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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A significant milestone is being reached in 2011
3 as "Illinois Lawmakers", the State's longest-running public
4 affairs television program, enters its second quarter century;
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6 WHEREAS, "Illinois Lawmakers" developed a widely respected
7 reputation for its even-handed approach to interviews, it's
8 reportage of complex State issues, and live coverage of
9 gubernatorial budget and State of the State addresses; and

10 WHEREAS, "Illinois Lawmakers" became a unique venture for
11 the State's 11 public television stations which forged the
12 programming idea shortly after acquiring a mobile satellite
13 truck and bringing it to Springfield; and

14 WHEREAS, Top billing for organizing the venture is properly
15 given to veteran Executive Producer Marty McLaughlin of
16 WTTW-TV, who used his years of media experience and political
17 savvy to launch "Illinois Lawmakers"; and

18 WHEREAS, Credit must be given to award-winning
19 broadcasters Bruce DuMont and Jak Tichenor, who served as the
20 program's chief anchors; and

1 WHEREAS, Bruce DuMont has gone on to create the Museum of
2 Broadcasting; Jak Tichenor was honored in 2006, when he was
3 named a recipient of the prestigious Sturgis Award at
4 SIU-Carbondale; and

5 WHEREAS, Sharing the distinction of serving viewers for the
6 full run of the show is Bill Baker of WTVP-TV Peoria, who
7 helped provide the show with its first-class production crew;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Their work was guided by John Eisenhower of WEIU-TV
10 Charleston; and

11 WHEREAS, Many veteran journalists, including Mary Frances
12 Fagan, Peggy Boyer-Long, Rich Miller, Bernie Schoenberg, Sean
13 Crawford, and Bill Wheelhouse, all contributed quality
14 reporting to "Illinois Lawmakers"; and

15 WHEREAS, These distinctive broadcasts were recognized by
16 the Association of America's Public Television Stations for
17 innovative public affair programming, a Keystone Program Award
18 from the Central Educational Network, and four regional Emmy
19 nominations; and

20 WHEREAS, This joint effort produced more than 300
21 broadcasts, which allowed legislators to go beyond sound bites

1 to explain their legislation and express their opinions and
2 views, thereby sharing with voters and taxpayers solid
3 information on how government works; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we thank the entire "Illinois Lawmakers" team and congratulate
7 them for 25 years of broadcasting excellence; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the "Illinois Lawmakers" team as a symbol of our
10 respect and esteem.