



Legislation Text

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**Fiscal Note**

No Appropriation Required.

**Title**

Commending Alderperson Warren Onken for his dedicated service to his constituents and the City of Madison from April 5, 1977 to April 20, 2005.

**Body**

WHEREAS, Alderperson Warren Onken was first elected on April 5, 1977 to represent the 15<sup>th</sup> District and re-elected on April 4, 1989 to represent the 3<sup>rd</sup> District; and,

WHEREAS, Alderperson Warren Onken served as Common Council President for the 1980-1981 term; and,

WHEREAS, Alderperson Warren Onken has served on the Alcohol License Review Committee, Board of Estimates, Board of Estimates Subcommittee on TIF, Civic Center Commission, Golf Subcommittee, Ice Arena Ad Hoc Committee, Madison Cultural Arts District Board, Monona Terrace Convention & Community Center Board, Public Health Commission, Transport 2020 Implementation Task Force; and,

WHEREAS, Alderperson Warren Onken has no doubt served on every City standing committee, subcommittee, ad hoc committee, and task force at least once during his 28 years; and,

WHEREAS, Alderperson Warren Onken always demonstrated common sense, good humor, an ability to work with those from all parts of the City and from all walks of life, and to work on behalf of the public's interest, seeking solutions to the City's problems without regard to the political and ideological movements of the moment, and,

WHEREAS, throughout his years on the Council he served as a mentor for many newly elected alders, always treating those bewildered by the complexity of our local government with respect and dignity, and,

WHEREAS, Alderperson Warren Onken had an uncanny ability to listen to staff, to citizens at meetings, and to others with a stake in neighborhood issues, seeking the common ground to help resolve tough issues, always recognizing that fundamental respect is the cornerstone of political discourse, and

WHEREAS, Alderperson Warren Onken is known to have consumed at least 28,000 toothpicks during his 28 years on the Common Council and never, to our knowledge, received a splinter; and,

WHEREAS, Alderperson Warren Onken demonstrated his deep love of the Madison and the neighborhoods he represented in all his actions; and,

WHEREAS, Alderperson Warren Onken through hard work and dedication to his aldermanic duties has faithfully and with honor served his constituents and the City of Madison,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Common Council commend and thank Alderperson Warren Onken for his dedicated service to his constituents and the City of Madison and wish him well in his future endeavors.