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S. CON. RES. 16

Honoring the life and work of Mr. Fred McFeely Rogers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 5, 2003

Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) submitted the following
concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and work of Mr. Fred McFeely Rogers.

Whereas Fred Rogers was born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, in 1928;

Whereas Fred Rogers earned a degree in music composition, studied child development at the University of Pittsburgh, attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and was ordained a Presbyterian minister;

Whereas Fred Rogers created “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood” in 1966, and hosted the program through the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) from 1968 through 2000;

Whereas “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood” is the longest-running program on PBS;

Whereas “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood” was created and filmed in Fred Rogers’ hometown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;

Whereas Fred Rogers' caring, genuine spirit reflects the values shared by the people of southwestern Pennsylvania and by so many neighborhoods throughout the country;

Whereas "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" continues to be a nurturing, educational program for children emphasizing the value of every individual and helping children understand how they fit into their families, communities, and country;

Whereas Fred Rogers was appointed Chairman of the Forum on Mass Media and Child Development of the White House Conference on Youth in 1968;

Whereas "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" won 4 Emmy Awards, "Lifetime Achievement" Awards, and 2 George Foster Peabody Awards;

Whereas Fred Rogers won every major award in television for which he was eligible;

Whereas Fred Rogers was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame in 1999;

Whereas President George W. Bush awarded Mr. Rogers the Presidential Medal of Honor in 2002;

Whereas Fred Rogers was also a prolific songwriter and author; and

Whereas Fred Rogers was presented with over 40 honorary degrees from colleges and universities: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
- 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress recognizes and honors Mr.
- 3 Fred McFeely Rogers for—

1 (1) dedicating his career to the educational and
2 imaginative children’s program “Mr. Rogers’ Neigh-
3 borhood”;

4 (2) the accomplishments of this influential pro-
5 gram and the emphasis it places on the value of
6 each individual within his or her community; and

7 (3) the compassionate, moral example he set for
8 millions of American children for over 30 years.

9 **SEC. 2. TRANSMISSION OF ENROLLED RESOLUTION.**

10 The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an en-
11 rolled copy of this concurrent resolution to Mrs. Joanne
12 Rogers.

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