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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the owners and  
4 employees of the Illini Media Company on the occasion of the  
5 organization's 100th anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, The Illini Media Company is a non-profit  
7 corporation that is totally self-supported and independent;  
8 the company provides an unsurpassed educational opportunity  
9 and hands-on media training for approximately 300 students  
10 attending the University of Illinois; and

11           WHEREAS, The Daily Illini began publication in 1871; the  
12 Illini Publishing Company was chartered on May 11, 1911 by the  
13 State of Illinois as a non-profit corporation established to  
14 organize and operate student media at the University of  
15 Illinois; directed by a student/faculty board, the IPC was one  
16 of the first collegiate publishing companies to practice  
17 successfully; and

18           WHEREAS, Over the years, the Illini Media Company has  
19 produced numerous publications, including The Daily Illini,  
20 Illio, The Illinois Magazine, The Siren, Illinois Technograph  
21 Magazine, The Illinois Agriculturalist, The Entrepreneur, The  
22 Architectural Year Book, and The R.O.T.C. Journal; today, the

1 Illini Media Company owns and operates The Daily Illini, the  
2 Illio yearbook, the Illinois Technograph engineering magazine,  
3 and WPGU-FM radio; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1954, WPGU began broadcasting as a pirate radio  
5 station wired through the ROTC barracks; in 1959, WPGU joined  
6 the Illini Publishing Company; in 1973, WPGU began broadcasting  
7 24 hours a day; and

8 WHEREAS, In August of 1988, Illini Media Company moved its  
9 print operations from its original location at 620 E. John  
10 Street to a new location at 57 E. Green Street; the  
11 organization remained there until 2006, when it moved into its  
12 new facility at 512 E. Green Street; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1998, the Daily Illini changed from a paid  
14 circulation to a free distribution paper, which increased the  
15 paper's circulation from 10,000 to 20,000; the Illini's current  
16 circulation is 15,000; the following year, The Daily Illini  
17 launched Buzz, a new weekly entertainment magazine; in 2008,  
18 the217.com, an entertainment website covering events going on  
19 in the Champaign-Urbana Area, was launched; and

20 WHEREAS, The Illini Media Company and its employees serve  
21 as models of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the  
22 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we congratulate the owners and employees of the Illini Media  
4 Company on the occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary  
5 and wish them continued success and happiness in the future;  
6 and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the Illini Media Company as a symbol of our esteem  
9 and respect.