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Ascension Parish Council recognizes deaf interpreter

The Ascension Parish Council took time out of its July 18 meeting to recognize Joseph "Ari" Latino for his outstanding services providing translation for the hearing impaired during televised updates of Hurricane Barry.

During the Month of July 2019, under a declared state of emergency, Joseph "Ari" Latino distinguished himself by providing critical hearing impaired translation services to the residents of Ascension Parish, Louisiana during live press conferences. These emergency press conferences were conducted by the Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness from its unified Joint Information Center. His superb translations were widely recognized throughout the State of Louisiana and the country.

Ari's expertise as a hearing impaired translator brings great credit upon himself, Deaf Focus Services, and Ascension Parish Government.

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Photo #1 - Ari Latino recognized by Ascension Parish Council. Front Row, Left to Right: Councilman Randy Cloutre, OHSEP Director Rick Webre, Ari Latino, Council Chairwoman Teri Casso, and President Kenny Matassa. Second Row, Left to Right: Council members Bill Dawson, Travis Turner, Oliver Joseph, Daniel Satterlee, Dempsey Lambert, Todd Lambert, Benny Johnson, and John Cagnolatti.

Photo #2 - Ari Latino addressing the Ascension Parish Council using sign language.