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2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting

From: JoAnne Kempf [jkempf@ala.org]
To: honorary@ala.org

Sent: Fri 1/6/12 11:37AM

Please read to the bottom of this message to see the nominees for election to ALA Honorary Membership in 2012.

At the 2006 Midwinter Meeting, the ALA Executive Board approved a revised procedure that provides more time between the announcement to Council of the names of nominees for ALA Honorary Membership and the actual Council vote.

In accordance with the new procedure, each year the Executive Board will release the names of its nominees for ALA Honorary Membership to the ALA Council via a special electronic discussion list created solely for the purpose of disseminating these names. The announcement will be made two weeks before the start of the ALA Midwinter Meeting. A document summarizing each nominee's contributions and accomplishments, prepared by ALA Librarian/Knowledge Manager Karen Muller, will be included with the announcement. Councilors who have any additional information that could be pertinent to the nomination are asked to send the information directly to the Director of the Office of ALA Governance at jkempf@ala.org.

** It is important that Councilors respect the privacy of the nominees. Please do not use the Council electronic discussion list to debate these nominations. The list at which you are receiving this message was created solely for the purpose of disseminating the names of the nominees. The only individuals subscribed to this list are current Councilors; there are no "lurkers." Opportunity for discussion will be provided on the Council floor as indicated below. **

Should additional information relating to a nomination for Honorary Membership be received that suggests the need for further research, staff will research the matter to the best of their ability in the time available. Staff will report any results of their research in Executive Session at the first Board session at the Midwinter Meeting, and the Executive Board will determine at that time whether to reconsider the nomination.

Presentation to the ALA Council of nominees for Honorary Membership by the Immediate Past President on behalf of the Executive Board will occur at either Council II or Council III at the Midwinter Meeting.

Council will be asked to vote on each nominee in turn. Prior to calling for the vote, the presiding officer will offer Council the opportunity to discuss each nomination. If Council indicates that they wish to hold a debate on the merits of any candidate, Council will move into closed session in accordance with ALA Open Meetings Policy 7.4.4, which stipulates that discussion of matters affecting the privacy of individuals be held in closed session.

OVER

Honorary Membership is considered to be ALA's highest honor. Honorary membership may be conferred on a living citizen of any country whose contributions to librarianship or a closely related field is so outstanding that it is of lasting importance to the advancement of the whole field of library service. It is intended to reflect honor upon the ALA as well as upon the individual.

Additional information about Honorary Membership, including a listing of past honorees, can be found at

<http://www.ala.org/ala/awardsgrants/awardsrecords/honorariummembersh/honorariummembersh.cfm>

I am very pleased to announce that the Executive Board is recommending that Council elect two distinguished individuals as ALA Honorary Members in 2012. The nominees are:

Senator Jack Reed is nominated in recognition of his continuing, unwavering effective support of libraries in the U.S. Congress.

Betty Turock is nominated in recognition of her outstanding commitment and achievement in the field of library and information science, as a practitioner, educator, advocate, and philanthropist. Her efforts have improved the field's focus on diversity, innovation, leadership, and access for all.

Biographical summaries of both nominees are attached.

Council will be asked to vote on these nominations at ALA Council II, which will be held Monday, January 23 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the Dallas Convention Center, Room C2-C4.

If elected by the ALA Council at the Midwinter Meeting, Senator Reed and Betty Turock will be honored at the Opening General Session of the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA.

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PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS BELOW AND ATTACH ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION AS OUTLINED IN SECTIONS V, VI AND VII OF THIS FORM

I. NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Provide CURRENT contact information for the nominee to be used by staff in the event that this nominee is elected to Honorary Membership.

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II. NOMINATED BY:

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III. STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENT

Provide a concise statement of why the nominee should be considered for Honorary Membership.

Dr. Betty J. Turock is being nominated in recognition of her outstanding commitment and achievement in the field of library and information science, as a practitioner, educator, advocate, and philanthropist. Dr. Turock's efforts have improved the field's focus on diversity, innovation, leadership, and access for all.

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3. The person elected to honorary membership should be of such caliber as to reflect honor upon ALA by this designation.
4. Honorary membership should be conferred because of a contribution of more than passing interest and of more than local or regional achievement. The contribution may be to librarianship or to a closely related field.
5. The recipient may be a librarian or a person in a related field.

Please enumerate the ways in which the nominee meets the criteria for selection. Be specific. Attach additional sheets as needed.

Please see the attached letter from Pat Schuman, Past President of ALA.

V. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

*The nominations packet must include no fewer than three [3] letters of recommendation. Please list the names of the people submitting letters of recommendation and indicate if the letters are enclosed or being sent under separate cover. Hard copies are preferred. All letters of recommendation must be **received** by September 1.*

The following letters of support are enclosed:

- Dr. Ismail Abdullahi
- Dr. Camila Alire
- Nicole A. Cooke
- Dr. Ronald Daniels
- Sarah De Lencquesaing
- Dr. Karen Downing
- Marianne Gaunt
- Martin Gomez
- Samuel F. Morrison
- Dr. Marie Radford
- Carla Stoffle
- Renee B. Swartz
- Winston Tabb
- Patricia Tumulty and the New Jersey Library Association
- Robert Wedgeworth

VI. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Attach the nominee's current resume, curriculum vitae or biographical statement.

Please see the attached CV and biographical statement for Dr. Turock

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*Other documentation as available and appropriate may be submitted to assist the ALA Executive Board in reviewing this nomination. Please list items and indicate if they are enclosed with this packet or being sent under separate cover. Hard copy is preferred. All items must be **received** by September 1.*

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Honorary Membership
C/o JoAnne Kemp
Executive Board Secretariat
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Colleagues:

I am delighted to nominate an individual for Honorary Membership in the American Library Association who epitomizes the very definition of that prestigious rank—Dr. Betty J. Turock.

A librarian of outstanding commitment and achievement, Betty is a dedicated and effective activist, devoted to libraries and library users. Her professional and philanthropic efforts have helped our profession and our Association focus on diversity, innovation, leadership, and the improvement of access for all.

Throughout her professional career—and into her retirement—Betty has taken on unpopular issues, brought about consensus, and then worked to change the culture. She did this in the seventies at a recently desegregated public library in Winston Salem, North Carolina, and later at the Montclair (New Jersey) Public Library. Under her leadership at Rutgers School of Communication, Information and Library Studies, the Department of Library and Information Science was named among the top ten programs in library education in North America by *U.S. News and World Report*.

Betty's commitment to add more color to the face of the profession was demonstrated through her efforts that won more than \$1.5 million in HEA Title II-B grants to recruit emerging majority students to Rutgers' masters and doctoral programs. Following her retirement from Rutgers, Betty was the chief architect of a three year \$2 million grant program funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in which Rutgers, the New Jersey State Library, Thomas Edison College, and 26 New Jersey public libraries were partners in recruiting and retaining emerging majority students from staff already working in libraries.

Betty has worked in myriad ALA venues to further equity, equality, and access. Recognition of her outstanding work led to her election to the ALA Presidency in 1994-95. Betty, in partnership with then ALA Executive Director Elizabeth Martinez, developed the Spectrum Scholarship Initiative to recruit and fund members of underrepresented emerging majority populations to graduate programs in library science. As a result of this effort, commitment to a more diverse profession became an Association—and a professional—priority.

Because of Betty's perseverance and personal contributions, the Spectrum Program is a magnificent success. More than 700 emerging majority masters and doctoral students have been recruited and funded to date. They have significantly impacted the nation's libraries and library education. New contributions to diversity were initiated in 2007 with the implementation of the Spectrum Doctoral Fellowship program. In 2007 and 2008, an IMLS grant provided full fellowships for twelve Spectrum Doctoral Fellows to pursue Library and Information Science doctoral degrees at accredited institutions around the country.

Betty's Presidential priorities did not stop with Spectrum. She tirelessly traveled more than 300,000 miles to deliver her message of Equity on the Electronic Information Highway. Her successful efforts to portray librarians as technological innovators and leaders to the media and to the U.S. Congress made an unparalleled contribution towards equity among the information haves and have nots in our society. She took that message to librarians and the public across the country, to the U.S. Congress and the Federal Communications Commission, and to meetings and negotiations around the nation and throughout the world. The Librarian of Congress, James Billington, has called her the "Paul Revere of the Information Highway."

In addition to her ALA involvement, Betty serves on the Board of Visitors of Johns Hopkins Medicine, which is composed of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and the Johns Hopkins Hospital; and the National Library Council of Johns Hopkins University's Undergraduate Libraries. She is also on the Boards of the American Library in Paris, Keystone College, and the Trejo Foster Foundation.

Betty is the author of more than 95 books, papers and articles, and has lectured and consulted throughout the U.S. and around the world, including Russia, India, the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, France, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

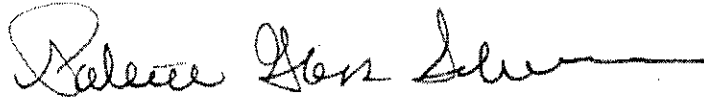
She was the founding editor of the award-winning *Bottom Line: A Financial Magazine for Libraries*. Among her books, *Serving the Older Adult* (Bowker) was referred to as the definitive resource in the field. She is also the author of *Evaluating Federally Funded Library Programs* (U.S. Department of Education); *Creating a Financial Plan* (Neal-Schuman); and *Envisioning a Nation Connected: Librarians Define the Public Interest in the Information Superhighway* (ALA).

Betty's awards include the ALA Jesse Shera Award for Outstanding Research in 1989, the 1995 New Jersey Library Leadership Award, the 1997 Rutgers Presidential Award for Distinguished Public Service, and the 1998 ALA Equality Award. In 2000 she was honored by ALA as one of the Extraordinary Library Advocates of the Twentieth Century. At the 2006 ALA annual conference she received the Lippincott Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Association for distinguished service to the profession. In 2011 Rutgers University's Graduate School recognized her work with their Distinguished Alumni Award. Her personal philanthropy through the Turock Family Foundation includes major gifts to ALA, Rutgers, Johns Hopkins University, and the American Library in Paris, further evidence of her lifelong commitment to the library as a venue that brings social equity to all people.

Both the body of Betty's work and the manner in which she accomplishes her goals, reflect an unstinting dedication to excellence and equity. While it is easy to recount her public accomplishments, it is even more important to recognize the individual contributions her networking and counseling have meant to so many of us. As she continues to help establish concrete programs to fight for equality and equity inside and outside the profession, she at the same time always supports, mentors, and inspires others to do the same.

Dr. Betty J. Turock's accomplishments and contributions to librarianship are outstanding. Her remarkable achievements have changed the face of librarianship and advanced the entire field of library service and has advanced ALA's recognition of the lasting importance of her accomplishments through Honorary Membership will reflect honor upon both her and the Association itself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia Glass Schuman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Patricia Glass Schuman
President, Neal-Schuman Publishers

Past President, American Library Association, 1991-92
Past Treasurer, 1984-88

Brief Professional Biography Betty J. Turock, PhD

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Betty J. Turock is Professor and Dean Emeritus at Rutgers University, where for 22 years she was a member of the faculty of the School of Communication, Information and Library Studies, now the School of Communication and Information. For eight years she was Director of the master's program and Chair of the Department of Library and Information Science. During her tenure the program was named among the top ten in North America by *U.S. News and World Report*, a rank it continues to maintain.

Dr. Turock is a Past President of the 68,000-member American Library Association (ALA), the oldest and largest library association in the world. As President she traveled over 300,000 miles and testified before the Congress and the Federal Commission on Communications (FCC) to focus the interest of the people of the United States on Equity on the Information Superhighway, just and equitable access to electronic information for all people of our nation and the nations of the world. During her presidency among the accomplishments of which she is most proud is the creation of the Spectrum Scholarship Program, which to date has educated over 700 diverse Emerging Majority students as library and information science professionals.

Prior to her elections as President Turock served in a number of elected leadership positions within ALA, including as a member of the Executive Board and the Council, the Association's legislative assembly. Before entering the world of academe, Turock held management posts across the United States in school, public and academic libraries. She served as Assistant Director, then Director of the Montclair, (NJ) Public Library, Assistant Director of the Rochester and Monroe County (NY) Library System, head of extension services at the Forsyth County (NC) Library System, and school media coordinator in the Alhambra School System, Phoenix (AZ) and the Holmdel (NJ) School System. She was also senior advisor in the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

Professor Turock, the author of 95 publications and reports, was the founding editor of the award-winning *Bottom Line: A Financial Magazine for Libraries*. Among her books, *Serving the Older Adult* (Bowker) was referred to as the definitive resource in the field. She is also the author of *Evaluating Federally Funded Library Programs* (U.S. Department of Education); with Andrea Pedolsky, *Creating a Financial Plan* (Neal-Schuman) and *Envisioning a Nation Connected: Librarians Define the Public Interest in the Information Superhighway* (ALA).

Turock is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who of American Women*, and *Who's Who in the World*. She received the ALA Jesse Shera Award for Outstanding Research in 1989 and is the recipient of the 1994 Distinguished Alumna Award from Rutgers, the 1995 New Jersey Library Leadership Award, the 1997 Rutgers Presidential Award for Distinguished Public Service, and the 1998 ALA Equality Award. In 2000 she was honored by ALA as one of the Extraordinary Library Advocates of the Twentieth Century. At the 2006 ALA annual conference she received the Lippincott Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Association for distinguished service to the profession. In 2011 she received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Rutgers University's Graduate School.

A Charles Weston Scholar, Turock earned a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from Syracuse University. Her master's and Ph.D. degrees are from Rutgers. She is a member of the Board of Advisors and the Dean's Council at Johns Hopkins Medical School and Johns Hopkins Hospital; the National Library Council, Johns Hopkins Undergraduate University; and the Boards of the American Library in Paris, France; Keystone College, LaPlume, PA; and the Trejo Foster Foundation, Tucson, AZ.

Dr. Turock has traveled, lectured, and served as a consultant nationally, as well as internationally in the countries of Russia, India, and the People's Republic of China, Taiwan and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Revised: July 2011

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I. NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Provide *CURRENT* contact information for the nominee to be used by staff in the event that this nominee is elected to Honorary Membership.

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II. NOMINATED BY:

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III. STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENT

Provide a concise statement of why the nominee should be considered for Honorary Membership.

SENATOR JACK REED is being nominated in recognition of:
[Name]

his continuing unwavering effective
support of libraries in the US Congress.
He is the ultimate Congressional advocate
for libraries.

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see insert (A)

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- ① Nancy C. Kranich - Enclosed.
- ② Kendall F. Wiggan - Enclosed
- ③ Howard Rosenbaum - Enclosed
- ④ Eileen A. Dyer - Enclosed
- ⑤ Chris LaRoux - Enclosed.
- ⑥ Barbara Stipling - Enclosed
- ⑦ Rosellen Reynolds - Enclosed.

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Attachment (B) Enclosed

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Attachment (C) Enclosed

VIII. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jean Hess Reeves -
or Elyse Wosch, Chief Legislative Aide to Jack Reed
202-224-4642

INSERT A, ITEM IV

NOMINATION OF SENATOR JACK REED OF RI TO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN ALA

It is an honor and a joy to nominate Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island to Honorary Membership in the American Library Association (ALA). Senator Reed is the ultimate library champion and a great leader in the United States Congress. Throughout his career, he has supported education and libraries, statewide and nationally. He sponsored every major piece of library legislation when he was a RI member of the US House of Representatives (1990-1996), and as a US Senator for the past fourteen years. He represents all the values ALA stands for.

No one deserves honorary membership in ALA more than Jack Reed does.

As constituents, we of the RI delegation visit him on National Library Legislative Day every year. It's more than a pleasure. It's a delightful experience, because Senator Reed goes out of his way to meet with us personally and is genuinely pleased to share with us his support for libraries.

He and his outstanding staff don't wait to be asked how to help libraries and their patrons. They seek out opportunities to promote library service in every possible way.

From his earliest days in Congress, Senator Reed has supported key library legislation, including that authorizing and funding the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). He saw to it that libraries are recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He's probably the biggest supporter of school libraries in Congress

In 2010, when the Museum and Library Services Act, including LSTA, came up for reauthorization, thanks to Senator Reed, the bill was strong and forward thinking. It passed quickly and unanimously. Had it not passed then, it could have been dead in the water, in a climate when difficult and pressing issues such as jobs, health care, and the budget were uppermost in Congress's mind. The bill was signed by President Obama on December 22, 2010. (See ALA Resolution Commending the US Congress, enclosed.)

Also in 2010, Senator Reed was instrumental in convincing FEMA to recognize libraries as essential community organizations and therefore to make them eligible for reimbursement as temporary relocation facilities in major disasters. This was a huge accomplishment, especially since libraries were not recognized for their roles in emergencies after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. (See ALA Resolution to Commend Senator Jack Reed for his Efforts, enclosed.)

Senator Reed is a hero to school libraries. He is passionate about making sure that they have up-to-date materials and a qualified school librarian in every public school in the US. He sponsored the Elementary and Secondary School Library Media Act in the House in 1992, the Elementary and Secondary School Library Media Resources, Training, and Advanced Technology Act in the Senate in 1999, and the Improving Literacy through School Libraries Act in the Senate in 2011.

In 2009, he wrote and introduced the Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries (SKILLs) Act, convincing other Senators to join in cosponsoring the legislation to support school libraries. He introduced an updated version of the SKILLs Act on July 6.

In 2007--2008, he played a key role in legislating student-loan forgiveness for librarians with Perkins Loans debt, which saved library-school students working in low-income schools and public libraries thousands of dollars.

A real Renaissance man, he is a graduate of West Point, and is as knowledgeable about defense issues as he is about libraries and education. In an environment in which faith in Congress is at an all-time low, Senator Reed stands out as a solid rock of honesty and integrity in public service.

As an honorary member, Senator Jack Reed would bring great honor to the American Library Association.

About Jack Reed



Jack's Story

Jack Reed is a champion for middle-class families and a strong believer that, through hard work, all Americans should have the opportunity to build a better life.

A former Army Ranger, Reed is a national leader on defense, housing, and economic issues. He has led efforts to promote responsible budgets, create jobs, and strengthen our economy.

As one of just eight Senators in U.S. history to graduate from West Point, *Time* magazine noted: "Reed is a serious, intellectually honest veteran and an expert on defense issues in the Senate."

His father, Joe, was a World War II veteran and Cranston school janitor who worked his way up to become custodial supervisor of the city's school system. His mother, Mary, was a homemaker who was unable to go to college herself, but made sure her three children studied hard and had the opportunity to pursue a higher education. As a member of Congress, Reed has championed Pell grants to help

millions of Americans pay for college.



In 1967, Reed was nominated for an appointment to the United States Military Academy by Senator John O. Pastore (D-RI). After graduating in 1971 and receiving an active duty commission in the Army, Reed earned a master's degree in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He served in the 82nd Airborne Division as an Infantry Platoon Leader, a Company Commander, and a Battalion Staff Officer.

Reed resigned from active duty in the Army in 1979 and continued to serve in the Reserves until 1991, retiring with the rank of Major. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1982 and practiced law while serving three terms in the Rhode Island State Senate, followed by three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1996, the people of Rhode Island elected Reed to succeed Claiborne Pell (D-RI) as Rhode Island's 46th United States Senator.

A member of the powerful Appropriations Committee, which controls the purse strings of the federal government, Reed has been described by the *Boston Globe* as "a relentless advocate for his home state." He currently chairs the Subcommittee on Interior and Environment and works tirelessly to direct federal funding to the Ocean State to create jobs, strengthen our infrastructure, and support economic and community development projects.



Watch the ~~Brookings Institute~~ slide show about Jack Reed's "Humble Path to Power."

Reed has also played a pivotal role in safeguarding our nation. In an effort to reduce crime at home, he helped pass the law putting more police officers on the streets. To ensure America stays strong abroad, he led the effort in Congress to increase the size of our Armed Forces.

Reed serves on the Armed Services Committee and voted against giving President George W. Bush the authority to go to war in Iraq because it was an ill-planned diversion from the war on terrorism. But he has always worked across the aisle to support our troops and was instrumental in convincing Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to continue serving in the Obama Administration, which helped maintain continuity as President Obama prosecuted the war on terror and implemented his plan to withdraw forces from Iraq.

As a senior member of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, Reed authored several key pieces of the historic Wall Street reform bill and has been nationally recognized for his dedication to protecting U.S. consumers. When taxpayers were forced to invest in banks to save the economy from total collapse, Reed wrote the law ensuring they would share in the rewards when the banks recovered. As a result of Reed's efforts, \$8.5 billion and counting has been generated for taxpayers.

He also helped create a powerful new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to give American families the tools to fight unfair and abusive financial products and services, as well as a new Office of Financial Research (OFR) that will help provide early warnings to regulators about financial problems.

In 2008 the *New York Times* noted: "Mr. Reed has had a passion for

housing issues throughout his career. Beginning in the early 1980s when, as a young lawyer, he did pro bono work for Amos House, a Providence soup kitchen and social service agency, and continuing after his election to the Rhode Island Assembly, the House and finally the Senate.”

Recently, he authored laws to create a new affordable housing trust fund, improve consumer disclosures on mortgages, and address the needs of middle-class families who are struggling with the fallout from the housing crisis.

Jack Reed was born and raised in Cranston, Rhode Island. He and his wife Julia Hart Reed have a daughter, Emily.

Today, Senator Reed continues to utilize the lessons he learned growing up in Cranston, which were deepened in the Army and tested in the halls of Congress, to stand up and speak out for the hard-working families who are the heart and soul of our country.

Committees

Appropriations Committee

Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior and Environment

Armed Services Committee

Chairman, Subcommittee on Seapower

Rankings, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee

Chairman, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment

Fast Facts

Name

John Francis "Jack" Reed

Born

Nov. 12, 1949 in Providence, Rhode Island

Family

Married to Julia Hart Reed. They have a daughter, Emily.

Education

St. Matthew's Elementary School, Cranston, RI

LaSalle Academy, Providence, RI, 1967

U.S. Military Academy at West Point, B.S., 1971

Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, M.P.P., 1973

Harvard Law School, J.D., cum laude, 1982

Historical

Succeeded Claiborne Pell (D-RI) in 1996 as Rhode Island's 46th United States Senator; Reelected in 2002 and in 2008.

Military Career

U.S. Army, 1967-79; Army Reserves, 1979-91

Army Ranger and a paratrooper, served in the 82nd Airborne Division as an Infantry Platoon leader, a Company Commander and a Battalion Staff Officer

Resigned from active duty with the rank of Captain

Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, U.S. Military Academy at West Point 1977-1979

Professional Career

Practicing attorney, 1982-90

Elected Offices

United States Senate, 1996-present

U.S. House of Representatives, 1990-96

Rhode Island State Senate, 1984-90