



Consulate General of Italy  
Miami

Conferimento Onorificenza Mr. Edward Mottola Jr.  
Ufficiale all'Ordine della Stella d'Italia

Honor Medal Awarding to Mr. Edward Mottola Jr.  
Officer of the Order of the Great Star of Italy

Motivazione/Motivation:

Mr. Edward Mottola Jr. distinguished himself for his personal commitment to the promotion of the Italian culture, not only for the safeguard of our linguistic and cultural heritage, but also for its diffusion through the Foundation Grand Lodge of Florida, Order Sons of Italy in America, of which he has been the President since 2009. His commitment has become most crucial in support to the interests of the Italian community, in particular in the linguistic and cultural field, in different occasions worth to be mentioned. Among these, deserves a particular recognition his battle for the approval of the law HR 2442 "Wartime Violation of Italian American Civil Liberties". The dedication and enthusiasm of this Foundation have also been decisive for the enter into force of the law dated May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, Sr-720, with which the Senate of the State of Florida proclaimed October as Italian and Italian American Heritage Month in the State of Florida, therefore offering an additional sign of appreciation towards our cultural legacy.

In virtue of this contribution the Republic of Italy hereby awards Mr. Edward Mottola Jr. with the Honor Medal of Ufficiale dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia.