

*Biography of*  
**THE HONORABLE MISSY THOMAS IRVIN**  
**ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR**



**CHAIRMAN - SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON**  
**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**  
**SENATE DISTRICT 10**

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Senator Missy Thomas Irvin is serving her first term in the Arkansas Senate. She is the chairman of the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth for the 88th General Assembly. Elected in November 2010, she currently represents District 10, which comprises Fulton, Izard, Randolph, Sharp and Stone counties and a portion of Independence County. During the 88th General Assembly, she serves on Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor; Senate Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs; and Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials. She is first alternate for Arkansas Legislative Council and Legislative Joint Auditing.

Senator Irvin's political interest began as a presidential campaign volunteer for Ronald Regan in Arkansas. She then volunteered for Sheffield Nelson's first campaign for governor, and in 1994 she worked in his second campaign as special events coordinator and assistant finance director.

Raised in Little Rock, Senator Irvin earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science, communications and dance from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Virginia. She attended the University of Reading and Oxford University in England during her college career. Her professional background includes working as a news editor for KATV, Channel 7 News, as marketing director for Tipton & Hurst, Inc. of Little Rock, as the advertising and marketing director for Stone County Ironworks, and as an independent graphic designer and marketing consultant for private clients.

For five years, she worked as an adjunct professor of dance for Hendrix College, serving as director of dance her final year. Currently, Senator Irvin works with her husband in his medical clinic.

Civically, her extensive volunteer activities include coordinating the first three years of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life for Stone County, coordinating After Dark in the Park with the Ozark Folk Center, and supporting the Music Roots program. She serves on the health advisory committee for the Mountain View School District and has served as a parent representative for the school in the implementation of the new EAST program. She currently serves as president of the Mountain View Youth Soccer Association, as a vice-president for the Arkansas State Soccer Association, and as a AAA registered volunteer soccer coach. In 2008, Senator Irvin received a Presidential Award for her volunteer work in the community. In 2010, she was named Coach of the Year by the Arkansas State Soccer Association for commitment to coaching girls recreational soccer. She is a member of Farm Bureau, Mtn. View Chamber of Commerce, and Chapter DK of P.E.O., a philanthropic educational organization that supports women in education. She is a past president of Chapter DK, Mountain View.

Irvin and her husband, Dr. John Dawson Irvin, have lived in Mountain View for 13 years and are members of First United Methodist Church of Mountain View. Together they have four children, Allyn, Hannelly, Josie and Ike.