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Bly, David

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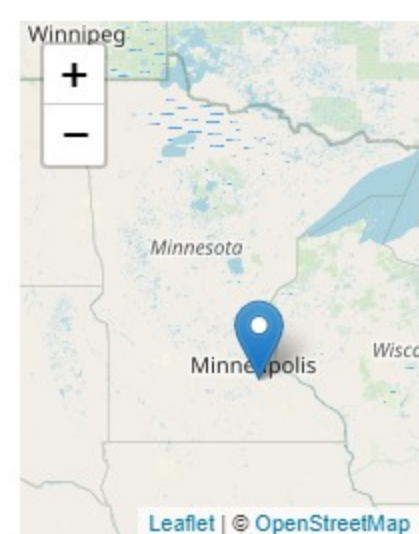
Party when first elected: Democratic-Farmer-Labor

Counties Served: Le Sueur, Rice, Scott

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: 1/8/1952
Birth Place: Dubuque, Iowa
Birth County:
Birth Country: United States
Date of Death:
Other Names:
City of Residence (when first elected): Northfield
Occupation (when first elected): Educator; High School English Teacher, Northfield Alternative Learning Center

Gender: Male
Religion: Congregational
Reported Minority: None Reported

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EDUCATION

Northfield High School; Secondary; Graduate, 1970
Oxford University, England; Attended College; 2 Terms (through St. Olaf College)
Minneapolis Technical College; Vocational-Technical School; Graphic Arts Certificate, 1978
St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota; B.A.; English, 1974
St. Mary's University, Minneapolis; M.A.; Education, 2004
Mankato State University; E.B.D.; Special Education License, 1984

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FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Spouse: Divorced (when first elected); Dominique (remarried in December 2012)
Children: Two children: Gareth (son), Julia (daughter)
Family Members Who Have Served in the Minnesota Legislature:

GENERAL NOTES

He was raised in Northfield, Minnesota.

He ran unsuccessfully as the Democratic-Farmer-Labor party endorsed candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives in the 2002 election. His opponent, Ray Cox, defeated him by so few votes that an automatic recount occurred. The recount confirmed that Ray Cox had won, by 46 votes.

He ran unsuccessfully as the Democratic-Farmer-Labor party endorsed candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives in the 2004 election. He lost by 586 votes.

He ran unsuccessfully as the Democratic-Farmer-Labor party endorsed candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives in the 2010 election. His opponent, Kelby Woodard, defeated him by 31 votes so an automatic recount occurred. The recount confirmed that Kelby Woodard had won.

He also was a Special Education Teacher in the Faribault Public Elementary Schools, 1984-87.

Religion provided by his 2006 campaign Web page.

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Body: House
District: 20B
Counties Represented: Le Sueur, Rice
Occupation: Retired
Party: Democratic-Farmer-Labor
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Body: House
District: 20B
Counties Represented: Le Sueur, Rice
Occupation: Retired Educator
Party: Democratic-Farmer-Labor
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Body: House
District: 25B
Counties Represented: Rice, Scott
Occupation: Educator
Party: Democratic-Farmer-Labor
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Ran in next election? Yes. Defeated in general election

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Body: House
District: 25B
Counties Represented: Rice, Scott
Occupation: Educator; High School English Teacher, Northfield Alternative Learning Center
Party: Democratic-Farmer-Labor
Bills Authored: [Chief Author](#) [Author](#)
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Session Notes: His margin of victory over Ray Cox was so close an automatic recount occurred. After the recount he was declared the winner by 60 votes.

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OTHER INFORMATION

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Articles & Books By

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Articles & Books About

[Green, Craig, "Third Times a Charm, Remembering a Lesson Led to House Seat," Session Weekly, St. Paul: Minnesota House of Representatives Information Office, January 12, 2007, p. 17.](#)

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