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1   HOUSE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are

3   honored to pay tribute to those who have dedicated a life of

4   service to the citizens of Illinois; and

5   WHEREAS, John Croessman was born in Blue Island and lived

6   in Oak Lawn before moving to Du Quoin in 1955; he attended Du

7   Quoin High School, where he won a state speech championship and

8   served as an editor of the school newspaper, The Magnavox,

9   before graduating in 1970; and

10   WHEREAS, John Croessman was hired at the Du Quoin Evening

11   Call after graduating from Southern Illinois University

12   Carbondale; he worked at the Du Quoin Evening Call for over 40

13   years, from 1974 until 2017, when a stroke unfortunately ended

14   his tenure; most of his years there were spent as editor; his

15   favorite memory was covering President Ronald Reagan's visit to

16   the Krone Family Farms in the late 1980s; and

17   WHEREAS, John Croessman received the Outstanding Du Quoin

18   Citizen of the Year Award in 2004; in 2013, he received the

19   Outstanding Community Citizen Award from the Du Quoin District

20   300 Foundation for his service to the Du Quoin community as

21   editor of the Du Quoin Evening Call; and

1   WHEREAS, John Croessman has had a passion for photography
2 and boating; known as a highly skilled craftsman, he built his
3 family home by himself; and

4   WHEREAS, The friends and family of John Croessman have
5 established the John H. Croessman Communications Scholarship
6 in his honor; the scholarship will be awarded for the first
7 time in 2019; therefore, be it

8   RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 honor the life and legacy of John H. Croessman, the longtime
11 managing editor of the Du Quoin Evening Call, and we recognize
12 the positive impact he has had on his community; and be it
13 further

14   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to John Croessman as an expression of our esteem and
16 respect.