



HR0739

LRB100 16619 MST 31755 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives have learned a significant era of Chicago broadcast journalism is about to sign off for a final time; and

3

4

5

WHEREAS, Viewers of WTTW-TV's Chicago Tonight: The Week in Review have gained a glimpse into the insights of many of Chicago's premier journalists over nearly 2,000 broadcasts; and

6

7

8

9

WHEREAS, The program's self-described "traffic cop" for this 40-year endeavor was the always animated moderator Joel Weisman, a quick wit who acquired his skills as reporter, editor, and commentator at the City News Bureau, the Gary Post Tribune, the Chicago American, the Chicago Sun-Times, the Washington Post, and WGN-TV; and

10

11

12

13

14

15

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Joel Weisman's journalistic excellence was recognized with multiple awards, including Emmys, Peter Lisagor awards, Jacob Sher awards, and Associated Press awards; he was twice nominated for Pulitzer Prizes for his investigative reporting; and

16

17

18

19

20

WHEREAS, Joel Weisman has developed a well-regarded practice of ensuring his four person panels always represented

21

1 all regions and communities of WTTW's broadcast market and all
2 shapes and sizes of media outlets; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 join in the January 19, 2018 salute to work of Joel Weisman on
6 the occasion of his final broadcast as host of Chicago Tonight:
7 The Week in Review; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we recognize the program's 40th anniversary
9 and offer best wishes for continued success and acknowledge
10 Illinois is a better place because of these efforts; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Joel Weisman and the leadership of WTTW-TV.