

2021 HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTEE

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## Pamela Evette

Lieutenant Governor  
State of South Carolina

**Pamela S. Evette**, who lives in Travelers Rest, was elected the 93rd lieutenant governor of South Carolina in 2018, the first female Republican to hold that post in South Carolina. The granddaughter of Polish immigrants, Evette credits her parents and grandparents with instilling in her the importance of hard work and giving back to the community.

Before she began her political career, Evette founded Quality Business Solutions Inc., a payroll, human resources, and benefits services firm, headquartered in Travelers Rest. The company, of which Evette was president and CEO, expanded quickly, becoming one of the fastest-growing businesses in the country.

The company has been lauded for its phenomenal growth, and Evette herself has received many honors, including the ATHENA Leadership Award, Enterprising Woman of the Year Award, and the Women Presidents' Organization 50 Fastest-Growing Women-Owned/Led Companies Award.

Evette, who holds a bachelor's degree of business administration in accounting from Cleveland State University, served on the South Carolina Small Business Regulatory Review Committee before becoming lieutenant governor. The office is tasked with reviewing proposed regulations that would affect small businesses, and either supporting or challenging those proposals.

During her time as lieutenant governor, Evette has worked to highlight South Carolina's small businesses, promoted innovative public-private partnerships, and spotlighted the state's nonprofits and the impact they have on communities in South Carolina. She's also worked to bring new business to the state.

Since 2019, Evette has served with the Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows Program, which examines education policy in the state, focusing particularly on early childhood education, school funding, and school choice.

Evette serves on the boards of directors of the St. Francis Foundation and the National Association of Professional Employer Organizations. In 2019 working in partnership with PalmettoPride, Evette created the annual #GrabABagSC Statewide Cleanup Initiative. She also participated in SC7 Expedition to raise awareness for floodwater prevention and protecting the state's natural resources.