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SENATOR CARROLL LEAVELL  
R - Jal - 41

### **Dedicated Senator Carroll Leavell Retires**

Santa Fe—State Senator Carroll Leavell (R-Jal) of Jal is retiring after serving in the State Senate since 1997. For over 22 years, Senator Leavell has been a dedicated champion for his constituents and a passionate supporter of large and small businesses in New Mexico and the jobs they produced in the state.

**“Being the State Senator from Jal and representing Southeastern New Mexico have been a source of pride for me. Jal is possibly the furthest city in the state from Santa Fe and I always had fun reminding folks of that. Thank you Southeastern New Mexico for giving me the honor and the distinct pleasure to serve you at the State Capitol. My constituents in Lea and Eddy counties continued to have faith in me and returned me to office over the years. In return, I diligently performed my duties as State Senator to the best of my abilities. Now, it is time for me to retire and to allow another person to have the privilege of serving Senate District 41. I want to thank my colleagues in the Senate and in the House, the Legislative staff, and my constituents, all who I can frankly call my friends. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to have such a great purpose in my life. The memoirs of what has been accomplished for the state over the past two decades, and serving with three different governors, make me feel fulfilled and content. As a citizen legislator, I know that my sacrifice and dedication have been worthwhile. Thank you New Mexico.”**

Leavell has served for many years on the powerful Senate Finance and Legislative Finance Committees where he always reminded committee members of the enormous benefits New Mexico receives from the oil and gas industry as it funds a large portion of state government including education.

**Senator Gay Kernan who has worked with Senator Leavell on many important issues for Southeastern New Mexico and has worked alongside of him on the Senate Finance and Legislative Finance Committees said, “The legacy of Senator Carroll Leavell will be very evident in the state for generations to come. I witnessed first-**

**hand how Carroll worked eagerly at every opportunity to encourage the oil and gas industry to thrive in our state so schoolchildren now and into the next century and beyond will benefit from what that industry is able to provide the state. Carroll cares deeply for New Mexico. It has been a true pleasure working with him. Carroll is such a gentleman, he is so kind and gracious to everyone. He is the epitome of a selfless public servant who works for the good of others. We are all better off because of Carroll Leavell.”**

**Senate Minority Leader Stuart Ingle said, “Southeastern New Mexico has benefited from a skilled and ardent supporter in Carroll Leavell. Everyone at the State Capitol knows Carroll’s gracious manner, constant smile and fervent desire to improve New Mexico. Don’t let that grin fool you, Carroll means business. He always had a clear mission that he strove every day to accomplish.**

**We in the Senate Republican Office acknowledge and appreciate that Senator Leavell has made sacrifices to serve in the State Senate. Coming from Jal, I believe he had one of the longest distances to travel to serve in the State Capitol than anyone else in the legislature. We thank him for his service and appreciate all he has done for the state. There is none better than Carroll Leavell.”**

**Senate Minority Caucus Chair Steve Neville (R-Farmington) who also worked alongside of Senator Leavell in the finance committees said Leavell was always well versed on budget issues and had a keen sense about what needed to be done to protect taxpayers and his constituents in Southeastern New Mexico from government overreach. “While our two districts are at opposite ends of the states, I always knew my constituents in Northwestern New Mexico would find value in the work Senator Leavell did for Southeastern New Mexico. Carroll always paid close attention to what was best for the entire state. He always had a clear vision on what was best for the state’s future.”**

Throughout his public service, Senator Leavell fully supported legislation to be responsive to consumers and to business; capital outlay investments to improve roads and critical infrastructure received his constant approval.

Senator Leavell would often say the state needed to get New Mexico roads and highways in the best possible shape so our motorists are safe and that improving our roads throughout the state would help benefit the state’s efforts to improve economic development and to create jobs in the private sector.

In recent years he sponsored bills to help attract and hire the most qualified Superintendent of Insurance and bills to allow businesses a longer period of time to carryover and deduct their net operating loss (NOL) from the new income they report each year for income tax purposes.

Senator Carroll Leavell was born in Clovis, New Mexico. He graduated from Jal High School in 1954. He received a B.A. in Business and Economics from Eastern New Mexico University in 1958.

Leavell was elected to the Senate in November of 1996 and has served District 41 since January of 1997. In addition to serving on the Senate Finance Committee, during the interim, he was a member of the Legislative Finance Committee; Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Oversight Committee and the Pensions & Investments Oversight Committee.

Senator Leavell was the President and General Manager of Leavell Insurance and Real Estate, Inc. and Leavell Insurance, Inc. from 1964-2002. He served as past President of the Independent Insurance Agents of New Mexico from 1993-1994. He is past President of National Conferences of Insurance Legislators.

Always actively involved in his community, he is a member and trustee of the First Methodist Church and the Jal Public Library. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Junior College Foundation; Trustee of College of Southwest and Board of Directors Jal Hospital District.

He is married to Bobbie C. Leavell. They have two children, Terri Leavell Poe and Kimberly Leavell Fulfer. They have four grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

In a multi-county district, County Commissioners in the counties covered by the district, have an opportunity to give recommendations to the Governor to fill the vacant Senate seat.