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Thelma Chalifoux was the first Métis woman appointed to the Senate of Canada, where she advocated for Métis housing, Indigenous rights, and environmental legislation. Active in organizations like the Aboriginal Women's Business Development Corporation, she also worked to preserve Métis culture. Chalifoux began her service early, volunteering during World War II and joining the military reserve force. As a Company of Young Canadians member, she focused on rural and Indigenous housing. Chalifoux also made history as the first Métis woman broadcast on private radio. Thelma founded the Michif Cultural Institute, leaving a legacy of advocacy and cultural preservation.

"I won't back down and people know that."

-Lethbridge Polytechnic, n.d.

