



Major R. Owens

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House

State: NY • **District:** 11

Service: 1983–2007

Most recent Congress: 109

Biography

A Representative from New York. Born in Collierville, Shelby County, Tenn. , June 28, 1936. Graduated from Hamilton High School, Memphis, Tenn. B. A. , Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. , 1956. M. S. , Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta), Atlanta, Ga. , 1957. Chair, Brooklyn Congress of Racial Equality. Vice president, Metropolitan Council of Housing, N. Y. , 1964. Community coordinator, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, N. Y. , 1964-1966. Executive director, Brownsville Community Council, 1966-1968. Commissioner, Community Development Agency, New York, N. Y. , 1968-1973. Director, community media library program, Columbia University, New York, N. Y. , 1973-1975. Member of the New York state senate, 1974-1982. Served on International Commission on Ways of Implementing Social Policy to Ensure Maximum Public Participation and Social Justice for Minorities at The Hague, Netherlands, 1972. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-eighth Congress and to the eleven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1983-January 3, 2007). Not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Tenth Congress in 2006. Died on October 21, 2013, in New York City, N. Y.

Legislative Activity (1983–2007)

Bills sponsored: 53

Bills cosponsored: 2500

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
109 HR 6339	Homeland Security Community Mobilization Act of 2006	Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Trans Updated Dec 5, 2006
109 HR 6028	To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants to improve the infrastructure of elementary and secondary schools.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform. Updated Sep 29, 2006
109 HR 6177	To establish the United States Postal Service Memorial Fund for the benefit of the families of Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. of the United States Postal Service.	Referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, Updated Sep 26, 2006
109 HR 6190	Immigration Relief and Protection Act of 2006	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. Updated Sep 26, 2006
109 HJRES 92	Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to ensure a free and adequate education for every child who is a citizen.	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. Updated Jul 20, 2006

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
109 HR 1245	Johanna's Law	Became Public Law No: 109-475. Updated Jan 12, 2007
109 HR 1492	To provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, and for other purposes.	Became Public Law No: 109-441. Updated Dec 21, 2006
109 HR 4510	To direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth and to display the bust in a suitable location in the rotunda of the Capitol.	Became Public Law No: 109-427. Updated Dec 20, 2006
109 HR 4416	To reauthorize permanently the use of penalty and franked mail in efforts relating to the location and recovery of missing children.	Became Public Law No: 109-426. Updated Dec 20, 2006
109 HR 5923	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29-50 Union Street in Flushing, New York, as the "Dr. Leonard Price Stavisky Post Office".	Became Public Law No: 109-404. Updated Dec 18, 2006