





Welcome to The Texas Women's
HALL OF FAME 2014

PROGRAM

Welcome

Carmen Pagan, *Governor's Commission for Women Chair*

Invocation

Reverend Coby Shorter

Presentation

The Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing at Texas Tech University

Keynote Address

Governor Rick Perry

Induction

2014 Texas Women's Hall of Fame Honorees

Closing



The Texas Women's HALL OF FAME AWARDS

The Governor's Commission for Women established the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1984 to honor the remarkable achievements of Texas women while sharing their stories of great determination and innovation. The biennial awards highlight Texas women who have made significant contributions, often despite great odds. Nominations are submitted from across the state and reviewed by a panel of judges. Past honorees include first ladies, Olympic athletes and astronauts.



The History of Our HALL OF FAME EXHIBIT

In 2003, the Governor's Commission for Women established a permanent exhibit for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame on the campus of Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. The exhibit features the biographies, photographs and video interviews of more than 100 notable women who have been chosen to represent the very best from our state. The exhibit is free of charge, and it is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except during university holidays. Special arrangements for groups wishing to visit the Museum on other days and/or times may be made by contacting (940) 898-3644.

The Texas Women's HALL OF FAME *2014 Inductees*

HON. NANDITA BERRY

Business

A true role model, Nandita Berry is Texas' 109th Secretary of State and the first Indian-American to hold the office. Secretary Berry was appointed by Governor Rick Perry and sworn in on January 7, 2014. In announcing the appointment, Governor Perry called her "one of the most accomplished attorneys in the state."

As secretary of state, Secretary Berry is one of six state officials who comprise the executive department of the state of Texas. Among the office's wide-ranging responsibilities, the secretary of state serves as the chief election officer, the governor's liaison on border and Mexican affairs, and Texas' chief protocol officer for state and international matters. Additionally, the office manages the business and public filings for Texas.

Secretary Berry's personal story embodies what is possible through hard work and determination in Texas. Arriving from India at the age of 21 with no more than \$200 to her name, she worked diligently to earn her law degree and then forge a successful career from the ground up.

Prior to becoming secretary of state, Secretary Berry specialized in technology transactions as senior counsel in the Houston offices of Locke Lord LLP, a full-service, international law firm. She was formerly in-house counsel for a Fortune 500 company, where she handled corporate and securities matters.



A proud naturalized American citizen, Secretary Berry has a long and distinguished record of civic service. She was vice chair of the University of Houston System Board of Regents, the governing body of a system comprising four universities, six regional teaching centers, a television station and two radio stations. She also served on the boards of the Houston Zoo Inc., South Asian Chamber of Commerce, Houston Area Women's Center and the Community Family Center of Houston.

Originally from Hyderabad, India, Secretary Berry is a graduate of Mt. Carmel College in Bangalore, India. She subsequently received a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and a law degree from the University of Houston Law Center.

Secretary Berry is humbled to follow in the footsteps of Stephen F. Austin, Texas' first secretary of state. "Like him, I came to Texas in search of a better life and the limitless opportunities to be found across our great state," she said when sworn into office. "Every day, I see Austin's pioneering spirit alive in Texas, and this great honor proves once again that Texas is the land of opportunity, both in the private sector and public service."

LILLIE BIGGINS

Health

Lillie M. Biggins is both President of Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth (Texas Health Fort Worth), a 726-bed faith-based nonprofit medical center, and also Chair of the Board of Directors of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, a critical transportation hub covering 26.9 square miles, with 60,000 on-airport employees and over 165,000 passengers daily.

Biggins is a graduate of what was then The John Peter Smith Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Worth. She received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Master of Science from Texas Woman's University in Denton. For six years she was an assistant clinical professor in hospital administration at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and is currently adjunct faculty at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Biggins joined Texas Health Fort Worth in 1997 as vice president of operations, overseeing major departments such as Emergency Services, Trauma Services and Restorative Services. As president, she is responsible for enhancing the performance of Texas Health Fort Worth through cost effectiveness, clinical outcomes and patient satisfaction. She was appointed to the DFW International Airport Board in May 2005, was named vice chair in March 2006 and chair in February 2008. She is currently serving her second term as chair and works tirelessly to promote the Dallas/Fort Worth region with the airport authority.



With a passion for the underserved, Biggins is the driving force behind the \$57.7 million Marion Emergency Care Center at Texas Health Fort Worth. The newly-opened 75,000 square-foot center will provide the healthcare safety net for the region.

Biggins is famous for facing difficult situations with a steadfast resolve. A compassionate senior executive, she tells her hospital employees to "do the right thing, we won't regret it." Her interactions in meetings and individual conversations resonate with wisdom. She is a committed mentor to young professionals.

Before working at Texas Health Fort Worth, Biggins brought her highly effective administrative skills to her roles as chief nursing officer and then as vice president of East Campus Operations at Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth. She has an additional 21 years of health care experience shared between John Peter Smith Hospital and Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Biggins' life has been centered on faith, family and community service. As a result, she has received many awards and honors, including the President's Volunteer Call to Service Award, the nation's highest honor for volunteer service.

JOANNE HERRING

Community Service

An intriguing blend of ambassador and celebrity, Joanne King Herring holds a unique place in the cultural fabric of Texas. Throughout her life, she has stepped forward to help others in need.

Long known within the corridors of power in both Afghanistan and Pakistan, Herring's freedom-fighting role in southwest Asia was brought to a wider American audience when the true-life 1980s story of "Charlie Wilson's War" was retold in 2007, with Oscar-winning actress Julia Roberts playing the remarkable Herring. As moviegoers learned, Herring and Congressman Charlie Wilson were instrumental in forcing the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan – without the loss of a single U.S. soldier.

A native Texan, Herring has worked for more than 20 years among the villages of Pakistan, restructuring cottage industries. In 2009, Herring founded Marshall Plan Charities, a nonprofit corporation dedicated to Afghanistan recovery. The organization complements the ongoing U.S. military effort in Afghanistan by rapidly and effectively redeveloping normal, healthy civilian life, village by village.

Herring's ability to coordinate the ministers, factory owners and illiterate workers on the other side of the Afghan border earned her the Quaid-e-Azam award, the highest honor given by the nation of Pakistan. She has also been honored to serve as a roaming Ambassador of Pakistan. As Consul General to both Pakistan and Morocco

simultaneously, the skilled diplomat was a trusted advisor to the leaders of both countries.

Herring's other honors include being made Dame by the Order of St. Francis and being knighted by the King of Belgium. She is also the recipient of the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge Award, the Development in Literacy Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2012 Consular Corp Lifetime Achievement Award and the 2013 Southern Heritage Lifetime Award. She is the only woman to receive the Afghan Army Award. Herring co-chaired the Special Olympics in New York City with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Her Texas roots have also called Herring to aid those in her hometown of Houston. At a young age, she helped her grandmother found The Women's Home, now a highly-successful rehabilitation center. Herring also founded UNICEF in Houston, the Colitis and Ileitis Foundation, the Noche de las Americas Ball to honor Houston Hispanics and the Consular Ball to honor Houston's large consular community.

Joanne Herring has spent a lifetime mastering the art of building cooperation between diverse groups. She refuses to slow down, is constantly moving forward and never quits.



COLONEL (RET) KIM OLSON

Military

Through her trailblazing military service as an aviation leader, commander and patriot Kimberly D. Olson, Colonel (retired) United States Air Force, has reshaped the perception of women serving their country. Today, as she works in the nonprofit sector to transform the lives of female veterans, Olson is a published author who dedicates her book's proceeds to supporting veterans.

Olson's 25 years in uniform encompassed a time of great change. She was part of the first generation of female military pilots, eventually accumulating nearly 4,000 hours of flying time—from instructing in supersonic jets to maneuvering a 300,000-pound multi-engine aircraft in combat. As one of the first women to command an operational flying squadron, Olson rose to the rank of Colonel, served in the Pentagon on the Joint Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Air Staff and deployed to several combat zones, including Iraq.

After her military retirement in 2005, Olson entered the field of public education. By 2007, she was the Director of Human Resources for Dallas Independent School District, the second largest school district in Texas. In that same year she was elected to the Weatherford Independent School District Board of Trustees, which in 2009 was recognized as the Texas Outstanding Board of the Year.

In 2010, Olson began serving in the Texas State Guard (TXSG) as a Colonel leading both the IT and personnel systems at TXSG Headquarters. In this volunteer position, she utilized her expertise to prepare and train the 2,300 all-volunteer military forces to assist state and local authorities in times of natural or manmade disasters.

Today, Olson is CEO/President of Grace After Fire, a Texas-based nonprofit. Since 2010, her team has helped over 5,300 female veterans find employment, access mental and physical health providers, and conduct peer to peer network training.

Olson experienced first-hand the human heartbreak that is war and advocates for appropriate research, funding and care for women in the military. She was instrumental in convincing Texas legislators to pass legislation marking March as Women Veteran's Month from 2011 to 2020.

Military women are now critical to the defense of this nation, due in part to Olson's dedication and commitment to equality. Her service, both in and out of the military, is making a difference and leaving a lasting contribution on the great state of Texas.



TEXAS FIRST LADY ANITA PERRY

Leadership

Throughout her term as the longest serving Texas First Lady, Anita Thigpen Perry has worked tirelessly to promote initiatives benefiting Texans across the state. Over the years she has developed a sterling reputation for selfless hard work, compassion and dedication.

Perry earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from West Texas State University, now West Texas A&M University, and a master's degree in nursing from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Drawing on her years of extensive nursing experience, Perry has gone on to advocate for healthcare issues such as childhood immunizations, breast cancer awareness, domestic violence awareness and sexual assault awareness. Her advocacy in this area has translated into becoming a spokesperson and fundraiser for the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA).

Perry's courage in discussing sexual violence in a frank yet compassionate manner has dramatically raised the profile of an issue that is seldom discussed openly. Not only has she raised over two million dollars during her 10-year tenure with TAASA, she has also motivated many women to come forward as survivors. The impact of this open and visible attention on countless individuals and families cannot be overestimated.



The First Lady is the only woman on the 16-member Baylor Scott & White Health Board of Trustees which oversees the largest not-for-profit integrated health care system in Texas and one of the largest systems in the United States.

Each year, the First Lady hosts the Texas Conference for Women, which she and the Governor founded in 2000. The one-day conference, the largest of its kind in the state, has received national attention.

The First Lady's work in promoting tourism and economic development helps Texas continue to be one of the top three destinations in the country. Visitors to Texas spent \$65 billion in 2012, directly supporting 568,000 jobs across the state and generating \$4.4 billion in state and local tax revenues for Texas communities.

In June 2008, devastating arson threatened the Governor's Mansion which has served as the official residence of Texas governors and their families since 1856. Recognizing the significant structural and architectural damage to the historic home, the First Lady founded the Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund. Perry went on to spearhead the private funding effort of the restoration's public/private partnership. In summer 2012 the restoration was completed, beginning a new chapter in the mansion's history.

DR. ANN STUART

Education

Ann Stuart personifies the American dream that education is access to opportunity. She was born into a middle-class family of loving parents who were determined to make a college education possible for their only child. She fulfilled their hopes, completing her Bachelor's degree in Education at the University of Florida, her Master's in English at the University of Kentucky, and her Ph.D. in English at Southern Illinois University. Dr. Stuart began her teaching career as a middle school teacher, then taught high school, later becoming a tenured Professor of English at the university level. Her administrative career began as Dean of Arts and Sciences at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. She went on to become Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Alma College in Michigan and then President of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Graduate School in Connecticut.

Stuart was named chancellor and president of Texas Woman's University (TWU) in 1999. Under her transformational leadership, enrollment has grown by 85 percent; TWU has produced more than 20,000 graduates in critical fields, and the university has received national recognition for its quality, value and diversity. Chancellor Stuart has raised more than \$220 million for facilities, scholarships and faculty development and led the implementation of advanced technology and teaching tools that mirror the workplace and improve learning.

Chancellor Stuart will also leave a lasting legacy to TWU as a private citizen. To honor the memory of her late husband Ray Poliakoff, and their shared commitment to education, she has provided funding for scholarships to undergraduate students. Furthermore, Dr. Stuart has provided a funding commitment of 20 years for each of two annual events: one, The Ann Stuart and Ray R. Poliakoff Celebration of Science Series

which celebrates the wonders, truths and mysteries of science and two, the Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award which brings exceptional alumni back to the university to share career achievements reflecting the excellence of the university.

Again as a private citizen, Chancellor Stuart provided funds for a courtyard garden at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. She has made a multi-year commitment to a dog therapy program at Baylor Scott & White Health as well as an animal nutrition program at the Dallas Zoo.

Chancellor Stuart has improved the institution she now leads while at the same time contributing to the larger discussion of improving higher education in the state of Texas. Through board appointments, legislative and Coordinating Board involvement and workforce impact, her service has significantly and dramatically benefitted the state of Texas. Her contributions to Texas as a private citizen represent an extraordinary level of commitment to our great state.



HON. SENFRONIA THOMPSON

Public Service

Senfronia Thompson has served longer in the Texas Legislature than any other woman or African-American in Texas history. Born in Booth, Texas, her historic legacy is one built from her strong principal of faith, an unwavering defense of freedom and a staunch belief in fairness. This veteran public servant exemplifies the American ideal that one person can make a difference.

A Houston attorney, Thompson was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1972 and has served Northeast Houston and Humble with distinct honor for over 40 years. Her toughness and compassion in standing up for the "little dogs" has earned her an impressive legislative resume. She is the author of the James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act, the Sexual Assault Program Fund, the Contraceptive Parity law, the state's minimum wage law, laws creating drug courts, Texas' first-ever alimony law and Texas' first-ever smoking ban bill, prohibiting smoking in elevators, theaters, libraries, museums, hospitals and buses.

In 1977, she used her own personal funds to convince the U. S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education to investigate the discriminatory funding practice against Prairie View A&M and Texas Southern University. As a result of Thompson's tenacity, both universities received, and continue to receive, extra federal and state funding.



A former public school teacher, Thompson submitted an amicus curiae brief that was favorably cited by the Texas Supreme Court when they declared Texas' old public school finance system unconstitutional.

She has passed major legislation combating human trafficking, obtaining insurance coverage for anti-cancer medication, laws banning racial profiling, the National Domestic Violence Hot Line, the Michael Morton Act and numerous reforms benefitting women, children and the elderly.

A graduate of Texas Southern University, Thompson earned a law degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law; a Masters of Law from the University of Houston; and is a proud member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

An award-winning legislator and acknowledged civil rights leader, "Mrs. T" is the only recipient of the Rosa Parks Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus, which is inscribed with these fittingly gracious words and a true compliment to a dedicated public servant: "Your hard-won statewide reforms are made only more remarkable by the obstacles you have overcome. Your peers laud your achievements and future generations will not forget your contributions."

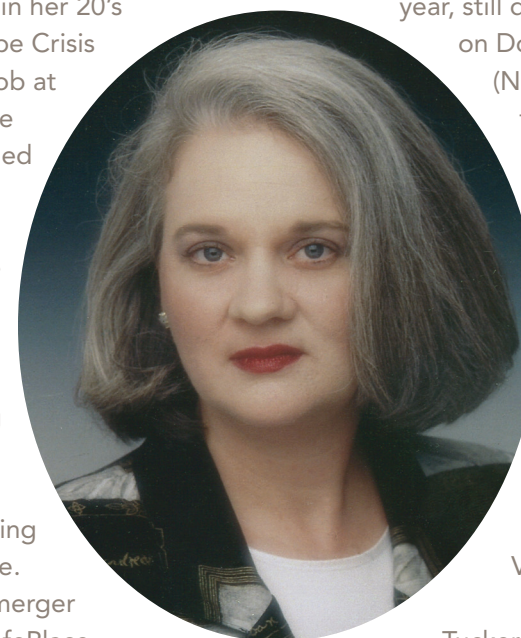
DEBORAH D. TUCKER

Community Service

Thanks to Deborah D. Tucker, Texas is known and respected for groundbreaking efforts to end violence against women. During 40 years of dedicated service, Tucker has worked closely with every state in the nation and two of the four territories. Internationally, she has worked with organizations and governments in México and Peru and assisted groups in 12 other countries.

Tucker's long journey began in her 20's as a volunteer at Austin's Rape Crisis Center. In 1974, she took a job at the center. With her signature energy, Tucker also co-founded and then directed the Austin Center for Battered Women during its first five years. The shelter was one of the first in the nation and received national acclaim as an exceptional program offering safety and other needed services for abused women and their children while seeking to prevent domestic violence. Later, Tucker facilitated the merger of both organizations into SafePlace, which continues to be nationally recognized as a leader for its innovative and effective programs.

In 1978, Tucker was instrumental in forming the statewide organization working to end domestic violence, the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV). Tucker went on to become the founding chair of the National Network to End Domestic Violence and led the group which crafted and subsequently secured passage for the landmark 1994 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The National Domestic Violence Hotline was initiated at TCFV under Tucker's visionary leadership.



To further enhance her innate leadership skills, particularly as an advocate and administrator, she obtained a Masters in Public Administration at Texas State University in 1981, while continuing more than full-time work. In 2014, Tucker received the prestigious Distinguished Alumna award from the College of Liberal Arts at her alma mater.

By 1998 she had co-founded and, in its 15th year, still directs the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCDSV) which houses one of the most comprehensive and easily accessible websites on violence and related topics.

Tucker urges volunteerism on the local, state, and national levels. She was appointed by President Bush and Secretary Rumsfeld as Co-Chair of the Department of Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence 2000-2003.

Tucker has built nationally recognized organizations by using humor and charm with equal parts of courtesy and respect. Honored twice by the Texas Legislature and known for securing both Democrats and Republicans to co-sponsor needed legislation, Debby Tucker finds common ground with the simple assumption that everyone wants to end domestic and sexual violence.

HON. CAROLYN WRIGHT

Public Service

With her historic 2009 appointment by Governor Rick Perry as Chief Justice of the Fifth District Court of Appeals, Carolyn Wright leads the largest intermediate appellate court in Texas, with 13 justices serving six Texas counties. She is the first African-American to serve as Chief Justice on any of the 14 intermediate courts of appeal in Texas, and the first African-American woman to win a multi-county election in Texas history. A Texas judge for over 30 years with civil, family, criminal and mediation experience, Wright served as a practicing attorney, Dallas County associate judge and state district judge before being appointed as a Justice on the Court of Appeals by Governor Bush in 1995. Over her storied career she has authored thousands of legal opinions in cases involving legal issues in every area of Texas law.



Tireless in her efforts to improve the Texas judicial system, Wright is richly generous with her time outside of her commitments to the court. She has actively participated as a member of the faculty, mentor, and leader in many organizations including the Texas Bar Foundation, Dallas Bar Association, the Texas Center for the Judiciary and the National Judicial College. She handles all of her responsibilities with a professional, caring attitude, enriching committees, boards and panels with her unique talents and abilities. Wright is unsurpassed in her ability to motivate young, would-be lawyers, instilling in them a passion for the legal profession, integrity, and justice. The same is true of her dedication to the countless

Texans whose lives have been touched by her volunteerism as a Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow and a member of Hamilton Park UMC, the Links, Inc., the Jordan CDC and a host of other groups.

Chief Justice Wright has been recognized by a long list of distinguished organizations. Her many awards include the National Association of Women Lawyers' Leadership Award and the American Bar Association Business Section's Award for contributions to women and proficiency in law. Governor Bush presented Wright with the Yellow Rose of Texas Award for significant contributions to her community; and she was Governor Clements' appointee to the Governor's Commission for Women.

A fourth-generation Texan born in Houston, reared in a career military family, Wright has lived throughout the United States and Japan. She is married to James Sanders and graduated from the Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C., where she received the Distinguished Alumni Award.

In MEMORIAM

Over the past year, Texas has lost some of our very finest. As we induct a new class of deserving women into the Hall of Fame today, we should also pause to honor the lives of some of the outstanding women who are no longer with us.

NANCY LEE BASS

Nancy Lee Bass, a Fort Worth native, was often referred to as the "First Lady of Fort Worth." She leaves behind a strong legacy of community involvement. Bass' work and philanthropy can be seen across Fort Worth, at museums, hospitals and schools.

MARY MARGARET FARABEE

Mary Margaret Farabee was highly involved in volunteer work in Austin, serving as director of volunteer services at Seton Hospital, founding the Texas Book Festival with Texas First Lady Laura Bush, and organizing the Charles W. Moore Foundation.

MARY SUE HAIRGROVE

Mary Sue Hairgrove was a former member of the Texas House of Representatives. She founded the Washington County Blue Blazers and helped found the Economic and Development Board of Washington County. She also served on the Washington County Appraisal Board, EMS advisory board, Senior's Center Board, and the Board of the local Red Cross.

ANNE MCAFEE

Anne McAfee was a native Austinite and Democratic activist. She was involved in politics for nearly seven decades. McAfee consulted on many political campaigns and was passionate about women's rights and social justice.

BERYL BUCKLEY MILBURN

Beryl Buckley Milburn founded the Texas Federation of Republican Women and helped build the Travis County GOP from its inception. She also organized and was the first president of the Austin Republican Women's Club.

RUBY COLE SESSION

Ruby Cole Session fought for the cause of her wrongfully convicted son, Timothy Cole who was posthumously pardoned in 2010. Her tenacity in her son's case resulted in the Tim Cole Act in 2009, which spurred reforms to reverse other wrongful imprisonments. Ruby was honored by the Texas Senate for her achievements.

ANDREA SLOAN

Andrea Sloan was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2006 and transformed her personal struggle into a movement to increase access to lifesaving experimental drugs. Backed by "Andi's Army" and more than 230,000 petitioners, Andrea took her message to reform the "compassionate use" system before Congress. Her message gained national attention and inspired people across the world.

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The Governor's Commission FOR WOMEN

Since 1967, the Governor's Commission for Women has served as a resource and champion for women throughout Texas. The Commission was created by Governor John Connally, following President John F. Kennedy's establishment of the United States Commission on the Status of Women in 1961.

Today, 45 years later, the Governor's Commission for Women is still working to improve the lives of Texas women. The Commission is currently focused on:

- Providing assistance to military families
- Empowering women and girls to pursue high-demand careers in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- Helping women age 50 and beyond find employment

Over the past decade, the Commission has created the Texas Women's Hall of Fame permanent exhibit; launched a statewide education initiative for more than 27,000 students promoting healthy teen dating; donated more than \$350,000 through the Beacon State Fund to causes impacting women and children; responded to more than 1,000 individual requests for assistance; provided free career development training to hundreds of state agency employees; hosted the Outstanding Women in Texas Government Awards ceremony to recognize the achievements of female state employees; and launched numerous statewide public awareness campaigns.

Please visit our website to learn more about the Governor's Commission for Women at www.governor.state.tx.us/women



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