



Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women

"To improve the quality of life for women, children, and families in Oklahoma."

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OKLAHOMA WOMEN RECOGNIZED AS "PACESETTERS"

Among four women receiving special recognition this year as a *Pacesetter* at the Southern Women in Public Service Conference in Little Rock, Ark., April 27-29 is Debbe Leftwich, Chair of the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. *Pacesetters* are proven leaders from each of the 13 Southern states who serve as examples to others who aspire to public service careers.

"I'm deeply honored to be included with this group of distinguished women and represent Oklahoma at this conference," replied Commission Chair Debbe Leftwich, "There have been only two women honored from Oklahoma at earlier conferences, Rep. Laura Boyd and Sen. Angela Monson. The others being recognized from Oklahoma this year are Kathryn Taylor, Brenda Winn and Susan Savage."

This year's conference, *Coming Together to Make a Difference* brings together women from different backgrounds—Democrats and Republicans, stay-at-home mothers and business executives, community leaders, political novices and veterans—to promote women in public service leadership in the South.

The conference goal is to improve the quality and character of government by tapping the talents of women currently serving in leadership positions and by opening doors for others interested in making a difference through public service. It is sponsored by The Stennis Center for Public Service, a federal agency created by Congress in 1988 to promote and strengthen public service leadership in America. Headquartered in Starkville, Mississippi, and adjacent to MSU, their programs are funded through an endowment plus private contributions from foundations and corporations.