

## The Honorable Blanquita Walsh Cullum

The Honorable Blanquita Walsh Cullum is the President and co-founder of Voices Against Trafficking, award-winning broadcast journalist and host of the podcast, The Hard Question. For eight years, Ms. Cullum served as a Governor on the United States Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG). She was nominated by President George W. Bush and was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate. Governor Cullum is the first Hispanic woman and the first radio talk show host to have served on the BBG. In that capacity, she also served as Chairman of the Committees on Radio Free Europe, Radio Free Asia and the Middle East Broadcast Network.

In October of 2025, Cullum was selected with the first “Angel” Award and Voice of Courage Award by Voices Against Trafficking. In that capacity she is a co-founder and President of the non-profit. Recently, she authored a chapter in the book, “Voices Against Trafficking-The Strength of Many Voices Speaking as One.” It is now in the Library of Congress.

Also, in October 2025, Ms. Cullum was selected as one of the 100 Top Global Icons by Women of Wealth Magazine. While the award itself is a great recognition, it represents many trailblazing women — diplomats, attorneys, NGO leaders — who prove every day that the so-called glass ceiling does not exist.

In 2020, she was inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame and received the prestigious “Sammy Award” for outstanding accomplishments for women in broadcasting. Cullum was named “Champion of Radio” by the Multicultural Correspondents Association. Ms. Cullum was honored in the Congressional Record by the late Senator Tom Coburn as a “Champion for the mission of U. S. International Broadcasting”.

For 23 years, she continues to serve as emcee of the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington DC honoring our Nation’s heroes past and present. The parade is the largest in the United States. The viewership is in the hundreds of millions each year. It is sponsored by the American Veterans Center.

Currently, she serves as a producer and trainer for over 30 hosts on the Epoch Times/NTD Network. She produced International Roundtable and does special training for network anchors in Latin America. Also, she hosts a podcast each week, “The National Security Hour.”

Cullum’s broadcasting career began in Texas. While she was at University of Texas at Austin, she began as a studio artist at KLRN. After the death of her father, she moved with her mom to San Antonio and took a job as a copywriter for KBUC. Radio station KITE heard her voice on air and offered her a job as co-host to popular morning drive host, Tom East. Her career took her to on air positions with KENS TV, KTSA and KSJL.

In 1990, Cullum moved to Washington DC to serve in the George H.W. Bush as a White House Liaison for FEMA and Executive Assistant to the Director and Secretary of the FEMA Board which included, Dr. Edward Teller. She returned to broadcasting in 1992 with a program in Richmond on WLEE.

In 1993, she returned to DC to host a program on the Radio America Network and anchor a nightly news program for NET (National Empowerment Television). Majority Whip Tom Delay found a room for her at the United States Capitol where she hosted an additional weekly program, "Capitol Line." A very successful program that welcomed both sides of the aisle to break news from the "Hill".

In 2002, President George W. Bush presented her name to the United States Senate for confirmation as a Governor on the Broadcasting Board of Governors. It was a very successful bi-partisan board. During this period, she traveled to Venezuela (during Chavez), China (Beijing), Cambodia, Viet Nam, Russia, Prague, Serbia, Kosovo, Romania, the Western Sahara, Guantanamo Bay, Saudi Arabia, Israel and countless other countries on behalf of United States and United States Broadcasting.

She is the mother of two children, Blanquita and James and has five grandchildren.