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**MAYOR SEGARRA STATEMENT
ON THE PASSING OF GEORGE RITTER**

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“The City of Hartford has lost a champion and a civil rights pioneer with the passing of George Ritter. His advocacy inspired us all to work hard and to help others. His career as an attorney, as a lawmaker, and as a fighter for social justice is legendary not just because of the extraordinary results he achieved but how he touched and changed so many lives for the better. It was an honor to meet him shortly upon my arrival to Hartford and I will never forget his encouragement for me to ‘be involved.’ Our hearts go out to the Ritter family and to his extended family--- which is us--- because with every ounce of his heart, he loved Hartford.”