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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Gordon "Gordy" McCollum began his career in radio broadcasting in 1975 as a summer replacement at WQUA in Moline; he later became the traffic manager for KRVR in Davenport, Iowa in November of 1975; and

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WHEREAS, In 1977, Gordy McCollum moved on to become the "Midnight Mole" at WEMO in East Moline, where he was the first to introduce album rock to the Quad City area and the first to play music by the band Styx; and

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WHEREAS, In 1978, Gordy McCollum moved to the Kankakee area, where he worked for WKAN radio for 2 years until he was given the opportunity to become station manager for WXJY in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin; and

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WHEREAS, When Gordy McCollum recognized his love was with music and not management, he returned to WKAN in 1981, where he did the afternoon drive program and started his "Sixties at Six" program, which was hugely popular due to him bringing insight to a new generation of fans to the music; and

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WHEREAS, In 2000, after 19 years at WKAN, Gordy McCollum left to go across town to work for WVLI in Bourbonnais, where he continues bringing his knowledge and history of music to the

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1 Kankakee listening area to this day; he also hosts a Sunday  
2 night show called "Sinatra and the Rat Pack", where he shares  
3 his passion for the music of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and  
4 Sammy Davis, Jr.; and

5 WHEREAS, An active member of the community, Gordy McCollum  
6 has served on the board for the American Heart Association in  
7 Kankakee and has been involved with his local Rotary Club; he  
8 has also served as the annual Master of Ceremonies of the 4th  
9 of July Kankakee Valley Symphony concert at Kankakee Community  
10 College for over 20 years; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 congratulate Gordy McCollum for his 40 years of success in  
14 radio broadcasting and thank him for his continued service in  
15 sharing music with the Kankakee area; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Gordy McCollum as an expression of our  
18 congratulations and appreciation for a job well done.