



**ROBERT C. JUBELIRER '59, '62 JD**

### **Biographical Sketch**

Bob Jubelirer graduated from Penn State with a degree in history and earned his law degree from The Dickinson School of Law. Bob served in the Pennsylvania Senate from 1975-2006. He was President Pro Tempore of the Senate for 21 years, the longest tenure in history. Bob did double duty as Lieutenant Governor after Tom Ridge became Director of Homeland Security.

Bob wrote the modern "Sunshine Law," opening up state and local government meetings to the public; the Tuition Account Program (TAP), giving families a tax-friendly way to save for the higher education of their children and grandchildren; and "Ashley's Law," providing essential child protection measures. He was a driving force in securing state funding for key economic, transportation, community and cultural projects highlighted by the Millennium Science Center at Penn State, the Penn State Hershey Medical Center and the Blair County Ballpark, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates Double-A affiliate.

Bob's leadership earned recognition: The Blair County Chapter of the NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award; Common Cause Champion of Good Government; Dickinson School of Law Career Achievement Award; The Pennsylvania State University Distinguished Alumni Award; and The Pennsylvania State University Alumni Association Alumni Fellow Award.

Bob maintains a long-time charitable connection to The Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Bob is married to Renee Cohn Jubelirer ('78). They are proud parents of five children, including two Penn State graduates. He is the proud "poppy" of five grandchildren.

Bob is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and member of the Nittany Lion Club.

### **Position Statement**

Serious challenges face our University. The Board badly needs new blood and redirection. Yet, we must still rely on the considerable advantages of life and professional experiences. Two valuable attributes I bring to this responsibility are well-directed advocacy, and insight into effectively engaging state officials and legislators. Twenty-six years in top legislative leadership taught me valuable skills that apply here: Bringing people with differing interests together for results. Regrouping and forging ahead after suffering setbacks.

As state Senator, I was a foremost advocate for our University and students. I worked to increase funding for Penn State and for student grants and loans; was part of the team bringing about the renowned Information Science and Technology program and state-of-the-art Millennium Science Center; strongly intervened for four-year programs at the Commonwealth campuses and pushed for expanding the Penn State Hershey Medical Center. And when lobbying efforts went awry I advised on how to constructively make our case.

Penn State has not ably conveyed the remarkable academic and research attributes that make our university a renowned leader. The public believes Penn State puts athletics first because that is what they read. The university needs to remind people what powerful economic engines main campus and its Commonwealth campuses are, and how much graduates give back. The chance to contribute to a brighter PSU future and restore pride is exciting and energizing.

It would be an honor to serve the alumni on the Board during these difficult times. WE ARE! And we always will be.