



**J. David Weeks - Attorney at Law
Member, SC House of Representatives
Representing District #51, Sumter County
Immediate Past Chairman, South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus**

Representative J. David Weeks is a native of Sumter, South Carolina. After completing the public schools of Sumter County, he earned the Bachelor of Arts degree from Morris College, Sumter, South Carolina; Master of Education degree from Howard University, Washington D.C.; the Juris Doctor of Law degree from the University Of South Carolina School Of Law, and the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Morris College School of Religion.

Religious Involvement

Representative Weeks is a member of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church in Sumter where he currently serves as deacon, senior men's church school and Evangelism Ministry teacher, member of the Brotherhood and Pastor Support Ministries. He formerly served as Men's Day Coordinator, youth league basketball coach, chairman of the church's Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Observance, and member of the Habitat for Humanity Ministry. He serves as a Biblical Studies teacher in the Christian Education Institute of the Sumter Baptist Missionary and Education Association, and also as a teacher in the Sumter Association Sunday School Congress. He formerly served as a visiting lecturer in the Morris College Advance Management Program. He is a guest lecturer for South Carolina Baptist Brotherhood State Convention.

Community Involvement

A member of numerous civic and community organizations, Representative Weeks is a member of the board of directors of the Sumter County Community Development Corporation, and the Four Bridges Community Development Association; past chairman of the Sumter City County Planning Commission, and former chairman of the Sumter County Voter Registration Board. He is a Life Member of the NAACP. He previously served as County State Executive Committeeman for the Democratic Party. Representative Weeks is a thirty-second degree mason, shiner, and a life member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He is a former member and former Vice Chairman of the Morris College Board of Trustees. He also serves on the Policy Committee of the Sumter Urban Area Transportation Survey (SUATS). In addition, he is a member of the Audit Committee of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and he is a member of the Board of Directors of South Carolina Community Bank.

Law and Government

Representative Weeks is a member of the Board of Directors of Santee Lynches Regional Council of Governments. He was appointed by the South Carolina Speaker of the House to a special committee to develop strategies to prevent base closings in the State of South Carolina. In 2006, he was appointed by the Chief Justice of South Carolina Supreme Court to serve on a special task force to develop public records policies. In 2009 he was appointed by the South Carolina Speaker of the House to the Legislative Oversight Committee for the South Carolina Ports Authority.

Representative Weeks is active with the local, state and American bar associations and the South Carolina Association of Justice. He operates the Weeks Law Office, LLC of Sumter. He formerly served on the executive

committee of the Sumter County Bar Association. He was appointed Municipal Court Judge for the town of Timmonsville, SC in December 1996, a position from which he resigned to run for the South Carolina House of Representatives. He was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives on November 7, 2000, representing House District # 51 of Sumter County. He was named 2003 "Legislator of the Year" by the Sumter Chapter of the National Federation for the Blind and was cited by the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs, the South Carolina Conservation League and the Alliance for Children for his legislative work. He serves as chief minority whip for the House Democratic Caucus. He is a member of the powerful House Judiciary Committee. On Friday, November 14, 2008, he was unanimously elected Chairman of the 39 member South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, a position he held until December, 2010.

Awards and Citations

Representative Weeks is the recipient of many honors and awards, including:

- "Man of the Year" for Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church
- Distinguished Alumnus and Presidential Citation from Morris College
- Distinguished service award from the Sumter City/County Planning Commission
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity "Citizen of the Year"
- J.T. McCain Community Service Award from Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
- Community Service Recognition from Mt. Pisgah A.M.E Church.

He has also received citations from:

- The City and County of Sumter,
- The South Carolina State Senate,
- The Sumter Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee,
- The Sumter Baptist Brotherhood for distinguished community service
- The Sumter Baptist Association Christian Education Congress.

In 2008 he was recognized by the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce for outstanding community service and in February, 2009, he received the African American Male Image Award from the Columbia Alumni Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. In September, 2009, he was awarded the merit award for politics from the South Carolina State Organization of the National Council of Negro Women.

Personal Life

He is married to Cheryl Hannibal of Sumter, and they have two daughters, Lynette and Davida, and three grandchildren, Maurice, Tishon and Monica. He enjoys public speaking, reading, photography, doing crossword puzzles, and listening to music, especially traditional gospel, jazz and the blues. His personal motto is "Never be afraid to step out on a blessing."