



**Rep. Valencia Stovall  
(D-74)**

### **Biography**

**Representative Valencia Stovall** was first elected in 2012 to represent the citizens in District 74 in portions of the cities of Morrow, Lake City, Forest Park, Riverdale, and College Park in Clayton County.

The native Atlantan and mother of two has a strong diverse background in finance, entrepreneurship, advocacy, and public policy who is also a local business owner. She currently serves in the House on the following 5 Committees: Vice Chair of EDUCATION Sub-committee on Academic Achievement;; member of EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS, SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM; and INTERSTATE COOPERATION. She served as Vice-Chair of Medical Cannabis Working Group, Chair of Study Committee on the Revitalization of the Atlanta State Farmers Market, on Joint Study Committee on Establishment of a Leadership Academy, special Education Sub-committee on School Redesign, as Commissioners on the Georgia Literacy Commission and Georgia Council For The Arts (appointed by Governor Deal), a member of Clayton State University Dean of Arts & Science Advisory Council, Co-Chair United Way THRIVE Clayton, and a member of local PTSAs. Rep. Stovall recently received the highest national appointment in her political career by the Georgia House Speaker as a member of the National Council of State Legislatures Education Standing Committee. She is a former Commissioner on the Georgia Education Reform Commission-Early Learning (appointed by Governor Deal), member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Georgia Early Childcare Quality Rated Advisory Board, a board member for the Atlanta Council of PTA's, served on multiple school councils, a former charter school board chair, and advisory member.

In 2018, Rep. Stovall authored her 2<sup>nd</sup> bill signed into law House Resolution 279 which designates Single Parent Day as March 21<sup>st</sup> every year in Georgia. In 2016, as a 2<sup>nd</sup> term legislator, Rep. Stovall authored House Bill 614 Landon Dunson Act which was signed into law in May 2016 which allows video cameras to be placed in the self contained classrooms of special needs students in any public schools. The State of Georgia is the 2<sup>nd</sup> state to pass video camera legislation. She has authored and co-sponsored other legislation to improve the lives of Georgians. She has co-authored many bills which have been signed into law majority of them education centered. She recognizes high profile and ordinary people who understand the importance of giving back to the community like Ludacris (Ludacris Foundation), Christopher & Kyle Massey (Massey Brothers w/ Starkey Hearing Foundation), Women Radio Personalities, Founder of a Black History Museum, Founder of Georgia Women Cricket Association, and many more.

Rep. Stovall is a 2015 Council of State Governments Henry Toll Fellow and was recognized in 2016 by the National Council of State Legislatures as a "Woman In Politics Making A Difference." In 2016, Rep. Stovall hosted the inaugural Educate Georgia Summit which brought state officials, educators, parents, students, business and community leaders to the Georgia State Capitol for two days to dive into education policy and build the future of education in Georgia. Since its inception 1,000 people have attended. Rep. Stovall also hosts several annual community events including a Career Job Fair which has drawn over 1,000 job seekers since its inception in 2013 and Dance on the Bridge Celebration where she has recognized over 1,000 parent and community volunteers. She has earned respect for standing firm on her beliefs even when it's unpopular. She strives to do her part in making Clayton County and the State of Georgia the best places to live, work, and play. She remains focused on "The Buck (economic redevelopment), The Book (education reform), The Ballot (voter empowerment)".