Honoring the Legacy of Former Milwaukee Mayor Frank P. Zeidler

Common Council members plan to honor the legacy of former Milwaukee Mayor Frank P. Zeidler with the establishment of the Frank P. Zeidler Community Service Award.

“This award will be an annual award recognizing two city residents who best exemplify Frank P. Zeidler’s legacy of social justice and civic accomplishment,” said Milwaukee Ald. Robert J. Bauman. Alderman Bauman is the primary sponsor of the ordinance, which establishes the community service award for city residents not affiliated with government.

The Common Council’s Community and Economic Development Committee will discuss the ordinance at the committee’s 1:30 p.m. meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, September 19, 2006) in room 301-B of City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. Media coverage is welcome.

The selection committee will be comprised of representatives of the Mayor’s office, Common Council, community members and the Frank P. Zeidler Center for Public Discussion. The committee will determine the nomination procedures, selection process, award criteria, and send a report to the Common Council for approval.

Frank Zeidler, the city’s last socialist mayor, died July 7 at age 93. He served as mayor from 1948 to 1960, and continued to be a voice for social justice and public service until his death.

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