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Erick Morillo poses with a copy of his sign and his mother, Elisa Morillo, on Oct. 11, 2012 during the dedication ceremony of "Erick Morillo Way" on Bergenline Avenue and 15th Street in Union City. Alyssa Ki/The Jersey Journal

Erick Morillo Way dedicated in Union City on Oct. 11, 2012 (http://photos.nj.com/4505/gallery/erick_morillo_way_dedicated_in_union_city_on_oct_11_2012/index.html) gallery (19 photos)



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Union City honored one of its own success stories today when it renamed a section of Bergenline Avenue for music producer Erick Morillo.

The city honored Morillo, who lived at 1406 Bergenline Ave. before pursuing a music career, by renaming a section of Bergenline Avenue between 14th and 15th Street "Erick Morillo Way."

"It's important to recognize those in the community who contribute to our home town," Union City Mayor Brian Stack said today. "We can all be proud to call Erick a part of our community."

Morillo is famous for his international work in the techno music genre known as



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can accomplish anything they set their mind to."

Commissioner Christopher Irizarry, who grew up in Union City with Morillo, was excited for his childhood friend.

"It made me happy to see a child of Union City become so successful and change the world," Irizarry said.

As a token of his appreciation for the community that gave him his start, and his own street, Morillo donated 100 Nook tablets to a local school.

house music, including the 1993 hit "I Like to Move It" used in the "Madagascar" film series.

"I'm really happy to accept this honor," Morillo said. "This is about setting an example for the youth of tomorrow and letting them know that they

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