

Legislative Families: Parents and Children

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Leading by example is not just for parents teaching their children to have good manners and be good sports—some children are inspired by their parents' leadership and follow their footsteps into legislative careers. Between 1846 and 2019, more than 100 parent-children sets have served in the Texas Legislature. *

As with the [legislative siblings](#), some parents/children's service overlapped:

- [Oscar Dudley Baker](#) and [Oscar Lindsey Baker](#) ^
 - O.D. served in the House, 1921–1925 (37th–38th)
 - Oscar served in the House, 1923–1927 (38th–39th)
- [Spearman Holland](#) and [James K. Holland](#)
 - Spearman served in the House, 1846–1847 (1st), 1857–1859 (7th), and 1861–1863 (9th), and in the Senate, 1863–1866 (10th)
 - James served in the House, 1849–1851 (3rd), and 1863 (9th), and in the Senate, 1853–1855 (5th)
- [Eddie Lucio, Jr.](#) and [Eddie Lucio III](#)
 - Eddie, Jr. served in the House, 1987–1991 (70th–71st), and serves in the Senate, 1991–present (72nd–86th)
 - Eddie III serves in the House, 2007–present (80th–86th)
- [William Rowland Newton](#) and [George Mayo Newton](#) *In HCR 20, 46R, W.R.'s memorial resolution, he and George were recognized as "the only combination of a son and father team in each branch of the Legislature at the same time, from the same district, in the history of the Legislature."*
 - W.R. served in the Senate, 1937–1938 (45th)
 - George served in the House, 1935–1939 (44th–45th)
- [George Butler Terrell](#) and [J. Turney Terrell](#)
 - George served in the House, 1899–1903 (26th–27th), 1907–1913 (30th–32nd), 1917–1920 (35th–36th), and 1931–1933 (42nd)
 - J. Turney served in the House, 1930–1933 (41st–42nd)

Most parents and children served in different years:

- [A.M. Aikin, Jr.](#), and [A.M. "Bob" Aikin III](#)
 - A.M. served in the House, 1933–1937 (43rd–44th), and in the Senate, 1937–1979 (45th–65th)

- Bob served in the House, 1987–1989 (70th)
- **Edwin Augustus Atlee, Sr.** and **Edwin Augustus Atlee, Jr.**
 - E. A. served in the House, 1885–1887 (19th), and in the Senate, 1889–1901 (21st–26th)
 - Edwin served in the House, 1918–1920 (35th–36th)
- **Hamilton Prioleau Bee** and **Carlos Bee**
 - Hamilton served in the House, 1851–1859 (3rd–7th)
 - Carlos served in the Senate, 1915–1919 (34th–35th)
- **Roy Blake, Sr.** and **Roy Blake, Jr.**
 - Roy, Sr. served in the House, 1973–1978 (63rd–65th), and in the Senate, 1978–1989 (65th–70th)
 - Roy, Jr. served in the House, 2005–2007 (79th)
- **W.S. Bledsoe** and **William Harrison Bledsoe**
 - W. S. served in the House, 1873–1874 (13th)
 - W. H. served in the House, 1915–1919 (34th–36th), and in the Senate, 1919–1929 (36th–40th)
- **J.M Blount** and **James P. Blount**
 - J.M served in the Senate, 1866–1870 (11th)
 - James served in the House, 1885–1887 (19th)
- **John "Red" Brown** and **Buford Brown**
 - Red served in the House, 1846–1847 (1st), and 1851 (4th)
 - Buford served in the House, 1853–1855 (5th)
- **Lucius H. Browne** and **John L. Browne**
 - Lucius served in the Senate, 1882–1883 (17th)
 - John served in the House, 1903–1907 (28th–29th)
- **William Henry Burges** and **Richard Burges**
 - W. H. served in the Senate, 1881–1883 (17th), and 1887–1891 (20th–21st)
 - Richard served in the House, 1913–1917 (33rd–34th)
- **Joseph Washington Burkett, Sr.** and **Joseph Washington Burkett, Jr.**
 - Joe, Sr. served in the House, 1921 (37th), and in the Senate, 1921–1925 (37th–38th)
 - Joe, Jr. served in the House, 1951–1961 (52nd–56th)
- **Joseph H. Burks, Sr.** and **Joseph H. Burks, Jr.**
 - Joseph, Sr. served in the Senate, 1851–1855 (4th–5th), and in the House, 1857–1859 (7th)
 - Joseph, Jr. served in the House, 1881–1883 (17th)
- **Emory A. Camp** and **Emory Brodnax Camp**

- Emory A. served in the House, 1907–1909 (30th)
- Emory B. served in the House, 1933–1935 (43rd)
- **John Lafayette Camp, Sr. and John Lafayette Camp, Jr.**
 - John, Sr. served in the Senate, 1874–1875 (14th)
 - John, Jr. served in the Senate, 1885–1889 (19th–20th)
- **Terry A. Canales, Gabi Canales, and Terry Canales**
 - Terry served in the House, 1973–1977 (63rd–64th)
 - Gabi served in the House, 2003–2005 (78th)
 - Terry serves in the House, 2013–present (83rd–86th)
- **Max Dan Carriker and Steve Carriker**
 - Max served in the House, 1959–1965 (56th–58th)
 - Steve served in the House, 1983–1988 (68th–70th), and in the Senate, 1988–1995 (70th–73rd)
- **Frederick Bird Smith Cocke, Sr., James Rogers Cocke, and Frederick Bird Smith Cocke, Jr.** *Frederick, Sr. appears to be the first legislator-father to have two legislator-children.*
 - Frederick served in the House, 1861–1863 (9th), and 1879–1881 (16th)
 - J.R. served in the House, 1893–1897 (23rd–24th)
 - Fred served in the House, 1899–1901 (26th)
- **William M Cochran and John Hughes Cochran**
 - William served in the House, 1849–1851 (3rd)
 - John served in the House, 1874–1881 (14th–16th), 1883–1885 (18th), and 1891–1895 (22nd–23rd)
- **Oscar B. Colquitt and Rawlins Murrell Colquitt**
 - O.B. served in the Senate, 1895–1899 (24th–25th)
 - Rawlins served in the House, 1935–1941 (44th–46th)
- **Samuel B. Cooper, Sr. and Samuel B. Cooper, Jr.**
 - S.B. served in the Senate, 1881–1885 (17th–18th)
 - S. Bronson served in the House, 1913–1917 (33rd–34th)
- **William Roy Cousins, Sr. and Wilfred Roy Cousins, Jr.**
 - William served in the Senate, 1919–1925 (36th–38th), and 1929–1935 (41st–43rd)
 - Wilfred served in the House, 1945–1947 (49th), and in the Senate, 1947–1951 (50th–51st)
- **Philip M Cuny, Sr. and Philip M Cuny, Jr.**
 - Philip, Sr. served in the Senate, 1846–1849 (1st–2nd)
 - Philip, Jr. served in the House, 1901–1903 (27th)
- **Isaac Adair Daniel and Albert King Daniel**
 - Ike served in the House, 1905–1909 (29th–30th), and 1920–1921 (36th)

- Albert served in the House, 1931–1936 (42nd–44th)
- **Price Daniel, Sr.** and **Price Daniel, Jr.**
 - Price, Sr. served in the House, 1939–1945 (46th–48th)
 - Price, Jr. served in the House, 1969–1975 (61st–63rd)
- **Joseph Davis** and **Wilbur Davis**
 - Joseph served in the House, 1893–1895 (23rd)
 - Wilbur served in the House, 1907–1911 (30th–31st)
- **R. Temple Dickson** and **Temple Dickson III**
 - R. Temple served in the House, 1939–1943 (46th–47th)
 - Temple served in the House, 1965–1971 (59th–61st), and in the Senate, 71st–72nd (1989–1993)
- **John Taylor Ellis, Sr.** and **John Taylor Ellis, Jr.**
 - J.T. Ellis, Sr. served in the House, 1941–1947 (47th–49th)
 - J.T. Ellis, Jr. served in the House, 1955–1958 (54th–55th)
- **Ray Farabee** and **David Farabee**
 - Ray served in the Senate, 1975–1988 (64th–70th)
 - David served in the House, 1999–2011 (76th–81st)
- **James Flanagan** and **Webster Flanagan**
 - James served in the House, 1851–1853 (4th), and in the Senate, 1855–1857 (6th)
 - Webster served in the Senate, 1870–1876 (12th–14th)
- **George Washington Lafayette Fly** and **William Madden Fly**
 - George served in the House, 1881–1883 (17th)
 - William served in the House, 1915–1923 (34th–37th), and 1926–1929 (39th–40th)
- **George Washington Glasscock, Sr.** and **George Washington Glasscock, Jr.**
 - George, Sr. served in the House, 1863–1868 (10th–11th)
 - George, Jr. served in the Senate, 1885–1893 (19th–21st), and 1905–1909 (29th–30th)
- **W.J. Greer** and **Earl M. Greer** *The Greer succession appears to be the first time a son immediately succeeded his father in the Senate.*
 - W.J. served in the Senate, 1907–1913 (30th–33rd)
 - Earl served in the Senate, 1913–1915 (33rd)
- **Dorothy Gillis Gurley** and **Susan Gurley McBee** *According to Capitol Women: Texas Female Legislators, 1923–1999, McBee was the first legislator to follow her mother in the Texas Legislature.*
 - Dorothy served in the House, 1951–1955 (52nd–53rd)
 - Susan served in the House, 1975–1983 (64th–67th)
- **Augustin Haidusek** and **George Haidusek**

- Augustin served in the House, 1881–1883 (17th)
- George served in the House, 1917–1919 (35th)
- **Albert Haynes** and **Harry Haynes**
 - Albert served in the House, 1857–1859 (7th)
 - Harry served in the House, 1881–1883 (17th), and 1885–1887 (19th)
- **A. S. Henry** and **Patrick Henry**
 - A. S. served in the House, 1893–1895 (23rd)
 - Patrick served in the House, 1913 (33rd)
- **Bird Holland** and **William H. Holland** *William is believed to be one of Bird Holland's sons by an enslaved woman. Bird bought the brothers' freedom and took them to Ohio.*
 - Bird served in the House, 1853–1855 (5th)
 - William served in the House, 1876–1879 (15th)
- **F. Charles Hume, Sr.** and **F. Charles Hume, Jr.**
 - F. Charles, Sr. served in the House, 1866–1867 (11th)
 - F. Charles, Jr. served in the House, 1907–1909 (30th), and in the Senate, 1909–1912 (31st–32nd)
- **Edgar Hutchins, Sr.** and **Edgar Hutchins, Jr.**
 - Edgar, Sr. served in the Senate, 1942–1945 (47th–48th)
 - Edgar, Jr. served in the House, 1951–1961 (52nd–56th)
- **Samuel Isaacks** and **Maud Isaacks** *Maud Isaacks was the first woman to succeed her father in the Texas Legislature, according to Capitol Women.*
 - Samuel served in the House, 1903–1905 (28th), and 1939–1954 (46th–53rd)
 - Maud served in the House, 1954–1967 (53rd–59th)
- **Benjamin Franklin Jones** and **James Slaughter Jones**
 - Benjamin served in the House, 1879–1881 (16th)
 - J. S. served in the House, 1901–1903 (27th)
- **Patty Keel** and **Terry Keel** *Terry Keel is the first son to succeed his mother in the Texas Legislature.*
 - Patty served in the House, 1996–1997 (74th)
 - Terry served in the House, 1997–2007 (75th–79th)
- **Pleasant Kittrell** and **Norman Goree Kittrell, Sr.**
 - Pleasant served in the House, 1855–1859 (6th–7th)
 - Norman, Sr. served in the House, 1899–1901 (26th), and 1925–1927 (39th–40th)
- **Norman Kittrell, Sr.** and **Norman Goree Kittrell, Jr.**
 - Norman, Sr. served in the House, 1899–1901 (26th), and 1925–1927 (39th–40th)
 - Norman, Jr. served in the House, 1919–1920 (36th)
- **Edmund Kuempel** and **John Kuempel**

- Edmund served in the House, 1983–2010 (68th–82nd) [*elected but never sworn for the 82nd*]
- John serves in the House, 2010–present (81st–86th)
- **Claiborne Kyle** and **Fergus Kyle**
 - Claiborne served in the Senate, 1853–1855 (5th), and in the House, 1863–1867 (10th–11th)
 - Ferg served in the House, 1870–1873 (12th), and 1901–1906 (27th–29th)
- **Hamilton Ledbetter** and **William Ledbetter** *W.H. unsuccessfully ran against his father for the Senate seat in 1873. W.H. was the Democratic candidate, while Hamilton was the People's Convention and Republican candidate.*
 - Hamilton served in the Senate, 1874–1876 (14th)
 - W.H. served in the House, 10th (1864–1866), and in the Senate, 1876–1881 (15th–16th)
- **Charles Lewis** and **Henry L. Lewis**
 - Charles served in the House, 1859–1861 (8th)
 - Henry served in the House, 1889–1891 (21st)
- **David Sudduth Lindsey** and **John Lindsey**
 - David served in the House, 1893–1897 (23rd–24th)
 - John served in the House, 1921–1923 (37th)
- **Theodore Low** and **Sam D.W. Low**
 - Theodore served in the House, 1903–1907 (28th–29th)
 - Sam served in the House, 1913–1917 (33rd–35th), 1921–1923 (37th), and 1925–1927 (39th)
- **William Marvin Martin** and **Crawford Collins Martin**
 - Will served in the Senate, 1929–1937 (41st–44th)
 - Crawford served in the Senate, 1949–1963 (51st–57th)
- **Rice Maxey** and **Samuel Bell Maxey** *By special election, Rice succeeded his son. He appears to be the first parent to succeed his child.*
 - Samuel was elected to the 9th Legislature but was never sworn—he joined the Confederate Army prior to the start of the regular session.
 - Rice served in the Senate, 1863–1866 (9th–10th)
- **Abe Mulkey Mays, Sr.** and **Abe Mulkey Mays, Jr.**
 - Abe, Sr. served in the House, 1937–1941 (45th–46th)
 - Abe, Jr. served in the House, 1957–1961 (55th–56th)
- **James Green McDonald, Sr.** and **James Green McDonald, Jr.**
 - James, Sr. served in the House, 1861–1866 (9th–10th), and in the Senate, 1882–1883 (17th)
 - James, Jr. served in the House, 1907–1911 (30th–31st), and 1919–1921 (36th)

- **Andrew Todd McKinney, Sr.** and **Andrew Todd McKinney, Jr.**
 - A.T., Sr. served in the House, 1883–1887 (18th–19th), 1891–1893 (22nd), 1895–1897 (24th), and 1905–1913 (29th–32nd)
 - A.T., Jr. served in the House, 1935–1939 (44th–45th)
- **Charles B. Metcalfe** and **Penrose Blakely Metcalfe**
 - Charles served in the House, 1915–1919 (34th–35th)
 - Penrose served in the House, 1929–1935 (41st–43rd), and 1937–1939 (45th), and in the Senate, 1939–1947 (46th–49th)
- **Roger Quarles Mills** and **Charles Mills**
 - Roger served in the House, 1859–1861 (8th)
 - Charles served in the House, 1913–1915 (33rd)
- **William E. Mbore** and **William F. Mbore**
 - W.E. served in the Senate, 1874–1876 (14th)
 - W.F. served in the House, 1895–1899 (24th–25th)
- **Albert W.H. Mbursund** and **Anton N. Mbursund**
 - A.W. served in the House, 1881–1885 (17th–18th)
 - Anton served in the House, 1901–1903 (27th)
- **Anton N. Mbursund** and **Travis Bruce Mbursund**
 - Anton served in the House, 1901–1903 (27th)
 - Travis served in the House, 1927–1929 (40th)
- **Sergio Muñoz, Sr.** and **Sergio Muñoz, Jr.**
 - Sergio, Sr. served in the House, 1993–1997 (73rd–74th)
 - Sergio Jr. serves in the House, 2011–present (82nd–86th)
- **Mbrdello Munson** and **Mlam Stephen Munson, Sr.**
 - Mbrdello served in the House, 1857–1861 (7th–8th), 1866–1870 (11th), and 1875–1876 (14th)
 - Mlam, Sr. served in the House, 1909–1911 (31st)
- **Mlam Stephen Munson, Sr.** and **Mlam Stephen Munson, Jr.**
 - Mlam, Sr. served in the House, 1909–1911 (31st)
 - Mlam, Jr. served in the House, 1931–1935 (42nd–43rd)
- **Charles Alfred Murphy, Sr.** and **Charles Alfred Murphy, Jr.**
 - Charles, Sr. served in the House, 1918–1920 (35th–36th), and in the Senate, 1921–1927 (37th–39th)
 - Charles, Jr. served in the House, 1947–1949 (50th), and 1951–1955 (52nd–54th)
- **José Antonio Navarro** and **Ángel Navarro III**
 - José Antonio served in the Senate, 1846–1849 (1st–2nd)
 - Ángel served in the House, 1857–1863 (7th–9th)

- **Henry F. O'Neal, Howard Francis O'Neal, and Hardy Alonzo O'Neal**
 - Henry served in the House, 1874-1876 (14th), and in the Senate, 1892-1893 (22nd)
 - Howard served in the House, 1895-1896 (24th)
 - Hardy served in the House, 1905-1907 (29th-30th)
- **Alvin Clark Owsley and Alvin M. Owsley**
 - Alvin C. served in the House, 1889-1892 (21st-22nd), and 1895-1897 (24th)
 - Alvin M. served in the House, 1913-1915 (33rd)
- **Pinkney L. Parrish and Sterling J. Parrish**
 - Pinkney served in the Senate, 1929-1933 (41st-42nd)
 - Sterling served in the Senate, 1945-1949 (49th-50th)
- **Wright Patman and William N. "Bill" Patman**
 - Wright served in the House, 1921-1925 (37th-38th)
 - Bill served in the Senate, 1961-1981 (57th-66th)
- **Henry Grady Perry and Wilbur Wright Perry** *Wilbur appears to be the first son elected to fill his father's seat in the Texas House of Representatives.*
 - H. Grady served in the House, 1921-1923 (37th), and 1949-1953 (51st-52nd)
 - Wilbur served in the House, 1953-1955 (53rd)
- **George Pfeuffer and Somers Pfeuffer**
 - George served in the Senate, 1883-1886 (18th-19th)
 - Somers served in the House, 1897-1901 (25th-26th)
- **William Allen Poage and William Robert Poage**
 - W.A. served in the House, 1917-1920 (35th-36th)
 - W.R. "Bob" served in the House, 1925-1929 (39th-40th), and in the Senate, 1931-1937 (42nd-44th)
- **Bill Ratliff and Bennett Ratliff**
 - Bill served in the Senate, 1989-2004 (71st-78th)
 - Bennett served in the House, 2013-2015 (83rd)
- **Cyrus Fleetwood Richards and William George Richards**
 - Cyrus served in the House, 1917-1921 (35th-36th), and in the Senate, 1921-1922 (37th)
 - Bill served in the House, 1947-1951 (50th-51st)
- **Curran Rogers and Michael William Rogers**
 - Curran served in the House, 1883-1885 (18th)
 - Michael served in the House, 1927-1929 (40th)
- **Thomas David Rowell, Sr. and Thomas David Rowell, Jr.**
 - Thomas served in the House, 1893-1895 (23rd), and 1911-1916 (32nd-34th)
 - Tom served in the House, 1925-1928 (39th-40th)

- **William Jarvis Russell and William H. Russell**
 - William Jarvis Russell served in the House, 1849-1851 (3rd)
 - William H. Russell served in the Senate, 1874-1876 (14th)
- **William H. Russell and William Jarvis Russell**
 - William H. Russell served in the Senate, 1874-1876 (14th)
 - W.J. served in the House, 1893-1895 (23rd), and 1899-1905 (26th-28th)
- **Joe Shannon, Sr. and Joe Shannon, Jr.**
 - Joe, Sr. served in the House, 1949-1953 (51st-52nd)
 - Joe, Jr. served in the House, 1965-1971 (59th-61st)
- **James Shaw and Travis Shaw**
 - James served in the House, 1847-1851 (2nd-3rd), and 1853-1857 (5th-6th)
 - Travis served in the House, 1876-1879 (15th)
- **W.A. Shaw and N.A. Shaw**
 - W.A. served in the House, 1873-1874 (13th)
 - N.A. served in the House, 1891-1893 (22nd)
- **Chauncy Shepard and Seth Shepard**
 - Chauncy served in the Senate, 1857-1866 (7th- 10th)
 - Seth served in the Senate, 1874-1876 (14th)
- **Nathaniel Smith and Gideon W. Smith**
 - Nat served in the House, 1855-1857 (6th)
 - Gideon served in the House, 1857-1859 (7th)
- **John T. Smith and John Beall Smith**
 - John T. served in the House, 1861-1863 (9th), 1866-1870 (11th), and 1873-1874 (13th-14th)
 - John Beall served in the House, 1911-1913 (32nd)
- **J. Franklin Spears and Franklin Scott Spears**
 - J. Franklin served in the House, 1935-1937 (44th), and in the Senate, 1937-1946 (45th-49th)
 - Franklin served in the House, 1959-1961 (56th-57th), and in the Senate, 1961-1967 (57th-59th)
- **Maco Stewart, Jr. and Maco Stewart III**
 - Maco, Jr. served in the House, 1923-1925 (38th)
 - Maco III served in the House, 1961-1963 (57th)
- **Heber Stone and Albert Stone**
 - Heber served in the Senate, 1897-1901 (25th-26th)
 - Albert served in the Senate, 1933-1941 (43rd-46th)
- **Frank Stubbeman and David Stubbeman**

- Frank served in the House, 1933–1935 (43rd)
- David served in the House, 1975–1979 (64th–65th)
- **Will D. Suiter** and **Elizabeth Suiter**
 - Will served in the Senate, 1915–1923 (34th–37th)
 - Elizabeth served in the House, 1943–1949 (48th–50th)
- **Carroll Sullivant** and **Bill Sullivant**
 - Carroll served in the House, 1931–1933 (42nd–43rd)
 - Bill served in the House, 1973–1981 (63rd–66th)
- **Jonathan Olinthus Terrell** and **Chester H. Terrell**
 - J. O. served in the Senate, 1885–1889 (19th–20th)
 - Chester served in the House, 1909–1915 (31st–33rd)
- **George Murat Thurmond** and **Roger Harold Thurmond**
 - George served in the House, 1901–1903 (27th)
 - Roger served in the House, 1929 (41st)
- **Roger Harold Thurmond**, **George Murat Thurmond**, and **Roger H. Thurmond, Jr.**
 - Roger served in the House, 1929 (41st)
 - George served in the House, 1955–1959 (54th–55th)
 - Roger, Jr. served from 1959–1967 (56th–59th)
- **Orville Tyler** and **George W. Tyler**
 - Orville served in the House, 1863–1866 (10th)
 - George served in the Senate, 1889–1893 (21st–22nd)
- **J. M. Wagstaff** and **Robert McAlpine Wagstaff**
 - J. M. served in the House, 1913–1917 (33rd–34th)
 - Robert served in the House, 1931–1935 (42nd–43rd)
- **Ferdinand Carl Weinert** and **Rudolph Adolph Weinert**
 - F. C. served in the House, 1893–1895 (23rd), 1903–1905 (28th), and 1931–1935 (42nd–43rd), and in the Senate, 1909–1913 (31st–33rd)
 - Rudolph served in the Senate, 1936–1963 (44th–57th)
- **James Coleman Witcher** and **Henry William Witcher**
 - J. C. served in the House, 1903–1907 (28th–29th)
 - Henry served in the House, 1911–1913 (32nd)
- **William Amos Wortham** and **Louis J. Wortham**
 - William served in the House, 1859–1863 (8th–9th), 1874–1876 (14th), and 1883–1885 (18th), and in the Senate, 1876–1879 (15th)
 - Louis served in the House, 1909–1917 (31st–34th)
- **Charles Louis Wurzbach** and **William Augustus Wurzbach**

- Charles served in the House, 1876–1885 (15th–18th), and 1891–1892 (22nd)
- William served in the House, 1895–1897 (24th)
- J.C. "Zeke" Zbranek and Zeb Zbranek
 - Zeke served in the House, 1955–1961 (54th–56th)
 - Zeb served in the House, 1993–2003 (73rd–77th)

**This blog post is the third in a series, with previous posts on [legislative spouses](#) and [legislative siblings](#), and a post to come on other family connections. We've attempted to identify all of the legislative parents/children, but let us know if you think we missed some! This information is provided as a public service by the Legislative Reference Library. The Legislative Reference Library makes no representation as to its completeness or accuracy and makes no warranty in regard to its use. Users assume all risk of reliance on the information included on this site.*

^Many of the fathers and sons were "Senior" and "Junior," or at least shared the same first name. If we did not find indication of nicknames, we used "FirstName, Sr./Jr." on the second reference. In cases where we believe legislators had a preference for a nickname or abbreviated name, we used that name on the second reference.