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House of Representatives
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COMMITTEES:
WAYS AND MEANS
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INCOME SECURITY AND FAMILY SUPPORT
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRADE
VETERANS' AFFAIRS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH
SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISABILITY
AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS
CAUCUSES:
CO-CHAIR, GAMING CAUCUS
CO-CHAIR, STOP DUI CAUCUS

Biography

A Lifetime of Commitment to Nevada

As dynamic as the community she represents, Congresswoman Shelley Berkley is currently in her fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, where she has served the families of Nevada's First Congressional District since 1999.

A Las Vegas resident for more than four decades, Shelley has a deep sense of commitment to her community and has never forgotten that when her family headed West in search of a better life, they found it in Nevada.

After completing junior high and high school in Las Vegas, Shelley became the first member of her family to attend college when she enrolled as an undergraduate at the University of Nevada – Las Vegas (UNLV). Elected as Student Body President her senior year, Shelley graduated with honors in 1972, earning a B.A. in Political Science. After obtaining her law degree in 1976 from the University of San Diego School of Law, Shelley returned to Las Vegas, where she began her professional career.

Working to meet the needs of the rapidly growing Las Vegas Valley remains a key focus of Shelley's work in Congress. Her priorities include: securing more resources for education and transportation in Southern Nevada; providing access to affordable, high-quality health care for all Americans; meeting the needs of the Las Vegas Valley's many military veterans; developing clean, alternative energy sources; fighting the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump; and protecting Social Security.

House Committee Assignments for the 110th Congress:

Committee on Ways and Means

- Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support
- Subcommittee on Trade

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

- Subcommittee on Disability & Memorial Affairs
- Subcommittee on Health

Caucus and Task Force Membership

- Congressional Stop DUI Caucus (co-chair)
- Congressional Gaming Caucus (co-chair)
- Democratic Caucus Tax and Budget Task Force (Chair)

Previous Public Offices

Shelley is a former Vice Chair of the Nevada University and Community College System Board of Regents. Appointed to the Board in 1990 by the Governor, she subsequently served two terms. She completed her second term on the Board in 1998. Throughout her tenure, Shelley worked to keep higher education in Nevada affordable and accessible to all qualified students.

Serving in the Nevada State Assembly from 1982 through 1984, Shelley championed consumer protection for car buyers and mobile home owners, fought for tougher drunk driving laws, and founded the Senior Law Project.

Accomplishment in Industry

Shelley Berkley has held key positions in the private sector during a career that spans nearly a quarter of a century:

Former Vice President of Government and Legal Affairs, Sands Hotel.

Former Chair, Board of the Nevada Hotel and Motel Association.

Past member, Board of Trustees of Sunrise-Columbia Hospital (an unpaid position).

Former In-House counsel for Southwest Gas Corp.

Former Deputy Director, Nevada State Commerce Department.

Member, County, State and National Bar Association.

Former National Director of the American Hotel-Motel Association.

Served as a Delegate to the White House Conference on Tourism.

Personal

Shelley Berkley is the proud mother of two sons: Sam, who is studying for an undergraduate degree at UNLV, and Max, a graduate of the University of Arizona who is now attending UNLV's Boyd School of Law. In March of 1999, Shelley married Dr. Lawrence Lehrner a practicing Nephrologist in Las Vegas who has two children of his own: David, putting his graduate degree from Indiana University to use at MGM Mirage, and Stephanie, a family practice physician.