

Biography

Elizabeth Ames Jones serves as one of three statewide elected members of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC), the state agency which oversees all aspects of the Texas oil and natural gas industry, pipeline safety, investor owned natural gas utilities, and coal and uranium surface mining and reclamation. She is currently Chairwoman of the Commission for the second time during her tenure.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Jones was first elected in 2000 to the Texas House of Representatives, District 121, by a landslide in the Republican primary in Bexar County. She was re-elected in 2002 and 2004. During her tenure in the Texas Legislature, she served as Chairman of Budget and Oversight for the Energy Resources Committee and served on committees such as the Appropriations and Select School Finance. She is the first woman elected to a leadership position in the House Republican Caucus and is the recipient of many awards recognizing her work ethic and conservative leadership. While in the Legislature, she was instrumental in the creation of the Texas Cord Blood Bank (TCBB), a public-private partnership headquartered in San Antonio where life-saving umbilical cord blood donated by parents after the delivery of their healthy baby is available for use by those stricken with various forms of Leukemia and other life threatening diseases.

Recognizing Jones' conservative leadership and energy expertise, Governor Rick Perry appointed Jones to a vacant position on the Texas Railroad Commission. She took the oath of office on March 2, 2005. Jones served as Chairman from 2005-2007, and was elected to serve a six-year term in November, 2006. Because of her keen interest in the vitality of coastal communities and coastal habitat, Governor Perry appointed her to the three person Coastal Land Advisory Board to administer the Coastal Impact Assistance Program funds as directed by the Energy Act of 2005. She is a member of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, and is a former member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and the Southern States Energy Board. Regarded an expert in energy issues, Commissioner Jones's commentaries have been published in the Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, and Business Journals across Texas. During the Spring of 2011, Jones appeared before Congressional committees to testify on issues related to the exploration and production of energy offshore

and onshore. She also spoke on responsible oil and gas drilling practices to a Department of Energy Advisory Panel to Secretary of Energy Steven Chu.

OFFICIAL TRAVEL

Jones has led business trade missions to Qatar, Abu Dhabi, and Dubai. She participated in a Pentagon-sponsored trip to countries in Central and South American and the Guantanamo Bay prison facility to observe the United States military mission there. She has been a frequent participant in trade missions to Mexico.

PERSONAL

A sixth generation Texan, Jones was born in San Antonio in 1956. She is a 1978 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin School of Communications. Elizabeth and her husband, attorney/ civil engineer Will Jones, are the proud parents of a recently married daughter and son. They are members of Christ Episcopal Church in San Antonio and attend Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames of America. She is a former trustee of Bat Conservation International, Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children, Bexar County Communities in Schools, and the San Antonio Library Foundation Board. She is an accomplished rider, and enjoys hunting and fishing. She was recently recognized by Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation as one of their 2010 “Women of the Land” award recipients, and has been profiled in Texas Trophy Hunter’s magazine.

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