

State Representative Barbara Flynn Currie represents the 25th District, which includes parts of the communities of South Chicago, South Shore, Woodlawn, Hyde Park and Kenwood. She was first elected in 1978 and currently serves as the Majority Leader of the Illinois House. Ms. Currie's legislative accomplishments include sponsorship of the first Illinois Freedom of Information Act and universal pre-school.

Ms. Currie has been honored by many organizations for her work in Springfield, including the Illinois Hospital Association, the Illinois AFL-CIO, the Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization (IVI-IPO), the Chicago Urban League, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois (WBA). In 2014, she was the recipient of the IL Environmental Council's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ms. Currie graduated with honors from the University of Chicago and went on to earn a Master's degree in political science. She is a member of the Chicago League of Women Voters and the board of the ACLU of Illinois. She is active in many civic community and environmental organizations. She was married to the late David P. Currie, Professor of Law, University of Chicago. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.