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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Heightened interest in television camera coverage
3 of court proceedings has come to the attention of the members
4 of the House of Representatives; and

5 WHEREAS, Many states have experimented with and
6 subsequently found no harm in permitting television cameras in
7 the courtroom; and

8 WHEREAS, The evidence gathered by these states has shown
9 that television coverage does not disrupt the court proceedings
10 or impair the administration of justice; and

11 WHEREAS, Few people understand the workings of the judicial
12 system; television cameras in the courtroom would provide the
13 public with a glimpse of what goes on in the judicial branch of
14 government; and

15 WHEREAS, Media organizations in Illinois are pushing for
16 expanded use of television cameras in judicial proceedings;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we urge the Illinois Supreme Court to develop a pilot program
21 to allow television cameras in courtrooms in the circuit
22 courts; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of
25 Illinois.