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Full name: Dr. William Ferguson “Fergie” Reid Sr.

Current Position: Founder of the 90 for 90 voter registration program in honor of Dr. William F. “Fergie” Reid’s 90th birthday and his long history of expanding voters’ rights, which is committed to registering new voters for this year’s election.

Birth date (year optional): March 18, 1925

Birth place: Richmond, VA

Accomplishments – partial:

- First African American elected to the General Assembly in the twentieth century.
- Regional medical officer for the United States Department of State.
- In 1955, he opened a private surgical practice in Richmond served the community for 22 years.
- 1956 - Co-founded the Richmond Crusade for Voters to register and mobilize black voters during Massive Resistance Crusade.
- 1968 - 1973 - First black member of the Virginia General Assembly.

Play list: Jazz Artists Soul Brother Jack McDuff and Jimmy McGriff

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7 Questions

1) **One of my favorite childhood memories:** Growing up next door to entrepreneur Maggie L. Walker in the early 1900’s who was the an African American teacher and businesswoman and the first female bank president of any race to charter a bank in the United States. [Maggie Walker’s home has been a National Park].

2) **One of my first jobs was:** A elevator operator in an all-white hotel.

3) **I believe:** “Your voice is your vote”.

4) **My strength comes from:** Perseverance and Patience.

5) **My message for young people is:** “Vote – get involved!”.

6) **My message to the world:** Never take an election off.

7) **Quote to live by:** Every election is a dress rehearsal for the next.



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