

Ruth Ann Gaines – Des Moines (D)
District 32

Term: Serving fifth term in House. **Profession:** Teacher. **Education:** Received B.A. in drama/speech from Clarke College, Dubuque. Received M.A. in dramatic arts from the University of California, Santa Barbara. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on State Foster Care Review Board, Loras College Board of Regents, Very Special Arts Iowa, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, Eyerly-Ball Board, YWCA Board, NAACP Board, Hospice of Central Iowa, Repertory Theater of Iowa, Drama Workshop, Iowa Arts Council, Holy Family Foundation Board, Des Moines Area Religious Council, Westminster House Board, Des Moines Tutoring Board, and Des Moines Optimist Club Charter Member. Current member of Friends of Des Moines Human Rights and past president, Candeo Board, Iowa Juneteenth Observation Board, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Graduate Chapter. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1947 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Vidal Spaine, partner; one son.



Ruth Ann Gaines – Des Moines (D)
District 32

Term: Serving fourth term in House. **Profession:** Teacher. **Education:** Received B.A. in drama/speech from Clarke College, Dubuque. Received M.A. in dramatic arts from the University of California, Santa Barbara. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on State Foster Care Review Board, Loras College Board of Regents, Very Special Arts Iowa, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, Eyerly-Ball Board, YWCA Board, NAACP Board, Hospice of Central Iowa, Repertory Theater of Iowa, Drama Workshop, Iowa Arts Council, Holy Family Foundation Board, Des Moines Area Religious Council, Westminster House Board, Des Moines Tutoring Board, and Des Moines Optimist Club Charter Member. **Currently:** Friends of Des Moines Human Rights and past president, Candeo Board, Iowa Juneteenth Observation Board, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Graduate Chapter. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1947 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Partner, Vidal Spaine; one son.



Ruth Ann Gaines - Des Moines (D)
District 32

Term: Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Teacher. **Education:** Received B.A. in drama/speech from Clarke College, Dubuque. Received M.A. in dramatic art from the University of California, Santa Barbara. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on State Foster Care Review Board, Loras College Board of Regents, Very Special Arts Iowa, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, Eyerly-Ball Board, YWCA Board, NAACP Board, Hospice of Central Iowa, Repertory Theater of Iowa, Drama Workshop, Iowa Arts Council, Holy Family Foundation Board, Des Moines Area Religious Council, Westminster House Board, Des Moines Tutoring Board, and Des Moines Optimist Club Charter Member. **Currently:** Friends of Des Moines Human Rights and past president, Candeo Board, Iowa Juneteenth Observation Board, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Graduate Chapter. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1947 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** One son.



Ruth Ann Gaines – Des Moines (D)
District 32

Term: Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Teacher. **Education:** Received B.A. in drama/speech from Clarke College, Dubuque. Received M.A. in dramatic art from the University of California, Santa Barbara. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on State Foster Care Review Board, Loras College Board of Regents, Very Special Arts Iowa, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, Eyerly-Ball Board, YWCA Board, NAACP Board, Hospice of Central Iowa, Repertory Theater of Iowa, Drama Workshop, Iowa Arts Council, Holy Family Foundation Board, and Des Moines Area Religious Council. Currently is president of Friends of Des Moines Human Rights. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1947 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** One son.



**Ruth Ann Gaines - Des Moines (D)
District 65**

Term: Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Teacher. **Education:** Received B.A. in drama/speech from Clarke College, Dubuque. Received M.A. in dramatic art from the University of California, Santa Barbara, California. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on State Foster Care Review Board, Loras College Board of Regents, Very Special Arts Iowa, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, Eyerly-Ball Board, YWCA Board, NAACP Board, Hospice of Central Iowa, Repertory Theater of Iowa, and Drama Workshop. Currently serves on Iowa Arts Council and Des Moines Human Rights Commission. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1947 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** One son.

