

The Honorable Leticia Van de Putte
Texas State Senate
President, National Conference of State Legislatures



Texas State Senator Leticia Van de Putte, a pharmacist for more than 26 years, represents a large portion of San Antonio and Bexar County. Senator Van de Putte serves as President of the National Conference of State Legislatures, the first Texan and first Hispanic to ever chair the organization. A former-five term state representative, she is now serving her fourth term as a Texas State Senator for District 26. In 2002 she became the Chair of the Senate Hispanic Caucus and is currently the Chair of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus. Nationally, Senator Van de Putte will serve as co-chair of the 2008 Democratic National Convention. She will also serve on the Executive Committee of The Council of State Governments through 2006.

Over the past two decades, Senator Van de Putte has been honored with numerous awards such as the Vietnam Veteran's of America's "Legislator of the Year Award," the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill "Texas Legislative Champion Award", the United Way of San Antonio "Children's Championship Award", the League of United Latin American Citizens' "Legislative Recognition Award", Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve "Seven Seals Award", the Texas Classroom Teachers Association "Legislative Star" Award, the American Pharmacists Association's "Hubert H. Humphrey" Award named for a noted pharmacist and public servant, and the Center for Policy Alternatives honored Senator Leticia Van de Putte with the "Arthur S. Fleming Leadership Award". This national award is presented to a leader who exemplifies the ideals of public service through the highest standards of performance. The Senator received the Charles M. West Distinguished American Award, which recognizes leaders whose contributions have had a lasting impact on pharmacy and the health and welfare of the American public. Most recently she was honored by the Texas

Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce with the "Distinguished Leadership Award" for her inspiration to the Hispanic Community through advocacy efforts in Texas and across the United States.

The Senator was a Kellogg Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1993. She received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Texas at Austin, College of Pharmacy, and she is a 1973 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio, Texas. Senator Van de Putte currently lives in San Antonio with her husband of 30 years, Pete, and has six great children: Nichole, Vanessa, Henry, Gregory, Isabella, and Paul, three of whom are in college and one in medical school. She is also the proud grandmother of Julian Claiborne Stiles.