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Biography: Republican, of Georgetown Township; married; four children; former analyst, Dun & Bradstreet; businessman; county commissioner; authored laws to protect abused children, strengthen family values, assist persons with disabilities, protect the environment, encourage recycling, reduce crime, reduce taxes, increase government accountability, crack down on drunken driving, strengthen conservation efforts and protect natural resources, reduce domestic violence, and require truth in sentencing for criminal prison terms. He authored the Crime Victim's Rights Act, now used as a national model, and twice successfully authored amendments to the Michigan Constitution (art. I, sec. 20 and art. I, sec. 24). His work has been a subject of The Pepperdine University Law Review; recipient of four national awards, including "National Legislator of the Year" by the National Victim Center; named Michigan "Legislator of the Year" eleven times, as well as over 80 additional awards; recipient, Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University; in 1997 MADD established the "William Van Regenmorter Award" in his honor to be given to individuals and organizations who "exhibit outstanding leadership in the service of victims of crime"; in 2005, presented with the Michigan Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Frank J. Kelley Award, the association's highest award reserved for individuals who have devoted themselves to the cause of improving the criminal justice system; elected to the House of Representatives, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 2002, 2004; elected to the State Senate, 1990, 1994, 1998; Assistant Senate Majority Floor Leader, 1995-1998; Senate Majority Whip, 1999-2002.

