

VIRGINIA POFFENBERGER

Virginia Joy Poffenberger was born on November 12, 1934 in Perry, Iowa. Poffenberger graduated from Perry High School in 1953 and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University in 1957. She married Richard Poffenberger in 1957 and their union created three children.

When Poffenberger's children were in high school, she went back to school and earned a law degree from Drake University, where she had worked after graduating from Iowa State. She received her J.D. in 1978 and joined the family law practice in Perry where she worked for many years.

She was a member of the American Bar, Iowa Bar and the Dallas County Bar Associations and the Perry Methodist Church. Being active in her community was a goal of Poffenberger's and she was a member of P.E.O., Business and Professional Women, Dallas County Women's Political Caucus, Dallas County Farm Bureau, served on numerous boards and started day care centers through her involvement with the church. She served as past members of the Extension Advisory Committee and the Governor's Committee to review outdated sections of Iowa Code and recommend revisions. She was also Director of West Central Mental Health Center and served as advisor to the Iowa State Social Workers for several years.

Poffenberger was a Republican from Dallas County. She was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in the fall of 1978, serving for two terms. Throughout her time she served on many committees; Human Resources, Vice Chair of Judiciary and Law Enforcement, Ways and Means, Cities, Ethics, Vice Chair of Energy, Transportation and Corrections/Mental Health Appropriations Subcommittee.

Representative Poffenberger passed away on October 3, 2013 at the age of 78.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA, That in the passing of the Honorable Virginia Poffenberger, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of her service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

RALPH WATTS
JOHN FORBES
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Committee