

Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll

Jennifer Carroll is Florida's 18th Lieutenant Governor. She was a state legislator for over seven years, a small business owner, former Executive Director of Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs and a Navy veteran. Carroll is an example of the American Dream comes true.

She was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad West Indies, immigrated to the United States as a young child and served her adopted nation honorably and with distinction. Carroll enlisted in the United States Navy in 1979 rising from the ranks of an enlisted jet mechanic to retire as a Lieutenant Commander Aviation Maintenance Officer after 20 years. During her time in the Navy she was awarded numerous awards that include: Navy "E" Good Conduct Ribbon, Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals, two Sea Service Ribbons, National Defense Service Medal, two Coast Guard Special Operation Ribbons, and an Expert Pistol Medal.

Carroll ran for the Florida House of Representatives in 2003 and after winning she became the first African American female Republican elected in the Florida Legislature's history.



In addition to her Naval and legislative careers, Carroll has a business background. Beginning at the age of 15 Carroll began working in a nursing home as a hospital volunteer. She also cashiered at the local TSS grocery store and worked as an ordering clerk at AFM Bowling corporate office in Long Island, NY. Carroll attended modeling school in Albuquerque New Mexico, after completion she received contracts for photo shoots, commercials, and movie extra positions. Carroll holds an MBA degree from St. Leo University, she and her husband Nolan started and ran a successful public relations consulting and franchising business.

As a legislator, Carroll worked to pass meaningful legislation that enhanced economic development, which includes procuring \$2.9 million to fund the Florida Export Finance Corporation to help employers have access to short term loans in order to retain and create jobs.

Carroll sponsored the Entertainment Economic Development Legislation that created thousands of jobs for Floridians who were to be paid over \$485 million in wages. Carroll also sponsored legislation that created a tax refund program for qualified targeted industry businesses that created high wage, long-term jobs in Florida and she secured statewide dollars for the Boy Scout's Learning for Life program and the Girl Scout's character education functions.

Carroll was appointed Deputy Majority Leader from 2003-2004, Vice Chair of the Transportation and Economic Development Committee 2003-2004, Majority Whip from 2004-2006. She Chaired the Finance Committee from 2006-2008 and Chaired the Economic and

Development Council from 2008-2010. She was awarded the Florida Chamber of Commerce Honor Roll consecutively since 2004, Faith and Family Award from the Christian Coalition of Florida 2005 & 2008, Florida Veterans Service Officers Association Legislator of the year award 2009 and Florida Retail Federation Legislator of the Year 2010.

Carroll is married to Nolan Carroll of Miami and they have three children, Nolan II, Nyckie and Necho.