

*First-Term Black-
American Members
of the 110th Congress**



Yvette Clarke

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
DEMOCRAT FROM NEW YORK

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES:

Education and Labor
Homeland Security
Small Business

BORN: November 21, 1964, Brooklyn, New York

FAMILY: Single

EDUCATION: Attended Oberlin College, 1982–1986

MILITARY: N/A

POLITICAL CAREER: New York city council, 2002–2006

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Public policy, public service

SOURCES

*Online Biographical Directory of the United States
Congress, 1774–Present:* <http://bioguide.congress.gov>;
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Keith Ellison

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
DEMOCRAT FROM MINNESOTA

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES:

Financial Services
Judiciary

BORN: August 4, 1963, Detroit, Michigan

FAMILY: Wife: Kim; children: Jeremiah, Isaiah, Elijah, and Amirah

EDUCATION: B.A., Wayne State University, 1986; J.D., University of Minnesota, 1990

MILITARY: N/A

POLITICAL CAREER: Minnesota state house of representatives, 2003–2006

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Lawyer and community activist



Hank Johnson

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
DEMOCRAT FROM GEORGIA

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES:

Armed Services
Judiciary
Small Business

BORN: October 2, 1954, Washington, DC

FAMILY: Wife: Mereda Davis Johnson; children: Randi and Alex

EDUCATION: B.A., Clark Atlanta University, 1979; J.D., Texas Southern University, 1979

MILITARY: N/A

POLITICAL CAREER: DeKalb County (GA) board of commissioners, 2001–2006

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Lawyer



Laura Richardson^{*}

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
DEMOCRAT FROM CALIFORNIA

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES:

Transportation and Infrastructure
Science and Technology

BORN: April 14, 1962, Los Angeles, California

FAMILY: Divorced

EDUCATION: B.A., political science, University of California at Los Angeles, 1984; M.B.A., University of Southern California, 1996

MILITARY: N/A

POLITICAL CAREER: Long Beach, California, city council, 2000–2006, tidelands and harbor committee chair, state legislation and environmental committee chair, budget oversight committee chair; California state assembly, 2006–2007, assistant speaker *pro tempore*

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Marketing representative, Xerox Corporation, 1987–2001; field representative (part-time), Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald, 1996–1998; southern California director, California Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante, 2001–2005.

*Elected on August 21, 2007, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of U.S. Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald