

Profile



Senator Michele Brooks

50TH DISTRICT

After serving several successful terms as a Mercer County Commissioner and State Representative for the 17th District, Michele Brooks was elected to the Pennsylvania Senate in November 2014. She represents the 50th Senatorial District, which includes Crawford and Mercer counties and parts of Erie and Warren counties.

In the 2017-2018 session, Senator Brooks serves as Chair of the Senate Aging and Youth Committee, a leadership role she held in the 2015-2016 session as well. She also serves as the Vice-Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee, and as a member of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Local Government, Rules & Executive Nominations, and Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committees.

Brooks' election to the Senate made history when she became the first woman to ever represent the 50th District. She was also the first woman to ever represent the 17th District in the House.

During her tenure in the state House from 2007 to 2014, Brooks actively fought against the tolling of Interstate 80; worked with business owners to create a more job-friendly business climate by reducing taxes on job creators; improved services for senior citizens; reprioritized government spending by limiting out-of-control borrowing by the Commonwealth; and supported the elimination of the inheritance tax on farmers to help preserve Pennsylvania's rich agricultural heritage. She continues to work in the Senate for regulatory reform, job creation and fiscal responsibility, while serving as a strong but compassionate voice for children, older citizens and rural Pennsylvanians.

Before her 2006 election to the state House, Brooks served as vice-chair of the Mercer County Board of Commissioners. In addition, she served as an executive board member of the Penn-Northwest Development Corporation, where she was liaison commissioner to the Mercer County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, the Cooperative Extension Office, and the Regional Planning Commission.

Senator Brooks served as a member of the Jamestown Borough Council from 1996 to 2002, where she led Jamestown Municipal Authority as vice-chair, and was part of the effort to preserve the Jamestown Stone Arch, developing the Children's Park and updating infrastructure.

Senator Brooks is a graduate of the Anne Anstine Excellence in Public Service Series, past president of the United Way in northern Mercer County, and a member of the Greenville Rotary. In September 2017, her statewide accomplishments earned her recognition as a "50 Over 50" Award recipient by City and State PA, a multi-media news outlet, which identified her as one of the 50 most influential people in the Commonwealth.

Senator Brooks is married to Guy Brooks. They have two children — a son, Brandin, and a daughter, Taylor—and a cherished granddaughter.

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