



Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones, Railroad Commission of Texas, Board of Advisors - Luke's Wings

Elizabeth 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. Jones was first elected in 2000 to the Texas House of Representatives. 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 Appropriations and Select School Finance. She is the first woman elected to a leadership position in the House Republican Caucus and the recipient of many awards recognizing her work ethic and conservative leadership. During her tenure in the Texas House leadership, the Legislature passed major tort reform legislation to address frivolous lawsuits, and successfully closed a state budget shortfall of \$10 billion dollars without raising taxes by cutting actual state spending for the first time since WWII. She was also 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.

Sworn into the office of Railroad Commissioner on March 2, 2005, Jones served as Chairman from 2005-2007, and was elected to serve a six-year term in November 2006. She represents the RRC on the Coastal Coordination Council, 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.

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 is a frequent participant in trade missions to Mexico and will chair a 2011 energy trade mission to Mexico in collaboration with the office of Governor Rick Perry.

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 Will Jones, are the proud parents of a grown daughter and son. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames of America and 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.