



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Loren Tate was born on November 3, 1931, in
3 Owensboro, Kentucky and recently celebrated his 75th birthday;
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5 WHEREAS, Loren Tate grew up in Monticello, Illinois; he is
6 a 1949 graduate of Monticello High School and a 1953 graduate
7 of the University of Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, He was Sports Editor of the Hammond Times in
9 Hammond, Indiana from 1955 to 1966 and then was hired at the
10 News-Gazette in Champaign, Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, He was Sports Director at WICD-TV from 1968 to
12 1979, reporting sports on the 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. news each
13 evening, while also writing his column for the News-Gazette;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Loren Tate is known for co-hosting the "Saturday
16 Sportsline" show on WDWS, which he started in 1979 with Larry
17 Stewart; WDWS still broadcasts Loren with co-host, Jim Turpin,
18 every Saturday; and

19 WHEREAS, He was named Executive Sports Editor of the
20 News-Gazette in 1987; in 1988 he won a first place award for
21 best news story from the Associated Press Sports Editors; and

22 WHEREAS, He is the author of the book, "A Century of Orange
23 and Blue: Celebrating 100 Years of Fighting Illini Basketball";
24 he has been inducted into the IHSA Basketball Hall of Fame, the
25 Hammond Sports Hall of Fame, and the Monticello High School
26 Hall of Fame and has received the University of Illinois
27 honorary Varsity I award; and in 2003 received the News Gazette
28 Publisher's Award; and

1 WHEREAS, Loren Tate is an avid golfer and softball player;
2 he plays softball in a Champaign Park District league; he is
3 the father of Melinda Burden, Lori Simon, Kathy Tate, and
4 Travis Tate; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we congratulate Loren Tate on having a portion of Fremont
8 Street in downtown Champaign named "Loren Tate Way" on November
9 3, 2006 in honor of his dedication to Fighting Illini sports;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Loren Tate, along with our sincere regards.