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Council Receives State Association Member of Year Award

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County Commissioner Jeannette Council has been named Member of the Year by the North Carolina Association of Black County Officials. The award recognizes Council for her work to help the association's scholarship committee meet its goals and her tenacity in making sure youth receive much-needed scholarships, said Northampton County Commissioner Fannie Greene, the association's president. The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners recognized Council during their Sept. 21 meeting.

Council was appointed to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners in 2000 and was elected as a District 1 representative in 2002. She has been re-elected every four years since. Her current term expires in 2018. She has served the board's vice chairman and chairman three times.

Council is a graduate of E.E. Smith High School and Fayetteville State University. She received her master's degree from East Carolina University and her doctorate degree from South Carolina State University. She is a member of the Fayetteville State Alumni Association (past president), N.C. Democratic Party Executive Committee, Democratic National Committee, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and State Board of Community Colleges.

Council is the immediate past president of the Women of NACo (National Association of Counties) Network. She was elected to the N. C. Association of County Commissioners' Board of Directors, served as District 6 director 2010-2016 and was elected in 2012 and 2013 to serve a one-year term as an at-large director.

Commissioner Council's professional career has included positions as an elementary school teacher, assistant principal, acting principal, elementary supervisor, curriculum coordinator and federal programs coordinator.



Jeannette Council

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