



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The sports talk program Saturday Morning Sports
3 Line, hosted by Jim Turpin and Loren Tate, is in its 25th year
4 on radio station WDWS in Champaign; and

5 WHEREAS, Jim Turpin is a broadcasting legend who was the
6 Voice of the Illini for 35 years; he has been with WDWS since
7 1980; he has brought many memorable University of Illinois
8 football and basketball moments to his listeners and has been
9 recognized as one of the nation's top collegiate sports
10 broadcasters; and

11 WHEREAS, Loren Tate, a journalist whose coverage of
12 Illinois athletics since the late 1950s is unparalleled, joined
13 the News-Gazette as sports editor in 1966; he was the sports
14 director at television station WICD for 11 years and the
15 longtime analyst for Illini broadcasts; and

16 WHEREAS, Jim Turpin and Loren Tate bring Saturday Morning
17 Sports Line listeners the latest sports news on the Illini; the
18 program has drawn listeners, phone calls, and e-mails from
19 virtually all over the world; and

20 WHEREAS, In the ever-changing world of radio, the 25th
21 anniversary of a program is an outstanding achievement;
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
25 commemorate the 25th anniversary of Saturday Morning Sports
26 Line on radio station WDWS; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
28 presented to Jim Turpin and Loren Tate as an expression of our
29 thanks for their many years of dedication to University of

1 Illinois sports and with our best wishes for their continued
2 success.