

**RESOLUTION TO HONOR ROGER EBERT
AND COMMEMORATE HIS BOYHOOD HOME IN URBANA**

WHEREAS, Roger Ebert is a native of Urbana, worked as a reporter for the University of Illinois *Daily Illini*, and the *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette*, and is nationally known as film critic for the *Chicago Sun Times*; and

WHEREAS, Roger Ebert received the first Pulitzer Prize awarded in Journalism for film review (1975) and is founder of Ebertfest, Roger Ebert's Overlooked Film Festival (1997); and

WHEREAS, Roger Ebert has generously given of his time to help raise funds for the Urbana Free Library where he spent many hours of his youth; and

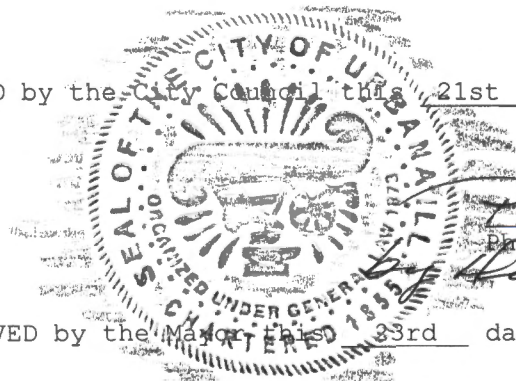
WHEREAS, the City of Urbana would like to give Roger Ebert a "thumbs up" and officially recognize his contributions to Urbana and to the appreciation of high quality work in film; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration of Roger Ebert's boyhood home in Urbana at 410 E. Washington Street would be a fitting recognition of his roots and his achievements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, that a suitable plaque be designed and installed to recognize the achievements of Roger Ebert and commemorate his boyhood home in Urbana.

PASSED by the City Council this 21st day of April,
2008.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 23rd day of April,
2008.



Phyllis D. Clark
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

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