

Delegate Vivian Watts

“Skill is the unified force of experience, intellect and passion” ... John Ruskin

Delivering on Transportation

Vivian never gave up. Year after year, she brought forth compelling facts and figures to make the case for real solutions ... not one-year headlines. She used humor, she used charts, she used straight talk. And when the General Assembly was finally ready to ACT, she was the go-to person. She was trusted. She was effective.

Northern Virginia finally has its own source of funding. What’s raised here stays here. We control how it will be spent. Vivian made sure transit will be a focus of reducing congestion. She convinced state lawmakers to give localities the ability to tie transportation priorities to land use.

We have a lot of catching-up to do. The State has a lot of potholes to fill. But because of Vivian’s hard work and extraordinary commitment, real progress has been made.

Meeting tough challenges

Vivian’s toughest assignment is as ranking minority member of the Courts of Justice. When most have left for the evening, she meets late into the night struggling with effectively combating the most negative and challenging sides of human behavior.

She’s been a leader in the fight against human trafficking and exploitation of seniors. She’s been effective in strengthening drunk driving laws and banning texting. Her voice has been compelling in addressing the devastating effects of child abuse and sexual crimes.

Above all, Vivian has made extraordinary contributions in mental health reform and protecting women’s control over their own health decisions.

Walking the Walk

Vivian’s Dad pronounced, “You’re both so cheap, you deserve each other!” That’s the way Vivian and Dave have run their lives and raised their family. She has the same commitment to budgeting Virginia’s resources: Insist on accountability and value, but always look to investing in the future.

Vivian believes our most critical investment is education: smaller class sizes, quality teachers, affordable college options. But she’s also witnessed, again and again, the return in productivity and self-reliance through strategic investments in human services.

Finally, Vivian has literally walked the walk on many a back-country trail. Her intimate knowledge and continued study has earned top-rankings by environmentalists.

Working for You

“...you will be remembered as a true professional with great ability to argue an issue...without you, most of our veterans initiatives would have been just thoughts. Your exceptional leadership made a huge difference...” Board of Veteran Services Chairman

“I finally contacted your office...not only prompt, but...

kindness and determination I rarely see these days.” Constituent

“...the only elected official that said she would be there and was.” Homeowners Association

“You seem to care about average people, which is a good quality in your field.” High school student

“You’re the only democrat I vote for.” Long time constituent