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Mayor and Council Offices

Memorandum

Date: September 29, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

Subject: Moment of Silence at the September 29, 2020 City Council Meeting

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Supreme Court Justice

- I would like to take a moment to mourn the loss of a stalwart of the American justice system, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who served on the Supreme Court since 1993.
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg's venerable career spanned over six decades.
- Since the early part of her career, Justice Ginsburg focused her energy and talent on promoting women's rights and gender equality through initiatives such as the Women's Rights Law Reporter, a law journal dedicated to the study of women's rights, and the Women's Rights Project under the auspices of the American Civil Liberties Union.
- As Supreme Court Justice, she wrote the Court's opinion on the case which struck down the Virginia Military Institute's male-only admissions policy.
- She was also given credit for inspiring the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which helped make it easier for employees to win pay discrimination claims.
- Justice Ginsburg's quest for equality for all was evident in her opinions and decisions on matters ranging from voting rights to affirmative action. Her legacy will live on as a benefit to those whose lives were impacted by her wisdom.
- Let us now have a moment of silence to honor the life and legacy of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.