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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Fred Rodgers,  
4 longtime youth services director of Aurora, on having the Root  
5 Street Community Center renamed the Fred Rodgers Community  
6 Center; and

7           WHEREAS, After a lifetime spent working for the young  
8 people of this city, Fred Rodgers' name will be immortalized on  
9 the Root Street community center that houses his office; and

10           WHEREAS, He will retire at the end of October of 2009 and  
11 as a tribute, the Aurora City Council voted unanimously to  
12 re-name the Root Street building the Fred Rodgers Community  
13 Center; and

14           WHEREAS, Fred Rodgers started working with the city in 1986  
15 and since then has started and nurtured dozens of programs for  
16 the kids of Aurora, including the City of Lights tournaments,  
17 the Aurora Sports Festival, and many anti-violence and  
18 drug-prevention initiatives; and

19           WHEREAS, Many of the things that Fred Rodgers has done over  
20 the years have not been public information, including paying  
21 for college educations, or giving kids rides to the train so

1 they could attend school, or offering jobs to teens to keep  
2 them off the street; and

3 WHEREAS, A dedication ceremony for the Fred Rodgers  
4 Community Center will be held on November 7, 2009; therefore,  
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 congratulate Fred Rodgers on this tribute and wish him all the  
9 best in his future endeavors; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Fred Rodgers as a symbol of our respect and  
12 esteem.