**Marilyn Ruestman** Curriculum Vitae

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**Personal**

Husband, Richard, and three children: Pam, Peter and Morgan. Three granddaughters: Bailey, Ashleigh and Zoe and one grandson, Ben.

**Employment**

2010-Present Newton County Presiding Commissioner

2003-2010 Missouri State Representative, 131st District

1997 District Administrator, Missouri State Senator Marvin Singleton

1989-1997 Field Coordinator, United States Congressman Mel Hancock

1979-1989 Broker/Owner, Ruestman Realty

1972-1979 Owner/President, Medical and Merchants Professional Services

**Education**

Master of Science Pittsburg State University

Bachelor of Science Missouri Southern State University

Associates of Arts Missouri Southern State University

**Memberships**

Christ Community United Methodist Church

Neosho & Joplin Area Chambers of Commerce

Newton County Republican Club

Missouri Federation of Republican Women

National Federation of Republican Women

National Republican Party

National Rifle Association

Newton County Republican Women

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Soroptimist International

**Interests**

Fishing, Politics and time with family.

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**Awards**

2010 Distinguished Alumni McDonald County R-1 School District

2009 Ten Most Influential Women Joplin Tri-State Business Journal

2009 John Walsh National Award/Katie’s Hero NCSL Convention/DNA SAVES

2007 Presidential Award Missouri NAACP

2004 Keynote Commencement Speaker Missouri Southern State University

2003 Legislator of the Year Missouri Bar Association

2003 Alumni of the Year Missouri Southern State University

1999 Woman of the Year Missouri Federated Republican Women

1997 Woman of Distinction Soroptimist International

1990-1996 Special Selection-Biographee United States Congressional Staff

1st Place Missouri Volunteer Project of the Year

for Camp Soroptimist- State of Missouri

2nd Place National Competition for Student Project

-Students in Free Enterprise

**Positions Held**

Present Missouri Area Agency on Aging Board Member

Present Newton/McDonald County Landfill Board Member

Present Jasper County Public Housing Authority Board Member

Present Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization Advisory Board

2003-2010 Missouri Women’s Council Member

1996-2002 Missouri State Republican Committee State Committeewoman

1999-2000 Joplin Federated Republican Women President

(Member of Board 1992-1998)

1996-1997 Women’s Club of America Vice President

(Member of Board of Directors 1990-1998)

1991-1992 Ozark Center, Board of Directors Vice President

1990-1991 Boys and Girls Club of Joplin President (first woman)

1989-1990 Vice President

1988-1989 Treasurer

1987-1991 Secretary

1989-1990 Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Chairperson (first woman)

Board of Directors

1987-1988 Organizational Development Division Vice Chairman

1986-1987 Board of Directors

1988-1989 Metro Exchange Club Presidents (first woman)

Board of Directors

1987-1988 Vice President

1983-1988 Missouri Southern State University Alumni Association Board of Directors

1984-1985 Soroptimist International of Joplin President

1979 English Setter Association Annual Hardback Managing Editor

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**Political/Public Service Accomplishments**

**Offices Held**

Newton County, Presiding Commissioner Elected in 2010, 2014

Newton County Republican Central Committee Elected in 2010, 2012, 2014

Missouri State Representative, 131st District Elected in 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008

Majority Caucus Secretary Elected in 2004, 2006, 2008

President, Women Legislators of Missouri Elected in 2003-2005

Treasurer, Missouri House of Representatives Freshman Class Elected 2003-2005

**Legislative Committee Memberships**

Conservation and Natural Resources 2009-2010 Vice Chairman

Rural Community Policy Development 2008

Senior Citizen Advocacy 2007 Vice Chairman, 2005-2006

Professional Registration and Licensing 2003-2010 Vice Chairman, 2007-2008

Judiciary 2003-2006

Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs 2003-2004

Joint Committee on Terrorism, Bioterrorism and Homeland Security 2003-2004

Interim Committee on Job Creation and Economic Development 2003

Interim Committee on Water Quality Issues 2003

**Legislation Passed**

House Bill 75 Allotment of second set of “Silver Star” license plate

House Bill 155 Albert Brumley Memorial Highway

Senate Bill 38 Carver Prairie Drive Designation (by amendment)

Senate Bill 233 Congressman Mel Hancock Freeway Designation (by amendment)

Senate Bill 280 Cosmetology Board Changes (by amendment)

Senate Bill 749 Interior Design Professional Registration Changes (by amendment)

House Bill 62 George Washington Carver State Building Designation

House Bill 60 Defensive Use of Force- “Castle Doctrine”

House Bill 1341 Pool Safety and Insurance Requirements- “Ethan’s Law”

House Bill 152 DNA Profiling Upon Arrest- “Katie’s Law”

House Bill 154 Emergency Placement of Grandchildren with Grandparents

House Bill 919 Insurance Group Rates for Sole-Proprietors and Self-Employed

Senate Bill 435 Case Management Contracting for Development Disabilities