



Mary Flowers, State Representative – 31st District

Mary E. Flowers is a *Democratic Illinois House of Representatives* member and the longest-serving African-American legislator in Illinois history.

Born in Inverness, Mississippi, her family moved to Chicago when she was a child. She attended local schools in Chicago, *Kennedy King Community College*, and the *University of Illinois at Chicago*.

Flowers was first elected to the *84th General Assembly* as a Democrat from the 31st district in 1985. She is serving her 19th term as a member of the *Illinois House of Representatives* and as a *House Deputy Majority Leader* for the *102nd General Assembly*.

In May 2023, Flowers was removed from her leadership position in the *General Assembly* by *Illinois House Speaker Chris Welch*, allegedly for using a slur and saying that a House staffer resembled **Adolf Hitler**.

During her tenure in the *Illinois House of Representatives*, Flowers has served on several different committees covering various topics and issues in the *House of Representatives*.

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