

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Connolly,  
Michael M. Represented Dubuque County Iowa

1. Birthday and place 31 Oct 1945 Dubuque Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Martha Jessler 6 Jan 1972

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a member of the Dubuque Education Association

B. Civic responsibilities Dubuque United Way; Greater Dubuque Development  
Chapman

C. Profession Teacher of History 20 years and administrator 10 years  
equal 30 years in the Dubuque Iowa Community Schools

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 74<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, 76<sup>th</sup>, 77<sup>th</sup>, 78<sup>th</sup>, 79<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1991-1992,  
1993-1994, 1995-1996, 1997-1998, 1999-2000

May be  
added  
session

6. Public Offices

A. Local Dubuque County Democratic Party

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death \_\_\_\_\_

8. Children Marlene; John

9. Names of parents Albert and Margaret (Daly) Penton

10. Education Attended St. Joseph Grade School and graduated from  
St. Joseph High School, Farley, Iowa, 1963;

11. Degrees B.A. Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, 1967; M.A. from Loras  
College, 1976

12. Other applicable information

- Military service - served 6 years in the U.S. Army Reserve



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NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATOR Senator Mike Connolly

1. BIRTHDATE AND PLACE October 31, 1945, Dubuque, IA

2. MARRIAGE(S) TO WHOM/DATE/PLACE Martha Fessler June 6, 1972

3. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. BUSINESS TEACHER AT DUBUQUE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR 30 YRS. COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR FOR DUBUQUE FIN SCHOOLS 9 YEARS

B. CIVIC DUTIES BOARD MEMBER OF DUBUQUE AREA UNITED WAY PAST BOARD MEMBER OF GREATER DUBUQUE DEVELOPMENT CORP.

C. PROFESSION 30 years w/ Dubuque Community Schools = Taught history 20 years. Administrator - 10 years

4. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION\* \_\_\_\_\_

5. NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS SERVED 6 terms in Iowa House. Serving 4<sup>th</sup> term Iowa Senate

6. PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

A. LOCAL EDUCATION DIVISION CHAIR OF DUBUQUE AREA UNITED WAY

B. STATE STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 11 YEARS STATE SENATOR - 15 YEARS

C. NATIONAL IOWA DELEGATE FOR THE EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES

7. CHILDREN Maureen and John

8. NAMES OF PARENTS Albert and Margaret Daly Connolly

\*Optional information

Senator Mike Connolly (D)  
3458 Daniels Street  
Dubuque, IA 52002  
(515) 281-3371  
District 14: Dubuque

Born October 31, 1945, to Albert and Margaret Daly Connolly.

Attended St. Joseph's Grade School and graduated in 1963 from St. Joseph's High School, Farley, Iowa. In 1967 received a B.A. from Loras College, Dubuque, and in 1976 earned an M.A. from Loras College, Dubuque, IA.

Served 6 years in the U.S. Army reserve.

Married Martha Fessler of Farley, IA, in 1972, they are the parents of 2 children, Maureen and John.

Senator Connolly recently retired after 30 years of service in the Dubuque Community Schools. He taught history at Dubuque Senior High School for 20 years and served in administration his final 10 years.

Active member of the Dubuque County Democratic Party, Chair of the Education Division and Board Member of the Dubuque United Way,

Served 6 terms in the Iowa House of Representatives and currently serving his 4<sup>th</sup> term in the Iowa Senate. He is an Assistant Minority Leader, ranking member of the Education. Senator Connolly also serves as a member on the Appropriations, Ethics, State Government, and Ways and Means Committees.