

## **Senator Regina Ashford Barrow**

### **District - 15**

In 2005, Regina Ashford Barrow was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives as the Louisiana State Representative for District 29, and then re-elected to serve her 3rd consecutive term as the State Representative for District 29 in 2011. In 2015, she was elected to the Louisiana State Senate.

While a State Representative she was active on a number of committees including the House Ways and Means Committee, Health and Welfare Committee, the Municipal, Parochial, Cultural Affairs Committee and the Joint Capital Outlay Committee. She currently serves as the Chairwoman of the Select Committee on Women and Children, Vice Chair of the Health and Welfare Committee, a member of the Finance Committee, Judiciary C, Labor and Industrial Relations, and the Select Committee on Veterans Affairs.

As a State Legislator, Senator Barrow has stayed actively involved in giving her community the leadership they deserve. As a Representative, Senator Barrow passed several pertinent pieces of legislation including ACT 264, which provides National Guard members who re-enlist in the National Guard the opportunity to receive free college tuition up to a doctorate degree. She also ushered through ACT 98, which creates a new economic development district for the North Baton Rouge area. Senator Barrow is also deeply committed to strong ethics within our state government. During the 2007 Legislative Session, she led an effort to successfully pass legislation that requires elected officials to participate in mandatory ethics training. Senator Barrow is also proud to have played an integral part in passing legislation to protect and prevent the birth of premature babies to reduce infant mortality in the State of Louisiana. In her last term as State Representative, Senator Barrow authored HCR 129 which created a task force to study health services delivery and financing in the Baton Rouge Region.

Senator Barrow is a graduate of the Flemmings Fellow Leadership Institute Fellow and the Council of State Government-Center for Advancement of Leadership. In addition, she will be pursuing her degree in Business Administration over the next four years. She is also the state director for Women in Government and Women in Legislature Lobby and the regional chair for the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. She was also the executive director of RĪZ Up Louisiana. Senator Barrow in 2015 was presented with the Regional Legislator of the Year Award for Region 10 at the 39th Annual National Black Caucus of State Legislators in Los Angeles, California. She was also named the 2015 Regional Policy Legislative Honoree for being a champion for mental health and addiction treatment, by the Mental Health America Association.

Senator Barrow and her husband, James, have been married for 31 years and have two children, James Barrow, Jr. and Shanrika Barrow Fobb, a son-in law, Derrick Fobb, Sr. and two grandsons, Jeremiah and Derrick Jr.