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Bob Bullock, Texas' 38th Lieutenant Governor, brought to the office perhaps the most varied and extensive experience in state government of any presiding officer of the Senate in Texas history.

He has served as State Comptroller, Secretary of State, Assistant Attorney General, aide to the Governor and as a House member.

Bullock's 16 years as State Comptroller honed his fiscal expertise on state budget matters which he has put to good use as Lieutenant Governor. Within weeks of taking office in 1991, Bullock initiated and pushed through legislation requiring a top-to-bottom, no-holds-barred audit of state government. The result was the creation of the Texas Performance Review and a revolutionary report that has already saved the state billions of dollars. Today, 38 other states have joined Texas in conducting similar studies.

At the end of his first Regular Session, Bullock turned his attention to state budget reform. As head of the Legislative Budget Board, the state's primary budget-writing body, Bullock has sought out and implemented sweeping changes in the way the state manages its money to save taxpayer dollars and improve agency performance. Key components of his plan include performance based budgeting for state agencies and the LBB's adoption and implementation of performance measures certified by the State Auditor.

Bullock was born July 10, 1929, in Hillsboro, Texas where he attended public school and Hill County Junior College before earning a BA from Texas Tech and a law degree from Baylor University.

He and his wife Jan, an interior designer, live in Austin. They have three children; Lindy Bullock Ward, Bobby Bullock and Kimberly Teague; and a grandson, Grant Bullock Robinson; all of Austin.
BOB BULLOCK

ADDRESS:
Austin, Texas 78768

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
July 10, 1929

EDUCATION:
Hill (County) Junior College
Texas Tech University, BA
Baylor University, LLB

RELIGION:
Presbyterian

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:
Lieutenant Governor, Jan. 15, 1991 – present
State Comptroller, 1975 – 90
Secretary of State, 1971 – 72
Governor’s Aide, 1969 – 71
Assistant Attorney General, 1967 – 68
House Member, 1957 – 59
KEN ARMBRISTER

Former law enforcement official Ken Armbrister served two terms in the Texas House of Representatives before being elected to the Texas Senate in 1986. During his term in office he has been a member of the Senate Finance, State Affairs, Natural Resources, Nominations, Intergovernmental Relations, Agriculture and Economic Development Committees. Senator Armbrister is a former police captain with 14 years of law enforcement experience. Armbrister has a Bachelor of Science degree from Sam Houston State University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He served for more than a decade as the Director of the Victoria Regional Police Academy. Putting his law enforcement experience to work for the people of Texas, this Democratic Senator has twice been named as a Top Ten Legislative Crime-Fighter. Senator Armbrister’s outstanding career of public service in the Texas Legislature has led to numerous awards including Ten Best Legislator by Texas Monthly Magazine, Texas Chamber of Commerce Legislative Leadership Award for business oriented legislation and overall voting record, and the Texas Wildlife Association Award for wildlife resources legislation. Senator Armbrister has also been honored by the Texas State Rifle Association as Legislator of the Year, Texas State Bar Association Family Law Top Ten Best List and Professional Agriculture Workers of Texas Government Service Award. Before being elected to the legislature Armbrister served as the Vice-President of the Victoria school board. He was also named to the Outstanding Young Men of America list, and was honored as Jaycee Young Man of the Year and given the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award for his work in the community. Senator Armbrister currently resides in Victoria.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
- Victoria High School Booster Club
- Chamber of Commerce
- School Board
- Jaycees
- Optimist Club
- American Heart Association
- Boy Scouts of America
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- American Cancer Society

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
- House Member, 1983 – 1986
- Senate Member, 1987 – present

ADDRESS:
Victoria, Texas 77904

OCCUPATION:
Businessman

DATE OF BIRTH:
June 19, 1947

EDUCATION:
Sam Houston State Univ.
FBI National Academy

RELIGION:
Catholic

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 18
GONZALO BARRIENTOS

Gonzalo Barrientos was born in Galveston and grew up in Bastrop, Texas. He attended the University of Texas, where he majored in psychology and Spanish. Since moving to Austin in 1960, he has been active in civic and community affairs. Senator Barrientos served five terms in the Texas House before being elected to the Texas Senate in 1984. During his last session in the Texas House, he was chair of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus.

In the 72nd Session, Senator Barrientos was Chair of the Nominations Committee and Senate Hispanic Caucus and Vice-Chair of the Senate Finance Committee and served on the Education, Natural Resources and Administration Committees. The prior session he chaired the Sunset Advisory Commission and the Senate Subcommittee on Dropouts, as well as served as Co-Chair of the Job Training Partnership Act Monitoring Committee and the Interim Committee on State Employee Benefits and Insurance.

In his years of public service, Senator Barrientos' legislative priorities have included protection of natural resources, such as the Edwards Aquifer; better benefits for state employees; prevention of elder abuse; and reduction of school dropouts.

ADDRESS:
Austin, Texas 78704

DATE OF BIRTH:
July 20, 1941

EDUCATION:
University of Texas at Austin, 4 years

RELIGION:
Catholic

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1975 – 1985
Senate Member, 1985 – present

OCCUPATION:
Advertising and Public Relations

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 14
TEEL BIVINS

A rancher and businessman, Teel Bivins was elected to the State Senate in 1988 in his first race for political office. He is an Amarillo native and his family has lived in the Panhandle for four generations.

After completing his first term, he was selected by Texas Monthly as the “Senate Rookie of the Year” and by the Texas Young Conservatives as the “Outstanding Freshman.”

Bivins received his undergraduate degree from Tulane in 1970 and his law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1974. After passing the Texas Bar, he went into the cattle business.

He has been active in community service, including terms as chairman of the Panhandle Mental Health Authority and as a member of the Panhandle Superconducting Super Collider Authority. He has served on the National Cattlemen Beef Promotion and Research Board and as a director of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

He is married to Nancy Terrill Bivins, also of Amarillo. He has three children, Andrew, Katie and Will. The family attends Saint Andrews Episcopal Church.

The 31st Senate District, which Bivins represents, includes 25 counties in the Panhandle and Permian Basin.

ADDRESS:
Amarillo, Texas 79109

DATE OF BIRTH:
November 22, 1947

OCCUPATION:
Businessman, Cattleman

EDUCATION:
Tulane University
Southern Methodist University

RELIGION:
Episcopalian

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
National Cattlemen Beef Promotion and Research Board
Director, Texas Cattle Feeders Association

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1989 – present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 31
J.E. "BUSTER" BROWN

Senator Brown is a fourth generation Texan, born and reared in the south Texas town of Mercedes. He graduated from Texas A & I University and taught high school government and history before entering law school. He received a LLB/JD from the University of Texas in 1967. He was then appointed briefing attorney with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. In 1968 he became Assistant District Attorney and prosecutor for Brazoria County, where he served until entering private law practice in 1972. During 1991, Brown served as Vice Chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee and Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee on Water. He also served on the Intergovernmental Relations and Natural Resources committees.

ADDRESS:
Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
State Bar of Texas
Fellow, Texas Bar
Brazoria County Bar Association
Brazosport Chamber of Commerce
Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce
Bellaire/Southwest Houston Chamber of Commerce
Texas Nature Conservancy
Gulf Coast Conservation Association
Advisory Board, Young Conservatives of Texas
Kiwanis Club
Who's Who in the South and Southwest
Who's Who in Texas
Steering Committee, Partners in Space
Advisory Board, Parents of Murdered Children

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
December 10, 1940

EDUCATION:
Southwest Texas State University
Texas A&I University, BS
University of Texas, LLB, JD

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1981 – present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 17
STEVE CARRIKER

Senator Carriker continues a family tradition of service in the Texas Legislature. He was elected in 1982 to the House seat once held by his father, the late Max Carriker. He was elected to the Senate in 1988. In the House, he was named Majority Whip in 1985 and sponsored legislation including the “Buy Texas First” purchasing law and relief from taxing board errors. He served as a Democratic Precinct Committeeman from 1976-1980 and was elected to represent rural Texas on the Democratic National Committee in 1983. He twice received the “Outstanding Service to Agriculture” award.

In 1989, he was given the Texas Farmers’ Union “White Hat” award and received special recognition by the Texas Association of Community Health Centers. His performance rated an “A” by the Texas Political Accountability Coalition. Citing his achievement in legislation affecting health care and Texas’ elderly, the Texas Consumer Association, Public Citizen and the Texas Consumers’ Union joined together to present Carriker their Outstanding Public Service Award for 1989. In recognition of his successful effort to secure additional funding for rural transportation systems in the 71st Legislature, he was named the Texas Transit Association’s Legislator of the Year.

In 1991 Senator Carriker secured passage of omnibus hazardous waste reform legislation which earned him the Legislative Service Awards from the Texas Sierra Club and Clean Water Action. Texas firefighters also honored him for his legislation creating the Texas Commission on Fire Protection which provides funds to local fire departments for training and equipment.

Carriker now farms the land settled by his great grandfather at the turn of the century in Fisher County. His wife, Kathy, teaches the fifth grade in Roby and they have three children.

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Ex officio Board Member, Fisher Co. Eco. Dev. Comm.
Sportsmens’ Club of Texas Advisory Board, Green Thumb

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1982 – 1988 Senate Member, 1988 – present

ADDRESS:
Roby, Texas 79543

OCCUPATION:
Farmer

DATE OF BIRTH:
December 23, 1950

EDUCATION:
Western Texas College
University of Texas, BA

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 30
RODNEY ELLIS

At age 38, Rodney Ellis is one of the youngest members of the Texas Senate. His involvement in government, however, includes national, state and local experience.

After serving as Administrative Assistant to the late Congressman Mickey Leland in Washington, D.C., for two years, Senator Ellis returned to his hometown of Houston to run for City Council in 1983. He served on the City Council for six years before moving on to the Texas Senate.

In his first full term in the Legislature, Senator Ellis pushed Texas to adopt strict controls on air pollution from automobiles. He also worked to reform the judicial election system in Texas, in order to achieve a more diverse and responsive judiciary.

Senator Ellis chairs the Galveston Bay National Estuary Program. He headed an interim Senate study of job training and workforce development policies in Texas, which aims to prepare Texans for the high-wage, high-skill jobs of the 21st century. Senator Ellis is a member of the Texas Punishment Standards Commission.

He received the Sierra Club's Legislative Service Award for Clean Air and was named a "Superhero of the 72nd Legislature" by a coalition of civil rights, environmental and consumer advocacy groups. Senator Ellis was the recipient of a 1992 Henry Toll Fellowship, awarded to 32 of the most promising young politicians around the country. He has participated in the American Leadership Forum, a national enterprise dedicated to developing the leadership skills of men and women who actively participate in the public life of their communities.

Senator Ellis is the proud father of a precocious four-year-old daughter, Nicole Ellis.

ADDRESS:

Houston, Texas 77002

OCCUPATION:

Attorney, Solar & Ellis, P.C.
Director, Apex Securities, Inc.

DATE OF BIRTH:

April 7, 1954

EDUCATION:

Texas Southern University, BA
LBJ School of Public Affairs, MPA
University of Texas Law School, JD

RELIGION:

Protestant

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

American Bar Association
The Energy Council
Houston Lawyers Association
National Assoc. of Securities Professionals
National Bar Association
National Black Caucus of State Legislators
United Negro College Fund

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:

Senate Member, 1990 - present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 13
BILL HALEY

Bill Haley is a 49-year-old native of Shelby County. He is a graduate of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, where he earned a degree in history and government. He taught school twelve and a half years before being elected to the Texas House of Representatives in November, 1978, to represent House District 10, which included Nacogdoches, Panola and Shelby counties. During his tenure in the House, he was instrumental in the enactment of the most sweeping reforms in the Texas education system since 1940. His legislative initiatives included the curriculum reform of 1981 and the comprehensive education changes mandated by House Bill 72, passed in 1984. Haley chaired the House Committee on Public Education in the 68th, 69th and 70th Legislatures and also served on the House Committees on State Affairs and Financial Institutions. He has been honored by the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, the Texas Association of School Boards, the Association of Texas Professional Educators, the Texas Federation of Teachers and many other education associations. The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce named him Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1975. Among his honors are the Friend of Education Award given by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association and the Champion of Education Award given by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.

ADDRESS:
Center, Texas 75935

OCCUPATION:
Teacher/Businessman

DATE OF BIRTH:
September 22, 1943

EDUCATION:
Texas Christian University, BA
Stephen F. Austin, Teaching Certification

RELIGION:
Disciples of Christ

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Shelby County Chamber of Commerce

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1978 – 1988
Senate Member, 1989 – present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 3
CHRIS HARRIS

As State Senator for District 10, Senator Harris represents Arlington, Azle, Benbrook, Crowley, Dalworthington Gardens, Edgecliff Village, Euverman, Kennedale, Lake Worth, Lakeside, Mansfield, Pantego, River Oaks, Sansom Park, Westover Hills, Westworth Village, White Settlement and other parts of Tarrant County; Aledo, Annetta, Annetta North, Annetta South, Hudson Oaks, Weatherford, Willow Park and other parts of Parker County; Alvarado, Briar Oaks, Burleson, Godley, Joshua and other parts of Johnson County. Before serving as Senator, Chris served for six years as Representative from District 93, including Arlington, Mansfield and Grand Prairie in Tarrant County.

Senator Harris has been honored by many groups during his service in the Texas Legislature. He was named "Legislator of the Year" in 1989 by the Texas Civil Justice League for his work on tort reform and workers' compensation and again received their award in 1991 as a member of the Senate. He was honored as Most Valuable Player by the family law section of the State Bar for his legislation on child support enforcement and by the Family Law Bar Association of Tarrant County in 1990 and 1991 for his outstanding contributions to family law. He was also honored by the Retired Teachers' Association, the Humane Society of North Texas, Future Farmers of America and the Texas Municipal Officers' League.

The Fort Worth and Dallas Chambers of Commerce have both given Senator Harris the "Distinguished Service Award" for his work in the legislature. He was honored in 1991 for his outstanding and distinguished legislative service by the Texas Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors and named Legislative "Crime Fighter of the Year" by the Texas State Troopers Association.

ADDRESS:

Arlington, Texas 76013

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
February 22, 1948

EDUCATION:
Texas Christian University
Baylor Law School, JD

RELIGION:
Episcopalian

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Chamber of Commerce

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1985 – 1990
Senate Member, 1991 – present
O.H. "IKE" HARRIS

Active in the Legislature since being elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962, Ike Harris is beginning his 13th session as a Dallas County senator. Senator Harris proved his leadership abilities at Southern Methodist University where he served as president of the law school and student body simultaneously. He was elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate during the interim of the 63rd Legislature. During the 71st Session, Senator Harris served as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and was a member of the Finance, State Affairs, Nominations and Administration Committees. He is currently the Vice Chair of the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Regulation of the NCSL.

ADDRESS:
Dallas, Texas 75201

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
June 5, 1932

EDUCATION:
North Texas State University, BA
Southern Methodist University, LLB

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Dallas Chamber of Commerce
North Dallas Chamber of Commerce

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1963 – 1964
Senate Member, 1967 – present
DON HENDERSON

Don Henderson is a native Houstonian who served ten years in the Texas House of Representatives before being elected to the Texas Senate in 1982. His Senate District 7 includes the rapidly-growing northern and western areas of Harris County.

In the House, Henderson served on the State Affairs, Judiciary, Business and Industry and Reapportionment Committees. He was Chairman of the Transportation Committee for four years. In the 72nd Legislature he was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Senate State Affairs Committee, and was a member of the Senate Economic Development Committee, and its Subcommittee on Insurance; the Senate Jurisprudence Committee and the Senate Subcommittee on Congressional Districts. He was also elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate in 1991.

ADDRESS:
Houston, Texas 77070

OCCUPATION:
Attorney, businessman

DATE OF BIRTH:
August 25, 1949

EDUCATION:
Tulane University
University of Houston, BA
South Texas College of Law

RELIGION:
Episcopalian

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Houston Bar Association
State Bar of Texas
Cy-Fair Area Chamber of Commerce
Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce
Houston West Chamber of Commerce
Humble Area Chamber of Commerce
Katy Area Chamber of Commerce
Southwest Houston Chamber of Commerce
Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce
Advisory Board, Coalition for Victims Rights
Advisory Board, Habitat for Humanity, North Harris County
Advisory Board, The Roseate, Inc.
Kappa Alpha Order Alumni Association

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1973 – 1983
Senate Member, 1983 – present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 7
JOHN N. LEEDOM

John N. Leedom was elected to the Texas Senate in 1980 after serving five years on the Dallas City Council. He served as President and Chairman of the Board of the National Electronic Distributors Association and also of the National Association of Wholesaler/Distributors. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Young Presidents Organization. His political career includes serving as Republican County Chairman from 1962 to 1966 and as a delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1964, 1976 and 1988. He was Chairman of the Interim Committee on Fees and Grants, Chairman of the Interim Committee on Agency Funds Management and Chairman of the Interim Committee on Agency Services Management. During the 1987 - 88 interim, he served on the Select Joint Committee on the Organization of State Agencies and the Governor's Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Task Force. He currently serves on the State Pension Review Board. In 1989 he was President Pro-Tempore of the Senate.

ADDRESS:
Dallas, Texas 75201

EDUCATION:
Rice University, BS in E.E.

OCCUPATION:
Company President

RELIGION:
Grace Bible Church

DATE OF BIRTH:
July 27, 1921

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
North Dallas Chamber of Commerce
East Dallas Chamber of Commerce
Southeast Chamber of Commerce
Garland Chamber of Commerce
Mesquite Chamber of Commerce
Black Chamber of Commerce
MOWW
Navy League

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1981 – present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 16
EDDIE LUCIO, JR.

Eddie Lucio, Jr. is a Brownsville native, one of ten brothers and sisters. He was educated in the local public school system and received his Bachelor of Science in education from Pan American University in Edinburg. His first run for public office was in 1970 for Cameron County Treasurer to become the youngest treasurer in the history of Texas. He served as Cameron County Commissioner from 1979 to 1982. He also served two terms in the Texas House of Representatives. While in the House, he served as Treasurer of the House Mexican-American Legislative Caucus. As a freshman Senator, he was appointed to the State Affairs, Natural Resources and Intergovernmental Relations Committees. As an educator-legislator, he is involved in the issues of public and higher education and those issues pertaining to economic development in the Rio Grande Valley and the state. He was a recipient of the Jose Maria Morales de Pavon Award from the National Association of Newspaper Editors of Mexico for promoting international relations between the U.S. and Mexico. Other awards include the “1991 Legislator of the Year” from the Texas Municipal League and the “1991 Legislative Leadership Award” from the Texas Chamber of Commerce.

ADDRESS:
Brownsville, Texas 78521

OCCUPATION:
Advertising Executive

DATE OF BIRTH:
January 20, 1946

RELIGION:
Catholic

EDUCATION:
Pan American University,
BS, Education

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Lions Club
Knights of Columbus
Civil Air Patrol
Texas State Guard

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1986 – 1990
Senate Member, 1991 – present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 27
GREGORY LUNA

Elected to his first term in the Texas Senate in 1992, Senator Gregory Luna served four terms in the Texas House of Representatives. During his tenure there, he focused on education and school finance. He served on the Public Education Committee as vice chair and held appointments to the Select Joint Committee on Education, the Joint Committee on High School Dropouts and the Conference Committee on SB 351, the 1991 Public School Finance Bill. He also served on the House Committees on Judicial Affairs, Human Services and General Investigating. The Texas State Teachers Association gave him its 1992 Friend of Education Award. He also won the TSTA Alamo District 1991 Award and the Association of Texas Professional Educators 1991 Recognition Award.

Senator Luna has been a leader in many civic activities in Bexar County. He is a founder and past board chairman of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and received both its national and state premier Award for Extraordinary Service in 1991. He has served as chair of the Inman Christian Center Board of Directors, on the Project SER National Board of Directors, the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Board of Directors, United Way Board of Directors and the State and Bexar County Democratic Executive Committees.

ADDRESS:
San Antonio, TX 78205

DATE OF BIRTH:
November 17, 1932

EDUCATION:
Sidney Lanier High School
Trinity University, B.A.
St. Mary's School of Law, J.D.

RELIGION:
Catholic

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Mexican American Bar Assoc.
Westside Lions Club

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE
House member, 1985-1992
Senate member, 1993-present

DEMOCRAT  DISTRICT 19
FRANK L. MADLA, JR.

Senator Frank Madla was born and raised in Helotes, Texas, just outside of San Antonio. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Government in 1959 and his Master of Arts in Government in 1963 from St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Early in his career Senator Madla spent ten years teaching junior high school. He is now an insurance and real estate broker as well as a part-time instructor at Incarnate Word University.

Senator Madla has given the State of Texas 20 years of service in the Texas House of Representatives where he has been an outspoken advocate for health care and education issues. He most recently served as Chairman of Budget and Oversight for the House Public Health Committee and served on the Appropriations and Calendars committees. During his service as a House member he has also served on the House State Affairs, Human Services, Public Education, Higher Education, Intergovernmental Affairs and Business & Industry Committees. He served on the Legislative Task Force on the Mentally Retarded Persons Act, the Select Committee on Public Education and the Committee on Substance Abuse.

Senator Madla has repeatedly been honored for his service to the state. He has been named Legislator of the Year by the Texas Association for Retarded Citizens, by the Texas Public Health Association and by the Texas Public Employees Association. He was also named “Crime Fighter of the Year” by the Texas State Troopers Association and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Pharmaceutical Association.

A believer in traditional values, Senator Madla knows the importance of family, hard work and community service.

ADDRESS:
San Antonio, TX 78214

EDUCATION:
St. Mary's University, B.A., M.A.

RELIGION:
Catholic

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Southtown Mainstreet Assoc.
Rotary Club
Optimist Club
Knights of Columbus
San Antonio Greater Chamber of Commerce

DATE OF BIRTH:
January 23, 1937

DEMOCRAT

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member 1973 - 1992
Senate Member 1993 - present

DISTRICT 24
MIKE MONCRIEF

Mike Moncrief, a life-long resident of Fort Worth, is a successful businessman who has been involved in public service for more than two decades.

As a Representative in the 62nd Texas Legislature (1970-1972), Moncrief served on five major committees, including the Appropriations Committee. He won passage of major drug legislation and is responsible for the bill which authorized the original construction of the Fort Worth State School. At the end of his legislative term, he was voted Legislator of the Year by his fellow members.

Moncrief worked with the leadership of Tarrant County to ensure the construction of the first Fort Worth/Tarrant County jail. With family court judges, the District Attorney’s office and adult probation officers, he established the county’s Restitution Enforcement Program. He also worked with historic preservationists to pass a bond program that financed the renovation of the County Courthouse.

As county judge, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Tarrant County Mayors’ Council and the Conference of Urban Counties.

He served on the board of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation from April 1988-April 1990.

Mike has continued his efforts to improve the quality of life for Texas’ mentally challenged citizens through his leadership as chair of the Interim Health & Human Services Committee and his service on the Governor’s Health Policy Task force.

RELIGION:
Episcopalian

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Chamber of Commerce, Fort Worth
Tarrant County Chairman of Muscular Dystrophy Assoc., Inc.
Governor’s Blue Ribbon Commission on Criminal Justice
Interagency Council for Services for the Homeless
Tarrant County Homeless Coalition
Association of Retarded Citizens – Honorary Chairman
Coordinating Council for Mental Health Services

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1970 – 1972
Senate Member, 1991 – present

ADDRESS:
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

OCCUPATION:
Businessman

DATE OF BIRTH:
September 5, 1943

EDUCATION:
Tarleton State University

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Tarleton State University

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 12
JOHN T. MONTFORD

Senator John T. Montford was born June 28, 1943, in Ft. Worth, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Montford. He is married to Debra Mears Montford of Friona, Texas and has three children: Melinda, Melonie and John Ross. After graduating from high school in Hurst, Texas, Senator Montford attended the University of Texas at Austin, where he received his BA in 1965 and law degree in 1968. During service in the U.S. Marine Corps, Senator Montford served as a judge advocate military judge and a company commander. Following his discharge from active duty, Senator Montford began his private law practice in Lubbock.

Montford was elected to the Texas Senate in 1982 after serving four years as Criminal District Attorney in Lubbock County. During the 69th Legislative Session, he authored the Statewide Water Package which was overwhelmingly approved by Texas voters in November, 1985. During the 70th Legislative Session, Montford authored the Civil Justice Reform Package, which passed the legislature and was signed into law by the Governor. During the 71st Legislative Session, Montford authored legislation to reform the Deceptive Trades Practices Act, the insurance industry and the workers' compensation system. He also served as Chairman of the State Affairs Committee, and was a member of the Natural Resources Committee, Finance Committee, Administration Committee, Legislative Budget Board and Legislative Audit Committee. During the interim prior to the 72nd Legislative Session, Senator Montford is currently chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, having been named to that office during the interim prior to the 72nd legislative session.

ADDRESS:
Lubbock, Texas 79408

EDUCATION:
University of Texas, BA
University of Texas Law School, JD
Northwestern University School of Law
(Special course for Prosecutors)

RELIGION:
Presbyterian

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Texas Boys Ranch, Board of Trustees
South Plains Teacher Education Center, Executive Board
Lubbock Lions Club, Member
Lubbock Metropolitan Rotary Club, Honorary Member

DATE OF BIRTH:
June 28, 1943

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1983 – present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 28
Senator Jane Nelson is serving her first term in the Texas Senate. She and her husband, J. Michael Nelson, have five children: Brian, Elizabeth, Christina, Michelle and Jennifer. Senator Nelson, along with her husband and family, owns and operates a precision aircraft component manufacturing firm in Lewisville in Denton County. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of North Texas, and has done post graduate work at both UNT and Southern Methodist University. Senator Nelson is also a former public school teacher in the Arlington school district.

Prior to her election to the Texas Senate, Jane Nelson served two terms on the State Board of Education. During her tenure on the Board, she gained state and national recognition for helping lead the fight to correct over five thousand factual errors in Texas' public school history textbooks.

Senator Nelson has served on the National Committee for Technology Education Excellence, the Governor's Conference on Science, Technology & Math the Texas Arts Council, the American Enterprise Forum Board of Trustees and the Texas Women's Alliance Board of Directors. She has also been recognized for accomplishments in education by the Texas Legislature, and is a recipient of Texas & National Community Education Citizen Leadership Award & the University of North Texas Golden Eagle Award.

EDUCATION:
University of North Texas, BS

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
American Cancer Society
Texas Women's Alliance Board of Directors
Founder of local Drug & Alcohol Abuse Task Force
Lewisville Community Action League
Life Member of Texas Parent Teacher Association
Chamber of Commerce
American Enterprise Forum Board of Directors

DATE OF BIRTH:
October 5, 1951

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1993 – present

ADDRESS:
Flower Mound, Texas 75028

OCCUPATION:
Businesswoman; former teacher

EDUCATION:
University of North Texas, BS

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
American Cancer Society
Texas Women's Alliance Board of Directors
Founder of local Drug & Alcohol Abuse Task Force
Lewisville Community Action League
Life Member of Texas Parent Teacher Association
Chamber of Commerce
American Enterprise Forum Board of Directors

DATE OF BIRTH:
October 5, 1951

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1993 – present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 22
CARL A. PARKER

With 30 years of legislative experience behind him, Senator Carl A. Parker is starting his eighth session in the State Senate. As a state legislator, he has authored and sponsored over 300 statewide measures, including the Education Reform Bill of 1984, Safety Seats for Children, and bills creating the Texas Diabetes Council, the Pilot Program for Deaf-Blind Individuals, the Texas Housing Agency and Texas' first Industrial Safety Bill. Senator Parker is Chairman of the Education Committee, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Insurance, and a member of the Finance and Economic Development Committees. His honors include Outstanding Senator by Lawmen's magazine, Who's Who in Politics and Outstanding Young Men in America.

ADDRESS:
Port Arthur, Texas 77642

RELIGION:
Baptist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Chamber of Commerce
Lions Club
St. Mary's Hospital Board of Councilors
State and Local Bar Associations

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1963 – 1976
Senate Member, 1977 – present

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
August 6, 1934

EDUCATION:
University of Texas, BA, LLB

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 4
JERRY PATTERSON

Jerry Patterson was first a candidate for the Texas Senate in 1990. On election night he announced again his candidacy for the same Senate seat in 1992 and prevailed in that general election. He is the first Republican elected to the 11th Senate District since Reconstruction.

Patterson resides in Southeast Harris County. The district he represents includes the Clear Lake area, the cities of Pasadena, Deer Park, and LaPorte, as well as virtually all of Galveston County and a substantial portion of Brazoria County including the cities of Alvin, Freeport and West Columbia.

An employee benefits consultant specializing in healthcare delivery systems for self insured employers, and group health insurance for smaller employers, Jerry lists accessibility of health insurance as his most significant area of interest.

Jerry is a graduate of Texas A & M, class of 1969, where he was a three year letterman in swimming. Upon graduation he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

During his 25 year association with the Marines, Jerry served in Vietnam, and as a Naval Flight Officer in a Marine Reserve F-4 Fighter Squadron at NAS Dallas, Texas. He is currently a Lt. Colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve.

During the Persian Gulf War, Jerry co-founded Operation Dependent Shield Foundation, a non-profit organization organized to provide financial assistance to military personnel and their dependents.

Jerry has been active in Boy Scouts serving as Cubmaster and as an assistant Scoutmaster. His daughter, Emily, attends St. Edwards University in Austin, and his son, Travis, attends Pasadena Dobie High School.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
- Boy Scouts of America
- South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce
- American Legion
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Marine Corps League
- Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association
- Past Vice President, Harris County
- Municipal Utility District #67

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
- Senate Member, 1993 - present

DISTRICT 11
BILL RATLIFF

A consulting civil engineer in Texas for 30 years, Senator Ratliff owns his own firm in Mt. Pleasant.

He is past president of the American Consulting Engineers Council; has received state and national professional awards; has served as an adjunct engineering professor; and has testified on a number of occasions before Congressional committees regarding the nation's infrastructure.

Prior to becoming a consulting engineer, he served as City Manager of Copperas Cove, Texas.

He was elected to serve the First Senatorial District of Texas on November 8, 1988. He was the first Republican elected to serve the First Senatorial District since the Reconstruction era.

Senator Ratliff is a graduate of Sonora High School in Sonora, Texas, and the University of Texas at Austin (1960) with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

He received an honorable discharge as an Army Reserve Sergeant. He has served as president of the Mt. Pleasant Industrial Foundation and has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Northeast Texas Economic Development District, Inc.

Ratliff has been very active in Tennison Memorial United Methodist Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher, lay reader, chairman of the finance committee and member of the board of trustees.

ADDRESS:
Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75456

OCCUPATION:
Consulting Engineer

DATE OF BIRTH:
August 16, 1936

EDUCATION:
University of Texas, BS

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce
American Consulting Engineers Council
American Society of Civil Engineers
National Society of Professional Engineers
Mt. Pleasant Industrial Foundation
Northeast Texas Economic Development District

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1989 – present
Although best known for her work in utility regulation, Senator Peggy Rosson has a long history of community and governmental service. A homemaker, former paralegal and businesswoman, Rosson was born and educated in Indianapolis, Indiana and has lived in El Paso since 1954.

In 1983, Rosson was the first woman appointed as Commissioner of the Public Utility Commission of Texas and was elected Chair of the Commission in 1985. Prior to joining the PUC, she chaired the Public Utility Regulation Board in El Paso. While at the PUC, she was a member of both the Telecommunications and Energy Conservation committees of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and chaired the PUC's Taskforce on Consumer Rights. She was elected to the Senate in 1990 and served on the State Affairs, Economic Development and Natural Resources Committees; as well as the Governor's Health Policy Task Force.

Her honors include the Texas Outstanding Public Service (TOPS) Award from the Texas Consumers Union, the Gray Panthers, PACT, Public Citizen and the Texas Consumer Association, Feminist of the Year and Woman of the Year in Energy from the El Paso Women's Political Caucus, SERTOMA Service to Mankind Award, City of El Paso Conquistador Award for Public Service, El Paso Women's Hall of Fame; El Paso Citizen of the Year 1991, and Outstanding Legislator of the Year Awards in 1991 and 1992 by the El Paso Municipal Police Officers Association. Currently, Rosson is a director of Bank of the West in El Paso.

ADDRESS:
El Paso, Texas 79902

OCCUPATION:
Homemaker

DATE OF BIRTH:
April 11, 1935

EDUCATION:
George Washington High School
Indianapolis, Indiana

RELIGION:
Protestant

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
El Paso Commission for Women
The Nature Conservancy
El Pasoans for Choice
Northeast Civic Association
National Women's Political Caucus
Texas Democratic Women

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1991 - present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 29
FLORENCE SHAPIRO

Florence Shapiro was elected to serve the people of the Second Senatorial District on November 3, 1992. Her historic election distinguishes her as the first Republican and the first woman to serve this nine county east Texas district since the Reconstruction Era. Prior to entering state politics, Shapiro amassed an impressive list of achievements as a public servant in municipal government.

Shapiro was the first woman elected Mayor of Plano, the nation's third fastest growing city. Before that she served six consecutive terms on the Plano City Council. She also served four years as President of the Plano Economic Development Board. In 1986-87, Shapiro served as President of the Texas Municipal League and later as Vice-Chairwoman of the National League of Cities Advisory Board.

Shapiro's involvement in civic activities has earned her numerous awards including Plano "Volunteer of the Year" (1983); Plano "Citizen of the Year" (1985); and Plano "Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year" (1990).

Senator Shapiro is a graduate of Hillcrest High School in Dallas, Texas, and the University of Texas at Austin with a BS in Secondary Education. A former public school teacher, she is President of an advertising agency that she co-founded in 1982.

ADDRESS:
Plano, Texas 75075

RELIGION:
Jewish

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Former Plano Mayor
Former Plano City Councilwoman
Former Vice Chairwoman, National League of Cities Advisory Board
Director, Presbyterian Children's Health Care Center
Director, Plano Chamber of Commerce
Past President, Plano Economic Development Board
Past President, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Member, Executive Committee, North Texas Commission
Former Director, Neighborhood Youth Services
Former Director, Collin County Mental Health Clinic

DATE OF BIRTH:
May 2, 1948

OCCUPATION:
Co-Owner & President
Shapiro, Small & Assoc.

EDUCATION:
University of Texas-Austin,
BS in Secondary Education

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1993 – present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 2
DAN SHELLEY

Senator Dan Shelley of Crosby served in the Texas House of Representatives for three terms before being elected to the Texas Senate in 1992. Senator Shelley received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas Tech University, a Master of Education from Louisiana Tech and a law degree from South Texas Law School. During his last term in the House, Senator Shelley served on the Energy and Transportation Committees. He currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the State-Federal Assembly of the National Conference of State Legislators and is a member of the Task Force on Hazardous Materials and Radioactive Waste Transportation and the Working Group on Monitored Retrievable Storage of High-level Radioactive Waste. Senator Shelley is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Energy Council and serves as the governor's appointee to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission. In his years of public service, Senator Shelley has addressed many legislative areas that are a major concern to all Texas, including criminal justice reform, economic development and environmental protection. Senator Shelley represents the 6th Senatorial District in Harris County.

ADDRESS:
Crosby, Texas 77532

OCCUPATION:
Businessman

DATE OF BIRTH:
January 3, 1949

REPUBLICAN

RELIGION:
Catholic

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Chamber of Commerce
Boy Scouts of America, Flaming Arrow District Chairman
American Legion Post 658
Disabled American Veterans
Knights of Columbus
Houston Air Cargo Association
Greater Houston Port Authority
Houston Customhouse Brokers and Freight Forwarders Assoc.

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1987-1992
Senate Member 1993-present

DISTRICT 6
DAVID SIBLEY

David Sibley, former Waco city councilman, mayor and McLennan County Prosecutor, represents McLennan, Hill, Navarro and Ellis counties in the State Senate. His district, SD 9, also includes a large portion of South and East Dallas county and part of Tarrant.

A Board certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon, Sibley was forced to give up his medical career in 1985 following a neck injury. Shifting careers, Sibley enrolled in Baylor Law School and joined the McLennan County District Attorney's Office upon graduation. Sibley served as Mayor Pro-Tem and Mayor of Waco during law school.

Sibley, a sixth generation Texan, was first elected to the Texas Senate in 1991. He is an active supporter of term limitations legislation, a recognized pro-business legislator and a proponent of strong criminal justice legislation. In recognition of his leadership in the State Senate, Sibley was selected in 1992 to represent Texas as a member of the Toll Fellowship Program.

In addition to attending Baylor Law School, Sibley is an honor graduate of the Baylor College of Dentistry. Sibley, 45, served as a research fellow with the American Cancer Society in 1977 and was honored in 1988 as a National Finalist for a White House Fellowship.

ADDRESS:
Waco, TX 76712

RELIGION:
Baptist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Mayor, City of Waco
Board of Directors, Texas Municipal League
Waco Commission on Excellence in Education
Board of Directors, Waco Chamber of Commerce
Member, Dallas County DWI Task Force
Toll Fellow, 1992

DATE OF BIRTH:
November 23, 1947

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1991 - present

EDUCATION:
Baylor University
Baylor College of Dentistry
Baylor School of Law

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 9
Bill Sims has been elected to represent the 25th Senatorial District, comprising more than 33,441 square miles and 30 Central West Texas counties. Sims is a rancher and businessman from San Angelo. He currently serves as executive secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, a post he has held for 27 years. He serves on numerous state and national agriculture advisory committees and is consulting editor of The Ranch magazine. Sims also serves on the Texas Feed and Fertilizer Advisory Committee, the National Fibers & Food Protein Commission, and is a member of the Advisory Committee on Interstate Oil Compact. In addition, he serves on numerous advisory committees of the American Sheep Industry Association. He operates a 3,400-acre family farm and ranch in Concho County.

**ADDRESS:**
San Angelo, Texas 76902

**OCCUPATION:**
Executive Secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, Rancher, Businessman

**DATE OF BIRTH:**
January 27, 1932

**EDUCATION:**
Texas Tech University, BS

**RELIGION:**
Methodist

**CIVIC ACTIVITIES:**
San Angelo Rotary Club

**LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:**
Senate Member, 1983 – present

DEMOCRAT  
DISTRICT 25
CARLOS F. TRUAN

State Senator Carlos F. Truan was elected to the Texas Senate in 1976, after having served four terms in the Texas House of Representatives. He was first elected to the Texas House in 1968, and was re-elected in 1970, 1972 and 1974. During his time in the House of Representatives, he authored the Texas Bilingual Education Act, the Texas Public Housing Authority Act, the Texas Adult Education Act and the Interstate Placement of Children Act, among other legislation.

During the 71st Legislature, Truan served on three Senate committees, as Vice Chairman of the Education Committee; on the Health and Human Services Committee, where he also served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health Services; and on the powerful Senate Finance Committee. In addition, he was Chairman of the Senate Hispanic Caucus. Truan had one of his most productive sessions ever in the 71st session, including the passage of bills to reform the state's Mental Health and Mental Retardation system, improve the state’s regulation of uranium mining, toughen rules regarding the transportation of hazardous materials and improve educational opportunity in Texas.

Ranked 2nd in seniority, Senator Truan has 24 years of legislative experience. In the 1985-1986 interim period, he was elected by his colleagues to four unprecedented terms as President Pro-Tem of the Senate. Senator Truan was honored as Governor-For-A-Day on March 8, 1986, during ceremonies at the State Capitol in Austin.

Carlos Truan was born in Kingsville, Texas, 57 years ago. For over 30 years he has been in the life insurance industry, currently serving as Chairman Emeritus of New York Life Insurance in South Texas. A resident of Corpus Christi, the Senator and his wife, Elvira, have four children.

ADDRESS:

Corpus Christi, TX 78412

DATE OF BIRTH:
June 9, 1935

EDUCATION:
Texas A&I University, BBA

RELIGION:
Catholic

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
American G.I. Forum
Knights of Columbus
Kiwanis International

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1969 – 1976
Senate Member, 1977 – present

OCCUPATION:
Life Insurance, 34 years

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 20
JIM TURNER

Jim Turner was elected to represent the eighteen-county Fifth District in November 1990. He lives with his wife, Ginny, and their two children in his hometown of Crockett where he has been an attorney and businessman since 1973. While at the University of Texas, he served as a member of the Student Assembly and as President of the College of Business. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1971 where he was an Associate Editor of the Texas Law Review. He served as a legislative assistant in the Texas House of Representatives and as assistant legal counsel in the Office of the Governor. Following law school, he served as a briefing attorney for Price Daniel, Sr. on the Texas Supreme Court. He served in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of Captain, and received an honorable discharge from the reserve in 1978.

From 1981 to 1984, he served in the Texas House. He was a member of the Appropriations, Ways and Means, Environmental Affairs and House Administration Committees. He was also appointed Chairman of the first House Subcommittee on Ethics. During his second term, he sponsored legislation creating the Texas State Ethics Advisory Commission and was subsequently appointed to serve as a member of the Commission.

In March 1984, Governor Mark White appointed him to serve as Special Counsel for Legislative Affairs, and later to Executive Assistant. In 1985, he returned to the practice of law.

As a member of the Senate, he has authored legislation reforming the criminal justice system to address the crisis of overcrowding in county jails. He has also been active in strengthening ethics laws for state officials and maintaining the state’s commitment to higher education. In 1992, he was recognized as an outstanding legislator by the Texas Youth Commission and named an Outstanding Public Servant by a coalition of public-interest organizations.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Former, Mayor, City of Crockett
Former Member, State Ethics Commission
Fellow, State Bar Foundation

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1981 – 1984
Senate Member, 1991 – present

ADDRESS:
Crockett, Texas 75835

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
February 6, 1946

EDUCATION:
University of Texas at Austin
BBA, MBA, JD

RELIGION:
Baptist

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 5
JEFF WENTWORTH

Senator Jeff Wentworth, a third generation Texan, was elected to represent the nearly 600,000 people in District 26 after having served in the 70th, 71st and 72nd Legislatures in the House of Representatives.

Born to Margaret and Earl Wentworth in 1940, Senator Wentworth was raised in San Antonio. He served as vice-president of his high school student body, senior class officer in college, president of his law school student body and national president of the American Bar Association Law Student Division.

Commissioned upon graduation from Texas A&M, Senator Wentworth served 31 months active duty as a U.S. Army counterintelligence officer. He later served three years on the staff of U.S. Congressman Bob Price before returning to his hometown of San Antonio where he entered private law practice with his father and later entered politics as a candidate himself.

Wentworth served nearly six years as a county commissioner in Bexar County, one year as a member of the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System and nearly five years as a state representative before his election to the Texas Senate in 1992.

Wentworth is married to the former Karla Whitsitt, and they have two sons, Jason (10) and Mathew (4).

ADDRESS:
San Antonio, Texas 78216

RELIGION:
Christian Scientist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Advisory Council, Boysville
Advisory Board, Big Brothers and Sisters, Alamo Area
Life Member, San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc.
Rotary Club of San Antonio
World Affairs Council of San Antonio
Fiesta San Antonio Commission
Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce
Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
San Antonio Board of Realtors

OCCUPATION:
Attorney/Realtor

DATE OF BIRTH:
November 20, 1940

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1988 - 1992
Senate Member, 1993 - present

EDUCATION:
Alamo Heights High School,
San Antonio
Texas A & M University, B.A.
Texas Tech University School of
Law, J. D.

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 26
ROYCE WEST

Royce West will begin serving his first term as State Senator in January, 1993, representing District 23. He is a Senior Partner with the law firm of Robinson & West.

He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington with a bachelors degree and masters degree. He earned his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from University of Houston and received his license as an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law from the State of Texas.

He served as District Attorney for several counties in Texas, becoming the first African-American to be named Chief Felony Prosecutor.

He has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Board of Directors of the Texas Defense Lawyers Association, Texas Criminal Justice Task Force and many others.

ADDRESS:
Dallas, Texas 75208

OCCUPATION:
Senior Partner- Law Firm of Robinson & West

DATE OF BIRTH:
September 26, 1952

EDUCATION:
University of Texas at Arlington, B.A., M.A.
University of Houston, Doctor of Jurisprudence

RELIGION:
Baptist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
West Dallas Community Centers
Dallas County Dental Health Board
Texas Association of African-American Lawyers
Texas Defense Lawyers Association
Dallas Together
Dallas Bar Association
NAACP
Texas Turnpike Authority

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1993 - present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 23
JOHN WHITMIRE

John Whitmire was born in Hillsboro, Texas in 1949, and with his family moved to Houston, where he has since resided. Senator Whitmire earned a degree in Political Science from the University of Houston where he also attended law school. He is an attorney in Houston.

Entering politics in 1972, Senator Whitmire was one of the youngest members of the Texas House of Representatives. He served five consecutive terms as a State Representative and has represented Senate district 15 since 1983.

Appointed chairman of the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee during the 72nd Legislature, Senator Whitmire also served on the State Affairs, Economic Development and Administration Committees. He was appointed to the Texas Punishment Standards Commission and is one of ten members of the Legislative Criminal Justice Board.

ADDRESS:
Houston, Texas 77008

EDUCATION:
University of Houston, BA
Bates College of Law, University of Houston

RELIGION:
Protestant

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1973 – 1982
Senate Member, 1983 – present

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
August 13, 1949

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 15
JUDITH ZAFFIRININ

Senator Judith Zaffirini represents the 21st Senatorial District which stretches from Laredo, 154 miles north to San Antonio, and 620 miles west to El Paso. The first border resident elected to represent District 21 in the Senate in 20 years, Senator Zaffirini is the first Hispanic woman senator in Texas and the senior senator from the border and Bexar and El Paso counties.

She is the only senator with career-long 100 percent attendance and 100 percent voting records, casting 9,335 consecutive votes during three regular and 11 special sessions.

Senator Zaffirini has received more than 100 awards and honors for her legislative, public service and professional work. These include the “Texas Heroine” award from the Texas Chamber of Commerce, for her leadership in passing workers' compensation reform legislation; the 1988 and 1990 George Washington Medals of Excellence for Individual Achievement from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge; and the internationally prestigious “Jose Maria Morelos y Pavon Medal of Merit” for her leadership in strengthening relations and promoting trade with Mexico.

Dr. Zaffirini is an award-winning communications specialist with 13 years of teaching experience. To help keep her constituents informed, she writes a weekly newspaper column. She holds Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, each with a 3.9 GPA.

ADDRESS:
Laredo, Texas 78042-0627

OCCUPATION:
Communications Specialist
13 years of teaching experience

DATE OF BIRTH:
February 13, 1946

EDUCATION:
The University of Texas at Austin, BS, MA, PhD
University of Houston
Laredo Junior College

RELIGION:
Catholic
Lector, Blessed Sacrament Church, Laredo

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
SCAN Honorary Board (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect)
Texas Press Women (Woman of Achievement, 1980)
Association for Education in Journalism
International Communication Association
Texas Public Relations Association
Women’s Institute for Freedom of the Press
Association of Borderland Scholars

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1987 – present

DEMOCRAT DISTRICT 21
THE TEXAS SENATE

The Texas Senate is composed of 31 members who represent 31 separate geographical districts in the state. Districts vary in geographical size, with District 15 the smallest and District 21 the largest. In 1991, the 72nd Legislature used the 1990 census to draw new district boundaries which resulted in having 547,952 constituents in each district.

The backgrounds of those who serve in the Texas Senate are as varied as the districts themselves.

FACTS ABOUT THE SENATE OF THE 73rd LEGISLATURE

AGE:
Average Age: 49
Oldest: 71
Youngest: 38

There is 1 Senate member between 30 and 39 years of age.
There are 18 Senate members between 40 and 49,
  9 Senate members between 50 and 59, and
  2 Senate member between 60 and 69, and
  1 Senate member over 70.

OCCUPATIONS:
  13 are Attorneys
  13 are in Business
  1 is in Insurance
  1 is in Engineering
  1 is in Education
  1 is in Farming
  1 is a Homemaker

EXPERIENCE:
The average number of years of legislative experience is 10 years, with legislative service ranging up to 30 years.

Nine members of the Senate have military experience.

The Senate is composed of 27 men and 4 women.
DISTRICT 1 is composed of Bowie, Camp, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Gregg, Harrison, Hopkins, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Panola, Red River, Rusk, Titus and Upshur Counties.

DISTRICT 2 is composed of Collin, Fannin, Hunt, Kaufman, Rains, Rockwall, Van Zandt, Wood and parts of Smith Counties.

DISTRICT 3 is composed of Angelina, Cherokee, Hardin, Henderson, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Tyler and parts of Montgomery and Smith Counties.

DISTRICT 4 is composed of Chambers, Jefferson, Liberty, Orange and parts of Galveston, Harris and Montgomery Counties.

DISTRICT 5 is composed of Anderson, Brazos, Burleson, Falls, Freestone, Grimes, Houston, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Robertson, Trinity, Walker, Waller, Washington and parts of Williamson Counties.

DISTRICT 6 is composed of part of Harris County.

DISTRICT 7 is composed of part of Harris County.

DISTRICT 8 is composed of parts of Dallas and Tarrant Counties.

DISTRICT 9 is composed of Ellis, Hill, McLennan, Navarro and parts of Dallas and Tarrant Counties.

DISTRICT 10 is composed of parts of Johnson, Parker and Tarrant Counties.

DISTRICT 11 is composed of parts of Brazoria, Galveston and Harris Counties.

DISTRICT 12 is composed of parts of Dallas and Tarrant Counties.

DISTRICT 13 is composed of parts of Fort Bend and Harris Counties.

DISTRICT 14 is composed of parts of Hays and Travis Counties.

DISTRICT 15 is composed of part of Harris County.

DISTRICT 16 is composed of part of Dallas County.

DISTRICT 17 is composed of parts of Brazoria, Fort Bend and Harris Counties.

DISTRICT 18 is composed of Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Caldwell, Calhoun, Colorado, De Witt, Fayette, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Karnes, Lavaca, Matagorda, Refugio, Victoria, Wharton and parts of Fort Bend and Hays Counties.
DISTRICT 19 is composed of part of Bexar County.

DISTRICT 20 is composed of Bee, Brooks, Kenedy, Kleburg, Nueces, San Patricio and parts of Hidalgo Counties.

DISTRICT 21 is composed of Brewster, Culberson, Dimmit, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Medina, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Zavala and parts of Bexar and El Paso Counties.

DISTRICT 22 is composed of Bosque, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Hamilton, Hood, Palo Pinto, Somervell, Wise and parts of Denton, Johnson, Parker and Tarrant Counties.

DISTRICT 23 is composed of part of Dallas County.

DISTRICT 24 is composed of Atascosa, Duval, Frio, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Live Oak, McMullen, Starr, Wilson, Zapata and parts of Bexar Counties.


DISTRICT 26 is composed of Bell, Blanco, Burnet, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall and parts of Bexar, Travis and Williamson Counties.

DISTRICT 27 is composed of Cameron, Willacy and parts of Hidalgo Counties.

DISTRICT 28 is composed of Borden, Castro, Crane, Crosby, Dawson, Floyd, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Hockley, Howard, Lamb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Reagan, Swisher, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and parts of Ector Counties.

DISTRICT 29 is composed of part of El Paso County.


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