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Speaker: Miyares, Virginia Attorney General Jason – Attorney General Jason Miyares' story doesn't start in Virginia, but in Havana, Cuba when his mother, Miriam Miyares, fled communist Cuba, penniless and homeless. She immigrated to Virginia and raised Jason to appreciate freedom, fairness, and justice for all. A product of Virginia public schools, Jason graduated with a Bachelor's in Business Administration from James Madison University and received his J.D. from the College of William and Mary School of Law.

He previously served as a prosecutor in the Virginia Beach Commonwealth's Attorney Office, where he worked alongside law enforcement to the community safe.

In 2015, almost fifty years to the day that she fled Cuba, Miriam was able to vote for her son Jason Miyares to represent her in the Virginia House of Delegates. After serving for three terms in the state legislature, he ran and was elected the 48th Attorney General of Virginia.

Jason Miyares is the first Hispanic American to be elected to a statewide office in Virginia, and the first child of an immigrant to be Attorney General. Since his inauguration in January 2022, Miyares has been focused on fighting violent crime and improving public safety, strengthening economic growth, combatting the deadly impact of opioids and fentanyl, and protecting Virginians from corporate misconduct. His office has secured over \$700 million in opioid settlements for drug addiction and recovery from pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors, holding them accountable for their role in the opioid epidemic. He kept his promise to Virginians by investigating the 2020 Parole Board, discovering that they broke the law and endangered Virginians by releasing violent, repeat offenders early with life sentences. Miyares also launched Operation Ceasefire during his first year - a multifaceted approach to fighting violent crime by focusing on violence intervention in communities and aggressive prosecution of violent gun crimes.

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