



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

No appropriation required.

### **Title**

Commending, honoring and expressing appreciation to George Dreckmann upon his retirement from the City of Madison after over 25 years of exemplary service.

### **Body**

WHEREAS, George Dreckmann has been employed with the City of Madison since 1989; and

WHEREAS, due to his retirement, his last day with the City will be January 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, he ends his career as the Streets Division's Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, yet it's a title that hardly captures his value to the Streets Division or the entire City; and

WHEREAS, he transformed Madison into a nationally recognized and innovative recycling leader; and

WHEREAS, while modesty prevents a full accounting of the awards he has earned for his contribution to recycling and the City over the years, his honors include the 2004 Christy Dixon Award as Wisconsin's Recycler of the Year, the 2009 Lloyd D. Gladfelter Award for innovative public service; and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Recycling Coalition in 2015; and

WHEREAS, his expertise and presence representing the City and the Streets Division across Madison's media landscape cannot be replaced or duplicated; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to educating the public spared no personal embarrassment as he leapt from trash cans, growled in zombie voices, and dug wrist-deep into refuse all in hopes of guiding us to make more sustainable choices; and

WHEREAS, his wit, creativity, and sharp sense of humor may have made all meetings with him longer, but they certainly felt shorter and more productive than most; and

WHEREAS, his passion for St. Louis Cardinals baseball is unrivaled, which also acts as evidence to his quality as a person, because while he had ample occasion to gloat about his team's years of success and multiple championships, which is in stark contrast to the perennial struggles of the Milwaukee Brewers and Chicago Cubs, he did not; and

WHEREAS, he earned accolades, kudos, cheers, commendations, hurrahs, praise (both faint and sincere), plaudits, ovations, attaboys, and general, honest, heartfelt appreciation from around this country for his efforts; and

WHEREAS, he has proven through his character, personality, and dedication to be an exemplary Madisonian, and truly an indispensable man to the fabric of who we are as a City and what we strive to be;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Madison thank GEORGE DRECKMANN for his decades of passionate leadership and his dedication to the City and wish him well and success in his retirement

