



**DONALD R. MELLO**

*Democrat*

*Washoe County Senatorial*

*District No. 2*

*Conductor, Southern Pacific Company*

*Born:* June 22, 1934, Owensboro, Kentucky.

*Educated:* Sparks public schools; University of Nevada-Reno; B. F. Goodrich Management School, Sacramento, California.

*Married:* Barbara Jane Woodhall.

*Children:* Donald, David.

*Religion:* Protestant.

*Military:* Served 8 years in Naval Reserve.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Camping, sports.

*Legislative Service:* Appointed to fill vacancy in Nevada Assembly, 1963; member, Nevada Assembly, 1963-82; Nevada Senate, 1983-89—six special and 13 regular sessions, assistant minority floor leader, 1989; Interim Finance Committee: chairman, 1975-77, 1979-81, member, 1967-68, 1971-81, 1985-88; Legislative Commission: chairman, 1973-74, 1977-79, member, 1969-79, 1988, alternate, 1967-68, 1987; senior Democrat assemblyman, 1973-81; dean, Nevada Assembly, 1979-82; chairman, Washoe Delegation, 1986 to current date.

*Affiliations:* Member, Benjamin Franklin Lodge 45, F. & A.M.; PTA; President's Club; United Transportation Union; Sparks High School Boosters Club; Advisory Committee for Title III, State Department of Education.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Listed in *Who's Who in American Politics, Personalities of the West and Midwest, Dictionary of International Biography, The International Who's Who of Intellectuals*; awarded Honorary Life Membership in SNEA, 1974; recipient of A Friend of Education Award, Washoe County Teachers' Association, 1974; Appreciation Award, Nevada National Guard, 1973-75; Outstanding Legislator, Washoe Chapter, SNEA, 1975; named as one of Ten Outstanding State Legislators in the United States by Assembly of Governmental Employees, 1976; commissioned a Kentucky Colonel, 1970 (life commission); life membership, Nevada PTA, 1975; NSEA "Friend of Education" Award, 1985; recipient of Nevada Retired Public Employees' award for understanding, 1979; Assembly Speaker's Award, 1977; Clark County Classroom Teachers Association Appreciation Award, 1981; United Transportation Union Appreciation Award, 1981; President's Award as Friend of Education from Nevada State Education Association, 1981; Nevada State AFL-CIO Award, 1981; honored by City of Sparks with the naming of the Don Mello Sports Complex; Recognition Award for outstanding and valuable contribution to education by Washoe County Educators, 1985; member, Board of Governors, Sparks Family Hospital, 1985; member, Board of Directors, Teen View, 1986.