

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2007 SESSION



ELLEN MARIE KOIVISTO

Democrat
Clark County Assembly
District No. 14
Retired



Born: 1943 – Morris, Minnesota.

Educated: Morris High School, Morris, Minnesota; Mesabi Community College, Virginia, Minnesota; continuing education classes, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV).

Married: Victor Koivisto, Sr.

Children: Beth Medina, Kristina Tackett, Victor Koivisto, Jr., Valerie Fitzpatrick; thirteen grandchildren.

Hobbies/Special Interests: Quilting, sewing, reading, travel.

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Nevada Assembly, 1997-2007 (*first elected November 1996*)—six special and six regular sessions.

AFFILIATIONS: Paradise Democratic Club; Clark County Women’s Democratic Club; Seniors United; Nevada Women’s Lobby; Clark County Democratic Central Committee; Hispanics in Politics; Heritage United Methodist Church; Southern Nevada Women’s Political Caucus; Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence; National Conference of State Legislatures’ (NCSL) Forum for State Health Policy Leadership; Health Capacity Task Force, The Council of State Governments; Nevada National Organization for Women; Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation; Hispanic Democratic Caucus; WILL/WAND (Women Legislators’ Lobby/Women’s Actions for New Directions); Women’s Research Institute of Nevada, New Leadership.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS: Participant, UNLV Race Walk, Corporate Challenge, 1995; Alternate, UNLV Range Shooting Team, Corporate Challenge, 1996; Speaker, Nevada Public Health Association Annual Meeting, October 1999; UNLV Television Town Hall Panel Participant—Health Care Reform, November 1999; Guest Speaker, Duane D. Keller Middle School 7th Grade Awards Ceremony, May 2000; Judge, History Day 2000, Nevada State Museum, Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas; Member, Inaugural Class—Western Legislative Academy, The Council of State Governments—WEST; America’s Legislators Back to School Week, September 1999-2004; PAYBAC Program—Duane D. Keller Middle School and Dell Robison Middle School; Speaker, Nevada Social Workers Conference, UNLV, April 2000; UNLV Television Town Hall Panel—Health Care, December 2001.

