



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

No appropriation required.

### **Title**

Honoring Mark McGill and Roy Vela for their Lifesaving Efforts

### **Body**

WHEREAS, on Monday, September 25, 2017, Mark McGill, an employee of Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, was working in the Command Center; and

WHEREAS, Roy Vela, an employee of Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, was working as the Manager on duty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGill observed, while monitoring the camera system, an older gentleman climb over the restraining fence on the rooftop of Monona Terrace and slowly walk to the edge of the building overlooking the bike path; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGill left the Command Center and, immediately called for assistance from the Manager on Duty, Mr. Vela; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGill proceeded to the rooftop and encountered the older gentleman, who he quickly recognized was truly down on his luck; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGill was soon joined by Mr. Vela, and collectively they quickly recognized that the older gentleman was intent on committing suicide; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGill engaged the distressed individual by introducing himself and Mr. Vela; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGill continued talking with the individual while Mr. Vela withdrew from the area and contacted MPD; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGill and Mr. Vela through compassion and sincere conversation were able to make a connection with the individual, which allowed time for MPD to arrive; and

WHEREAS, MPD over the next 20 minutes convinced the individual to come back over the restraining fence so they could assist him; and

WHEREAS, MPD officers, after talking to the distressed individual, credit Mr. McGill and Mr. Vela for their actions and compassion that led to a life saved; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGill and Mr. Vela reacted quickly yet calmly to serve a guest in distress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that that the Mayor of the City of Madison and the Madison Common Council would like to thank Mr. Mark McGill and Mr. Roy Vela for their lifesaving actions.

