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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is somewhat uncommon for an Illinois resident
3 to be the subject of 2 congratulatory resolutions enacted by
4 the Illinois House of Representatives; and

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WHEREAS, A previous resolution, passed by the House,
6 saluted the conclusion of Charles Wheeler III's excellent
7 career in journalism and expressed warm wishes for a good start
8 in an academic career; and

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10 WHEREAS, Another milestone has brought on a public clamor
11 for a second resolution to reprise Charles Wheeler III's life's
work and extend him best wishes on his 70th birthday; and

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13 WHEREAS, Charles Wheeler III's life's work was highlighted
14 by such feats as doing play-by-play of all 154 Milwaukee Braves
15 games in 1954 for siblings and friends, using little more than
16 a fertile imagination and an All-Star baseball spinner board;
and

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18 WHEREAS, Charles Wheeler III graduated from St. Mary's
19 College and the Medill School of Journalism and labored for 3
20 years with the Peace Corps in Panama before stepping into the
21 footprints left by 2 respected newspaper men, his father and
grandfather; and

1 WHEREAS, After 24 years of awarding winning coverage of
2 Illinois government and politics, skillful leadership of the
3 Illinois Legislative Correspondents Association, and crafty
4 guidance of the dearly departed ILCA Gridiron Show, Charles
5 Wheeler III set his sights on higher education; and

6 WHEREAS, Over the last 18 years, Charles Wheeler III has
7 led the University of Illinois Public Affairs Reporting
8 Program, which has graduated 500 master's students, and has
9 continued to report and write a monthly column for Illinois
10 Issues Magazine, which has earned him 4 national Capitolbeat
11 Awards; these cumulative distinctions also convinced the
12 Illinois AP Editors to induct him into the Lincoln League of
13 Journalists; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we salute Charles N. Wheeler III for a distinguished career,
17 extend our best wishes for a festive birthday celebration at
18 the Governor's Mansion, and declare that, due to his efforts,
19 the State of Illinois is a better place; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Charles Wheeler III as a symbol of our esteem and
22 respect.