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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Roger Matile on the
4 occasion of his retirement as editor of the Ledger-Sentinel in
5 Oswego; and

6 WHEREAS, Roger Matile is a native of Wheatland Township in
7 northwest Will County; he moved with his family to Oswego in
8 1954; he graduated from Oswego High School in 1964 and attended
9 Northern Illinois University; and

10 WHEREAS, Roger Matile's love for writing began in 1976,
11 when he and his wife, Sue, were members of the Kendall County
12 Bicentennial Commission; together, they helped produce "A
13 Bicentennial History of Kendall County, Illinois", as well as
14 monographs including "Indians of Kendall County" and "A
15 Students' History of Kendall County"; and

16 WHEREAS, Roger Matile began his journalism career as a
17 local history columnist for the Fox Valley Sentinel in 1977;
18 soon after he began working, he accepted additional work as a
19 reporter for the Sentinel, covering several local governmental
20 agencies, including the Montgomery Village Board, the West
21 Aurora School Board, the Oswego School Board, and the Kane
22 County Board; and

1 WHEREAS, Roger Matile served as editor of the
2 Ledger-Sentinel since 1980, when the competing Oswego Ledger
3 and Fox Valley Sentinel newspapers were merged into a single
4 entity by the owner, the Kendall County Record Newspapers; and

5 WHEREAS, Roger Matile was a driving force in the growth of
6 the Ledger-Sentinel from a 2,000 circulation, 20-page
7 newspaper in 1980 to its current circulation of more than 8,300
8 with an average of more than 80 pages each week; and

9 WHEREAS, During Roger Matile's 28 years as editor, the
10 Ledger-Sentinel was the recipient of more than 300 awards in
11 annual newspaper contests sponsored by the Illinois Press
12 Association and the Northern Illinois Newspaper Association;
13 he won many of those awards himself for news articles,
14 editorials, columns, photography, and graphics, including
15 multiple IPA awards for Best Coverage of Taxation Issues and
16 Best School Board Coverage in Illinois; and

17 WHEREAS, Despite retiring from the Ledger-Sentinel, Roger
18 Matile will continue writing his weekly 'Reflections' column on
19 local history for the Ledger-Sentinel's Opinion page;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 congratulate Roger Matile on the occasion of his retirement and
3 wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Roger Matile as a symbol of our esteem and
7 respect.