



State of Wisconsin
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2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 114

February 26, 2018 - Introduced by Representatives C. TAYLOR, HEBL, SUBECK, BERCEAU, ZAMARRIPA, CROWLEY, SINICKI, SPREITZER, POPE, SHANKLAND, ANDERSON, SARGENT, ZEPNICK and BROSTOFF, cosponsored by Senators LARSON, L. TAYLOR, RISSER and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming March 20, 2018, as Mister Rogers Day in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, Mister Fred Rogers, celebrated American television personality, was
3 born March 20, 1928, and passed away on February 27, 2003, at the age of 74; and

4 Whereas, Mister Rogers was famous for creating, hosting, and composing the
5 music for the educational preschool television series Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
6 (1968-2001), which featured his kind-hearted, gentle, soft-spoken personality and
7 directness to his audience; and

8 Whereas, Mister Rogers, initially educated as a minister, was displeased with
9 the manner in which television addressed children, and in attempt to create change
10 he began to write for and perform on Pittsburgh-area shows devoted to youth,
11 stating, "I went into television because I hated it so, and I thought there's some way
12 of using this fabulous instrument to nurture those who would watch and listen"; and

13 Whereas, Mister Rogers became an icon of American children's entertainment
14 and was known for his advocacy of various public causes, which included a court
15 testimony in favor of time shifting of television shows as well as a testimony to a U.S.

1 Senate committee advocating for increased funding of children's television
2 programs; and

3 Whereas, Mister Rogers taught that in times of great change and uncertainty
4 it is crucial to hold onto patience, kindness, diversity, collaboration, and peace; and

5 Whereas, thanks to his unparalleled outpour of love and compassion into
6 children and children's media, children's television and the world at large are both
7 kinder places; now, therefore, be it

8 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
9 Wisconsin legislature honor the life and public service of Mister Fred Rogers on his
10 90th Birthday, and thank him for leaving footprints of change and bettering the lives
11 of millions of children; and, be it further

12 ***Resolved, That*** the legislature proclaims March 20, 2018, as Mister Rogers'
13 Day in Wisconsin.

14 (END)