

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Television station KHQA is celebrating a
3 milestone this year with its 50th anniversary; KHQA first
4 signed on the air in Hannibal, Missouri on September 23,
5 1953; and

6 WHEREAS, Some of the personalities of the day brought
7 viewers news and family programs such as the Cactus Jim Show,
8 Rono the Clown, live studio concerts, talk shows, and the
9 station's own cooking show; and

10 WHEREAS, A year later, the station moved to the Western
11 Catholic Union Building in Quincy, Illinois which put the
12 station at the heart of the city and gave everyone at the
13 station a great view of the Mississippi River; in 1998, the
14 station moved to a new building on South 36th Street that is
15 equipped with state-of-the-art technology; recently the
16 station added a high definition transmitter which brought
17 true high definition television to West Central Illinois; and

18 WHEREAS, From the beginning, KHQA was a sister station to
19 AM radio station WTAD, and later became a sister station to
20 FM radio station WQCY; the stations parted ways when they
21 were sold to separate owners in 1986; KHQA's current owner is
22 Chelsey Broadcasting Co., LLC of Garden City, New York;
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 we congratulate KHQA on the occasion of the 50th anniversary
27 of its first broadcast; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to KHQA as an expression of respect and esteem for
30 its many years of service to West Central Illinois.