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Madam Speaker, I congratulate the 2019 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES
CHRISTOPHER REED

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of a lifelong public servant, Kemah Police Chief Charles Christopher "Chris" Reed, who passed away after a boating accident on June 7, 2019.

Chief Reed began serving his country and community in the United States Army, where he was certified as a military policeman after graduating from the Military Police Academy. He was soon promoted to Sergeant and served as a paratrooper until his honorable discharge in 1990.

In 1991, Chris joined the League City Police Department where he served in numerous investigative and training roles. He went on to serve as the Assistant Chief and later as City Administrator. During his time in League City, he graduated from the 210th Session of the FBI National Academy Command College and received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from LeTourneau University and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University. In 1993, Chief Reed was awarded the Law Enforcement Purple Heart for his courage and sacrifice after being shot in the line of duty.

In 2009, Chris was appointed city manager for the city of Nassau Bay, a role he held for six years. He began his own consulting agency, but a love of public service drew him back to law enforcement where he served as Chief of Police for the City of Kemah until his death. He was selected by the Shepperd Leadership Institute at the University of Texas—Permian Basin as Texas's 2012 Outstanding Local Leader, and was a finalist for the University of Houston Public Official of the Year in 2015.

Chief Reed's passion and support for the community led him to serve on several boards and committees that worked to benefit the Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD). In 2016, he was elected to the CCISD Board of Trustees and had just recently been named the board's secretary.

Chris is survived by his wife of nearly twenty-nine years, Jana, and their three children,

Logan, Chase, and Alexis. Madam Speaker, my prayers and condolences remain with the family, friends, and law enforcement colleagues of Chief Reed.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. MALCOLM JOHN
REBENNACK, JR.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of musical icon Mr. Malcolm John Rebennack, Jr., universally known as Dr. John. Mr. Rebennack passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the age of 77.

During his iconic career, Dr. John won several Grammy awards, released more than 30 albums, and was highly regarded not only as a performer, but also as a songwriter, composer, and producer. His sound played a pivotal role in shaping New Orleans culture and the music that makes it so distinctive.

Dr. John was born on November 20, 1941 in New Orleans' 3rd Ward. A precocious young talent, he honed his God-given gifts at Jesuit High School where he grew immensely at his craft. His time spent with older musical peers helped Dr. John lay the foundation for the success he would enjoy later in his career.

After serving time in the 1960's, Dr. John spent some time in Los Angeles, California before releasing his debut album, "Gris-Gris" in the beginning of 1968. The album, which could be described as an eclectic mixture of rock and traditional New Orleans-themed music, included "I Walk on Guilted Splinters," which is widely considered one of his most recognizable songs.

Four years later, Dr. John released "Dr. John's Gumbo" followed by "In the Right Place" in 1973, and "Desitively Bonnaroo" in 1974.

Dr. John performed at several large platforms during his career, including the White House and the 2006 National Football League Super Bowl in Detroit where he performed the national anthem with Aretha Franklin and Aaron Neville as part of a tribute to New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Dr. John was a Rock and Roll Hall-of-Famer who proudly spread New Orleans culture through his music. He embodied New Orleans and personified its bold character. While he will be sorely missed, his imprint and legacy in New Orleans history will remain present for a lifetime to come.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Malcolm John Rebennack, Jr.

RECOGNIZING ALDERMAN MARGARET LAURINO ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Alderman Margaret Laurino on her retirement from her position as Alderman of the 39th Ward of the City of Chicago.

Born and raised in the very ward that she served as Alderman, Margaret Laurino has dedicated her life to providing the strong, community-minded administration that our city deserves. She is an accomplished public servant who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in the City Council and worked hard to improve the lives of her constituents in Chicago's 39th Ward for 25 years.

Margaret "Marge" Laurino was elected by her colleagues to serve as President Pro Tempore of the Chicago City Council, bestowing upon her the responsibility to preside over City Council meetings in the Mayor's absence. She served as Chairman of the City Council Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety as well as the Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development, and was a member of the Committees on Budget and Government Operations; Committees, Rules and Ethics; Finance; Workforce Development and Audit; and Zoning, Landmarks, and Building Standards.

Alderman Laurino has been a champion for Chicago's youth and an advocate for quality education throughout her career. During her time in the ward, she successfully advocated for the building of new annexes in five existing schools, in addition to the construction of two new public schools. She also expanded healthcare access for students in the ward by opening new health centers in both the Albany Park Multicultural Academy and Roosevelt High School.

Alderman Laurino also oversaw numerous infrastructure improvements to benefit senior citizens in her ward. She worked in conjunction with the City's Department of Housing to fund the construction of a 97-unit senior building, secured funding for senior citizen home improvement grants, and played an instrumental role in the renovation of an outdated building on North Park Village's grounds, which will soon serve as a wellness center for seniors.

The improvement of the 39th Ward under Alderman Laurino's leadership did not just reach youth and seniors, but the entire community as well. In 2014 she oversaw the construction of the new Albany Park Library, which was built to the highest current environmental standards, and features more space and nearly four times as many free public computers as the neighborhood's previous library. Alderman Laurino also addressed public safety concerns within the ward by replacing the outdated 17th District Police station with new facilities that are home to state-of-the-art technology and community-oriented meeting spaces.

The City of Chicago is lucky to have been served by Margaret Laurino, who improved access to fresh, nutritious foods for Chicagoans by creating the Food Desert Task Force, championed government transparency by video streaming all City Council meetings and fought unethical practices in government by mandating ethics trainings for all City employees. Furthermore, Alderman Laurino made our roads safer and more accessible by banning texting while bicycling and advancing the first-ever Pedestrian Plan. Finally, Alderman Laurino created new opportunities for young Chicago residents to learn about City government operations and to follow in her footsteps by cultivating careers dedicated to serving the public through the Aldermanic intern program.

Marge would be the first to tell you that her family is her first priority and they have provided support during her entire career; her