

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Miller, Helen Senator _____

Resided in Fort Dodge, Iowa

1. Birthday and place _____ Newark, New Jersey

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Dr. Edward Miller

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business She was a member of the Iowa State Bar Association and the District of Columbia Bar Association

B. Civic responsibilities Executive director of Young Art Act; Rotary; Adolphe County Crimetrogers; Board of Memorial Art Museum Board

C. Profession Attorney; arts educator

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 80th 81st 82nd 83rd 84th General Assemblies

6. Public Offices 2003-2004; 2005-2006; 2007-2008; 2009-2010; 2011-2012

A. Local Member of the Fort Dodge Convictional Facility Advisory Board; member of the Area Symphony; One of Directors; member of the Fort Dodge Public Library; Board of Justice

B. State _____

C. National Vice chair of Agriculture Committee of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators

7. Death _____

8. Children One son; two daughters

9. Names of parents _____

Miller, Helen

10. Education She attends South Side High School in Newark, New Jersey

11. Degrees She earned a BA degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. in
Political Administration. She earned a MS degree in Library Science from
Longwood College, Salisbury, N.C. She earned a JD degree from Georgetown University
at Washington University, Washington, D.C.

12. Other applicable information Democrat
She served on the National - Not Judge Lewis Byrd Commission and
Washington City Committee



IOWA'S BLACK HISTORY MAKERS

District 29 representative has been leading for 25 years

THE DES MOINES REGISTER

The Des Moines Register recognizes Rep. Helen Miller, a Fort Dodge Democrat, in celebration of Black History Month.

Miller has more than 25 years of leadership and experience in various capacities, including volunteer, mediator, legislative bill drafter, librarian and attorney. She is currently serving her third term in the Iowa House



Miller

of Representatives, representing District 49. She is the first black person to serve as assistant majority leader, and serves on the Agriculture, Economic Growth, Environmental Protection and Veterans Affairs committees.

She has served on the Administration and Rules, Human Resources, and Transportation committees, and the justice systems appropriations subcommittee. She has also served as an assistant minor-

ity leader.

Miller is the executive director of Young at Art, a nonprofit organization that promotes economic development through the arts, and sponsors the annual Artful Dodger Project. She serves as vice chairwoman of the Agriculture Committee of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators and as a state director for Women in Government.

Miller is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association and the District of Columbia Bar Association and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International. From 2003 to 2005, Miller served as the second vice chairwoman of the Iowa Democratic Party.

A resolution honoring the National Bar Association authored by Miller passed the Iowa House in 2005.

Miller is married to a retired Air Force veteran and has three children and two grandchildren.

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...ing minorities.
 ...ave been touched by those (predecessors),
 ...am sure that I have passed some of my iden-
 ...on to those who came after me," Ford said.
 ...dream is to see Asian and Latino legislators
 ...ed too.

...in Atlanta, with a degree in economics. She is
 ...attending Drake University Law School and is
 ...president of Drake's Black Law Student Association
 ...chapter.

DEBORAH BERRY

County: Black Hawk
Party: Democrat
Served: House, 2003 to present
Born: Waterloo



Education:
 Graduate,
 Waterloo public
 schools, Upper
 Iowa University,
 working on
 a master's
 degree

Example of legislation*: H.F.
 1 — A bill for an act relating to
 the state minimum hourly wage
 requirements and providing an
 effective date.

Accomplishments: Served on
 Waterloo City Council, Citizen of
 the Year Award by Afro American
 Community Broadcasting Inc.

HELEN MILLER

County: Webster
Party: Democrat
Served: House, 2003 to present, is
 assistant majority leader



Born: Newark, N.J.
Education: Graduate,
 Howard University;
 master's, Our
 Lady of the Lake
 University, San
 Antonio, Texas; law
 degree, Georgetown

University Law Center
Occupation: Attorney
Example of legislation*: H 1442
 — An amendment to a bill for an act
 relating to economic development,
 business, work force, and regulatory
 assistance and tax credits, and to
 state developmental, research and
 regulatory oversight and including
 effective date and retroactive
 applicability provisions.

Accomplishments: Executive
 director of Young At Art, vice chair of
 Agriculture Committee of the National
 Black Caucus of State Legislators

AKO ABDUL-SAMAD

County: Polk
Party: Democrat
Served: House, 2007 to present
Born: Des Moines



Education:
 Graduate,
 Des Moines
 Technical High
 School, attended
 community college
Occupation:
 Author,

photographer, counselor
Example of legislation*: H.F. 1 —
 A bill for an act relating to the state
 minimum hourly wage requirements
 and providing an effective date.
 Selected accomplishments:
 Founder, Creative Visions Human
 Development Center, elected to Des
 Moines Public School Board

* Legislation introduced by the member that was signed into law

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...the restroom walls, it seems
 ...aboard that any nut with an
 ...ack to grind can get online
 ...and mouth off, or use online
 ...and damaging allegations for
 ...to see

...ing students who had posted
 ...questionable material on Face-
 ...book. That's according to the
 ...Jan. 12 Chronicle of Higher
 ...Education
 ...Human Rights Watch refer

...There should be standards of
 ...decency and taste
 ...You don't want the govern-
 ...ment getting involved in con-
 ...tent, but unless providers and
 ...users show greater responsi

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State Representative
Democrat
District 49

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- [Economic Growth/Rebuild Iowa](#)
- [Natural Resources](#)

Appropriations Subcommittee

- [Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee](#)

Boards and Commissions

- [Advisory Council for Agricultural Education](#)
- [International Relations Advisory Council](#)

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Occupation: Attorney/Arts Educator

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HELEN MILLER

HELEN MILLER* is a Democrat serving her first term in the Iowa House (District 49 in Webster County) and is an arts educator as well as a lawyer.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in business

administration from Howard University, a Master of Science in library science from Our Lady of the Lake University and the Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center.

Helen lives in Fort Dodge where she is a member of the Area Symphony Board of Directors, Public Library Board of Trustees, Youth Shelter Care of North Central Iowa, Inc. Board of Directors, and Blanden Memorial Art Museum board.

She also serves on the Webster City-Fort Dodge Human Rights Commission and Webster City Crimestoppers.

She has two daughters, a son and a grandson.



JO OLDSON

JO OLDSON*, a former advisor to Governor Thomas Vilsack and first deputy Iowa insurance commissioner, lives in Des Moines (District 61 in Polk County). This is her first term in the Iowa House.

Jo was awarded the Bachelor of Arts and the Juris Doctorate by Drake University.

She has been an active fund raiser for United Way, is past president of Young Women's Resource Center Board of Directors and volunteers with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program and homeless shelter.

She is a Democrat.



KRAIG PAULSEN

KRAIG PAULSEN*, a first term member of the House, has a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree from Iowa State University and an M.B.A. from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

He is working on the Juris Doctorate at the University of Iowa College of Law.

Kraig represents District 35 in Linn County and is a Republican. He is employed as a production supervisor and lives in Cedar Rapids.

He was in the Air Force for 10 years, where he attended Officer Training School.

He has two sons and two daughters.



MIKE REASONER

MIKE REASONER* is a first term member of the Iowa House who received his Bachelor of Science degree and Juris Doctorate from Creighton University.

A Democrat, Mike represents District 95 (in Clarke,

Decatur and Union Counties) from his Creston home where he is owner/operator of Reasoner Oil Company. He chairs the Region XIV Workforce Investment Board and serves on the board of Midwest Opportunities Corning-Creston.

He has been a Union County supervisor and is a member of Judicial District 5B Youth Shelter in Lamoni, the Union County Law Enforcement Commission, Crossroads Mental Health-Creston and Area 14 Agency on Aging.

He has a daughter and two sons.



DON REDFERN

DON REDFERN is a third term member of the Senate and represents District 10 in Black Hawk County. He is a Republican.

He is a partner in a law firm in Cedar Falls where he resides. He graduated with a

Bachelor of Arts in economics from Carleton College and the Juris Doctorate from Columbia University School of Law.

Don is a member of Cedar Valley Economic Development Corporation, Cedar Falls Amvets and Rotary. He participates in the ISBA Volunteer Lawyers Project. He served in the Army for two years.

He has one child.



DOUG STRUYK

DOUG STRUYK* is another first-term Democrat serving in the House. He represents District 99 in Pottawattamie County and lives in Council Bluffs where he practices and owns a small business.

Doug graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and from Creighton University with the Juris Doctorate.

He was chief of the Agricultural Diversification Bureau of the Iowa

Department of Agriculture. He is treasurer of the Iowa Professional Lawn Care Association and Iowa Turf Grass Institute.

Doug was vice president of Council Bluffs Trees Forever and West Pottawattamie County Extension Council.

He has a daughter.



KURT SWAIM

KURT SWAIM*, of Bloomfield, represents District 94 (in Appanoose, Davis and Wayne Counties) and is a first term Democrat in the House.

He is a graduate of Iowa Wesleyan where he received a bachelor's degree in economics and business administration and the University of Iowa College of Law where he received the Juris Doctorate.

Kurt was Davis County attorney and a member of the board and an officer of Citizens Mutual Telephone Company in Bloomfield.

He has four children and one grandchild.

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