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Gerry B. Montgomery Biography

Gerry B. Montgomery was mayor of Paducah, Kentucky from 1988 until 1996. As mayor, she proclaimed Paducah as Quilt City U.S.A. She has professional experience in business management and finance, city government planning and leadership. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development appointed her to the Kentucky Mayors Advisory Council. She is a graduate of Georgetown College (summa cum laude) in Kentucky, and she did post-graduate work at the University of Louisville and Murray State University College of Business (M.B.A. program). She taught mathematics and chemistry in the public schools of Louisville and Jefferson County, Kentucky. She also taught at Paducah Community College. Montgomery initiated the Community Foundation of West Kentucky in 1996, because she felt that Western Kentucky needed a community foundation to encourage charitable giving for the future of nonprofits in the region. She has received numerous awards for her volunteer efforts.