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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Milner
4 Broadcasting Enterprises, L.L.C., and WVLI Radio 95.1 FM on
5 receiving the 2011 Good Neighbor Business of the Year Award;
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7 WHEREAS, Tim Milner and his late brother, Tom, were on a
8 road trip from Florida to see a White Sox game in Chicago; Tom
9 turned on the radio to WBYG 99.9 FM in front of Comiskey Park;
10 as Tim recalls, they got an idea: "If this station with such a
11 great signal goes all the way to Chicago, advertisers would see
12 the opportunity to reach Kankakee area people and south side
13 Chicago people."; and

14 WHEREAS, Tim and Tom's father, Gene Milner, was legendary
15 in Philadelphia radio during the big band years; being on the
16 air wasn't enough for Gene, so he began to buy radio stations;
17 with the input of Tim and Tom, Gene and his wife, Jackie,
18 purchased WBYG and changed it to WBUS "The Bus" 99.9 FM; the
19 family sold WBUS years later and now owns WVLI 95.1 FM, "The
20 Valley", WIVR 101.7 FM, "River Country," and WFAV 103.7 FM; and

21 WHEREAS, General Manager Tim Milner and Program Director
22 Mickey Milner have assembled a team of professional and

1 dedicated radio personnel that tie the region together by their
2 undeniable commitment to the communities they serve; WVLI 95.1
3 FM and its dedicated personnel reach out to thousands by
4 providing local groups the opportunity to promote their events,
5 by sponsoring, and giving of their time at, hundreds of
6 community events throughout the region, by giving away
7 countless prizes, by pairing with other businesses to promote
8 the area, by informing listeners of traffic problems that they
9 should avoid, and by letting their listeners know of any
10 emergencies or possible incumbent weather; and

11 WHEREAS, Milner Broadcasting Enterprises, L.L.C., and WVLI
12 95.1 FM are supporters of many local charities and
13 organizations, including, but not limited to: the local
14 Chambers of Commerce, local schools, the Kankakee County
15 Training Center, the Kankakee County Teen Court, My Favorite
16 Book, Pledge for Life/IKAN, Rebuilding Together, the Kankakee
17 Valley Theatre Association, Sugar Creek Symphony and Song, the
18 Bradley Lions Club, the United Way of Kankakee, Easter Seals,
19 Harbor House, Zonta, Youth for Christ, Youth Uplift Ministry,
20 Kankakee River Clean Up, the Power Boat Nationals, the American
21 Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Helen Wheeler Center, the
22 YMCA, Catholic Charities, Indian Oaks Academy, the Manteno
23 Veterans Home, the Kankakee County Fair, and the Bourbonnais
24 Friendship Festival; and

1 WHEREAS, One special listener notes that WVLI 95.1 FM "just
2 brings a little bit of humor to everyone's day"; therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Milner Broadcasting Enterprises, L.L.C., and
7 the entire WVLI 95.1 FM team and offer our best wishes for
8 continued success in the future; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Tim Milner, General Manager of Milner Broadcasting
11 Enterprises, L.L.C., and WVLI 95.1 FM, as a symbol of our
12 respect and esteem.