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A Lifetime of Leadership: Honoring Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen

It is with a deep sense of appreciation that I extend a warm congratulations to Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen on receiving the Lifetime Award in recognition of her extraordinary contributions to our nation. As the first female medical doctor in Congress, Congresswoman Christensen has blazed trails and shattered barriers throughout her remarkable career spanning over 50 years of dedicated service.

From her humble beginnings, Congresswoman Christensen's journey of service began with a commitment to healing. After earning her Bachelor of Science from St. Mary's College and her M.D. from George Washington University, she embarked on a distinguished medical career, serving in emergency rooms, maternity wards, and eventually as medical director of the St. Croix Hospital, touching the lives of our beloved island in countless ways.

Congresswoman Christensen's dedication to public service extended far beyond the confines of the hospital walls. From her tenure as Acting Commissioner of Health for the Virgin Islands to her advocacy for quality healthcare through her support of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Congresswoman Christensen tirelessly championed the well-being of her constituents and all Americans.

Her leadership was not limited to healthcare. Congresswoman Christensen's advocacy extended to environmental conservation, education, and social justice, leaving an indelible mark on her community and our nation as a whole. As a member of the Democratic Party of the Virgin Islands, Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Progressive Caucus, and various other committees and caucuses, she fought tirelessly for equality, justice, and opportunity for all. Her contributions markedly influence the lives of millions.

In addition to her legislative achievements, Congresswoman Christensen served as a beacon of inspiration for women everywhere, proving that no dream is too big and no hurdle too high. By breaking barriers and forging new paths, she paved the way for future generations of women to follow in her footsteps.

On behalf of myself, Teri Helenese, and all those whose lives you have touched, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen for your lifetime of service, leadership, and dedication to the betterment of our nation. Your legacy will continue to inspire and guide us for generations to come.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Teri Helenese".

Teri Helenese
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