

NBCSL Women’s History Month Representative Barbara Ballard (KS)

Representative Barbara W. Ballard was sworn in as NBCSL’s President in Atlanta, Georgia on December 3, 2010. A Democratic member of the Kansas legislature, she represents the 44th District.

Representative Ballard viewed her service as NBCSL President as “a privilege” and used her policy-making experience to create more economic and social equality for all. Her impact continues to protect and benefit countless constituents to this day.

Throughout her political career, Representative Ballard has helped Kansas pass several important pieces of legislation to protect and improve Kansas communities, and the lives of working families, children, and elderly. Examples include funding for K-12 and higher education, as well as a comprehensive transportation plan and the provision of aging and mental health services.

Representative Ballard has been with the University of Kansas since August 1980.

She is the Senior Associate Director for Civic Programming and Public Outreach at the Dole Institute of Politics and has served as an Associate Vice Provost for Student Success, Associate Dean, and the Director of the Emily Taylor Women’s Resource Center.