

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Michael L. Perrine of
4 Kankakee on his retirement as Farm Service Director of WKAN
5 in Kankakee; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Perrine graduated from Pittsfield High
7 School in 1959 and attended Odessa Community College in
8 Odessa, Texas; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Perrine has been involved in broadcasting
10 for 44 years and spent 33 years in Farm Broadcasting and
11 Agri-Sales; with the exception of 1 year in Indiana, and 3
12 years in Wisconsin, he has spent most of his broadcast career
13 in Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, Before becoming Farm Service Director of WKAN in
15 Kankakee, Mr. Perrine worked for stations WLDS in
16 Jacksonville, WJIL in Jacksonville, and WIBU in Poynette,
17 Wisconsin; he was one of very few farm broadcasters that
18 combined agricultural sales with broadcast duties; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Perrine has set many sales records during
20 his career, including "Top Salesman" honors at WKAN for the
21 last three years; other awards he has earned include, the
22 current National Association of Farm Broadcasters (NAFB) Farm
23 Broadcaster of the Year for the Eastern Region, the Special
24 Communicator Award from the Illinois Pork Producers, the
25 Communicator of the Year Award from Land of Lincoln Soybean
26 Association, the Honorary American Farmer Award, recipient of
27 an Honorary Illinois State FFA Degree, and 4H Honorary FFA
28 Chapter degrees; he was also the recipient of the Livestock
29 Conservation Institute Media Award (1990), the Friend of
30 Cooperatives Award (1990), the Illinois Commodity Conference
31 Broadcast Media Award (1997), the Illinois Soybean
32 Association Excellence in Broadcast Media Award (1997), and

1 the Illinois Agriculture Education Excellence Award
2 (Presented in 1998); and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Perrine was presented with the Friend of 4-H
4 Award by Columbia County, Wisconsin and Kankakee County, the
5 County Corn Grower Broadcast Awards by the Kankakee County
6 FSA & Kankakee County Soil and Water, the Communication
7 Awards by the Kankakee County FSA and Kankakee County Soil
8 and Water, and the Friend of Growmark award presented in
9 August 2002; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Michael L. Perrine on his retirement after 44
13 years in broadcasting and wish him good health and happiness
14 in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Michael L. Perrine as an expression of our
17 respect and esteem.