



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

No appropriation required.

### **Title**

Expressing appreciation and support for Erin Davies' mission of tolerance and public awareness campaign about discrimination and hate crimes.

### **Body**

WHEREAS, on the 11th annual National Day of Silence, April 18, 2007, Erin Davies was victim of a hate crime when her VW Beetle with a rainbow sticker was vandalized in red spray paint with homophobic slurs; and

WHEREAS, Erin decided to embrace what happened by not removing the graffiti and continuing to drive her car as-is, in order to increase public awareness about the blatant homophobia that exists in our society; and

WHEREAS, Erin's mission is to drive her "fagbug" on a cross country trip and take it to as many diverse communities as possible, engaging residents in an honest dialog; and

WHEREAS, Erin's travels will bring her through Madison on August 10, 2007 thanks to the coordination and support of several community organizations: Seeking Tolerance and Justice Over Hate (STAJOH), Gay-Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) and OutReach, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Erin's courage and dedication demonstrate that the actions of one individual can make a positive difference in our society; and

WHEREAS, such individual effort to increase public awareness about discrimination and hate crimes makes an important contribution to the City's efforts to be a community of tolerance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Common Council hereby express their appreciation and support for Erin Davies' mission of tolerance and public awareness campaign.