MARK WELLS WHITE, JR.

Governor Mark White began his career in public service in 1966 as an Assistant Attorney General. In the Insurance, Banking and Securities Division for three years, he handled some of the state's first consumer protection investigations and represented the state in both trial and appellate cases.

In 1973, he was appointed Secretary of State and was the youngest member ever elected President of the National Association of Secretaries of States. As the newly elected Attorney General in 1979, he fought to remove regulations that forced up the price of electricity on all Texans.

In 1983, he was elected Governor of the State of Texas and his top priority was to improve the quality of public education for Texas children. His administration can best be summarized as did the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in their October 1986 editorial: "He has performed like a big leaguer during four of the roughest years any Texas governor has faced in recent memory. He had to make tough political choices—on education reform and coping with the state's budget problems...and White has been nothing short of courageous in standing behind HB72. Many a politician with less mettle would have buckled under to the pressures generated by the 'no-pass, no-play' rule and the protests over teacher testing, but White stood his ground".

After leaving public office, Governor White moved back to his hometown of Houston, Texas where he is an attorney and Chairman of Gevox Security, Inc.

His civic responsibilities include serving on the Board of Baylor College of Medicine, San Jacinto Monument Museum Board, the Armed Forces Foundation Board and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Board.

He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the National Association of Attorneys General, and the National Governor's Association.

Governor White received a degree in business administration from Baylor University in 1962 and a law degree in 1965.