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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Tom Shaw on the occasion
4 of his retirement after 48 years as a successful businessman;
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6 WHEREAS, Tom Shaw began his business career working for
7 Dixon Telegraph in 1970; by 1975, he became the General Manager
8 of Dixon Telegraph, and in 1986, he was named President and CEO
9 of Shaw Newspapers; and

10 WHEREAS, Tom Shaw has had an esteemed career both within
11 the confines of Shaw Media, and out; he was a member of the
12 Inland Press Association, where he was President from 2008 to
13 2009, and Chairman of the Board of Directors from 2008 to 2009;
14 he was a member of the Board of Directors for PAGE from 1997 to
15 2015, and Director for AMCORE Bank from 1976 to 2002; he was
16 the Director of Midland States Bank from 2012 to 2017, and a
17 member of several of their committees concurrently; and

18 WHEREAS, Tom Shaw was the Lee County Republican Central
19 Committee Chairman in 1990; he was the Republican National
20 Convention alternate delegate in both 1980 and 1984; he was the
21 Illinois State Republican Convention delegate in 1990 and was
22 the President of the Dixon Family YMCA for six years; he was

1 both a member and President of the Dixon Rural Fire Protection
2 District board and the KSB Hospital Foundation; and

3 WHEREAS, Tom Shaw has been honored with multiple awards
4 over the course of his career, including being named "Who's Who
5 in the Midwest" in 1989, and "Who's Who in America" from 1993
6 to 2017; he was named "Outstanding Young Man of America" in
7 1979; in 2009, he was given the Reagan Trail Days Legacy Award;
8 in 2012 and 2016, he was gifted awards from the Inland Press
9 Association and in 2017, he was honored with a Distinguished
10 Service Award by the Illinois Press Association; and

11 WHEREAS, Tom Shaw is a true family man; he is happily
12 married to his wife, Tammy; they have seven children, J. Tom,
13 Ben, John, Morgan, Kate, Mary, and Kylie; nine grandchildren;
14 and 20 foster children; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate Tom Shaw on his retirement as CEO of Shaw Media,
18 and we wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Tom Shaw and his family as an expression of our
22 esteem and respect.