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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On February 19, 2007, WILL-TV, the PBS affiliate in Champaign, will broadcast "10 Sisters: A True Story"; and

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WHEREAS, 10 Sisters is the true story of the 10 daughters of Glen and Ruth Waggoner; after financial troubles and disagreements led their parents to the Coles County Courthouse, the sisters found themselves separated by the State; and

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WHEREAS, The girls ended up in orphanages, in foster homes, or with relatives, and they were forced to break with their familiar surroundings; and

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WHEREAS, In the past 65 years the sisters have reunited and worked to regain their once close-knit lives; and

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WHEREAS, The book "10 Sisters: A True Story" has one chapter each for the sisters, each telling her own story of the past and what has happened in the days and years since being pulled apart; and

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WHEREAS, The 10 sisters are Virginia Rackley, Deloris Hart (deceased), Rhita Brniak, Mary Margaret Hickmott (deceased), Irma Allen, Roberta Ariel, Phyllis Ferguson (deceased), Vera Barber, Audrey Alford, and Doris Wenzel; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 thank WILL-TV for bringing this tragic story to life and wish
4 the sisters nothing but the best as they continue to restore
5 their family ties; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to producer Tim Hartin, producer/writer Alison Davis
8 Wood and the staff of WILL-TV, to Virginia Rackley, Rhita
9 Brniak, Irma Allen, Roberta Ariel, Vera Barber, Audrey Alford,
10 Doris Wenzel, and to the families of Deloris Hart, Mary
11 Margaret Hickmott, and Phyllis Ferguson.