

## CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran, District 3

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Attorney; John Peterek, Assistant to the City Manager; Emily McGinn,

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SUBJECT: A Resolution of the City of San Antonio Honoring the Life and Legacy of

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

DATE: October 28, 2020

## <u>Issue Proposed for Consideration</u>

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the City Council:

Request the City of San Antonio consider a resolution in support of honoring Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's 27-year tenure of exemplary and honorable service on the United States Supreme Court

## Brief Background

On September 18, 2020, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, passed away at the age of 87. Justice Ginsburg was born in Brooklyn, New York, on March 15, 1933. She enrolled at Harvard Law School in 1956 and transferred to Columbia Law School graduating in 1959. She later joined the faculty at Columbia Law School in 1972 becoming the first female professor to earn tenure on faculty.

Justice Ginsburg joined the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in 1980 serving for 13 years until joining the nation's highest court in 1993 where she became the second woman (after Sandra Day O'Connor) and the first Jewish woman to serve on the Court. During her appointment in the US Supreme Court, Justice Ginsberg became known for not only her powerful majority opinions but also fiery dissents in her efforts to uphold and enforce the Constitution's 14th Amendment. Her work has echoed her lifelong passion towards gender and social justice, and a steadfast champion for civil liberties.

As an Icon of Women's Rights and Social Justice, I ask my colleagues to support this Resolution to honor and continue the legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.



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Submitted for Council consideration by:

Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran, District

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