R
Nix, Robert N.C. Sr. ^{ah}	85 th -95 th	1958-1979	PA	2 nd	D
Norton, Eleanor Holmes	102 nd -	1991-	DC	AL	D
O'Hara, James E.	48 th -49 th	1883-1887	NC	2 nd	R
Owens, Major R.	98 th -107 th	1983-2007	NY	11 th	D
Payne, Donald M.	101 st -	1989-	NJ	10 th	D
Powell, Adam C. Jr. ^{ai}	79 th -89 th 91 st	1945-1967 1969-1971	NY	18 th	D
Rainey, Joseph H. ^{aj}	41 st -45 th	1870-1879	SC	1 st	R
Rangel, Charles B.	92 nd -	1971-	NY	15 th	D
Ransier, Alonzo J.	43 rd	1873-1875	SC	2 nd	R
Rapier, James T.	43 rd	1873-1875	AL	2 nd	R
Reynolds, Melvin J. ^{ak}	103 rd -104 th	1993-1995	IL	2 nd	D
Richardson, Laura ^{al}	110 th -	2007-	CA	37 th	D
Rush, Bobby L.	103 rd -	1993-	IL	1 st	D
Savage, Gus	97 th -102 nd	1981-1993	IL	2 nd	D
Scott, David	108 th -	2003-	GA	13 th	D
Scott, Robert C.	103 rd -	1993-	VA	3 rd	D
Smalls, Robert ^{am}	44 th -45 th 47 th 48 th -49 th	1875-1879 1882-1883 1884-1887	SC	5 th	R
Stewart, Bennett M.	96 th	1979-1981	IL	1 st	D
Stokes, Louis	91 st -105 th	1969-1999	OH	21 st	D
Thompson, Bennie G. ^{an}	103 rd -	1993-	MS	2 nd	D
Towns, Edolphus	98 th -	1983-	NY	10 th	D
Tucker, Walter R. ^{ao}	103 rd -104 th	1993-1995	CA	37 th	D
Turner, Benjamin S.	42 nd	1871-1873	AL	1 st	R
Waldon, Alton R. Jr. ^{ap}	99 th	1986-1987	NY	6 th	D

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District*	Party
Walls, Josiah T. ^{aq}	42 nd 43 rd 44 th	1871-1873 1873-1875 1875-1876	FL	AL	R
Washington, Craig A. ^{ar}	101 st -103 rd	1989-1995	TX	18 th	D
Washington, Harold D. ^{as}	97 th -98 th	1981-1983	IL	1 st	D
Waters, Maxine	102 nd -	1991-	CA	35 th	D
Watson, Diane E. ^{at}	107 th -	2001-	CA	32 nd , 33 rd	D
Watt, Melvin L.	103 rd -	1993-	NC	12 th	D
Watts, J.C. Jr.	104 th -107 th	1995-2003	OK	4 th	R
Wheat, Alan D.	98 th -103 rd	1983-1995	MO	5 th	D
White, George H.	55 th -58 th	1897-1901	NC	2 nd	R
Wynn, Albert R. ^{au}	103 rd -110 th	1993-2008	MD	4 th	D
Young, Andrew J. ^{av}	93 rd -95 th	1973-1977	GA	5 th	D

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

- a. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. William Gray; seated on Nov. 13, 1991.
- b. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Frank Ballance, seated on July 21, 2004.
- c. Died on Dec. 15, 2007, and replaced by her grandson, Rep. André Carson on Mar. 13, 2008.
- d. First African American woman elected to Congress and first African American female presidential candidate, 1972.
- e. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Walter Jones; took office on Nov. 5, 1992.
- f. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Rep. George W. Collins; seated on June 7, 1973.
- g. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Daniel J. Ronan; seated on Nov. 16, 1970. He was subsequently killed in an airplane crash on Dec. 8, 1972.
- h. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr.; seated on Nov. 12, 1980.
- i. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Kweisi Mfume; seated on Apr. 25, 1996.
- j. Died on Nov. 9, 1970.
- k. Seat declared vacant on January 24, 1873, after Rep. Robert DeLarge's election was successfully contested.
- l. Resigned from office on Feb. 6, 1998.
- m. Resigned from office on June 3, 1980.
- n. Died on Dec. 8, 2000.
- o. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Albert Wynn; seated on June 19, 2008.
- p. Resigned from office, effective Nov. 1, 1874.
- q. Resigned from office on Jan. 25, 1993, to become Secretary of Agriculture.
- r. Delegate from the District of Columbia. Elected in a special election and sworn in on Apr. 19, 1971.
- s. Resigned from office on Sep. 11, 1991.
- t. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Adam Benjamin; seated on Nov. 29, 1982.
- u. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Harold Washington; seated on Sep. 12, 1983.
- v. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Mel Reynolds; seated on Dec. 14, 1995.

- w. Successfully contested the election of Rep. Edward C. Venable and served from Sep. 23, 1890, to Mar. 3, 1891.
- x. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Ronald Dellums; seated on Apr. 20, 1998.
- y. Died in a plane crash on Aug. 7, 1989, while in Ethiopia on a fact-finding tour investigating hunger among refugees.
- z. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the House declaring that Rep. Samuel Gove was not entitled to his seat; served from Dec. 22, 1870, to Mar. 3, 1871.
- aa. Successfully contested the election of Rep. James R. Chalmers to the 47th Congress; served from Apr. 29, 1882, to Mar. 3, 1883.
- ab. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Floyd Flake; seated on Feb. 5, 1998.
- ac. Died on Oct. 10, 1978.
- ad. Resigned from office on Feb. 16, 1996.
- ae. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Walter Tucker; seated on Apr. 16, 1996. Died on Apr. 22, 2007.
- af. Successfully contested an election; served from Sep. 24, 1890, to Mar. 3, 1891.
- ag. Successfully contested an election; served from June 4, 1896, to Mar. 3, 1897.
- ah. First elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Earl Chudoff; seated on June 4, 1958.
- ai. Elected to the 90th Congress, but excluded and not seated. Reelected to the seat vacated by his exclusion, but never took the oath of office. Reelected to the 91st Congress and seated. Defeated for renomination to the 92nd Congress in 1970.
- aj. First African American Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Elected to the 41st Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the House declaring the seat of Rep. Benjamin Whittemore vacant. Seated on Dec. 12, 1870.
- ak. Resigned from office on Oct. 1, 1995.
- al. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald; seated on Sep. 4, 2007.
- am. Successfully contested an election and seated in the 47th Congress on July 19, 1882. Subsequently elected to the 48th-49th Congresses; first elected to the 48th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Edmund Mackey; seated on Mar. 18, 1884.
- an. Elected to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Mike Espy; seated on Apr. 20, 1993.
- ao. Resigned from office on Dec. 15, 1995.
- ap. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Joseph Addabbo; seated on July 29, 1986.
- aq. Served from Mar. 4, 1871, until January 29, 1873, when seat was lost to Rep. Silas L. Niblack, who successfully challenged his election. Served from Mar. 4, 1875, until Apr. 19, 1876, when seat was lost to Rep. Jesse J. Finley, who successfully challenged his election.
- ar. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Mickey Leland; seated on Dec. 9, 1989.
- as. Resigned on Apr. 29, 1983, to become mayor of Chicago.
- at. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Julian Dixon; seated on June 7, 2001.
- au. Resigned from office on May 31, 2008.
- av. Resigned his seat on Jan. 29, 1977, to become U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Table 3. Number and Names of African American Members of Congress, by Congress

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

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

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

No.	Chamber	Names		
104th Congress (1995-1997)				
40 ⁱ	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr. Corrine Brown William L. Clay Sr. Eva M. Clayton James E. Clyburn Barbara-Rose Collins Cardiss Collins John Conyers Jr. Elijah E. Cummings Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Chaka Fattah Cleo Fields Floyd H. Flake Harold E. Ford Sr.	Gary Franks Victor Frazer Alcee L. Hastings Earl F. Hilliard Jesse L. Jackson Jr. William J. Jefferson Eddie Bernice Johnson Sheila Jackson Lee John Lewis Cynthia A. McKinney Carrie P. Meek Kweisi Mfume ^j Juanita Millender- McDonald Eleanor Holmes Norton Major R. Owens	Donald M. Payne Charles B. Rangel Melvin J. Reynolds ^k Bobby L. Rush Robert Scott Louis Stokes Bennie G. Thompson Edolphus Towns Walter Tucker ^l Maxine Waters Melvin L. Watt J.C. Watts Jr. Albert R. Wynn
1	Senate	Carol Moseley-Braun		
103rd Congress (1993-1995)				
39 ^m	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr. Lucien Blackwell Corrine Brown William L. Clay Sr. Eva M. Clayton James E. Clyburn Barbara-Rose Collins Cardiss Collins John Conyers Jr. Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Mike Espy ⁿ Cleo Fields Floyd H. Flake	Harold E. Ford Sr. Gary Franks Earl F. Hilliard Alcee L. Hastings William J. Jefferson Eddie Bernice Johnson John Lewis Cynthia A. McKinney Carrie P. Meek Kweisi Mfume Eleanor Holmes Norton Major R. Owens Donald M. Payne Charles B. Rangel	Melvin J. Reynolds Bobby L. Rush Robert Scott Louis Stokes Bennie G. Thompson Edolphus Towns Walter Tucker Craig Washington Maxine Waters Melvin L. Watt Alan D. Wheat Albert R. Wynn
1	Senate	Carol Moseley-Braun		
102nd Congress (1991-1993)				
27 ^o	House	Lucien Blackwell William L. Clay Sr. Eva M. Clayton Barbara-Rose Collins Cardiss Collins John Conyers Jr. Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Mervyn M. Dymally Mike Espy	Floyd H. Flake Harold E. Ford Sr. Gary Franks William H. Gray III ^p Charles A. Hayes William J. Jefferson John Lewis Kweisi Mfume Eleanor Holmes Norton Major R. Owens	Donald M. Payne Charles B. Rangel Gus Savage Louis Stokes Edolphus Towns Craig A. Washington Maxine Waters Alan D. Wheat
	Senate	None		

No.	Chamber	Names		
101st Congress (1989-1991)				
24 ^a	House	William L. Clay Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers Jr. George Crockett Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Mervyn M. Dymally Mike Espy Walter E. Fauntroy	Floyd H. Flake Harold E. Ford Sr. William H. Gray III Augustus F. Hawkins Charles A. Hayes Mickey Leland ^f John Lewis Kweisi Mfume Major R. Owens	Donald M. Payne Charles B. Rangel Gus Savage Louis Stokes Edolphus Towns Craig A. Washington Alan D. Wheat
	Senate	None		
100th Congress (1987-1989)				
23	House	William L. Clay Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers Jr. George W. Crockett Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Mervyn M. Dymally Mike Espy Walter E. Fauntroy	Floyd H. Flake Harold E. Ford Sr. William H. Gray III Augustus F. Hawkins Charles A. Hayes Mickey Leland John Lewis Kweisi Mfume Major R. Owens	Charles B. Rangel Gus Savage Louis Stokes Edolphus Towns Alan D. Wheat
	Senate	None		
99th Congress (1985-1987)				
21	House	William L. Clay Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers Jr. George W. Crockett Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Mervyn M. Dymally	Walter E. Fauntroy Harold E. Ford Sr. William H. Gray III Augustus F. Hawkins Charles A. Hayes Mickey Leland Parren J. Mitchell	Major R. Owens Charles B. Rangel Gus Savage Louis Stokes Edolphus Towns Alton Waldon Jr. Alan D. Wheat
	Senate	None		
98th Congress (1983-1985)				
21 ^s	House	William L. Clay Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers Jr. George W. Crockett Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon Mervyn M. Dymally Walter E. Fauntroy	Harold E. Ford Sr. William H. Gray III Katie Hall Augustus F. Hawkins Charles A. Hayes Mickey Leland Parren J. Mitchell Major R. Owens	Charles B. Rangel Gus Savage Louis Stokes Edolphus Towns Harold D. Washington ^t Alan D. Wheat
	Senate	None		

No.	Chamber	Names		
97th Congress (1981-1983)				
19	House	Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers Jr. George W. Crockett Ronald V. Dellums Julian C. Dixon	Mervyn M. Dymally Walter E. Fauntroy Harold E. Ford Sr. William H. Gray III Katie B. Hall Augustus F. Hawkins Mickey Leland	Parren J. Mitchell Charles R. Rangel Gus Savage Louis Stokes Harold D. Washington
	Senate	None		
96th Congress (1979-1981)				
17 ^u	House	Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers Jr. George W. Crockett Ronald V. Dellums	Charles C. Diggs Jr. ^v Julian C. Dixon Melvin H. Evans Walter E. Fauntroy Harold E. Ford Sr. William H. Gray III	Augustus F. Hawkins Mickey Leland Parren J. Mitchell Charles B. Rangel Bennett M. Stewart Louis Stokes
	Senate	None		
95th Congress (1977-1979)				
17	House	Yvonne B. Burke Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers Jr. Ronald V. Dellums	Charles C. Diggs Jr. Walter E. Fauntroy Harold E. Ford Sr. Augustus F. Hawkins Barbara C. Jordan Ralph H. Metcalfe	Parren J. Mitchell Robert N.C. Nix Sr. Charles B. Rangel Louis Stokes Andrew J. Young
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
94th Congress (1975-1977)				
17	House	Yvonne B. Burke Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers Jr. Ronald V. Dellums	Charles C. Diggs Jr. Walter E. Fauntroy Harold E. Ford Sr. Augustus F. Hawkins Barbara C. Jordan Ralph W. Metcalfe	Parren J. Mitchell Robert N.C. Nix Sr. Charles B. Rangel Louis Stokes Andrew J. Young
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
93rd Congress (1973-1975)				
16	House	Yvonne B. Burke Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay Sr. Cardiss Collins John Conyers Jr. Ronald V. Dellums	Charles C. Diggs Jr. Walter E. Fauntroy Augustus F. Hawkins Barbara C. Jordan Ralph H. Metcalfe Parren J. Mitchell	Robert N.C. Nix Sr. Charles B. Rangel Louis Stokes Andrew J. Young
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		

No.	Chamber	Names		
92nd Congress (1971-1973)				
13	House	Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay Sr. George W. Collins John Conyers Jr. Ronald V. Dellums	Charles C. Diggs Jr. Walter E. Fauntroy Augustus F. Hawkins Ralph H. Metcalfe Parren J. Mitchell	Robert N.C. Nix Sr. Charles B. Rangel Louis Stokes
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
91st Congress (1969-1971)				
10	House	Shirley A. Chisholm William L. Clay Sr. George W. Collins Augustus F. Hawkins	John Conyers Jr. William L. Dawson Charles C. Diggs Jr. Robert N.C. Nix	Adam C. Powell Jr. Louis Stokes
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
90th Congress (1967-1969)				
5 ^w	House	John Conyers Jr. William L. Dawson	Charles C. Diggs Jr. Augustus F. Hawkins	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
89th Congress (1965-1967)				
6	House	John Conyers Jr. William L. Dawson	Charles Diggs Jr. Augustus F. Hawkins	Robert N.C. Nix Sr. Adam Clayton Powell
	Senate	None		
88th Congress (1963-1965)				
5	House:	William L. Dawson Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Augustus F. Hawkins Robert N.C. Nix Sr.	Adam C. Powell Jr.
	Senate	None		
85th - 87th Congresses (1957-1963)				
4	House	William L. Dawson Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Robert N.C. Nix Sr. Adam C. Powell Jr.	
	Senate	None		
84th Congress (1955-1957)				
3	House	William L. Dawson	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Adam C. Powell Jr.
79th - 83rd Congresses (1945-1955)				
2	House	William L. Dawson	Adam C. Powell Jr.	
	Senate	None		

No.	Chamber	Names		
78th Congress (1943-1945)				
1	House	William L. Dawson		
	Senate	None		
74th - 77th Congresses (1935-1943)				
1	House	Arthur W. Mitchell		
	Senate	None		
71st - 73rd Congresses (1929-1935)				
1	House	Oscar S. DePriest		
	Senate	None		
57th - 70th Congresses (1901-1929)				
	House	None		
	Senate	None		
55th - 56th Congresses (1897-1901)				
1	House	George H. White		
	Senate	None		
53rd - 54th Congresses (1893-1897)				
1	House	George W. Murray		
	Senate	None		
52nd Congress (1891-1893)				
1	House	Henry P. Cheatham		
	Senate	None		
51st Congress (1889-1891)				
3	House	Henry P. Cheatham	John M. Langston	Thomas E. Miller
	Senate	None		
50th Congress (1887-1889)				
	House	None		
	Senate	None		
48th - 49th Congresses (1883-1887)				
2	House	James E. O'Hara	Robert Smalls	
	Senate	None		

No.	Chamber	Names		
47th Congress (1881-1883)				
2	House	John R. Lynch	Robert Smalls	
	Senate	None		
46th Congress (1879-1881)				
	House	None		
1	Senate	Blanche K. Bruce		
45th Congress (1877-1879)				
3	House	Richard H. Cain	Joseph H. Rainey	Robert Smalls
1	Senate	Blanche K. Bruce		
44th Congress (1875-1877)				
7	House	Jeremiah Haralson John A. Hyman John R. Lynch	Charles E. Nash Joseph H. Rainey Robert Smalls	Josiah T. Walls ^x
1	Senate	Blanche K. Bruce		
43rd Congress (1873-1875)				
7	House	Richard H. Cain Robert B. Elliott ^y John R. Lynch	Joseph H. Rainey Alonzo J. Ransier James T. Rapier	Josiah T. Walls ^x
	Senate	None		
42nd Congress (1871-1873)				
5	House	Robert C. DeLarge ^z Robert B. Elliott	Joseph H. Rainey Benjamin S. Turner	Josiah T. Walls
	Senate	None		
41st Congress (1869-1871)^{aa}				
2	House	Jefferson F. Long	Joseph H. Rainey	
1	Senate	Hiram R. Revels		

- a. Although 45 different African American individuals have been elected to the House for the 110th Congress, 42 is the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald died on Apr. 22, 2007, and was replaced by Rep. Laura Richardson Sept. 4, 2007; Rep. Julia Carson died on Dec. 15, 2007, and was replaced by Rep. André Carson on Mar. 13, 2008; and Rep. Albert Wynn resigned on May 31, 2008, and was replaced by Rep. Donna Edwards on June 19, 2008.
- b. Although 40 African American individuals were elected to the House for the 108th Congress, 39 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Frank Ballance resigned and was replaced by Rep. G. K. Butterfield.
- c. Resigned on June 11, 2004.
- d. Although 40 African American individuals were elected to the House for the 107th Congress, 39 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Julian Dixon, who was reelected to the 107th Congress, died before the commencement of the Congress and was later replaced by Rep. Diane Watson.
- e. Died on Dec. 8, 2000.

- f. Although 41 African American individuals were elected to the House in the 105th Congress, 39 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Floyd Flake resigned and was replaced by Rep. Gregory Meeks, and Rep. Ron Dellums resigned and was replaced by Rep. Barbara Lee.
- g. Resigned on Feb. 6, 1998.
- h. Resigned on Nov. 15, 1997.
- i. Although 43 African American individuals were elected to the House in the 104th Congress, 40 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Melvin J. Reynolds resigned and was replaced by Rep. Jesse L. Jackson Jr.; Rep. Walter Tucker resigned and was replaced by Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald; and Rep. Kweisi Mfume resigned and was replaced by Rep. Elijah Cummings.
- j. Resigned on Feb. 16, 1996.
- k. Resigned on Oct. 1, 1995.
- l. Resigned on Dec. 15, 1995.
- m. Although 40 African American individuals were elected to the House in the 103rd Congress, 39 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Mike Espy resigned and was replaced by Rep. Bennie Thompson.
- n. Resigned on Jan. 25, 1993, to become Secretary of Agriculture.
- o. Although 28 African American individuals were elected to the House in the 102nd Congress, 27 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. William H. Gray III resigned and was replaced by Rep. Lucien Blackwell.
- p. Resigned on Sept. 11, 1991.
- q. Although 25 African American individuals were elected to the House in the 101st Congress, 24 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Mickey Leland, who was killed in an airplane crash, was replaced by Rep. Craig Washington.
- r. Died Aug. 2, 1989.
- s. Although 22 African American individuals were elected to the House in the 98th Congress, 21 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Harold Washington resigned and was replaced by Rep. Charles Hayes.
- t. Resigned on April 29, 1983.
- u. Although 18 individuals were elected to the House in the 96th Congress, 17 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Charles Diggs Jr. resigned and was replaced by Rep. George Crockett.
- v. Resigned on June 3, 1980.
- w. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. was reelected to the 90th Congress, but never took his seat.
- x. Resigned from Congress on Jan. 29, 1873, and on April 19, 1876, after his election was successfully contested during two different Congresses.
- y. Resigned from Congress on Nov. 1, 1874.
- z. His seat was declared vacant on Jan. 24, 1873, after his election was successfully contested.
- aa. There were no African American Members of the U.S. Congress until 1870, the 41st Congress, 2nd session.

Table 4. Number and Names of African American Members of Congress, by State

State	Number	Names	Years of Service
Alabama	5	Benjamin S. Turner James T. Rapier Jeremiah Haralson Earl F. Hilliard Artur Davis	1871-1873 1873-1875 1875-1877 1993-2003 2003-
California	11	Augustus F. Hawkins Ronald V. Dellums Yvonne Braithwaite Burke Julian C. Dixon Mervyn M. Dymally Maxine Waters Walter R. Tucker Juanita Millender-McDonald Barbara Lee Diane E. Watson Laura Richardson	1963-1991 1971-1998 1973-1979 1979-2000 1981-1993 1991- 1993-1995 1996-2007 1998- 2001- 2007-
Connecticut	1	Gary A. Franks	1991-1997
District of Columbia	2	Walter E. Fauntroy Eleanor Holmes Norton	1971-1991 1991-
Florida	5	Josiah T. Walls Alcee L. Hastings Corrine Brown Carrie P. Meek Kendrick Meek	1871-1876 1993- 1993- 1993-2003 2003-
Georgia	8	Jefferson F. Long Andrew J. Young John R. Lewis Sanford D. Bishop Jr. Cynthia A. McKinney Denise L. Majette David Scott Henry C. (Hank) Johnson Jr.	1870-1871 1973-1977 1987- 1993- 1993-2003, 2005-2007 2003-2005 2003- 2007-

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State	Number	Names	Years of Service
Illinois	16	Oscar S. DePriest Arthur W. Mitchell William L. Dawson George W. Collins Ralph H. Metcalfe Cardiss Collins Bennett M. Stewart Gus Savage Harold D. Washington Charles A. Hayes Carol Moseley-Braun ^a Melvin J. Reynolds Bobby L. Rush Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. Danny K. Davis Barack Obama ^a	1929-1935 1935-1943 1943-1970 1970-1972 1971-1978 1973-1997 1979-1981 1981-1993 1981-1983 1983-1993 1993-1999 1993-1995 1993- 1995- 1997- 2005-
Indiana	3	Katie B. Hall Julia Carson André Carson	1982-1985 1997-2007 2008-
Louisiana	3	Charles E. Nash William J. Jefferson Cleo Fields	1875-1877 1991- 1993-1997
Maryland	5	Parren J. Mitchell Kweisi Mfume Albert R. Wynn Elijah E. Cummings Donna Edwards	1971-1987 1987-1996 1993-2008 1996- 2008-
Massachusetts	1	Edward W. Brooke ^a	1967-1979
Michigan	5	Charles C. Diggs Jr. John Conyers Jr. George W. Crockett Barbara-Rose Collins Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick	1955-1980 1965- 1980-1991 1991-1997 1997-
Minnesota	1	Keith Ellison	2007-
Mississippi	5	Hiram Rhodes Revels ^a John R. Lynch Blanche K. Bruce ^a Albert M. (Mike) Espy Bennie G. Thompson	1870-1871 1873-1877 1882-1883 1875-1881 1987-1993 1993-
Missouri	4	William L. Clay Sr. Alan D. Wheat William Lacy Clay Jr. Emanuel Cleaver	1969-2001 1983-1995 2001- 2005-
New Jersey	1	Donald M. Payne	1989-

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State	Number	Names	Years of Service
New York	9	Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Shirley A. Chisholm Charles B. Rangel Major R. Owens Edolphus Towns Alton R. Waldon Jr. Floyd H. Flake Gregory Meeks Yvette D. Clarke	1945-1967 1969-1971 1969-1983 1971- 1983-2007 1983- 1986-1987 1987-1997 1998- 2007-
North Carolina	8	John A. Hyman James E. O'Hara Henry P. Cheatham George H. White Eva M. Clayton Melvin L. Watt Frank W. Ballance Jr. G.K. Butterfield	1875-1877 1883-1887 1889-1893 1897-1901 1992-2003 1993- 2003-2004 2004-
Ohio	2	Louis Stokes Stephanie Tubbs Jones	1969-1999 1999-
Oklahoma	1	J.C. Watts Jr.	1995-2003
Pennsylvania	4	Robert N.C. Nix Sr. William H. Gray III Lucien E. Blackwell Chaka Fattah	1958-1979 1979-1991 1991-1995 1995-
South Carolina	9	Joseph H. Rainey Robert C. DeLarge Robert B. Elliott Richard H. Cain Alonzo J. Ransier Robert Smalls Thomas E. Miller George W. Murray James E. Clyburn	1870-1879 1871-1873 1871-1874 1873-1875 1877-1879 1873-1875 1875-1879 1882-1883 1884-1887 1890-1891 1893-1895 1896-1897 1993-
Tennessee	2	Harold E. Ford Sr. Harold E. Ford Jr.	1975-1997 1997-
Texas	6	Barbara C. Jordan George T. (Mickey) Leland Craig A. Washington Eddie Bernice Johnson Sheila Jackson Lee Al Green	1973-1979 1979-1989 1991-1995 1993- 1995- 2005-

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

a. Serves/served in the Senate.

Table 5. Number of African American Members in the U.S. Congress, 41st-110th Congresses (1870-2008)

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

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

Congress	Year	Total African American Members of Congress	African American Members of House^a	African American Members of Senate
97 th	1981-1983	19	19	-
98 th	1983-1985	21	21	-
99 th	1985-1987	21	21	-
100 th	1987-1989	23	23	-
101 st	1989-1991	24	24	-
102 nd	1991-1993	27	27	-
103 rd	1993-1995	40	39	1
104 th	1995-1997	41	40	1
105 th	1997-1999	40	39	1
106 th	1999-2001	39	39	0
107 th	2001-2003	39	39	0
108 th	2003-2005	39	39	0
109 th	2005-2007	43	42	1
110 th	2007-2009	43	42	1

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 46 African American Members were elected to the 110th Congress, but only 43 have served at any one time during the Congress.