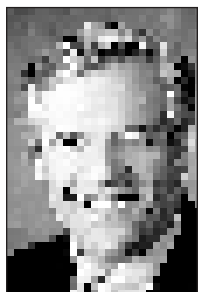


ELECTION 2002: STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

104th DISTRICT (Grand Traverse and Kalkaska counties)

HOWARD WALKER
Republican

■ **AGE:** 47
■ **RESIDENCE:** Traverse City
■ **EDUCATION:** Forestry degree from Michigan Technological University



■ **PROFESSION:** Land surveyor
■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Former TCAPS school board member
■ **WHAT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE IN YOUR DISTRICT AND WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?** "Residential and commercial growth is having the biggest impact on our environment...it's a big source of non-point source pollution. I support incentive-based initiatives to manage growth that are sensitive to private property rights."
■ **GOALS:** Land-use, education, health care

JOEL CASLER
Democrat

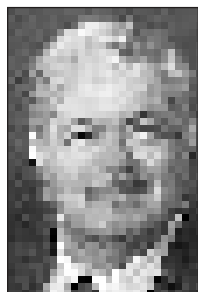
■ **AGE:** 45
■ **RESIDENCE:** Traverse City
■ **EDUCATION:** Electrical engineering degree from ITT Technical Institute



■ **PROFESSION:** Senior maintenance mechanic for Traverse City Light and Power
■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Vice-president of TCAPS school board
■ **WHAT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE IN YOUR DISTRICT AND WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?** "We must protect our natural resources...it is particularly important today that we protect the quality of the Great Lakes (from) diversion of our lake waters and foreign species invasion."
■ **GOALS:** Education, health care, environment

TONY HEFNER
Reform Party

■ **AGE:** 55
■ **RESIDENCE:** Rapid City
■ **EDUCATION:** Graduate of First Baptist Church Bible School in Texas

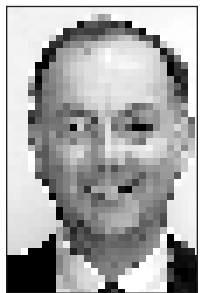


■ **PROFESSION:** Author
■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** None
■ **WHAT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE IN YOUR DISTRICT AND WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?** "The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality only inspects about one-sixth of the water pollution sources each year. We need to put more employees on the job so we can stay on top of this."
■ **GOALS:** Education, environment, support for the elderly and disabled.

106th DISTRICT (Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, Presque Isle)

DAVE WYMAN
Republican

■ **AGE:** 59
■ **RESIDENCE:** Grayling
■ **OCCUPATION:** Builder and former civil engineer
■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Michigan Tech



■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Three years on Grayling City Council, serving the last year as mayor. Crawford AuSable Board of Education member of six years.
■ **GOALS:** I want to focus on job creation and on the retention of jobs that we do have by promoting tourism and preserving our environment.
■ **WHAT IS THE BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE IN YOUR DISTRICT AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT?** The top environmental issue is creating jobs and economic development while preserving the environment. I will work to preserve the high quality of air, water and land in the 106th District so that the quality of life for the residents and visitors is most enjoyable.

MATT GILLARD
Democrat

■ **AGE:** 29
■ **RESIDENCE:** Alpena
■ **OCCUPATION:** Attorney
■ **EDUCATION:** Law degree from Wayne State University; B.A. in political science from Albion College



■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** None
■ **GOALS:** I want to secure necessary resources and legislation to preserve the quality of life in northeast Michigan to preserve the area for our children.
■ **WHAT IS THE BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE IN YOUR DISTRICT AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT?** The most important environmental issue Northern Michigan faces is protecting the natural resources our area has to offer while promoting their use to attract tourists. We need to encourage people to come to Northern Michigan to enjoy our beautiful rivers, lakes and forests, but we also need to protect these areas from over development and waste.

105th DISTRICT (Antrim, Charlevoix, most of Cheboygan, Otsego)

MIKE WEBSTER
Democrat

■ **AGE:** 43
■ **RESIDENCE:** Walloon Lake
■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan; master's degree from Lake Superior State University.
■ **OCCUPATION:** Metal fabrication, Concord Academy special needs student instructor
■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Melrose Township Supervisor past two years; township clerk three years previous to that.

■ **WHAT'S THE BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE IN YOUR DISTRICT AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT?** The residential and commercial development near lakes and streams,

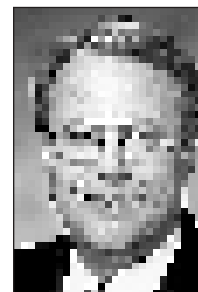


which will wreak havoc on our freshwater ecosystems in

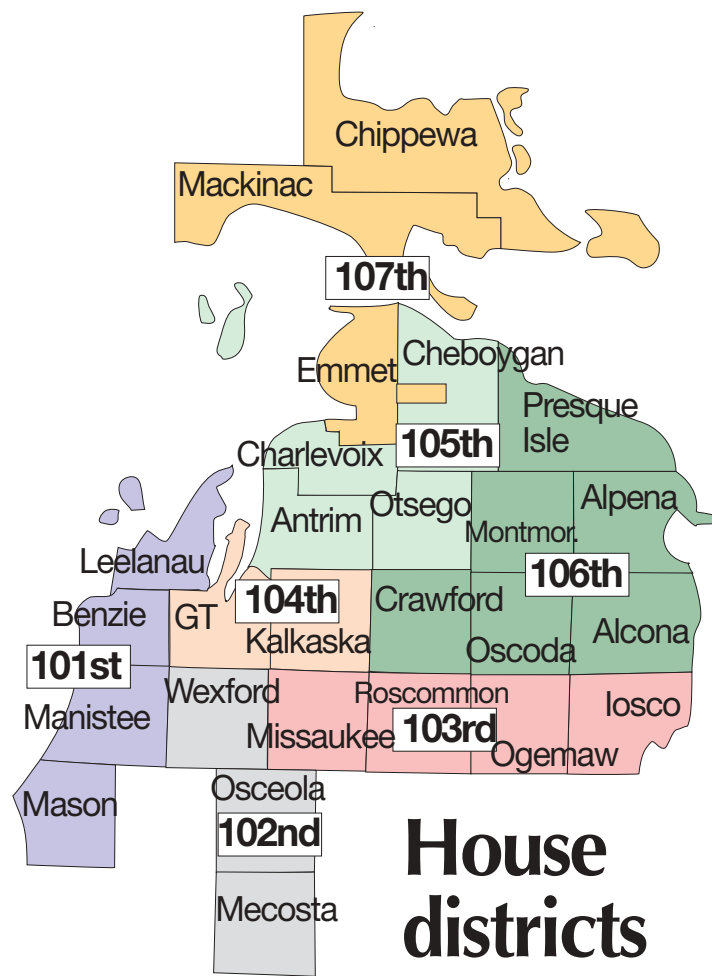
KEN BRADSTREET
Republican

■ **AGE:** 52
■ **RESIDENCE:** Gaylord
■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree from Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids. One year of post-graduate, seminary-level study.
■ **OCCUPATION:** Former part-owner and manager of Advertisers Postal Service in Gaylord.
■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** House member since 1998.
■ **WHAT'S THE BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE IN YOUR DISTRICT AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT?** I don't know. Everybody wants clean air and clean water. I don't think there is

anybody who wants dirty air and dirty water. But there are a number of different approaches to getting there. I think that there is a tendency within the environment of the Department of Environmental Quality to have an extremist environmental viewpoint. It seems to me that the



enforcement people at the DEQ have no respect or even interest in individual property rights. They come



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years to come. Failing septic systems and the potential for contamination from stormwater runoff is great if safeguards are not put in place.
■ **GOALS:** Getting equitable funding for northern Michigan schools, for regular education and special education. Improving road conditions, earmarking funds for county road commissions to repair county roads, with township input.
Election reform to reduce the role special interest groups play in elections.

out of college idealistic. They are going to save the earth, and they are willing to trample all over people's individual rights in order to do that.
■ **GOALS:** Creation of a state do-not-call list for telemarketing. Doing away with the state MEAP tests, and using another, nationalized test for public school performance assessment, saving the state millions of dollars and refocusing public education away from simply studying for the MEAP.

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