Ashook Ramsaran Recognized at Don Capalbi Way Street Unveiling Oct 30, 2022

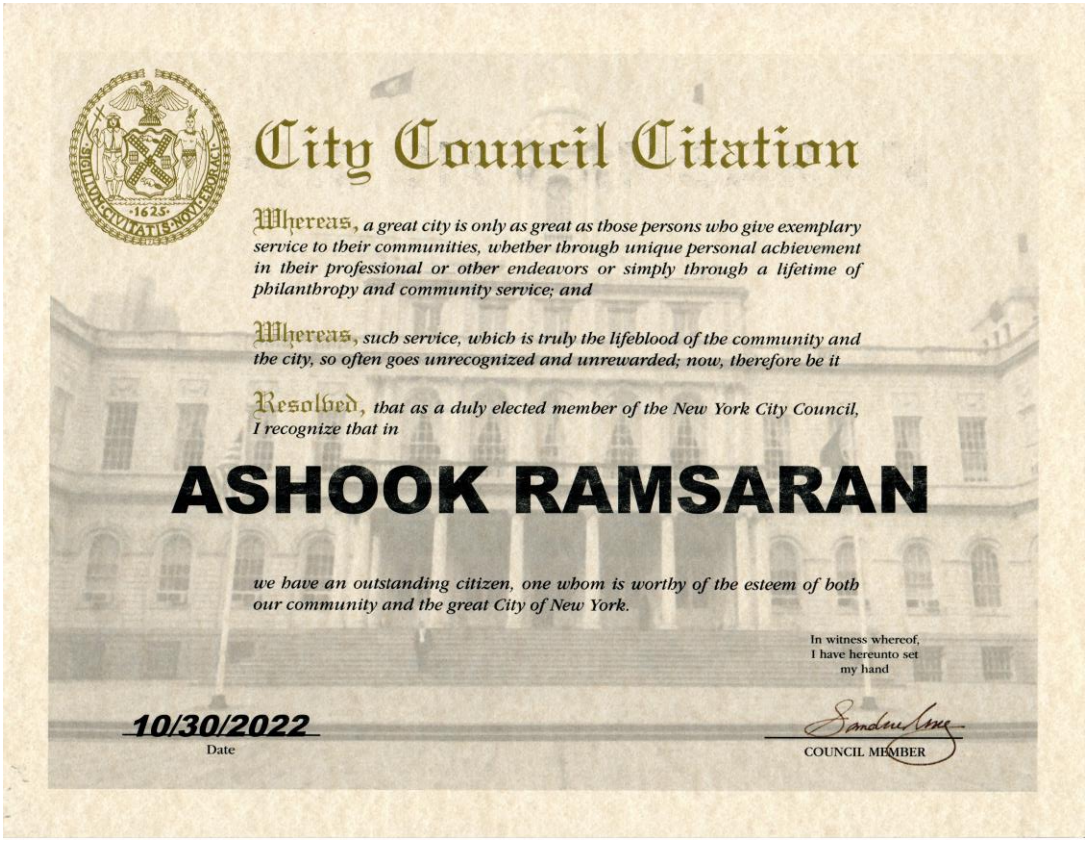
Remarks by Ashook Ramsaran:

"I am privileged to have led the effort to co-name this street DON CAPALBI WAY, a truly deserving tribute to an outstanding community advocate, mentor and friend.

Thanks so much for the encouragement of Congress Member Grace Meng (and her staff, in particular Maria), and the unwavering support of Council Member Sandra Ung and her staff.

I am very appreciative of the members of the Committee to make this happen: Maria, Andrea, Terence, Kris, Jeff, Evie, Xin, Alex, Anthony and others".

Don, you will always be remembered and here's proof of that".



City Council Citation

Whereas, *a great city is only as great as those persons who give exemplary service to their communities, whether through unique personal achievement in their professional or other endeavors or simply through a lifetime of philanthropy and community service; and*

Whereas, *such service, which is truly the lifeblood of the community and the city, so often goes unrecognized and unrewarded; now, therefore be it*

Resolved, *that as a duly elected member of the New York City Council, I recognize that in*

ASHOOK RAMSARAN

we have an outstanding citizen, one whom is worthy of the esteem of both our community and the great City of New York.

In witness whereof,
I have hereunto set
my hand

10/30/2022
Date

COUNCIL MEMBER

Rd
136 St

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136 St
Don Capalbi
Don Capalbi
Way

56 Rd
136 St
Don Capalbi
Way

DON CAPALBI WAY

October 30, 2022

Program

Welcome & Introductions
Moment of Silence
Biography of Don Capalbi
Tributes by:
- Family Members
- Friends & Associates

Remarks by:
- Terence Park, Asian American Voters Alliance
- Kris Ram, Community Board #7
- Queensboro Hill Flushing Civic Association
- Jeff Gottlieb, Queens Historical Society
- Andrea Bland, NY Presbyterian Hospital Queens
- Ashook Ramsaran, NYP/Q Comm Advisory Council
- Hon. Sandra Ung, NYC City Council Member
- Hon. Nily Rozic, NYS Assembly Member
- Hon. Donovan Richards, Queens Borough President
- Hon. Grace Meng, US Congress Member
- Other Elected Officials

Citations
Thanks & Appreciation
Closing Remarks
Unveiling of Street Sign

Moderator: Maria Di Leone

DON CAPALBI WAY

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Don Capalbi was a Community Liaison for US Congress Member Grace Meng and he served in the same capacity when Meng was a member of the NY State Assembly. "He also fought tremendously for his neighborhood, dedicating countless hours to preserving and improving the quality of life in his community. He touched and impacted so many lives and was loved, admired and respected by all with whom he worked. Known and admired for his many years of dedication and unwavering commitment to community service".

Letters of Support

Central Queens Historical Association
Community Board #7, Queens
Indian Diaspora Council International
Mid-Queens Community Council
NY Presbyterian Hospital, Queens
Queens Botanical Garden
Queens Chamber of Commerce
U.S. Congress Member Grace Meng
West Cunningham Park Civic Association

DON CAPALBI WAY *Committee*

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Frances Zanni, Member, NYP/Q Community Advisor Council; NYP/Q Women's Auxiliary

Unveiling of DON CAPALBI WAY

Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 1:00pm

136th St between 57th Road and 58th Ave, Flushing NY 11355

Open to the Public

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