

Carolina Reyes

Carolina was born in El Paso, Texas on August 20, 1947. She is the oldest of eight children and is a graduate of Canutillo High School. She has been married to Congressman Silvestre Reyes for 42 years and they have three children and four grandchildren. Although she takes great pride in being a mother and grandmother, she also maintained employment as an assistant store manager, a small business owner, and substitute teacher.

Currently, Carolina holds the distinguished position of President of the *Congressional Spouse's Club* for the 112th Legislative Congress of the United States. She has the honor of being the first Latina to hold this position in the 103 year history of this organization.

During the years when the Reyes Family relocated to other communities as a result of her husbands career, she always actively dedicated herself to various religious, non-profits and community based organizations. When in Washington D.C., she has served as a coordinator for the *Angel Tree Program*. She has served as Committee Co-Chair for the *National Coalition for Cancer Survivors*. Previously, she has served on the *El Paso American Red Cross Board*. She is an active member of St. Matthew's *Legion of Mary* and one time Vice- President of *St. Paul's Alter Society*.

Carolina's creativity as an accomplished baker has been enjoyed by her family for many decades. Her signature dish is her highly regarded *Red Velvet Cake*, Which, is a special attraction in both the Congressional Club and El Paso County Democratic Party Cookbooks.

Whether walking through the hallowed halls of politics in Washington D.C. or the narrow streets of her beloved Canutillo you will not find a more dedicated person to the ideals of the Democratic Party than El Paso's first Lady, Carolina Reyes.