

Upbound for eighteen years of dedicated service to the Queens community. Urban Upbound is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing Queens public housing residents with economic mobility and increased self-sufficiency.

Urban Upbound was founded in 2004 by Bishop Mitchell G. Taylor and Debra-Ellen Glickstein to serve the residents of public housing across many areas of Queens, including Astoria, Woodside, and Far Rockaway. Urban Upbound serves the community through a variety of programs designed to provide low-income residents the tools they need to succeed. Its financial counseling program helps people tackle debt, budget incomes, and save money.

The organization founded the Urban Upbound Federal Credit Union, the first credit union founded in Queens in the last 30 years. By offering low fees, rates, and flexible loan policies, Urban Upbound Federal Credit Union has saved its members hundreds of thousands of dollars. Most of all, the credit union encourages NYCHA residents to open bank accounts in a community where many do not have access to mainstream banks and face additional hurdles to securing a bank account. Urban Upbound has also helped over 25,000 residents prepare their taxes and file returns, helping them secure more than \$25 million in tax refunds. Through this work, Urban Upbound promotes long-term asset building and provides economic mobility to the community.

Urban Upbound's efforts extend beyond financial aid. The organization provides college counseling through SAT prep courses and advising, which has led to a 95 percent college placement rate for residents enrolled in the pre-college program. The heavy emphasis Urban Upbound places on the importance of education signals its commitment to the generational growth and success of its neighborhoods.

Urban Upbound also provides employment services, helps create and polish resumes, conducts mock interviews, and provides career counseling, which has helped approximately 1,800 clients secure employment. When it comes to helping residents achieve their goals of a better life, Urban Upbound truly is a champion for the residents of public housing.

Urban Upbound is hosting a gala to honor its eighteen years of service with the appropriate theme "Celebrating Success." This year's festivities mark a return to in-person celebrations following the COVID-19 Pandemic, during which Urban Upbound provided the community with resource assistance. As a partner in New York City's COVID-19 Take Care Initiative, Urban Upbound helped individuals throughout the Queens NYCHA community find recovery care, practice quarantine protocols, and secure basic needs such as food, medicine, and laundry. This year's gala celebrates in the triumphant resilience of Urban Upbound and the community it proudly serves.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding work of Urban Upbound. For eighteen years, Urban Upbound has worked to help break the cycle of poverty and create a positive impact on low-income communities.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S.
JUDGE STERLING JOHNSON

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Judge Sterling Johnson who passed away on October 17, 2022. Judge Johnson will be remembered as a devoted family man, advocate for individuals suffering from AIDS, dedicated jurist, special drug prosecutor, member of the New York City Police Department, U.S. Marine veteran and mentor to the next generation of young attorneys.

At a time when AIDS was still considered a terrifying death sentence, Judge Johnson fought relentlessly for the humane treatment of individuals suffering from AIDS. In 1993, he ordered the government to immediately shut down a Guantánamo Bay detention facility that was full of Haitian refugees who had been found eligible for asylum but were denied entry into the United States solely because they had H.I.V. or AIDS. He likened their living conditions to "an H.I.V. prison camp". In another remarkable case, Judge Johnson ruled that New York City had failed to provide necessities to thousands of residents who were poverty stricken and suffered from AIDS. These necessities included emergency housing, food stamps and Medicaid. He ordered a federal magistrate to make sure that the AIDS stricken population had access to these benefits. In this way he used his power to alleviate the suffering of thousands of society's most vulnerable members.

Prior to his time on the bench, Judge Johnson was a member of the New York City Police Department. While serving in this capacity, he received his undergraduate degree from Brooklyn College and graduated in the top ten percent of the Brooklyn Law School Class of 1966. Judge Johnson left the police force the following year to accept an appointment as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York based in Manhattan where he prosecuted more than 7,000 criminal cases. He also served as the City's special narcotics prosecutor and was named executive liaison officer for the Drug Enforcement Administration's Presidential Drug Advisory Council under President Gerald Ford. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Johnson for the United States Court for the Eastern District of New York. During his 30-year tenure on the bench, Judge Johnson ruled in over 500 cases.

Judge Johnson also served as the executive director of the NYPD Civilian Complaint Review Board, investigating allegations of police misconduct and brutality. Judge Johnson was a founding member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement. The New York Chapter of this organization is named in his honor. He was also instrumental in founding the National Black Prosecutors Association. Judge Johnson was also a sought-after guest lecturer and gave speeches at universities around the world.

Despite his demanding career, Judge Johnson always made time to mentor young attorneys. His office was full of young lawyers seeking his wisdom and advice. He instilled the values of duty, dedication, discipline, integrity, and social justice in the next generation of

lawyers. He would often say "If you are early, you are on time. If you are on time, you are late." He deeply believed that one must be a leader, take initiative, and zealously chase one's ambitions. When Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson started her career, she asked Judge Johnson if she should become a judge. As a result of his guidance and encouragement, she went on to make history as the first black female Supreme Court Justice.

In addition to his distinguished career, Judge Johnson also raised a remarkable family. He was a devoted husband to Barbara Johnson and a loving father to his children Sterling III, Alicia and Jennifer, and daughter-in-law Wendy Johnson. Judge Johnson was especially close to his son-in-law, David Daniels. Judge Johnson was lovingly called G.Pa by his grandchildren Jessica Barnes and F. Attiyya Akinwale; and was a doting great grandfather to his adorable great grand puppies Jibe, Oba, and Enzo. Judge Johnson enjoyed fishing and playing solitaire. We take solace in the thought that Judge Johnson has been reunited in heaven with his daughter Alicia and dog Oba.

I offer my deepest sympathy and prayers to Judge Johnson's family and hope that the knowledge that he is remembered so dearly by his friends and colleagues will bring comfort during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID PAUL
HORAN'S 80 YEARS OF COMMUNITY
SERVICE AND LEGAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Key West native Mr. David Paul Horan for his community leadership and notable achievements in admiralty and maritime law.

David Horan has spent almost 50 years serving on various community boards and commissions in the Florida Keys. Since 1973, he has served as a Director of the Greater Key West Chamber of Commerce. Other leadership roles have included serving on the Key West Military Affairs Committee, the Florida Keys National Marine Advisory Sanctuary Counsel, and the Special Environmental Counsel for Monroe County. In 2001, Mr. Horan was inducted into the Key West Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame, Key West's highest community service award.

In addition to his work serving the community, David is an accomplished lawyer. Admitted to the Florida Bar in 1972, David specializes in complex federal and state litigation. Much of his career has been dedicated to protecting local interests against excessive regulation. One pro-bono case of David's, *Young v. DCA*, was monumental: the Florida Supreme Court's opinion reversed almost twenty years of decisions on the "burden of proof" issue, significantly restricting the state of Florida's authority to overturn local governmental decisions. David has also represented many commercial fishermen in addition to salvors of historic shipwrecks, generally centuries-old Spanish galleons sunk along Florida's coast.

Another of David's notable legal victories came in his successful oral argument in the

1982 Supreme Court case *Florida Dept. of State v. Treasure Salvors, Inc.*, which concerned the ownership of salvage from the 1622 Spanish Galleon *Nuestra Senora de Atocha*. The Supreme Court rejected the State's claim to the property and upheld the transfer of artifacts to *Treasure Salvors*.

What an honor it is to recognize David Horan for his phenomenal career in law and life of service to the Florida Keys and Floridians across the state. I wish David, his wife, five children, and many grandchildren all the best as he begins a ninth decade of a very full life.

REMEMBERING LOUIS J.
FRANCHIMON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of Louis J. Franchimon. Passing away at the age of 84, Mr. Franchimon leaves behind an indelible legacy in the labor community throughout the Bay Area.

Mr. Franchimon was born on March 12, 1938, in the Netherlands. At a young age, Mr. Franchimon and his family immigrated to the United States for his father's work with the Dutch Embassy in Washington, D.C. Throughout his career, Mr. Franchimon developed a passion for bettering the working conditions and furthering the development of proper training, organized labor, and fair compensation for working people in construction. His ceaseless devotion to this work throughout the Bay Area, especially in Napa and Solano counties, earned him the admiration of his community as well as numerous accolades. As a lifelong advocate, Mr. Franchimon greatly benefitted the labor community in Northern California through his tireless efforts.

Through his passion and advocacy, Mr. Franchimon left a lasting impact on the community. His significant legacy is commemorated in the annual "Lou Franchimon Lifetime Achievement Award" awarded by the Napa Solano Central Labor Council. In 2012, Mr. Franchimon received the first of this award, the highest honor given by the Council to date. It is now awarded each year to a worthy recipient who embodies Mr. Franchimon's devotion to defending and bettering the labor movement.

Mr. Franchimon is survived by his two sisters, three children, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a community that will miss his enduring spirit. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Franchimon's loved ones. I know that they, along with the entire Bay Area community, join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING MR. FRANCISCO
CASTILLON

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Francisco Castillon for receiving the National Association of Community Health Center's Lifetime Achievement Award.

As a migrant and seasonal farmworker for over 12 years throughout his youth, Mr. Castillon experienced the challenges in accessing healthcare firsthand. As a result, his career has been centered on delivering high-quality medical, dental, behavioral, and other services to the medically underserved, especially the poor, the voiceless, and farmworkers and their families. For over 30 years, Mr. Castillon has worked for Community and Migrant Health Centers (C/MHC) as CEO, Dep-

uty Director, Program Manager and Consultant. In addition, Mr. Castillon served as the President and CEO of the California Health Federation, representing over 300 health centers throughout California. Furthermore, he was also the Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), which is based out of Washington D.C. and represents over 1,500 C/MHCs.

Since 2010, Mr. Francisco Castillon has served as CEO of Omni Family Health, a growing network of state-of-the-art health centers located throughout Kern, Kings, Tulare, and Fresno counties. During Mr. Castillon's time as CEO, Omni has expanded from 12 health centers to 38, more than doubling the number of patients served. Mr. Castillon continues to lead Omni's growth, with plans to open future locations in Kern and Fresno Counties. Serving the medically underserved individuals and families in our communities has been Mr. Castillon's lifelong passion.

Mr. Castillon is a mission-driven executive, well respected among his peers and within the communities he has served. One of the keys to his success is a firm commitment to managing C/MHCs with honesty, integrity, and transparency. He is one of very few executives within the C/MHC movement that has earned five national awards for his contributions and accomplishments in serving these vulnerable groups. For these reasons, Mr. Castillon was the perfect candidate to be honored by the NACHC with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his achievements, dedication, and contributions to the community health center movement.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the achievements of Mr. Francisco Castillon and congratulating him on receiving the NACHC Lifetime Achievement Award.