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## Griffo Statement on Passing of Governor Mario Cuomo

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"I am saddened to learn of the death of our former governor, Mario Cuomo.

"I got to know Mario during his last term as governor, which coincided with my first term as mayor of Rome. I was always impressed with his intellect, his love for the Empire State and his talent for delivering memorable speeches.

"Mario was a dedicated public servant with a seemingly unyielding work ethic. I remember him calling me when our city sustained damage during a storm. I returned his call late at

night, and was surprised to hear Mario's voice on the other end of the line. He was working. When we had issues or challenges, the governor did his best to become interested and involved.

"New York has suffered a great loss tonight. I extend my condolences and my deepest sympathies to Governor Mario Cuomo's family: his wife, Matilda, and his five children."