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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are pleased to honor WLS-AM (890) hosts, Don & 4 Roma Wade, as they step down from their morning show after 27 5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, The Don & Roma show historically has been one of 7 the top franchises on WLS since 1985, and their ratings 8 continue to be strong; they are the longest running morning 9 drive team in Chicago; their many awards include Talker 10 Magazine's Heavy Hitter 100, Local Radio Legends of America, 11 and the Marconi Award; and

12 WHEREAS, Don was born in New York City, attended William & 13 Mary College, and graduated from Boston University; among the 14 he worked in before landing in Chicago were cities Philadelphia, Seattle, Buffalo, Dallas, and Denver; he is 15 16 passionate, witty, conservative, and always opinionated about the political and social issues of the day; he thrives on 17 exposing and debunking the media bias and spin; when he landed 18 19 at WLS in 1985, he found a place where his opinions counted; 20 WLS talk radio became the perfect vehicle for his dissection of politics, celebrities, and the media; and 21

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WHEREAS, Roma, "The Voice of Reason", provides the

HR1367 -2-LRB097 23839 MST 73082 r 1 thoughtful balance that drives Don mad; she earned a bachelor's 2 degree and master's degree from Baylor University and attended 3 Washington State University; she has taught university, community college, high school, and grade school (gifted 4 5 children); she is a self-taught home remodeler and has taught kitchen remodeling and deck building; she is trained to teach 6 7 yoga and meditation; she is a self-professed health nut and 8 lover of all things spiritual and philosophical; and

9 WHEREAS, Don & Roma have been married since 1979; they have 10 2 children, Hunter, a U.S. Marine Lt. Col., who completed his 11 master's degree at Industrial College of the Armed Forces at 12 Fort McNair in Washington, D.C., has completed 4 Iraq & Afghanistan tours, and is a former Blue Angel, and Heather, who 13 14 graduated with honors from the University of Washington in 15 Seattle, is completing her final year in the prestigious MBA 16 Executive program at NYU, and is a Global Event Planning Officer for CITI in New York City; therefore, be it 17

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 20 we are pleased to honor Don & Roma Wade as they step down as 21 hosts of the WLS morning show after 27 years; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 23 presented to Don & Roma Wade as an expression of our esteem and HR1367

1 respect.