



Meet the July 23rd, 2022 WaterFire Orb Lighter:

Rep. Mark Longietti

Rep. Mark Longietti (D-7, Mercer) is a native of Sharpsville and was first elected to serve in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 2006. Taught the value of education, hard work and helping others by his middle-class family, Longietti has established a strong reputation as a dedicated community servant.

After graduating with honors from Sharpsville Area High School in 1981, Longietti graduated summa cum laude from Westminster College with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Political Science. He then entered Boston College Law School and graduated cum laude with his law degree in 1988. Following law school, Longietti practiced law in Sharon for 18 years before his election to the legislature.

In the legislature, Longietti currently serves as the Minority Chairman of the House Education Committee, and previously served as Minority Chairman of the House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee. He has focused his legislative efforts in the areas of economic development and education. Longietti has served as a member of both the Basic Education and Special Education Funding Commissions, which helped determine funding formulas for the distribution of billions of dollars to Pennsylvania public schools. He also authored legislation establishing the Economic Education and Financial Literacy program which promotes financial literacy education in Pennsylvania schools, and he helped enact legislation to codify Industry Partnerships for worker training programs. Longietti serves as co-chair of the House/Senate Early Childhood Education Caucus, Life Sciences Caucus, Rare Disease Caucus, and Diabetes Caucus.

During his tenure, Longietti has worked to bring programs and resources to Mercer County to enhance opportunity and quality of life. He partnered with the United Way of Mercer County to launch Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in the Shenango Valley and Greenville area. The program encourages literacy and parent engagement by providing an age appropriate monthly book for children from birth to age 5. Longietti also engaged with the Lawrence County Child Advocacy Center to bring the evidence-based Nurse Family Partnership home visiting program to Mercer County, which pairs an expectant first-time mother with a specially trained nurse who follows the client during pregnancy through age 2 for the newborn. He also successfully fought for dramatically increased funding for the Mercer County tourism promotion agency, Visit Mercer County, PA, which attracts tourists to our area, and he secured scores of grants to develop and enhance area outdoor recreation space, and community assets and facilities.

Currently, Longietti serves on the boards of Community Action Partnership of Mercer County, Primary Health Network Charitable Foundation, and Sharon Community Development Corporation. He has been a member of First Baptist Church of Sharon for over 45 years and serves as adult Sunday school teacher, worship leader, and Chairman of the Deacon's Board.

Longietti resides in Hermitage with his wife, Tina.



WaterFire Sharon is Honored to have Mark Longietti light the Orb tonight!

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