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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, "JR in the Mornings" was a staple in the Rock  
3 River Valley, always providing a voice to the voiceless, an ear  
4 to local events, an outlet for community discussion of  
5 hot-button issues, and an unmatched dedication to listeners;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, A true radio pioneer, John "J.R." Rohwer wielded  
8 memorable impact upon the Rock River Valley community  
9 throughout his 40 plus years on the air; and

10 WHEREAS, The number one radio broadcaster in the Valley  
11 challenged his listeners to discuss difficult issues, like the  
12 closing of the local steel mill, for the benefit of the  
13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, The son of a Navy veteran-turned-radio man and an  
15 Illinois farm girl with a knack for radio engineering, John  
16 "J.R." Rohwer is a man of faith, known for his sensitive nature  
17 and introspective depth; and

18 WHEREAS, As the devoted father of Jim and Matt, Mr. Rohwer  
19 treasured special moments with his beloved sons, teaching them  
20 the lessons of life while fishing or playing baseball or  
21 football; and

1           WHEREAS, As a gifted intellectual, Mr. Rohwer crafted  
2           award-winning editorials, played classical piano beautifully,  
3           and published intriguing short stories; and

4           WHEREAS, "J.R." always went the extra mile, often arriving  
5           at 2:00 AM to prepare for his show, repair the station's  
6           equipment, and help anyone with anything they required;  
7           therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9           NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
10          SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we honor John "J.R." Rohwer on  
11          the occasion of his outstanding career and a life well lived;  
12          he left an indelible imprint on Illinois broadcasting and will  
13          forever be remembered for his integrity, his intelligence, and  
14          his passion for life; and be it further

15          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16          presented to John "J.R." Rohwer as a symbol of our esteem and  
17          respect.