

PRESS RELEASE

Richard R. Hollington, Jr., Mayor of Hunting Valley, was inducted into The Association of Ohio Commodores in January of this year at the Annual Winter Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Hollington and former Attorney General Betty Montgomery were also inducted into the Elite Corps of the Association comprised of "living Ohioans who have by words, action or deed brought honor and dignity to themselves and their home state of Ohio."

The Association of Ohio Commodores is a group of individuals recognized by the Governor with the state's most distinguished honor, *The Executive Order of the Ohio Commodore*. Each year outstanding Ohioans are recognized for their business accomplishments, acumen and leadership with this prestigious honor.

Governor James Rhodes formed the Association in 1966 for the purpose of assisting the state of Ohio in advancement in all areas contributing to the growth and development of the state and greater prosperity of its citizens. The Association is a non-partisan organization that currently boasts a diverse and dedicated membership of more than 300 men and women.

Mr. Hollington has practiced law in Cleveland for more than five decades and recently retired as a Senior Partner of the law firm of Baker & Hostetler. During that time he has also been active in the banking business serving for many years as Chairman of the Board of Ohio Bank and subsequently lead Director of Sky Financial (now Huntington Bank). He has also been a member of the advisory committee of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and served several terms as a member of the Ohio Banking Commission.

In addition to being Mayor of Hunting Valley and earlier its Finance Director, Mr. Hollington has had considerable governmental experience. In 2010 and 2011 he served by appointment as a State Representative in the 128th-129th General Assemblies. Forty years earlier he had served as an elected member of the Ohio General Assembly and subsequently as the Law Director of the City of Cleveland.

Mr. Hollington has been active on numerous civic boards, including Cleveland State University, University of Findlay, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland Zoological Association, Cleveland Hospital Association and City Club Forum Foundation.

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