

**RESOLUTION
PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING
WASHINGTON, D.C.
Monday, November 14, 2016**

unanimously

RESOLVED,

That the Board of Directors
of the
Corporation for Public Broadcasting
Expresses its Deep Appreciation
for the Outstanding Contributions of

Bill Isler

President and CEO of The Fred Rogers Company and
Tireless Champion for Children, Families and Learning through Public Media

The Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting recognizes the extraordinary achievements of Mr. Isler on the occasion of his retirement.

Mr. Isler has devoted his entire career to children and public service, starting as a classroom teacher and administrator, then serving in the Pennsylvania Department of Education before joining the Fred Rogers Company in 1984. He worked side by side with Fred Rogers for nearly 20 years, assuming the role of CEO in 1987. He was the first Executive Director of the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media at Saint Vincent College and currently serves on the Pittsburgh School Board.

Mr. Isler's leadership transformed the company – literally from Family Communications Inc. to The Fred Rogers Company – while never losing sight of Fred Roger's original vision to create a calm, safe place where all children could learn about themselves, about others, and about the world around them. He continued to produce the award-winning Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, the longest running program on PBS, published books for children and adults, worked with partners to launch the Girls' Math, Science and Technology Project and the Connecting Cops and Kids Project.

His good work helped Mr. Rogers' legacy live on for new generations through new characters, new neighborhoods, new experiences and new shows such as Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood that use media as a powerful tool for all children to learn and thrive.

As Mr. Isler said, "Fred Rogers gave generations of children his honest self, and he showed all of us that the gift of our honest self to a child – or to an adult – is the greatest gift we can give."

Thank you Bill Isler for sharing your honest self with us and for enriching our lives and the lives of so many children with your caring, positive vision. Our neighborhood will miss you.