



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, 1995-2009 (*first elected November 1994*)—nine special and eight regular sessions. Assistant Minority Leader, 2007.

AFFILIATIONS: Board, U.S. Bank of Nevada; Past Board, Bank of America; Board, Truckee Meadows Boys and Girls Club; Past Advisory Board, Nevada Women’s Fund; Education Foundation Board, Washoe County School District.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS: Former City Councilwoman, City of Reno; Past Chair, Reno Civil Service Commission; Past Director, Church Youth Department; Advisory Board, Washoe County Mental Health Advisory Board; Governor’s Commission on Nursing and Nursing Education; Co-Chair, National League of Nursing Celebration of 30 Years of ADN Education in Nevada; Past Board, Nevada Heart Association; Past President and Board, State Board of Nursing; American Nurses’ Association; Sigma Theta Tau; Phi Delta Kappa; Hall of Fame, Nevada Women’s Fund; 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; UNR Foundation Board; UNR Alumni Association; namesake Bernice Mathews Elementary School; Medical School Dean’s Award; President’s Medal, Truckee Meadows Community College; Skill, Integrity and Responsibility (SIR) Award, Associated General Contractors; Honorary Recognition, Nevada Nurses’ Association.

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