



BERNICE MATHEWS

Democrat
Washoe County Senatorial
District No. 1
Director, Health Science-Nursing
(Emeritus)
Small Business Owner



Born: 1933 – Jackson, Mississippi.

Educated: University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), B.S.N. and M.Ed., Administration of Higher Education.

Children: Arnold II, Anthony, Aileen, Barbara, Ruben, Clive, Allen (deceased).

Hobbies/Special Interests: Fishing, reading, needlework.

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Nevada Senate, 1995-2007 (*first elected November 1994*)—six special and seven regular sessions; Assistant Minority Leader, 2007.

AFFILIATIONS: Board of Directors, U.S. Bank of Nevada; Nevada Women’s Fund Advisory Board; Washoe County Foundation Board.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS: Former City Councilwoman, City of Reno; Past Chairman, Reno Civil Service Commission; Past Director, Church Youth Department; Past Member: Washoe County Mental Health Advisory Board; Governor’s Commission on Nursing and Nursing Education; Co-Chairman, National League of Nursing Celebration of 30 Years of ADN Education in Nevada; Past Board Member, Nevada Heart Association; Past President and Board Member, State Board of Nursing; Professional Organization Membership: American Nurses’ Association, Sigma Theta Tau, Phi Delta Kappa. Nevada Women’s Fund Hall of Fame; Nevada Mother of the Year; Outstanding Alumni, School of Nursing, UNR; President’s Medal in Recognition of Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education in Nevada; Business Woman of the Year, Negro Business and Professional Women; Martin Luther King Commission; Outstanding Service Award, Washoe County Airport Authority; Professional Achievement Award. Member, UNR Foundation Board; UNR Alumni Association. Washoe County elementary school named for Bernice Mathews; Medical School Dean’s Award; Truckee Meadows Community College President’s Medal; Associated General Contractors Skill, Integrity and Responsibility (SIR) Award; Honorary Recognition, Nevada Nurses’ Association.

