



Biographical Information for:
DICK J. BATCHELOR

Born: December 12, 1947, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Resident of Orlando, Florida since 1957

Education: Evans High School, 1966
Valencia Community College, Associate of Arts, 1970 University of
Central Florida, Bachelor of Science, 1971 University of Central
Florida, Post Baccalaureate work in Political Science/Public
Administration

Employment: President, Dick Batchelor Management Group, Inc., an Orlando-
based firm specializing in corporate relations, public affairs, and
governmental relations.

Military: U. S. Marine Corps, 1966-1968 (volunteer)
Viet Nam, 1967-1968

Activities: Member, St. Luke's United Methodist Church (*Also See Page 5*)

Other: See One-Page Biographical Information

Legislative Service:

One of the youngest members of the *Florida House of Representatives* when elected at age
26 in 1974. Served eight years including five in Leadership.

Chairman: Committee on Health and Rehabilitative Service (HRS)

Chairman: Energy Committee

Chairman: Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

Chairman: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Aging

Chairman: Health Care Cost Containment Oversight Subcommittee

Chairman: Subcommittee, Regulatory Reform Committee

Chairman: Select Subcommittee to Review the Legal Profession

Member: Appropriations Committee

Member: Rules and Calendar Committee

Member: Finance and Taxation Committee

Member: Education Committee

Member: Governmental Operations Committee

Federal/State Subcommittee

Policy Subcommittee

Deregulation Subcommittee

Member: Select Committee on Health Care Cost Containment and Planning

Member: Governmental Operations Subcommittee on Oversight

AWARDS

Legislative Service:

Society of Professional Journalists, Central Florida Chapter, Sigma Delta Chi, "**Sunshine Award**" for contributing greatly to the free flow of information to the Central Florida news media/1976

Common Cause of Florida "**Outstanding Legislator for Leadership on Ethics in Government, Lobby Disclosure, and Regulatory Reform**"/1980 (Presented by Archibald Cox)

Central Florida Young Democrats "**Democrat of the Year/Ruben Askew Award**" /1993

St. Petersburg Times "**Most Valuable Legislator Award**," one of ten finalists/1979/1980

Florida Jaycees, one of five "**Outstanding Young Men**" Award recipients/1977

University of Central Florida "**Distinguished Alumnus**" Award/1979

U. S. Jaycees "**Outstanding Young Men of America**" Award/1981

Young Democrats of Florida "**Florida Young Democrat of the Year**"/1975

Metro Orlando Women's Political Caucus "**Man of the Year**" Award

Florida District, Civitan International, "**Good Citizenship in Government**" Award/1982

Business:

American Business Women's Association Future Chapter "**Citation of Appreciation**" Award/1981

Named one of "Central Florida's 100 Most Influential People" by *Orlando Business Journal* (2001, 2002)

Named "Central Florida Businessman of the Year" by *Orlando Business Journal* (November 2002)

Philanthropic:

Named “Central Floridian of the Year” by *The Orlando Sentinel* (January 2003)

Received the first “Distinguished Alumnus” Award by University of Central Florida

Recipient of “LeRoy Collins Distinguished Community College Alumni Award,” by Valencia Community College for Region III, November 2003

Recipient of “2003 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraising Award,” November 2003

Education:

Florida Teaching Profession - National Education Association, *A Friend of Education* Award/1982

Orange County Public Schools Vocational, Adult and Career Educators *In Appreciation of Your Efforts* Award/1980/1982

Bethune-Cookman College *In Appreciation for Your Leadership* Award/1981

C.T.A./F.T.P./N.E.A., *Friend of Education* Award/1979

Florida Adult Education Association, recognized for *Outstanding Service to Adult Education*, State of Florida, Award/1978

Florida Association of Community Colleges, *Legislative Service* Award

Chairman of “**Change 4 Kids**,” the successful campaign that garnered support of a half-cent sales tax increase in Orange County (Florida) to generate funding for school construction and renovation. The ballot initiative passed on September 10, 2002 with almost a 60% favorable vote – the first time a tax initiative passed in Orange County after 6 previous unsuccessful attempts. This is one of the largest tax referendums for schools in the country at \$2.7 billion

Environment:

Honored by The Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation (LEAF) for *Dedicated services and support*/1994

Florida *Sierra Club* Legislative Award/1982

Honored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs for *Exemplary Governmental Leadership, Jurisprudence, Awareness and Statesmanship*

Sierra Club *Conservation Award*/1976

League of Conservation Voters (endorsed, 1982)

Youth:

Lakeside Alternatives for ***"Efforts in 'Safe Streets' Which Generated Funding for the Treatment of Abused Children"***/1993

We Care Crisis Center ***"Champion of the Child"***/1993

Children's Advocacy and Crisis Center Award presented in recognition of efforts as ***"Spokesman for the Children of Florida"***/1980

Civitan Youth Seminar, ***"Appreciation Award"***/1979

Tom Skinner Club, ***"Appreciation Award"***/1979

Senior Citizens:

Foster Grandparents, ***"Outstanding Service"*** Award/1979

Foster Grandparent Program, ***"Appreciation Award"***/1980

State Legislative Committee of the American Association of Retired Persons, ***"Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to Improving the Quality of Life or Older Americans"*** Award/1982

Law Enforcement:

Florida Investigative and Security Trust ***"Legislative Award"***/1981

American Society for Industrial Security ***"Certificate of Appreciation"*** Award/1981

Humanitarian Service:

Member, Board of Directors, ***The Mental Health Association of Central Florida, Inc.***

M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers), ***"Outstanding Support and Contributions for Stiffer Penalties Against Drunk Drivers, Prime Sponsor of New Legislation"*** Award/1982

Orlando General Hospital, ***"In Appreciation for Outstanding Dedication and Support"*** Award/1982

Orange County Mental Health Association, ***"Golden Bell Award"***/1981

Human Rights Advocacy Committee for the Mentally Retarded, District VII, Orlando, Florida, ***"Certificate of Award"***/1981

Florida Family Support Council, "*Appreciation Award*" in recognition of leadership and support in getting the revised Florida Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act passed by the 1979 Florida Legislature/1980 (Child Support Enforcement)

Florida Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, "*Legislative Effectiveness*" Award/1980

Boley Manor, "*Award for Efforts in Securing Funding for the Mental Health Program*"/1980

Florida Association for Health and Social Services, "*Outstanding Elected Official of the Year*" Award/1980

Florida Nurses Association, "*Legislator of the Year*" Award/1980

Florida Council of Handicapped Organizations Award, "*In Recognition of Outstanding Service Toward the Full Utilization of the Capabilities and Potentialities of Disabled Citizens*"/1980

Disabled Citizens in Action, "*Legislative Award*"/1980

United Cerebral Palsy, "*Humanitarian Service Award*"/1979

Florida Council for Community Mental Health, "*Outstanding Political Contribution to Mental Health*" Award/1979

Florida Mental Health Association, "*Valuable Service Award*"/1979

Florida Civitan, "*Outstanding Citizen Award*"/1982

Local & Civic Activities ~ Present/Past:

Present:

Board Member, NCCJ (National Conference for Community & Justice), since 1997

Board Member, Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce (since 1996)

Board Member, United Negro College Fund (since 2003)

Member, Advisory Council, Sexual Abuse Treatment Program, Arnold Palmer Hospital for Women and Children

Member, Florida TaxWatch, Inc.

Member, 1000 Friends of Florida (Environmental Group)

Honorary Chairman, "Dick Batchelor Run for Children"/1981-Present (Fundraiser for sexually abused children)

Board Member, Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce

Economic Development Commission of Mid-Florida

Board Member, The Family Source

Chairman, Harbour House Advisory Committee

Advisory Council for ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens)

Board Member, Investment Trust Company

Board Member, Florida's Children First!, Inc.

Past:

Chairman, Environmental Regulation Commission (Florida Department of Environmental Regulation)/1991-1997 (Gubernatorial Appointment)

Member, Presidential Search Advisory Committee (State University System of Florida)/1991 (UCF President)

Member, Speaker of the House's Advisory Committee on the Future/1987-1988

Southeast Regional Low Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission (Governor Appointment), Alternate Commissioner

Delegate, American Council of Young Political Leaders/1975/1988 (U.S.I.A.)

Member, Sales Tax Exemption Study Commission/1986-1987

Chairman, Prevention Task Force, H.R.S./1985-1988
(Infant Mortality/Developmental Disabilities)

Vice Chairman, Governor's Constituency for Children/1983-1987 (Gubernatorial Appointment)

Member, Child Care Task Force (Legislative Committee)

Mayor's Task Force on Youth Employment, City of Orlando/1984

Leukemia Society, Host/Fundraiser

Honorary Board of Directors, Gift of Music Foundation

Board Member, United Cerebral Palsy of Central Florida, Inc.

Chairman, March of Dimes Telethon/1986

Board Member, CHARLEE Program (Founder)/1985-1986

Council of Arts and Sciences/1983-1984

State Board Member, League of Conservation Voters/1983/1984

Board Member, Christian Service Center/1983-1984

Chairman, Child Abuse Task Force, Orlando Crime Prevention Commission/1982-1983

University of Central Florida Alumni Council/1982-1983

Florida Public Relations Association

Member, Counselors' Network of the Florida Public Relations Association (past)

Central Florida Press Club, Inc.

Board Member, Multiple Sclerosis Society

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