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Biography

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STAIRS, Jess M., a Representative from Fayette and Westmoreland Counties; born in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pa., June 5, 1942; B.S., The Pennsylvania State University, 1964; M.Ed., The Pennsylvania State University, 1969; International 4-H Foreign Exchange Program, India (1964); farmer; teacher; member, Mt. Pleasant Area School Board (1973–1976); director, Westmoreland County 4-H; elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives as a Republican in 1976; reelected to 15 consecutive terms thereafter; appointed, Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee (1985–1990); appointed, Special Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Flooding of the Monongahela River Basin (1986); appointed, Select Committee to Investigate the Divestiture of State General Hospitals (1990); appointed, board, Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) (1991–2008); appointed, House Select Committee on Violence (1994); appointed, Task Force on Higher Education Funding (1994); appointed, Commission on Postsecondary Education for the 21st Century (1999–2000); appointed, chair, Keystone Commission on Education for Employment in the 21st Century (2001–2002); not a candidate for reelection to the House (2008).

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