



Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney

Quick Facts

Birth: September 20, 1936
Hardin, Montana

Death:

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1997-2012

Office: Representative

District: 46 (King County)

Personal:

- Former owner of a small business in Seattle
- Former Community Relations Consultant
- Married, 10 children

Education:

- Columbia Basin College
- Washington State University
- South Seattle Community College.
- Flemming Leadership Institute, Center for Policy Alternatives, 1997 graduate
- Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Institute, Center for Public Alternatives, 2001 graduate

Community Service:

- Sisters of Providence Health System, board of directors
- Women for Healthcare Education, Reform and Equity (WHERE), advisory board member
- University of Washington, Dan Evans School of Public Policy, board member
- University of Washington President's Minority Advisory Committee, board member
- Washington State Migrant Child Care Centers, co-founder
- Educational Institute for Rural Families, founder

Affiliations:

- Center for Women and Democracy, board member
- Center for Policy Alternatives, board member
- National Council of La Raza, board member

Awards:

- Legislator of the Month, Center for Policy Alternatives, October 2003
- Dr. Charles E. Odegaard Award, University of Washington
- Community Leadership Award, Washington State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Outstanding Community Service, Washington State Hispanic Bar Association
- Official recognition for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Mexican population from the Centro Mexicano del Estado de Washington with the Mexican Consulate.

Legislative & State Service:

- Indeterminate Sentence Review Board
- Employment Security Department, assistant commissioner
- Joint Legislative Economic Development Committee
- Appointed January 13, 1997 to serve Senator Ken Jacobsen's unexpired term.
- Ran for the office of Secretary of State in 1996, and lost to incumbent Ralph Munro.

Committees: (1997) Appropriations; Higher Education; Law and Justice **(1999)** Higher Education, co-chair; Appropriations; Rules **(2001)** Higher Education, co-chair; Appropriations **(2003)** Higher Education, chair; Appropriations; Commerce and Labor

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- White House Conference on Small Business, presidential delegate
- Governor Gary Locke's Transition Team, member
- Seattle Community College District, board of trustees, past chair
- Washington State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, past president
- Precinct committee officer, 46th District, more than 15 years
- 46th District Democratic organization, chair

Sources:

- "Phyllis G. Kenney," *The Seattle Times*, September 3, 2002.
- "It's time to value bilingualism, lawmaker from Seattle says," *The Seattle Times*, March 19, 2000.