

Short Essay: Carol Moseley-Braun: Champion of Education

Carol Moseley-Braun represented in the U.S. Senate from Illinois 1993- 1999. She is the only African-American woman to have served in the U.S. Senate. While a Senator, she served on the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Judiciary; Small Business; Finance; and Special Aging Committees. Prior to her tenure in the U.S. Congress, Sen. Moseley-Braun served in the Illinois House of Representatives and as prosecutor in the office of the United States Attorney in Chicago.

During her time in office, Sen. Moseley-Braun was a strong champion of healthcare and education reform--writing the *Educational Infrastructure Act* of 1994, designed to help bring education funding to low-income communities. She also tackled many issues involving women's rights and civil rights.

Because of her tireless fight for fairness and the eradication of discrimination, President Clinton appointed her United States Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa. In 2004, Moseley-Braun was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President. She recently attempted an unsuccessful bid to run for mayor of Chicago, Illinois.

Since leaving public office, Moseley-Braun has been working as a business consultant and started an organic foods company called Good Foods Organics. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and a law degree from University of Chicago School of Law.