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## North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police Endorses Perdue For Lieutenant Governor

Charlotte, NC - The North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police announces its endorsement of Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue for re-election in the 2004 Lt. Governor's race.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement organization in the United States, with more than 310,000 members. The NC FOP has 51 local lodges with membership of more than 5,200 law enforcement officers across the state.

NC FOP President, Donald B. Penix, says Perdue has shown successful leadership in her first term as Lt. Governor on a broad range of issues while also working to ensure that law enforcement officers have the tools they need to fight crime and protect the safety of citizens. "Ms. Perdue has demonstrated support for law enforcement and has been pro-active over the past four years in establishing an open-door policy with FOP members. She has done a good job and her answers to our questions were straightforward," says Penix.

Before being elected NC's first female Lt. Governor, Perdue served five terms in the Senate and two terms in the state House of Representatives. During this time, she was consistently ranked one of the most effective members of the North Carolina General Assembly.

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