

**The Honourable Joe Volpe, P.C., M.P.
Eglinton-Lawrence
Member's Statement on Charles Caccia
(English Translation From Italian Speech)
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Mr. Speaker

I too rise to pay tribute to Charles Caccia.

An accomplished Parliamentarian; former Minister of Labour and the Environment. My heartfelt condolences are extended to his family, his friends, but above all to the community.

As a student, I involved myself in his first federal campaigns.

At the time, he like no other succeeded in personally expressing the collective character and personality of the people he represented: People from other countries with abundant energy and resources adaptable to the creation of a new and "just society;" as it was defined by the new Prime Minister of the period.

We, Italian Canadians, saw him as a vehicle for change, and integration in a society that emphasized civic responsibility and concerns for one's neighbour. In Davenport, his dedication became iconic.

For new arrivals a role model. Thanks Charles.