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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives have learned with very mixed emotions of the
4 plans of Illinois broadcasting legend Rich Bradley to retire as
5 news director of WUIS-FM, its predecessors, and other outlets
6 after nearly 50 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Rich Bradley earned the distinction of being the
8 first live voice heard on WSSR-FM when he delivered the
9 station's inaugural newscast on January 3, 1975; and

10 WHEREAS, Rich Bradley was a graduate of Ogden Community
11 High School; he then attended the University of Illinois and
12 acquired his broadcasting skills and a degree in
13 radio-television from Southern Illinois University in
14 Carbondale; and

15 WHEREAS, During his lengthy career, Rich Bradley watched
16 broadcasting and news gathering technology "progress" from the
17 clack of the teletype machine to the Internet and the digital
18 age; and

19 WHEREAS, Rich Bradley brought listeners across Illinois
20 news of government and politics through the creation of the
21 Illinois Public Radio and initiated and hosted one of radio's

1 longest running public affairs programs, "State Week in
2 Review"; and

3 WHEREAS, Rich Bradley used his clear, concise style to
4 broadcast interviews with governors, presidential appearances,
5 Illinois Supreme Court hearings, a gubernatorial impeachment,
6 and election nights too numerous to count; and

7 WHEREAS, While he has earned many broadcasting awards, a
8 true mark of Rich Bradley's distinctive career occurred in
9 2005, when he was named the recipient of the Leo C. Lee Award
10 by the national Public Radio News Directors; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 join other State leaders, family members, and friends in
14 expressing sincere gratitude and congratulations to Rich
15 Bradley for his contributions to broadcasting, for informing
16 the citizens of Illinois, and for making Illinois a better
17 place through his work; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Rich Bradley as a symbol of our esteem and
20 respect.