

Governor Phil Murphy

Statement from Governor Murphy on the Passing of Former Newark Council President Mildred Crump

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"Tammy and I are saddened to learn of the passing of Mildred Crump. Mildred was a giant, trailblazer, and our dear friend.

"Throughout her life, Mildred broke barriers and was well-accustomed to being the first – both professionally as the first Black braille teacher in New Jersey and in her political career as the first Black woman elected to the Newark City Council and the first woman to serve as its president.

"A model public servant, Mildred deftly advocated for the most vulnerable in her community, working to uplift New Jersey's women, children, senior citizens, families, and residents with disabilities. Her impact was felt around the world, which is why she was called Mother Africa. She will be remembered for her unwavering dedication to improving the lives of her constituents and will be deeply missed.

"Our prayers are with Mildred's family during this difficult time, especially her two children, Sheri and Larry."

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