

February 4, 2016

Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver  
New York City Department of Parks & Recreation  
830 Fifth Ave  
New York, NY, 10065

Re: Rename Chapin Pond Park

Dear Commissioner Silver:

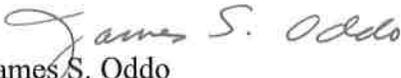
I am writing in support of renaming Chapin Pond Park in honor of the late Jerome O'Donovan.

I believe he is deserving of this honor because of his service to his community, his borough, his city and his nation. He was an iconic leader, and what's more, he was my friend.

A former Marine and the first Viet Nam veteran to serve on the New York City Council, he was, as Senator Schumer described him, a gentleman and a warrior.

I can think of no better way to honor his memory than by naming this bucolic spot in his honor. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
James S. Oddo  
President, Borough of Staten Island

