



## Legislation Text

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### Fiscal Note

No fiscal impact.

### Title

Commending, honoring and expressing appreciation to William "Bill" Roberts for his 34 years of service to the City of Madison.

### Body

WHEREAS Bill Roberts is leaving City employment on March 2, 2007 after 34 years of dedicated service to the City of Madison; and

WHEREAS Bill began work as a Planning Aid on May 14, 1973 and has progressed through the ranks to his current position as a Planner IV; and

WHEREAS he has held a leadership role and has coordinated and facilitated the review and approval of hundreds of development proposals, large and small, over the last 34 years, including, among the more significant projects:

- The Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center
- The Overture Center for the Arts
- Expansion of the Dane County Regional Airport
- The University Research Park
- The Siting of the MATC-Truax Campus
- The Nine Springs Environmental Corridor - "E-Way"
- Expansion of Meriter Hospital
- The Meriter Retirement Complex
- Redevelopment of "Block 89"
- Redevelopment of "Block 51"
- Expansion of Edgewood College
- Dane County Courthouse
- Dane County Public Safety Building
- Oakwood Village Retirement Community
- The American Center
- State Office Buildings in the Downtown

And UW Campus projects including:

- The Kohl Center
- Grainger Hall
- The Health Science Learning and Interdisciplinary Research Center
- The Fluno Center; and

WHEREAS he provided support to the Madison Metropolitan School District on annexations and residential development trends, the site selection of the James C. Wright Middle School and the pairing concept for the Franklin-Randall and Midvale-Lincoln Elementary School; and

WHEREAS he facilitated several neighborhood-initiated downzoning proposals located in the Tenney-Lapham, Brittingham-Vilas, University Heights, and Highlands Neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS he worked on the district reapportionment required as part of the 1990 and 2000 Federal Census; and

WHEREAS he is a very well-liked and respected member of the Planning Unit staff, with an outgoing personality,

incomparably wicked sense of humor, and a rock solid sense of fairness in dealing with citizens, developers, lenders, architects, builders, other City staff, Commission members, and elected officials in the complex and often chaotic day-to-day activities of development review.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby commend, honor and express gratitude and appreciation to William Roberts for his 34 years of dedicated service to the City of Madison.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to William Roberts as a symbol of the City of Madison's appreciation for the years of excellent service to the City and its citizens.