

# Editorial

## **Andrew Cuomo earned his job as new Housing Secretary**

*The following letter was sent to former New York Governor Mario Cuomo:*

In a time when suspicion surrounds the appointment or general good fortune of a family member who is entering into politics or receiving employment in an agency where a relative works or administrates, it is gratifying to note your position in relation to your son's recent appointment by President Clinton to be the next Housing Secretary.

You are absolutely right — he earned it.

In the case of Andrew, there is no public denial of his labors on behalf of the homeless and the kind of "roll-up-your-sleeves" work he did for years. He earned his stripes, he graduated from the school of hard knocks and he has every right to sit at the table of executive government and continue his good deeds.

Andrew should become the role model for anyone who wants to follow in the footsteps of a mom or dad in government service.

You were a good teacher. So good, I bet few will ever say "Oh, that's Mario's son!" History will probably read, "Oh, that's Andrew!"

Good work.

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