

State Rep. Irma Rangel's biography

NAME: Rep. Irma Rangel

BIRTH DATE: May 15, 1931

DIED: March 18, 2003

CAREER: 1952-1956, teacher; 1969-71, federal law clerk; 1971-72, assistant district attorney, Nueces County; 1973-83, lawyer; 1977-03, state representative

EDUCATION: bachelor's degree, Texas A&I University (now Texas A&M-Kingsville), 1952; law degree, St. Mary's University, 1969

QUOTE: "When we go to Austin we go because people elected us to go there. Unfortunately, many of us go to Austin to capitalize for ourselves. We

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become self-serving. We're going to have to remember who sent us to Austin and why. And forget all these personality conflicts and remember that we've got a sense of obligation and responsibility to the people who sent us there," Rangel said shortly before being elected this fall to her 13th two-year term.

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