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**Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence Celebrates Outstanding Advocacy with Former Rep. Miranda and Sen. Antonio During 2024's Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

[Columbus, OH] – The Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV), Ohio's federally recognized anti-sexual violence coalition, is delighted to announce Ohio's recipients of the [2024 National Sexual Violence Resource Center's \(NSVRC\) Visionary Voice Awards](#). These awards recognize individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, innovation, and impact within the anti-sexual violence movement, and they'll be presented to recipients at the [2024 Advocacy Day to End Sexual Violence at the Ohio Statehouse](#), set to be hosted by the coalition on April 30th.

NSVRC's Visionary Voice Awards, given each April in conjunction with [Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#), honor individuals around the US who have gone above and beyond in advancing the goals and values of the anti-sexual violence movement. This year's winners have shown exemplary commitment and leadership, inspiring others and making significant contributions to legislation impacting survivors of sexual violence, such as [ending the spousal loophole in Ohio](#).

Ohio winners of the 2024 NSVRC Visionary Voice Awards:

- [State Sen. Nickie J. Antonio](#), Minority Leader in the Ohio Senate, District 23

State Senator Nickie J. Antonio is honored to represent District 23 and serve as Minority Leader in the Ohio Senate. She has been a dedicated champion of workers' rights, high-quality education, local governments, equal rights for women, and the LGBTQ+ community; health care for all; and fighting the opioid crisis. Over the years, Sen. Antonio has worked on numerous pieces of legislation to fight for the rights of survivors and hold perpetrators accountable. In the last General Assembly, she sponsored and passed a bill to make strangulation a felony offense in Ohio. Antonio is a past sponsor of bills to end criminal and civil statutes of limitations for rape and sexual assault and bills to close the spousal rape loophole.

- [Former State Rep. Jessica Miranda](#), Ohio House Democratic Whip, District 28

Former State Representative and Hamilton County Auditor, Jessica Miranda, is a lifelong Ohioan who championed for survivors of sexual violence, women, and constituents in the 28th House District. In 2023, Rep. Miranda sponsored and passed the Scout's Honor Law, which benefits Boy Scout survivors and their ability to obtain comprehensive justice by creating a window for expanded civil statute of limitations. She also sponsored bills to end the spousal rape loophole in Ohio and to reform the civil and criminal statutes of limitations for survivors of rape and other sex crimes.

These outstanding individuals embody the spirit of OAESV and serve as shining examples of what can be achieved through collaboration and dedication to improving Ohio's communities. The coalition looks forward to presenting these awards to Sen. Antonio and Former Rep. Miranda at their advocacy day event at the Ohio Statehouse at the end of the month.

"Sen. Antonio and Former Rep. Miranda exemplify unwavering dedication and compassion in their tireless advocacy for survivors of sexual violence. Their remarkable leadership and legislative achievements not only reflect their commitment to justice but also inspire us all to strive for a world free from sexual violence. We celebrate their exceptional contributions and stand alongside them in the ongoing pursuit of a safer, more equitable society." - [Rosa Beltré, President & CEO of OAESV](#)

OAESV extends its continuous congratulations to all the award winners. Their achievements remind us of the power of individuals to effect positive change and inspire us to continue our efforts in supporting survivors of sexual violence and ending this harm in our state and beyond.

For more information about OAESV's legislative advocacy efforts, please visit [www.oaesv.org/PublicPolicy](http://www.oaesv.org/PublicPolicy).

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*Interviews of OAESV staff available upon request.*

*As Ohio's statewide coalition, OAESV uses an anti-oppression lens to advocate for comprehensive responses and rape crisis services for survivors and to empower communities to prevent sexual violence.*