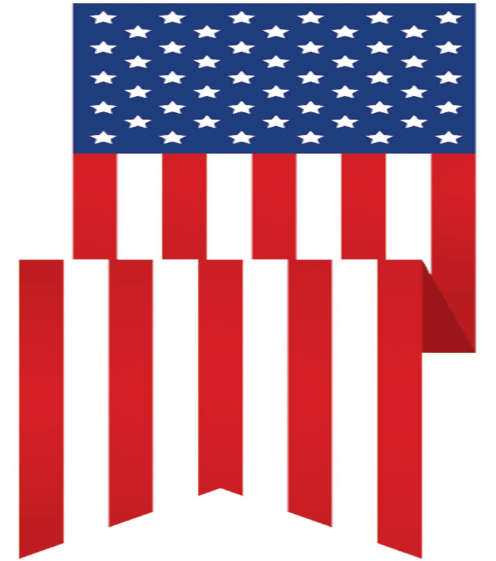




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JOY CHERIAN

OPENING DOORS FOR ASIAN AMERICANS IN DC

Dr. Joy Cherian made history in 1987 when President Ronald Reagan appointed him Commissioner of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), making him the first Asian American to hold a sub-Cabinet-level position in the U.S. government. Born in Kerala, India, he earned degrees from the University of Kerala, The Catholic University of America, and George Washington University. A champion of equal employment, civil rights, and Indian American civic engagement, Cherian founded the Indian American Forum for Political Education and received the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman for his contributions.

