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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Tony J. Yuscus on the occasion of his retirement on March 31, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Tony Yuscus was employed by the Illinois Information Service from 1976 to 1990, where as a teenager, he was trained in the use of a brand-new tool in the field of television broadcasting and a new sight in the Senate and House Chambers, a 40-pound mini-camera that cost \$200,000; as a high school student, he found himself working alongside veteran television legends, including Mike Flannery at CBS 2, Dick Kay at NBC 5, and Hugh Hill at ABC 7; and

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WHEREAS, In the early days of TV, cameras were allowed into several highly publicized criminal trials, and the problems from those trials led to an effective ban on courtroom photography for decades; in 1981, the Illinois Supreme Court in Chandler v. Florida opened the door for state courts to allow live television cameras, and Tony Yuscus was part of this important transition in media in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Tony Yuscus founded Advanced Digital Media, Inc. in June 2008, a full-service television production company that received many industry awards, including over 10 Telly

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1 and Axiem Awards; and

2 WHEREAS, Tony Yuscus founded and created the service
3 known as BlueRoomStream in 2012, which is commonly considered
4 the C-Span of Illinois by many; through his service, every
5 television station in the State of Illinois receives live,
6 gavel-to-gavel coverage from both chambers as well as
7 committee meetings and press conferences; and

8 WHEREAS, Tony Yuscus, as the Covid-19 pandemic was
9 announced in 2020, allowed BlueRoomStream to offer live,
10 unedited coverage, at no cost, of every daily press conference
11 held by Governor JB Pritzker to all citizens of Illinois
12 sheltering in place at home; and

13 WHEREAS, Tony and Lisa E. Yuscus sold Advanced Digital in
14 August 2023, which will continue the established tradition of
15 excellence in news coverage and distribution; and

16 WHEREAS, Tony Yuscus is an active member of the Society
17 of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, having been
18 inducted into its prestigious ranks in 1991; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Tony J. Yuscus on his retirement, and we

1 thank him for his service to the General Assembly and the State
2 of Illinois; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Tony Yuscus as an expression of our esteem and
5 respect.