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

Bullock also has served Texas as State Comptroller, Secretary of State, Assistant Attorney General, aide to the Governor and as a House member from his hometown of Hillsboro.

Bullock's career in public service, including sixteen years as State Comptroller, honed his governing skills and fiscal expertise on budget matters which he has put to good use as Lieutenant Governor. Accomplishments in his first term are testimony to his dedication and determination—reflected in legislative milestones on all fronts including: overhauling state spending practices and launching the Texas Performance Review to bring efficiency to state government; paying close attention to economic development and crime control, which included the largest prison expansion project in the United States; a special emphasis on education reform and revamping Texas' health and human services.

Bullock's often fond of repeating the philosophy he lives by, saying "politics and government together are the art of the possible...it's amazing what can be accomplished for the good of Texas if no one worries about who gets the credit."

Bullock was born July 10, 1929, in Hillsboro, Texas. He attended Hillsboro public schools and Hill College before joining the Air Force in 1951 and seeing action in the Korean Conflict. Once home, Bullock went to Texas Tech University where he later earned a bachelor's degree. He enrolled in Baylor University Law School and received his law degree in 1958.

Bullock and his wife Jan, an interior designer who is active in volunteer work and serves as a member of the State Preservation Board, live in Austin. They have three children: Lindy Bullock Ward, Bobby Bullock and Kimberly Teague; and one grandson, Grant Bullock Robinson.
BOB BULLOCK

ADDRESS:

Austin, Texas 78768

OCCUPATION:

Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:

July 10, 1929

EDUCATION:

Hill College
Texas Tech University, B.A.
Baylor University, L.L.B.

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

Ken Armbrister served two terms in the Texas House of Representatives before being elected to the Texas Senate in 1986. During his terms in office, he has been a member of the Senate Finance, State Affairs, Natural Resources, Nominations, Intergovernmental Relations, Agriculture, and Economic Development committees.

He is the chair of the Senate State Affairs Committee for the 74th Legislative Session. During the 73rd Legislative Session he served on the Edwards Aquifer Oversight Panel, Legislative Budget Board, Council on Competitive Government, University Interscholastic League Advisory Council, and Department of Information Resources Board. Further interim appointments include committees to study PUC/Telecommunications, Rural Transportation Infrastructure, Petroleum Storage Tanks, Cultural Endowment Fund, and committees to Select a State Artist and a Poet Laureate. He is also current chair of the Texas Sunset Commission.

Senator Armbrister is a former police captain with 14 years of law enforcement experience and over 10 years of service as the director for the Victoria Regional Police Academy. Before being elected to the legislature, he served as vice-president of the Victoria School Board. Armbrister has been named as one of the Ten Best Legislators by Texas Monthly, one of the Top Ten Legislative Crime-Fighters, and has been listed as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America. Other honors include Texas State Chamber of Commerce Legislative Leadership Award, and Texas Wildlife Association Award for wildlife resources legislation. The Armbrister family resides in Victoria.

ADDRESS:
Victoria, Texas 77904

OCCUPATION:
Businessman

DATE OF BIRTH:
June 19, 1947

EDUCATION:
Sam Houston State Univ.
FBI National Academy

RELIGION:
Catholic

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

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. He represents Senate District 14 which includes parts of Travis and Hays counties.

In the 73rd Legislative Session, Senator Barrientos was chair of the Nominations Committee, vice-chair of the International Relations, Trade and Technology Committee, and served on the Education, Finance, and Natural Resources committees and on the Subcommittee on Water. During the interim, he was appointed to the Joint Select Committee to Review the Central Education Agency.

Senator Barrientos’ many honors include the Texas Public Employees Association “Outstanding Legislator of the Year” for two consecutive years, the “Texas Outstanding Public Servants Award,” and the Texas Rehabilitation Association’s “Legislative Excellence Award.” He has also been named to the National Board of Cities in Schools for his work in the area of dropout prevention.

As a legislator, Senator Barrientos’ priorities have been the protection of Texas’ natural resources, such as the Edwards Aquifer; efficiency in state government; improvement of public schools and higher education; dropout prevention; and stiffer penalties for elder abuse and hazing of college students.

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

Teel Bivins has served in the Texas Senate since 1989 when he won his first race for political office. He is now serving his third term in the Senate. His district runs from the top of the Panhandle to Midland-Odessa.

He is a Republican who supports local control of schools and term limits for state officials, and opposes a state income tax. He has sponsored bills to overhaul trucking laws, institute tort reform, and protect private ownership of groundwater. Bivins also led a move in the Senate to direct the state to begin issuing welfare benefits electronically, thus reducing waste and fraud.

In 1994, Bivins returned over $150,000 in campaign contributions when he drew no opponent in the primary or general elections.

*Texas Monthly* has twice selected Bivins as an “Outstanding Legislator.” The Young Conservatives of Texas have named him to its Legislative Honor Roll.

Bivins, a West Texas native, lives in Amarillo. He continues his family’s four-generation involvement in ranching as a cattleman and businessman. He is also active in oil and gas exploration.

ADDRESS:
Amarillo, Texas 79101

DATE OF BIRTH:
November 22, 1947

OCCUPATION:
Businessman, Cattleman

EDUCATION:
Tulane University, B.A.
Southern Methodist University, J.D.

RELIGION:
Episcopalian

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Texas Cattle Feeders Association, member
Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association, member

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 an L.L.B., J.D. 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 1993, Brown served as vice-chair of the Criminal Justice Committee and the Subcommittee on Water. He also served on the Jurisprudence, International Relations, Trade and Technology, and Natural Resources committees.

ADDRESS:
Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
State Bar of Texas
Fellow, Texas Bar
Brazoria County Bar Association
Association of Attorney - Mediators
Brazosport Chamber of Commerce
Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce
Bellaire/Southwest Houston Chamber of Commerce
Adjunct Professor, UT Law School
Chairman of the Energy Council
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, B.S.
University of Texas, L.L.B., J.D.

RELIGION:
Methodist

REPUBLICAN

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1981 – present

DISTRICT 17
David Cain

A native Texan, David Cain was born in Pampa. He represents Senate District 2 which includes parts of Dallas, Ellis, Rockwall and Smith counties, and all of Fannin, Hunt, Kaufman, Rains, Van Zandt and Wood counties.

Cain served nine terms in the Texas House of Representatives, from a diverse East Dallas district (107). During his tenure he held a variety of leadership positions. He served as chair of the Transportation Committee for 12 years, and also served a two-year term as chair of the Texas Sunset Commission. During the 73rd Session, he was co-chair of the Dallas Legislative Delegation. Cain has also held leadership positions with the Southern Legislative Conference, and the National Conference of State Legislatures.

His legislative accomplishments include being tough on crime and wasteful spending, and strong on transportation, economic development and education issues. Among the many measures Cain has passed are legislation to: repeal the state's blue law; establish the first crime victims compensation program; close criminal street gang hangouts; expand DFW Airport; revamp government agencies; and broaden educational opportunities.

Cain has been named to Texas Monthly’s list of “Ten Best” legislators. The Dallas Morning News has recognized him as a legislative “Standout,” and as one of the “10 Most Effective” legislators. The Texas Chamber of Commerce named him a “Friend of Business,” and the Greater Dallas Crime Commission honored him as a legislative “Crime Fighter of the Year.”

Address: Dallas, Texas 75246

Religion: Methodist

Civic Activities:
Various Chambers of Commerce
The Dallas Democratic Forum
Parents as First Teachers
Dallas Mental Health Assoc.

Legislative Experience:
House Member, 1976 – 1994
Senate Member, 1995 – present

Democrat

District 2
RODNEY ELLIS

Rodney Ellis is an investment banker and a lawyer who represents Houston and Fort Bend County in the Texas Senate. He is the director of Apex Securities, Inc., a Texas-based investment banking firm specializing in municipal finance. Before entering public office, he was chief of staff to the late Congressman Mickey Leland and an aide to former Lt. Governor Bill Hobby.

Senator Ellis came to the Texas Senate in 1989, after serving for six years on the Houston City Council. In his first session, Senator Ellis received the Sierra Club's Legislative Service Award, and was named a "Superhero of the 72nd Legislature" by a coalition of civil rights, environmental, and consumer groups.

Last session, Senator Ellis passed a law making Texas the first state in the nation to require tax-exempt hospitals to perform a reasonable amount of charity care. He made Texas the first state in the country to offer school lunch programs for poor schoolchildren during summer vacation. He passed a hate crimes bill that increases the penalties for violent crimes motivated by bigotry. In addition, Senator Ellis passed legislation creating the Texas Council on Workforce and Economic Competitiveness, to help meet the global economy's demand for highly skilled workers.

Senator Ellis continues to advocate judicial election reforms that would ensure diversity, quality, and impartiality in the judiciary. He is working to create new opportunities for minority-owned and women-owned businesses. In 1994, he received the Texas Outstanding Public Service Award for his ongoing effort to ensure that all Texans have access to affordable insurance.

ADDRESS:

Houston, Texas 77002

RELIGION:

Protestant

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

The Energy Council
Houston Lawyers Association
National Assoc. of Securities Professionals
National Bar Association

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:

Senate Member, 1990 - present

OCCUPATION:

Director, Apex Securities, Inc.
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:

April 7, 1954

EDUCATION:

Texas Southern University, B.A.
LBJ School of Public Affairs, M.P.A.
University of Texas Law School, J.D.

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 13
MARIO GALLEGOS, JR.

Mario Gallegos, Jr. was elected to serve the residents of Senate District 6 on November 8, 1994. Gallegos is the first Hispanic senator to be elected from Harris County. District 6 encompasses Jacinto City, Galena Park, and portions of Houston, Baytown and Pasadena.

Mario Gallegos, Jr. just completed his second term as state representative for District 143. First elected to represent District 143 in 1990, Gallegos was re-elected in November, 1992. Senator Gallegos was born to Mario Gallegos, Sr. and HISD School Board member Olga Gallegos in 1950. Gallegos was born and reared in the Magnolia Park area of Houston. He is a graduate of Milby High School.

Appointed to the powerful Appropriations Committee for the 73rd Legislative Session, Gallegos fought throughout the legislative session to restore full funding for senior citizens' and children's programs to the Health and Human Services budget. Gallegos was instrumental in securing $22.4 million in funding for a new University of Houston-Downtown facility. In addition, he played a key role in the selection of a $15 million state facility to be located in Central City Industrial Park in inner city Houston. Senator Gallegos also served as a member of the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee.

A long-time advocate of tougher penalties for gang-related crime, Senator Gallegos was appointed in October 1993 to chair an Interim Subcommittee on Gangs and Juvenile Crime Prevention. Senator Gallegos is committed to continue the battle to eradicate gang violence from our neighborhoods.

A dedicated professional, Senator Gallegos, along with other Houston Fire Fighters, received the Placa a la Solidaridad Internacional Award from the Government of Mexico for his rescue efforts following the September 1985 earthquake in Mexico City.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
HiS PAC
Galena Park Chamber of Commerce
North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce
Milby Alumni Latin American Club of 1969

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member, 1991 – 1994
Senate Member, 1995 – present

ADDRESS:
Galena Park, Texas 77547

OCCUPATION:
Senior Captain, Houston Fire Department

DATE OF BIRTH:
September 8, 1950

EDUCATION:
University of Houston-Downtown
University of Houston Criminal Justice Academy
Houston Community College

RELIGION:
Catholic

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 6
MICHAEL GALLOWAY

Michael Galloway is a self-employed businessman in the oil and gas industry. He and his family reside in The Woodlands, in Montgomery County.

Galloway was born in Tomball, Texas. He is the fifth of six children, and a fifth-generation Texan. Mike was raised on a small farm, and grew up in a home that was over 100 years old and heated by a wood-burning stove. He was raised with a strong belief in God, family, and country. He was also raised with a strong work ethic. At an early age Mike worked a wide variety of jobs, from construction to a ranch hand. At the age of 16 he went to work in the oil patch as a roustabout and a roughneck. He has been self-employed in the oil and gas industry since he was a junior in high school, starting with a contract pumping service. At the age of 24, he founded Galloway Energy, an oil and gas production and management company.

Galloway is the youngest member of the Texas Senate and the first Republican to represent District 4 since Reconstruction.

ADDRESS:
The Woodlands, Texas 77387

OCCUPATION:
Businessman (Oil & Gas)

DATE OF BIRTH:
March 3, 1965

EDUCATION:
Tomball High School
Tomball, Texas

RELIGION:
Christian

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1995 - present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 4
Chris Harris

Senator Chris Harris is now serving his second term in the Texas Senate. During 1993 and 1994 he co-chaired the Joint Interim Committee on the Family Code, and proposed major changes in juvenile justice and other sections of the Texas Family Code. During the 1993 Texas Legislature, he served on the Senate Education Committee, Economic Development Committee, and International Relations, Trade, and Technology Committee, and as vice-chair of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee.

As state senator for District 10, he represents Arlington, Bedford, Benbrook, Colleyville, Dalworthington Gardens, Euless, Hurst, Kennedale, Mansfield, North Richland Hills, Pantego, and parts of Tarrant County; Aledo, Annetta, Annetta North, Annetta South, Hudson Oaks, Willow Park and parts of Parker County; and Briar Oaks, Burleson, Joshua, Keene, and parts of Johnson County.

Among Senator Harris' legislative interests are creating more jobs in Texas and retaining current Texas jobs, improving child support enforcement, updating laws on violent juvenile crime, reforming psychiatric hospitals, and upgrading alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs.

Harris has been honored by many groups for 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 that 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 work on child support enforcement, and also honored by the Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association in 1990 and 1991. Both the Fort Worth and Dallas Chambers of Commerce have given Senator Harris their "Distinguished Service Award" for his work in the legislature. He has also been honored by the Retired Teachers' Association, the Humane Society of North Texas, Future Farmers of America, the Texas Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, and the Texas State Troopers Association.

Civic Activities:
Chamber of Commerce

Legislative Experience:
House Member, 1985 - 1990
Senate Member, 1991 - present
TOM HAYWOOD

Senator Tom Haywood is a native Texan with a lifelong record of leadership, service and achievement.

Haywood was born and reared in Dallas, where he met and married his high school sweetheart Pat. Tom and Pat have been happily married for 35 years, and they are the proud parents of four children and three grandchildren. Pat is a public school teacher and administrator with the Wichita Falls Independent School District. Tom and Pat are active members of First United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls.

Haywood has earned a B.S., an M.S., and a Ph.D. in physics. He taught physics at the University of North Texas in Denton and Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. While at M.S.U., Haywood was chosen as the Director of University Affairs while simultaneously continuing to work as an associate professor.

He left M.S.U. in 1979 to serve as the Executive Director of the North Texas Oil & Gas Association. He led the N.T.O.G.A. to be one of the most highly respected organizations of its kind in Texas.

Senator Haywood is currently the owner and chief executive officer of his own small business, a property tax and real estate appraisal consulting firm in Wichita Falls.

ADDRESS:

Wichita Falls, Texas 76307

OCCUPATION:

Owner of a small business: Tom Haywood and Associates, Inc., property tax and real estate appraisal firm

DATE OF BIRTH:

September 30, 1939

EDUCATION:

University of Texas - Arlington, 1962, B.S. (physics)
University of North Texas, M.S. (physics)
University of Alberta (Canada), Ph.D. (physics)

RELIGION:

Christian (Methodist)

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Present or past member of:
Children's Aid Society of North Texas
Boy Scouts of America
Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center, 1979 - 1989
Wichita Falls Crimestoppers
El Club Capri

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:

Senate Member, 1995 – present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRIBUTION 30
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 chair of the Transportation Committee for four years. In the 73rd Legislature he was appointed chair of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee and was a member of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and State Affairs Committee. He also served on the Subcommittee on Elections and Ethics of the Committee of the Whole on Redistricting. He was elected president pro tempore of the Senate in 1991.
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 chair of the Interim Committee on Fees and Grants, chair of the Interim Committee on Agency Funds Management and chair 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 and the Joint Interim Committees on Telecommunications and Public Utility Commission.

ADDRESS:
Dallas, Texas 75201

EDUCATION:
Rice University, B.S. in E.E.

RELIGION:
Grace Bible Church

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

DATE OF BIRTH:
July 27, 1921

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1981 - present

OCCUPATION:
Company CEO

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. He became 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 for the House Mexican-American Legislative Caucus. As a freshman senator, he was appointed to the State Affairs, Natural Resources and Intergovernmental Relations committees. He became vice-chair of the Senate Economic Development Committee in 1993. He will serve as a member of the Senate Finance Committee and chair the Senate Hispanic Caucus during the 74th Legislature.

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 José María Morelos y Pavón Merit Award from the National Association of Newspaper Editors of Mexico for promoting international relations between the U.S. and Mexico.

He was a recipient of the Government Advocate Award, Region III, from the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in 1993 and also honored that year as State Senator of the Year by the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT). In 1994, he received the Senator John A. Traeger Award for Legislator of the Year by the Texas Public Employees Association.
Elected to his first term in the Texas Senate in 1992, Senator Gregory Luna was appointed by Lt. Governor Bob Bullock to the Senate standing committees on Education, State Affairs, and Jurisprudence. Senator Luna served on the conference committees on Senate Bill 7, where he influenced the final school finance law. During this session, he won passage of a bill creating a summer program for children in kindergarten through eighth grade to improve their academic performance.

During his four terms in the Texas House of Representatives, 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 chair 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.

DATE OF BIRTH:
November 17, 1932

EDUCATION:
Sidney Lanier High School
Trinity University, B.A.
St. Mary's School of Law, J.D. 1965

RELIGION:
Catholic

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Mexican American Bar Assn.
Westside Lions Club

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

ADDRESS:
San Antonio, Texas 78205

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 26
FRANK L. MADLA, JR.

Senator Frank Madla was born and reared 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 as a member of the Texas House of Representatives where he was an outspoken advocate for health care and education issues. He is now in his second term as a senator. During the 73rd Legislature he served on the Health and Human Services, Intergovernmental Relations and Economic Development committees.

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, Texas 78214

OCCUPATION:
Real Estate Broker
Insurance Broker
Part-Time College Instructor

DATE OF BIRTH:
January 23, 1937

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

RELIGION:
Catholic

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

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

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 19
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, to establish the county's Restitution Enforcement Program, and 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.

Senator Moncrief continued his efforts to improve the quality of life for Texas mentally-challenged citizens through his leadership as chair of the Interim Health and Human Services Committee and his service on the Governor’s Health Policy Task Force. During the 73rd Session Senator Moncrief passed legislation on stalking; patient abuses and fraud in private psychiatric hospitals; Texas guardianship laws; the problem of TB in state jails; and immunizations for Texas children.

Senator Moncrief served as chair of the Senate Interim Committee on Domestic Violence this interim.

ADDRESS:

Fort Worth, Texas 76107

RELIGION:

Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Chamber of Commerce, Fort Worth
Tarrant County Chairman of Muscular Dystrophy Assn., Inc.
TXMHMR, Board Member 1988-90
Interagency Council for Services for the Homeless
Tarrant County Homeless Coalition
Asnn. of Retarded Citizens – Honorary Chairman
Coordinating Council for Mental Health Services
Tarrant County Medical Education Research Foundation (TCMERF) Board

OCCUPATION:

Businessman

DATE OF BIRTH:

September 5, 1943

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:

House Member, 1970 – 1972
Senate Member, 1991 – present

EDUCATION:

Tarleton State University

DEMOOCRAT

DISTRICT 12
JOHN T. MONTFORD

Senator John T. Montford was born June 28, 1943, in Fort 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 B.A. in 1965 and law degree in 1968. During service in the U.S. Marine Corps, Senator Montford served as judge advocate, military judge and 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 Trade Practices Act, the insurance industry and the workers’ compensation system. He also served as chair 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. Senator Montford is currently chair of the Senate Finance Committee, having been named to that office during the interim prior to the 72nd Legislature.

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

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1983 – present

ADDRESS:
Lubbock, Texas 79408

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
June 28, 1943

EDUCATION:
University of Texas, B.A.
University of Texas Law School, J.D.
Northwestern University School of Law
(Special course for Prosecutors)
JANE NELSON

Senator Jane Nelson is serving her second 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 Denton County. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of North Texas (UNT), 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 Independent School District.

Prior to her election to the Texas Senate, Jane Nelson served two terms on the State Board of Education. During her tenure she led the fight to correct over 5,000 factual errors in Texas' public school history textbooks and overhaul the textbook approval process.

During her first term, Senator Nelson sponsored Proposition 12, which voters overwhelmingly approved allowing judges the right to deny bail to repeat criminal offenders.

Senator Nelson has received numerous awards for her efforts on behalf of families, businesses, and education. The Free Market Foundation named her the "Most Conservative Senator" in the 73rd Legislature; the Professional Agricultural Workers of Texas presented her with their 1994 "Outstanding Leadership in Government Service Award"; she received the Texas and National Community Education Citizen Leadership Awards and the University of North Texas Golden Eagle Award; and she was listed in the "World Who's Who of Women '94."

ADDRESS:
Flower Mound, Texas 75028

OCCUPATION:
Businesswoman; former teacher

DATE OF BIRTH:
October 5, 1951

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
American Cancer Society Board
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
Texas Arts Council Advisory Committee Member
Texas Technology Education Advisory Council Member
Texas Conservative Coalition
Baylor Medical Center at Grapevine
Women's Advisory Council

EDUCATION:
University of North Texas, B.S.

RELIGION:
Methodist

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1993 - present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 9
DREW NIXON

A Certified Public Accountant for 12 years, Senator Nixon owns his own firm in Carthage. He also operates a branch office of SunAmerica Securities and McGuire/Nixon Insurance Agency Inc., both with offices throughout East Texas. He also holds a Texas Real Estate Salesman license.

Senator Nixon is a graduate of Carthage High School, attended Panola Junior College, and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Stephen F. Austin State University (1982) with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting.

Senator Nixon is the first Republican elected to serve the Third Senate District since the Reconstruction era. He is very active in community activities in his home county of Panola. Nixon, a fourth-generation Texan, was first elected to the Texas Senate in 1994. He actively supports pro-business and economic development legislation. Education and a strong criminal justice system are also high priorities.

ADDRESS:
Carthage, Texas 75633

OCCUPATION:
Certified Public Accountant
Securities/Insurance Agency
Real Estate Salesman

DATE OF BIRTH:
November 21, 1959

EDUCATION:
Panola Jr. College
Stephen F. Austin State University, B.B.A.

RELIGION:
Baptist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Panola County Chamber of Commerce
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants
East Texas Chapter - Texas Certified Public Accountants
Panola County Industrial Foundation
Lion Tamer - Carthage Noon Lions Club
Panola County Ambassadors
Treasurer - Panola County Heritage Foundation

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1995 – present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRIBUTION 3
JERRY PATTERSON

Jerry Patterson is the first Republican elected to the 11th Senate District since Reconstruction. As a member of the 73rd Legislature, Patterson served on the Health and Human Services, Intergovernmental Relations, and State Affairs committees.

Patterson, 48, resides in Southeast Harris County. The district he represents includes Southeast Harris County, virtually all of Galveston County, and a substantial portion of Brazoria County.

An employee health benefits consultant and group health insurance agent, Jerry served on a special interim committee charged with reviewing access to health insurance. He also has been instrumental in the investigation of the Texas Resource Center (TRC), a nonprofit organization that funds questionable appeals for death row inmates at taxpayer expense. Senator Patterson's successful lawsuit to force the TRC to comply with Texas law and allow access to financial records is currently being appealed by the TRC.

Among Senator Patterson's legislative priorities are tort reform, judicial election reform, improving access to health insurance, and revising the juvenile justice code.

Patterson is a graduate of Texas A&M, class of 1969. Upon graduation he was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He is a Vietnam veteran and recently retired from the Marine Corps Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Senator Patterson 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, a recent graduate of Pasadena Dobie High School, is currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

ADDRESS:

Pasadena, Texas 77504

EDUCATION:

Texas A&M, B.A., 1969

RELIGION:

Baptist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Boy Scouts of America
American Legion Veterans of Foreign Wars

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:

Senate Member, 1993 - present

OCCUPATION:

Employee Benefits Consultant

DATE OF BIRTH:

November 15, 1946

REPUBLICAN

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) where he is a distinguished engineering graduate 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 is a member of the Area Boy Scout Council and has been very active in Tennison Memorial United Methodist Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher, lay reader, chair 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, B.S.

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

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1989 – present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 1
PEGGY ROSSON

A homemaker, former paralegal and businesswoman, Senator Rosson was born in Indianapolis, and has lived in El Paso since 1954. Although best known for her work in utility regulation, she has a long history of community and governmental service.

In 1983, Rosson was the first woman appointed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas and was elected chair in 1985. Prior to joining the PUC, she chaired the Public Utility Regulatory Board in El Paso. While at the PUC, she was a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and chaired the PUC's Task Force on Consumer Rights.

In the Senate, Senator Rosson is vice-chair of the State Affairs Committee, and serves on the Economic Development, Intergovernmental Relations, and International Relations, Trade and Technology committees. She has also served on the Governor's Health Policy Task Force, the Texas Literacy Council, the Supreme Court's Gender Equity Task Force, the Joint Interim Committee on Government Efficiency, and the Joint Interim Committees on Telecommunications and the Public Utility Commission.

Senator Rosson's honors include: first two-time recipient of the Texas Outstanding Public Service (TOPS) Award; Feminist of the Year and Woman of the Year in Energy from the El Paso Women's Political Caucus; Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Greater El Paso Realtors Association; Legislator of the Year Award by the El Paso Municipal Police Officers' Association; the SERTOMA Service to Mankind Award; the City of El Paso Conquistador Award for Public Service; election to the El Paso Women's Hall of Fame.

Senator Rosson is married to Joe L. Rosson.

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

Senator Florence Shapiro is currently in her second term in the Texas Legislature. After her first session as a lawmaker, the Texas Municipal League presented her with its 1993 Distinguished Legislative Service Award. The Council of State Governments chose her as a 1993 Toll Fellow, a tribute given to only 35 officials nationwide for insight, innovation and commitment to state government. The National Republican Legislators Association named her Legislator of the Year in 1994. Other national public service honors include the John Ben Sheppard Public Leadership Forum’s Political Courage Award, Rotary International’s Paul Harris Fellow Award and Alpha Epsilon Phi’s National Outstanding Young Alumnae Award. She also has been recognized in Plano as Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

A former mayor of Plano and six-term member of the Plano City Council, Senator Shapiro has held numerous local, state and national leadership positions. She has been president of the Plano Economic Development Board and of the Texas Municipal League, and been vice-chair of the National League of Cities Advisory Council.

Senator Shapiro was reared in Dallas and has been a Plano resident since 1971. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education, which she put to use as an English and speech teacher in the Richardson Independent School District. She is now president of an advertising and public relations firm that she co-founded in 1982.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Former Plano Mayor
Former Plano City Chairwoman
Director, Presbyterian Hospital of Plano
Advisory Director, Plano Chamber of Commerce
Past President, Plano Economic Development Board
Past President, Texas Municipal League
Past President, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Past Vice-Chair, National League of Cities Advisory Council

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1993 – present
DAVID SIBLEY

A surgeon, prosecutor and former mayor, David Sibley brings a strong record of leadership and dedication to the Texas Senate where he represents 16 Central Texas counties.

Sibley is a board certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon who practiced in Waco for seven years but was forced to give up his practice in 1985 following a neck injury. He then enrolled in Baylor Law School and, upon graduation, joined the McLennan County District Attorney's office as a prosecutor. Sibley served as Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor of Waco during law school.

Sibley has been recognized as one of the state's "Ten Best" legislators by Texas Monthly for his leadership in health care and for his non-partisan, "policy-not-politics" approach to issues facing Texas. He is an active supporter of term limitations, a recognized pro-business legislator and a proponent of strong criminal justice legislation. He also co-sponsored the constitutional amendment to prohibit an income tax in Texas without a vote of the people.

Sibley's family has lived in the Central Texas area since the turn of the century. He and his wife, Pam, now live in Waco with their two sons. Their daughter is a student at Baylor University. In addition to attending Baylor Law School, Sibley is an honor graduate of the Baylor College of Dentistry and received his undergraduate degree from Baylor University.

Sibley, a sixth-generation Texan, represents Senate District 22 which includes the following counties: Bosque, Eastland, Erath, Hamilton, Hill, Hood, Jack, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Somervell, Wise; the majority of McLennan, Johnson, and Parker counties; and portions of Denton and Tarrant counties.

EDUCATION:

Baylor University
Baylor College of Dentistry
Baylor School of Law

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

OCCUPATION:

Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:

November 23, 1947

LEGALISITVE EXPERIENCE:

Senate Member, 1991 - present

ADDRESS:

Waco, Texas 76712

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 22
BILL SIMS

Bill Sims has been elected to represent the 24th Senatorial District, comprising more than 19,852 square miles and 21 Central West Texas counties. Sims is a rancher and businessman from Paint Rock. He currently serves as executive secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, a post he has held for 29 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 Industry Advisory Committee to the Texas Food and Fiber Commission, is a member of the Advisory Committee on Interstate Oil Compact, Texas Veterinary Medical Center Advisory Council, Texas Energy Council and the Community Justice Council-143rd Judicial District.

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:
Paint Rock, Texas 76866

DATE OF BIRTH:
January 27, 1932

EDUCATION:
Texas Tech University, B.S.

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
San Angelo Rotary Club

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member, 1983 – present

DEMOCRAT  

DISTRICT 24
CARLOS F. TRUAN

Senator Carlos F. Truan will serve as Dean of the Texas Senate beginning with the 74th Legislature. In the 1985-86 interim period, he was elected by his colleagues to four terms as president pro tempore of the Texas Senate, and served as governor-for-a-day on March 8, 1986.

Senator 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, Truan was chair of the Human Resources Committee which investigated child care in Texas that led to passage of the 1975 Child Care Licensing Act. He authored the Texas Bilingual Education Act (1969) and the Texas Public Housing Act (1969), the Texas Adult Education Act (1975) and the Interstate Placement of Children Act (1975) among other legislation.

During the 73rd Legislature, Senator Truan served as chair of the newly created Senate Committee on International Relations, Trade and Technology; vice-chair of the Natural Resources Committee; chair of the Subcommittee on Water; member of the Health and Human Services Committee; and member of the Senate Finance Committee and the Administration Committee. Truan has been instrumental in the passage of legislation to reform the state’s mental health and mental retardation system, the state’s regulation of uranium mining, regarding the transportation of hazardous materials, higher education in South Texas and along the Border, and the passage of landmark legislation in regard to environmental hazards.

Carlos F. Truan was born in Kingsville, Texas. For 35 years, he has been in the life insurance industry. A resident of Corpus Christi, the senator and his wife, Elvira, were married on June 21, 1963, and have four children (Carlos, Jr., Veronica Carter, Rene, and María Luisa Humphrey).

ADDRESS:
Corpus Christi, Texas 78412

OCCUPATION:
Life Insurance, 35 years

DATE OF BIRTH:
June 9, 1935

EDUCATION:
Texas A&I University, B.B.A.

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

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 20
Jim Turner was elected to represent the 18-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 Student Council. 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 and the Ways and Means committees. He was also appointed chair 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 successfully sponsored legislation on a wide variety of topics, including finance, criminal justice, and family issues. In particular, he has worked to bolster state and local efforts to help children and youth and to maintain the state’s support for public and higher education. In 1991, Texas Monthly recognized him as one of the outstanding first-term members of the Senate. He has also been recognized as an “Outstanding Public Servant” by a coalition of public interest organizations, and as “Legislator of the Year” by the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children.

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

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

Senator Jeff Wentworth, a third-generation Texan, was re-elected to the Texas Senate in 1994 after having served in the 70th, 71st and 72nd Legislatures in the House of Representatives and the 73rd Legislature in the Senate.

Born to Margaret and Earl Wentworth in 1940, Senator Wentworth was reared 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.

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 first election to the Texas Senate in 1992.

Wentworth is married to the former Karla Whitsitt, and they have two sons, Jason (12) and Matthew (6).

ADDRESS:
San Antonio, Texas 78209

RELIGION:
Christian Scientist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Advisory Council, Boyville
Board of Governors, YMCA of San Antonio and the Hill Country
Life Member, San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc.
Director, 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

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

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

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 25
ROYCE WEST

Royce West was elected to represent the 23rd Senatorial District in November 1992. 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 bachelor’s degree and master’s degree. He earned his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the 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 in Texas.

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, J.D.

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.

During the 73rd Legislature Senator Whitmire, as chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, authored legislation more than doubling the jail and prison capacity of the state and dramatically increasing the minimum time spent in prison for violent criminals. Senator Whitmire also served, during the 73rd Legislature, on the State Affairs, Intergovernmental Relations, and Nominations committees, and was elected as president pro tempore of the Senate at the conclusion of the session.

ADDRESS:
Houston, Texas 77008

EDUCATION:
University of Houston, B.A.
Bates College of Law, University of Houston

RELIGION:
Protestant

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

DATE OF BIRTH:
August 13, 1949

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 15
JUDITH ZAFFIRINI

Senator Judith Zaffirini is the first border resident elected to represent District 21 in the Senate in 20 years. She is the first Hispanic woman senator in Texas and the senior senator from the border and for Bexar County. In 1990 and 1994 she was re-elected by carrying every county in this large and diverse district, the only candidate ever to do so.

The only senator with career-long 100 percent attendance and 100 percent voting records, she cast 11,978 consecutive votes during four regular and 11 special sessions.

Senator Zaffirini has received more than 200 awards and honors for her legislative, public service and professional work. She was named Outstanding Legislator and Friend of Business by the Texas Chamber of Commerce in 1994 and a Legislative Crime Fighter of the Year by the Greater Dallas Crime Commission. She received the Legislative Excellence Award from the Texas Rehabilitation Association for supporting Texans with disabilities and the 1994 People’s Choice Award from the Texas Association for Home Care. In 1993 she was named Laredo’s “Distinguished Citizen” by the Gulf Coast Council, Boy Scouts of America, for her positive influence on youth; “Friend of Education” by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, for her outstanding contributions to Texas public education; and received the Callan Graham Award of Excellence from the Texas Catholic Conference, for her outstanding ethics in public service. She also received the internationally prestigious “José María Morelos y Pavón 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.
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 6 the smallest and District 19 the largest. In 1991-92, the 72nd Legislature used the 1990 census to draw new district boundaries which resulted in having an average of 547,952 constituents in each district, with District 21 the smallest and District 7 the largest.

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

FACTS ABOUT THE SENATE OF THE 74th LEGISLATURE

AGE:
Average Age: 50
Oldest: 73
Youngest: 29

There is 1 Senate member under 30.
There is 1 Senate member between 30 and 39 years of age.
There are 15 Senate members between 40 and 49,
10 Senate members between 50 and 59,
3 Senate members between 60 and 69, and
1 Senate member over 70.

OCCUPATIONS:
12 are attorneys
12 are in business
1 is in insurance
1 is in engineering
1 is a firefighter
1 is a homemaker
2 are ranchers
1 is an accountant

EXPERIENCE:
The average number of years of legislative experience is 10 years, with legislative service ranging up to 25 years.

Eight 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, Red River, Rusk, Titus and Upshur and part of Smith counties.

DISTRICT 2 is composed of Fannin, Hunt, Kaufman, Rains, Van Zandt, Wood and parts of Dallas, Ellis, Rockwall and Smith counties.

DISTRICT 3 is composed of Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Hardin, Henderson, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Panola, 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 Brazos, Burleson, Falls, Freestone, Grimes, Houston, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Navarro, Robertson, Trinity, Walker, Waller, Washington and parts of McLennan and 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 Collin and Dallas counties.

DISTRICT 9 is composed of parts of Dallas, Denton, Ellis 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 part of Tarrant County.

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 parts of Dallas and Rockwall counties.

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, Guadalupe and Hays counties.
DISTRICT 19 is composed of Brewster, Crockett, Edwards, Jeff Davis, Kinney, Maverick, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Terrell, Val Verde and parts of Atascosa, Bexar, Culberson, Medina, Reeves, Sutton, and Uvalde counties.

DISTRICT 20 is composed of Brooks, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleburg, Nueces, San Patricio, Willacy and part of Hidalgo counties.

DISTRICT 21 is composed of Bee, Dimmit, Duval, Frio, Jim Hogg, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Starr, Webb, Wilson, Zapata, Zavala and parts of Atascosa, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Hidalgo and Uvalde counties.

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

DISTRICT 23 is composed of parts of Dallas and Tarrant counties.

DISTRICT 24 is composed of Bell, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Coryell, Lampasas, McCulloch, Menard, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, San Saba, Shackelford, Stephens, Young and parts of Llano and Taylor counties.

DISTRICT 25 is composed of Bandera, Blanco, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Mason, Schleicher and parts of Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Llano, Medina, Sutton, Tom Green, Travis, and Williamson counties.

DISTRICT 26 is composed of part of Bexar County.

DISTRICT 27 is composed of Cameron and part of Hidalgo counties.

DISTRICT 28 is composed of Borden, Crane, Crosby, Dawson, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Hockley, Howard, Hudspeth, Irion, Lamb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Reagan, Sterling, Terry, Upton, Ward and parts of Culberson, Ector, El Paso, Reeves and Tom Green counties.

DISTRICT 29 is composed of part of El Paso County.


DISTRICT 31 is composed of Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Gaines, Gray, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Midland, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Winkler, Yoakum and part of Ector counties.
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