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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the photography student chapter at Southern Illinois University - Carbondale for being selected as the recipient of the prestigious annual Outstanding NPPA Student Chapter Award by the highly-respected National Press Photographers Association; and

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WHEREAS, The chapter's publication of the book "4:56 A.M. The Story of February 29, 2012 Tornado" was the central activity that formed the chapter's entry for consideration of the honor; and

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WHEREAS, The 80-page volume was the work of 16 students and 3 faculty members and showcased an excellent photographic chronicle of the devastating impact the tornado had on many southern Illinois communities, including Harrisburg and Ridgeway; and

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WHEREAS, The student achievements were also highlighted on the NPPA Virtual Student blog; and

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WHEREAS, The project also served to spark an effort to speed the region's recovery through the sale of the book and the donation of more than \$20,000 to several relief funds in

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1 the hard hit region; and

2 WHEREAS, One of the NPPA board members declared that the
3 SIU chapter served as a national model for the organization's
4 student chapters; and

5 WHEREAS, The organization also praised the chapter's
6 outreach to photojournalists throughout the region with
7 continuing education programs and other forms of community
8 work; and

9 WHEREAS, The book is the sixth in a continuing series that
10 provide an in-depth examination through words and photographs
11 of many of the unique communities that dominate the region
12 known as Southern Illinois; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we applaud the work of the Southern Illinois University -
16 Carbondale students and faculty associated with the project and
17 congratulate the group for being selected as the best student
18 chapter in the United States by the National Press
19 Photographers Association; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the photography student chapter at SIU -

1 Carbondale as an expression of our respect and esteem.