

## Susan Winchester



Susan Winchester graduated from Chickasha High School in 1968. After graduation, Winchester attended the University of Oklahoma where she received a bachelor's and a master's degree. Winchester co-owned and operated American dusting company and Chickasha Flying Service from 1976 to 1989, after which she worked as a coordinator for Adult Training and Development at Canadian Valley Technology Center. She also serves as President of the Research Institute for Economic Development, an economic development business group that works to promote the free enterprise system, good business practices and to enhance the general welfare and prosperity of the State of Oklahoma.

In 1998, Winchester was elected to represent State House District 47 which includes Chickasha. She was elected Oklahoma's first woman Speaker Pro Tempore during the 50<sup>th</sup> session of the state Legislature.

In 2005 she was selected as one of 40 emerging state leaders from across the nation for participation in the Toll Fellowship program sponsored by the Council of State Governments. In 2006, Susan was recognized as the Oklahoma Woman of the Year by the Journal Record newspaper. She has been named Legislator of the Year by the Oklahoma Rural health Care Association, Independent Insurance Agents of Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Economic Development Council, and the Oklahoma Association of community Action Agencies.

Mrs. Winchester was inducted into the Chickasha High School Hall of Fame in 2013.