



BIOGRAPHY

of

Charles R. Matthews

Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas

A native Texan, Charles R. Matthews has distinguished himself in Government, business, and civic leadership.

Commissioner Matthews was elected to the Texas Railroad Commission in 1994. He was elected Chairman of the Railroad Commission by his colleagues in January of 1997. Since being elected to the Commission, he has led the effort to successfully reorganize the agency by reducing cost and streamlining various departments.

Nationally he serves as the Chairman of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission's Regulatory Practices Committee, a key policy panel among the 29 energy producing states. He also serves as Governor George W. Bush's representative on the Interstate Mining and Compact Commission, a 17-state advisory committee on matters concerning mining operations.

Other professional and political accomplishments include Matthews being appointed to the Texas Turnpike Authority by Governor William P. Clements, Jr., where he was elected Vice Chairman for three terms by his colleagues. He served as mayor of Garland, the ninth largest city in Texas, and led the city in reducing the city tax rate and reducing the cost of city government. In addition, he helped organize the Metroplex Mayors group to increase cooperation among Dallas County cities.

Matthews was elected a Director of the Texas Municipal Power Agency, a \$1.5 billion project involving construction of 453 MW lignite-fired electrical generation station and the operation of a 30,000 acre lignite mine. He served as President of the Board from 1982-1983.

Charles has a long history of public service to the community. He has been active in Rotary, Lions, YMCA, and Boy Scouts of America. He served as Chairman of the Garland Chamber of Commerce and has been awarded the Garland business community's highest award — the Tall Texan award.

He has been active in numerous political campaigns. He has served in leadership capacities for the Kay Hutchison for State Treasurer Campaign, Clements for Governor Campaign, Sam Johnson for Congress, Bush/Quayle, and Dole/Kemp.

Matthews earned his B.A. at the University of Texas at Dallas. He and his wife of 31 years, Julia, are residents of Austin and have four adult children.