



Cherie K. Berry **Commissioner of Labor**

Personal Information

Cherie Killian Berry was sworn in as North Carolina's first female labor commissioner on Jan. 6, 2001. She won re-election in 2004 and 2008. She began her third term Jan. 10, 2009.

Commissioner Berry, a native of Catawba County, is the former business owner of LGM, Ltd., a company that produces spark plug wires for the automotive industry.

Commissioner Berry was born in Newton. She is the daughter of Lena Carrigan Killian and the late Earl Killian. Berry was married to the late Norman H. Berry Jr. The couple has four children.

N.C. General Assembly

Berry served in the N.C. House of Representatives from 1993 to 2001, representing the 45th District. The 45th District includes parts of Catawba, Gaston and Lincoln counties.

Awards and Accomplishments

Commissioner Berry received the 2007 Holmes-McBride Memorial Award from the N.C. Association of Agricultural Fairs for her contributions to improve the agricultural fairs throughout the state.

Commissioner Berry in 2005 received the Chairman's Award from the N.C. Manufacturer's Association for her commitment to safety in the manufacturing industry.

In 2004, the National Association of Home Builders named Commissioner Berry the U.S. State Official of the Year. The N.C. Home Builders Association chose Commissioner Berry for her focus on education and outreach in the construction industry.

In 2003, Commissioner Berry received the "Build with the Best" Pinnacle Award from the Carolinas Associated General Contractors for her contributions to the betterment of the construction industry and to the economic welfare of North Carolina.