



## CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

May 15, 2018

City Council President Linda K. Morad and  
Honorable Members of the New Bedford City Council  
City Hall  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members,

I am writing to ask for your assistance in formally recognizing and honoring an exemplary public leader, Arthur J. Caron, Jr., who passed away on January 19, 2018 after many decades of dedicated service to the City of New Bedford.

After graduating from New Bedford High School, Mr. Caron received a bachelor's degree from Northeastern University. He went on to earn his law degree from Boston College Law School and a master's degree in Labor Law from New York University. After completing his studies, Mr. Caron entered the United States Army and served as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corp with the First Cavalry Division in Korea and later in the Office of the Secretary of Defense during the tenures of Secretaries Robert McNamara and Clark Clifford.

Mr. Caron returned to New Bedford in 1968 and joined the law firm of Downey and Jacobs. Mr. Caron was appointed as an Assistant City Solicitor for the City of New Bedford and served during the administrations of Edward F. Harrington, George Rogers, John A. Markey, and briefly with Brian Lawler before being appointed by Governor Michael Dukakis in 1982 as General Counsel to the Office of Employee Relations for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

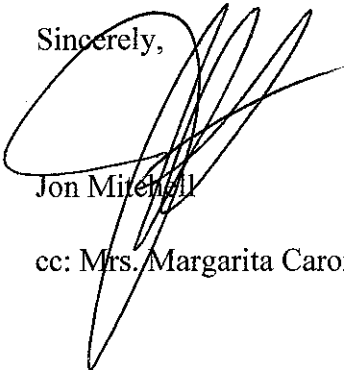
Upon completing his term as General Counsel, Mr. Caron returned to private practice and was appointed Assistant City Solicitor by former Mayor John Bullard, City Solicitor and Corporation Counsel by former Mayor Rosemary Tierney and served as labor counsel to former Mayors Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr., Scott Lang and Mayor Jon Mitchell. Between December 1974 and April 1987, Mr. Caron also served as the City's first Personnel Director.

Although Mr. Caron was always a worthy opponent for those who sat across from him at the bargaining table, he was well respected and well liked by those who knew and worked with him. Mr. Caron will always hold a special place in the hearts of those who worked with him in the City Solicitor's Office. Not only was Mr. Caron an intelligent, thoughtful, kind and generous man but he was also a wonderful friend, teacher and mentor. Mr. Caron had a superior memory of the many issues, events and cases that had transpired during his tenure with the City. Mr. Caron loved the City of New Bedford and he worked tirelessly to make New Bedford a great

City. The City of New Bedford is a better place because of Mr. Caron's contributions and Mr. Caron's historical knowledge, legal acumen, and thoughtful guidance will be sadly missed.

I think it only fitting that we honor Mr. Caron's many years of dedicated public service by naming the City Solicitor's Office Law Library "The Arthur J. Caron, Jr., Esq. Law Library" in honor of Mr. Caron's dedicated service and contributions to the City of New Bedford. I believe this is an appropriate tribute and I urge the City Council to join me in recognizing and honoring the memory of a wonderful man and an outstanding public servant.

Sincerely,



Jon Mitchell

cc: Mrs. Margarita Caron