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**Barbara  
Jordan**

(1934-1996)

Born in Houston, Barbara Jordan was the first African-American congresswomen from the south. President Lyndon Johnson supported her during her campaign as a representative from Texas to the U.S. House. She earned national recognition during the Watergate hearings in 1974, which investigated President Richard Nixon's election campaign and was named Time magazine's Woman of the Year in 1975. She was a professor of public service in the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Austin and remained in public service until her death on January 17, 1996.

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**Kay Bailey  
Hutchinson**

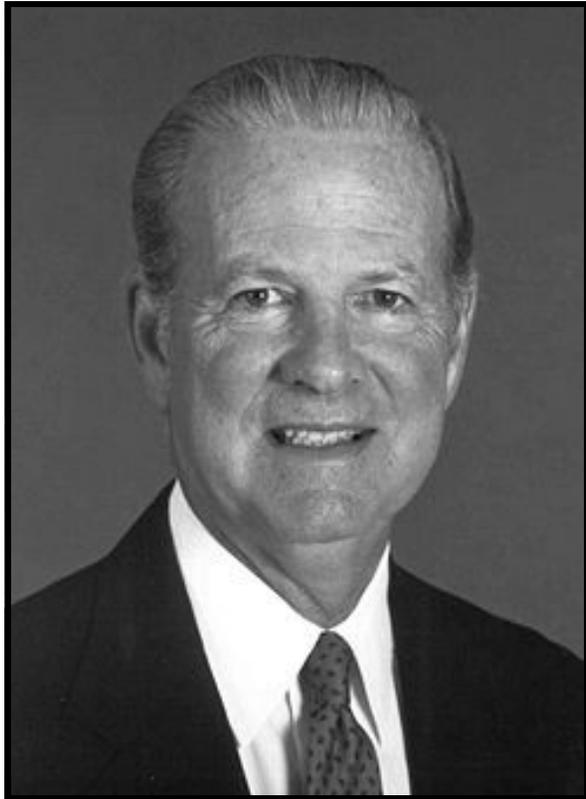
(1943- )

In 1993, Texans elected Kay Bailey Hutchison to the United States Senate in a special election, making her the first woman elected to represent the state in the United States Senate. One year later, she was re-elected to a full six-year term. She has served as Senator ever since.

In Texas, she was twice elected to the Texas House of Representatives. In 1990, she was elected Texas State Treasurer. She is a native of La Marque, Texas.

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James A. Baker, III, has served in senior government positions under three United States Presidents. He served as the nation's 61st secretary of state from January 1989 through August 1992 under President George H.W. Bush. Baker served as the 67th secretary of the treasury from 1985 to 1988 under President Ronald Reagan. Baker's record of public service began in 1975 as under secretary of commerce to President Gerald Ford. He is a native Houstonian.

**James A.  
Baker III**  
(1930- )

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First Hispanic elected mayor of a major city - El Paso - in the United States. Telles became mayor in 1957, the largest Texas border city with Mexico and the fifth largest city in Texas. In 1959 he was re-elected mayor without opposition. In 1961 he accepted an appointment as U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica by President Kennedy. He served in the US Air Force for 34 years retiring as a Colonel.

**Raymond L.**

**Telles**

**(1915- 1998)**

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**Sam Rayburn**  
(1882-1961)

Samuel Rayburn was a Texas legislator, United States congressman, and longtime speaker of the United States House of Representatives. He maintained a leadership role in the U.S. House of Representatives from the Wilson into the Kennedy administration, and earned respect for his abilities to maneuver legislation through Congress. He served as state house speaker in 1911 before his election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1912. Rayburn supported President Woodrow Wilson and favored progressive reforms such as anti-trust legislation. As a senior member of the U.S. House, he chaired the interstate and foreign commerce committee and promoted New Deal legislation. He eventually served a total of 24 years as the Democratic speaker of the House beginning in 1937. He earned respect from both Democrats and Republicans for his abilities at effective compromise. He was re-elected 24 times and served from 1912 until his death in 1961.

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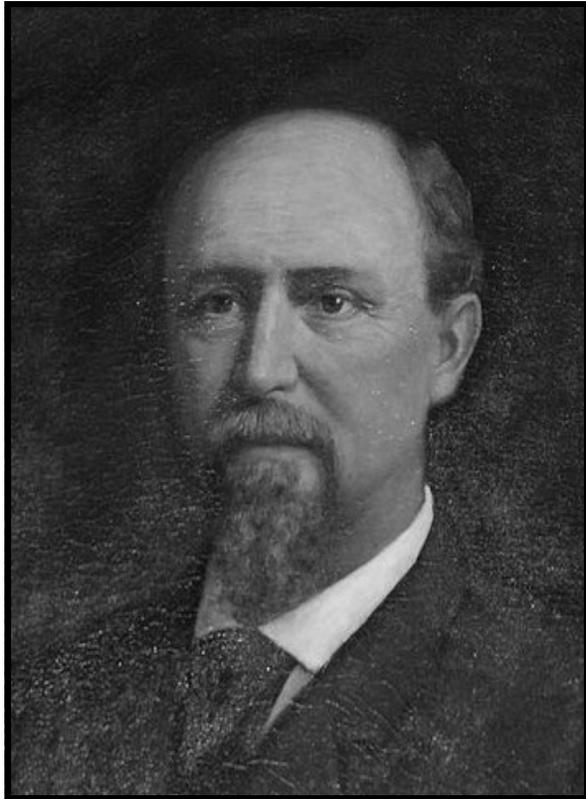


**John Nance  
Garner  
("Cactus Jack")  
(1868-1967)**

John Nance (Cactus Jack) Garner, the thirty-second vice president of the United States during the first and second terms of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Garner was elected in 1898 to the state legislature, where he served until 1902. While in the legislature he had the opportunity to establish a new Fifteenth Congressional District and at thirty-four was elected its representative. He entered the Fifty-eighth Congress as a Democrat on November 9, 1903. He also served as Speaker of the House of Representatives (Seventy-second Congress) and served continuously for fifteen terms, until March 4, 1933.

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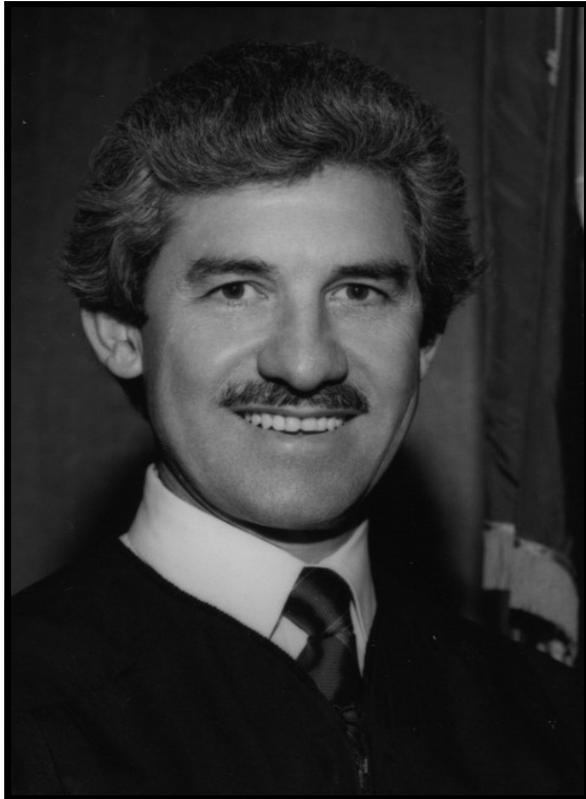


**Lawrence  
Sullivan  
“Sul” Ross  
(1838-1898)**

Lawrence Sullivan (Sul) Ross was a soldier, statesman, and university president. He was promoted to brigadier general in early 1864 and commanded the Texas Cavalry Brigade, made up of his former regiment, the Third Texas Cavalry, the Ninth Texas Cavalry and the Twenty-Seventh Texas Cavalry or First Texas Legion, for the remainder of the civil war. He urged needed reforms and helped write the document that governs Texas today, the Constitution of 1876. When he left the statehouse, he stepped immediately into the presidency of the seriously troubled Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas (now Texas A&M University), a position in which he rendered his greatest public services. Under his presidency the number of students grew, many new buildings were built and public faith in the institution returned.

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**Raul A.  
Gonzalez Jr.**

(1940- )

Raul A. Gonzalez, Jr., the first Hispanic appointed or elected to statewide office in Texas. Gonzalez' judicial career began in 1978, when Gov. Dolph Briscoe appointed him judge of the 103rd Judicial District. He was elected to a four-year term that November. Before he completed his term, Gov. Bill Clements appointed him an associate justice on the Thirteenth Court of Appeals. He was subsequently elected to the position in 1982. Before Gonzalez' term on the Court of Appeals was complete, Gov. Mark White appointed him an associate justice of the Texas Supreme Court following the resignation of Charles Barrow. Gonzalez made history as the first Hispanic member of the court. He served in the position from October 1984 until the end of 1998, retiring before his term expired.