



Rep. Barbara Massey Reece
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Biography

Representative Reece is a graduate of Menlo High School, the University of Georgia with a B.S. in Home Economics, and Berry College with a Master of Education. She was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1998 where she represents the 11th District, which includes a portion of southern Walker County, all of Chattooga County, and northern and western portions of Floyd County.

Prior to election, she was employed by the Extension Service as a Home Economist in Walker County, a classroom teacher for thirty years in Chattooga and Gwinnett Counties, and a business partner in B&B Enterprises, a Catering Service. During this time, Rep. Reece was active in numerous civic and professional groups. She was twice named Teacher of the Year. She was nominated by students and recognized in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. She received the Community Service Award from Modern Woodmen of America for her work with children and the elderly.

Representative Reece has been active in the Chattooga County Chamber of Commerce and was a charter member of Leadership Chattooga. She currently serves on the chamber's steering committee for Project Impact which will implement a program to mitigate the effects of natural disasters. She also serves on the Summerville Downtown Development Association's Better Home Town Committee and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Blue Ridge Area Health Education Center.

The legislator was appointed to the Education Committee and serves on the Subcommittee for Curriculum and Instruction. She is a member of the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Committee and the State Institutions and Properties Committee. She serves as Chairman of the Corrections Subcommittee and Vice Chair of the State Institutions Subcommittee.

During her first term in the Georgia House, Reece was named one of Georgia's 100 most powerful Women in Government and Politics by Women Looking Ahead, Inc. of Atlanta (1999); Named 1999 Legislator of the Year by the Georgia Rural Health Association given a Meritorious Service Award by the North Georgia Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities (2000); received the North Georgia Community Action, Inc., Appreciation Award (1999) recognized in the Georgia Trend Magazine (April 2000) as one of five people to watch in

Northwest Georgia; declared 2000 Democrat of the year by the Chattooga County Democratic Association; and the Rome News Tribune recognized her in Women's World for 1999.

In 2001 Reece received an award from the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education for her support of Georgia Career, Technical and Vocational Education. She was also chosen as 2002 State Representative of the Year by the Georgia Industrial Technology Education Association.

The Representative has one daughter and son in-law, Kelly and Jeff Floyd and three granddaughters. She and her family attend Oak Hill Methodist Church near Menlo.