

CHARLES H. BRONSON

PERSONAL:

Born 1949, Kissimmee, Osceola County. Fifth-generation Floridian.

Attended Osceola County Schools and graduated Osceola High School (1968) where he starred in football and track.

Resides in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida. Wife Regina and daughters Michelle and Melanie.

EDUCATION:

Graduate University of Georgia (B.S., 1972). Study areas included agriculture education and engineering, animal and meat sciences.

Member, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Professional Agriculture Fraternity.

Graduate Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, GA (A.S., 1970)

OCCUPATION:

Rancher

ELECTIVE OFFICE:

Elected Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, November 5, 2002.

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, Appointed May 14, 2001.

Elected to the Florida Senate in 1994. Re-elected in 1998.

Past Committee Assignments:

Agriculture and Consumer Services (Chairman and Vice Chairman)

Natural Resources (Chairman and Vice Chairman)

Health, Aging and Long Term Care (Vice Chairman)

Budget Subcommittee on Public Safety and Judiciary Criminal Justice

Executive Business, Ethics and Elections

Higher Education

Reapportionment Subcommittee on Legislative Apportionment and Redistricting
Rules and Calendar
Ways and Means (General Government Subcommittee)
Select Committee on Wages Targeted Economic Development
Joint Committee on Livestock Pavilion and Fair Facilities Grants (Chairman)
Joint Legislative Committee on Everglades Oversight
Joint Legislative Committee on Article V Funding
Brevard County Legislative Delegation Chairman, 1997-1998
Osceola County Legislative Delegation Chairman, 1996-1997; 2001
Republican Floor Whip, 1996-1998
Republican Deputy Floor Whip, 1994-1996

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE:

Chairman of the Marketing and International Trade Policy Committee of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, 2002
Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture, 2002
Florida Domestic Security Oversight Board, 2001-present
Astronauts Memorial Foundation Board of Directors, 2000-present
Florida Space Roundtable, 1999-present
Florida Commercial Space Financing Corporation, 1999-present
Agriculture and International Trade Committee, Assembly on Federal Issues of the National Conference of State Legislatures, 1997-present
Agriculture and Rural Development Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference, 1995-present
Spaceport Florida Authority, 1994-2001
Brevard County Republican Party, 1988-2002 (Chair 1992-94.)
Brevard County Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputy, 1982-present.

Senate Select Committee on Land Acquisition and Management, 1997

Recycling Markets Advisory Committee, 1995-1997

Senate Select Committee on Water Policy, 1995-1996

Water Management District Review Commission, 1994-1995.

United States Rural Telephone Bank Board, 1990-1995.

Republican State Committeeman, 1988-1992

Metro-Dade County Reserve Deputy, 1978-79.

AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

Future Farmers of America Honorary State Degree, 2001-2002

Florida Historical Society Pioneer Award, 2002

Nature Conservancy Legislative Leadership Appreciation Award, 2000

Brevard County Farm Bureau "Distinguished Farm Service" Award, 2000

Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc. Award, 2000, 1996

Coastal Conservation Association of Florida Legislative Conservation Award, 1999

Printing Association of Florida Legislative Award, 1999

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Legislative Appreciation Award, 1999

Lockheed Martin Award for Legislative Excellence, 1999

Florida Economic Development Commission Legislator of the Year Award, 1999

Organized Fishermen of Florida Legislative Award, 1998

Florida Farm Bureau Legislative Award, 1998

Florida Veterinary Medical Association "Champion of Animal Health Care" Award, 1998

Florida Chamber of Commerce Recognition Award for "Top 40 Legislators," 1998, 1999, 2000

American Heart Association Florida Affiliate Legislative Recognition Award, 1997

Florida Aquaculture Association Legislative Appreciation Award, 1997

Florida Shellfish Farmers Association Legislative Appreciation Award, 1997

Space Coast Tiger Bay Club Legislative Appreciation Award, 1997

Citizens for Constitutional Property Rights Legislative Appreciation Award, 1996 Christian

Coalition of Florida "Friend of the Family" Award, 1996

Florida Police Chiefs Association Legislative Award, 1996

The Greater Osceola County -- St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce Good Government Award, 1996

Florida Farm Bureau Federation Legislative Award, 1996

Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association Outstanding Legislator Award, 1996

Florida Medical Association, Inc. Legislative Appreciation Award, 1996

Florida Sheriffs Legislative Award, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999

Florida Veterinary Medical Association Award, 1995