



Betti L. Sheldon

Quick Facts

Birth: Aberdeen, Washington

Death:

Occupation: Executive Director

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1993-2005

Office: Senator

District: 23 (Kitsap County)

Personal:

- Former Executive Director of the Bremerton Area Chamber of Commerce
- 5 children

Education:

- Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Program for Senior Executives
- Stanford University, certified in Organizational Management
- Gonzaga University, attended

Community Service:

- Kitsap County Economic Development Council
- Harrison Hospital Auxiliary
- Holly Ridge Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults & Children

Affiliations:

- Puget Sound Naval Bases Association
- Olympic Peninsula Council Navy League
- West Sound Arts Council
- East Bremerton Rotary
- Bremerton/Kitsap VCB
- American Heart Association

Awards:

- "Housing Hero", Washington Low-Income Housing Congress, November 2000
- Olympic College Hall of Fame Award, 2000
- "Senate Rising Star", *Washington Law & Politics*, March 2000
- Strong Kids, Strong Families, Strong Communities, YMCA of Washington, 1999

- Democratic Woman of the Year, Washington State Federation of Democratic Women's Clubs, 1997
- Woman of Achievement Award, YWCA of Kitsap County, 1993

Legislative & State Service:

- Defeated Ellen Craswell in the 1992 election

Committees: (1993) Trade, Technology and Economic Development, vice-chair; Health and Human Services; Higher Education; Transportation **(1995)** Government Operations, vice-chair; Higher Education; Rules; Ways and Means **(1997)** Higher Education; Rules; Ways and Means **(1999)** Higher Education; Rules; Ways and Means **(2001)** Economic Development and Telecommunications, vice-chair; Higher Education; Rules; Ways and Means **(2003)** Economic Development; Higher Education; Ways & Means

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Democrat Floor Leader, 2003-05
- Majority Floor Leader, 1999-2003
- Democratic Floor Leader, 1997-99
- Majority Caucus Vice Chair, 1995-97
- Majority Assistant Floor Leader, 1993-95
- Chair of Ferry Advisory Committee, Bremerton Terminal

Sources:

- “Sheldon's exit prompts pivotal Senate battle,” by David Ammons, *The Olympian*, March 2, 2004.
- “Betti Sheldon Announces Candidacy for 23rd District Senate Seat,” *The Sun*, March 6, 1992.