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Ron DeSantis.

Family friends believe Youngstown roots would serve Ron DeSantis well in a presidential campaign.

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Ron DeSantis, campaigns for Republican Senate candidate J.D. Vance during in Youngstown, Ohio, in 2022.

Ron DeSantis campaigns for then-Republican Senate candidate JD Vance near Youngstown, Ohio, last year.

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