

Shapiro to be Sworn in as Governor for a Day

Senator Florence Shapiro will be sworn in as "Governor for a Day" on Saturday, April 9, 2005, in Austin, Texas. All citizens are invited to attend.

"Governor for a Day" is a 50 year-old tradition that honors the President Pro-Tempore (**tem** por ay) of the Texas Senate, giving that member the opportunity to showcase Texans from his or her district. The President Pro-Tempore is actually second in line of succession to the Governor's Chair, and serves as Governor of Texas when both the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are out of the state or otherwise unavailable.

"I was honored by my colleagues who elected me President Pro-Tempore for the 79th Legislative Session," Shapiro said, "and I look forward to sharing the honor with my friends in Senate District 8."

The day will be filled with activities, from the ceremony itself to lunch on the Capitol lawn and optional tours of the Capitol, Bob Bullock Texas History Museum, LBJ Library and the State Cemetery. The celebration will end with an Inaugural Gala, to take place Saturday night. Below is a schedule of events:

- 11 a.m. Inauguration Ceremony--Senate Chamber
- 1 p.m. Lunch on the Lawn--State Capitol
- 1-3 p.m. Photo opportunity with Governor Shapiro
- 1-4 p.m. Tours of the State Capitol, Bob Bullock Texas History Museum, LBJ Library, Texas State Cemetery
- 1-4 p.m. Entertainment on Capitol Grounds from various performers
- 7 p.m. Inaugural Gala (Texas attire)--Driskill Hotel

Chartered buses will be provided for those wishing to travel from the district to Austin. They will be leaving at 5 a.m. from the Plano Chamber of Commerce, 1200 E. 15th Street in Plano, and from the district office of State Rep. Linda Harper-Brown, 125 E. John Carpenter in Irving. Two busses will return to the district on Saturday, departing Austin at 5 p.m. and two will depart on Sunday at 9 a.m.

The host hotel, The Driskill is already at capacity, so please make hotel accommodations soon at either of the two remaining hotels--the Capitol Marriott (800/228-9290) or the Omni Downtown (800/843-6664), both of which are within walking distance of the Capitol.

Shuttles will also be provided to and from the hotels and the Capitol. When making your reservations, mention you are with the Florence Shapiro "Governor for a Day" Celebration to receive a special room rate.