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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Frank Mathie of ABC 7 in Chicago has been named the 34th annual recipient of the Dante Award given by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathie is a feature reporter for ABC 7 News; in his 36 years with ABC 7, he has covered everything from hard news to human-interest stories; with his current focus on features, he delves into the issues, events, and personalities of Chicago, bringing the city to life with his sense of humor and intellectual curiosity; and

WHEREAS, He joined ABC 7 in 1967 as a combination news writer and reporter; before committing to full-time feature coverage, he served as a writer and reporter for ABC 7's "ACTION 7" beat, which was designed to help Chicagoans with consumer and government issues (1971-74); he began his broadcasting career as a news writer, film editor, and reporter at WISN-TV in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (1964-67); and

WHEREAS, His talents include writing, editing, and the creative production of feature stories, and he has been recognized for journalistic excellence throughout his career; his list of awards includes many honors for feature reporting and spot news; he was a national finalist in the 1995 Edward R. Murrow Awards and won Emmy Awards in 1988, 1987, 1986, and 1985 for Outstanding News Feature Reporting; he was also honored with the United Press International award for Best News Feature in 1986, 1985, and 1981; and

WHEREAS, He was also cited with an Illinois Broadcasters Association award for best spot news reporting among Chicago television stations in 1977, and in 1971, he received the Distinguished Alumnus in Broadcasting Award from Marquette University's School of Speech; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Mathie is a Wisconsin native; he graduated
2 from Milwaukee's Marquette University with a B.A. in
3 Speech/Radio and Television; an avid golfer, he resides in the
4 northern suburbs of Chicago with his wife; they have three
5 grown children; and

6 WHEREAS, The Dante Award is given by the Joint Civic
7 Committee of Italian Americans in order to recognize positive
8 contributions being made by a person in the communication field
9 who helps foster the true image of Italian people; it is given
10 annually to a member of the fourth estate who best exemplifies
11 Dante's edict to be no timid friend to truth; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Frank Mathie on being the recipient of the
15 Dante Award given by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian
16 Americans; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Mr. Mathie as an expression of our respect and
19 esteem.