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-----THE WHITE HOUSEANNE ARMSTRONG
Biographical Data

Mrs. Anne Armstrong has been Counsellor to the President with Cabinet rank since December 18, 1972. She is the first woman to hold this title.

Mrs. Armstrong was Co-Chairman of the Republican National Committee from January 1971 until assuming her present position. She served as Secretary of the 1972 Republican National Convention and was the first woman keynoter of a major party convention. Long active in politics, she has held a number of positions including Vice-Chairman of the Texas Republican Party from 1966 to 1968.

She serves presently as the President's liaison to the American Revolution Bicentennial and also directs the President's efforts to gain greater opportunities for women. Under her direction, the first Office of Women's Programs in the White House was established. She also assists in the recruitment of women for policy level positions in the Administration.

As an advisor to the President on Federal programs pertaining to youth, Mrs. Armstrong coordinates the Federal initiatives to include more young people in policy making and advisory positions and oversees the President's Commission on White House Fellows, the White House Youth Council and the White House Intern Program.

Her other responsibilities include chairman of the Federal Property Council, serving as the President's Cabinet - Level liaison with Hispanic Americans and serves as spokesman for the President's programs to revitalize the Federal system by increasing the responsibilities of state and local governments. Mrs. Armstrong is also a member of the Council on Wage and Price Stability, the Domestic Council, and the Commission on the organization of Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy.

Mrs. Armstrong was born Anne Legendre on December 27, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana. She graduated from the Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Virginia, where she was student body president and senior class valedictorian, and in 1949 from Vassar College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

She is married to Tobin Armstrong. They have five children and reside in Armstrong, Texas.

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