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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dina Bair, WGN
4 midday news anchor, as she receives the 2013 Dante Award from
5 the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, The Dante Award recognizes those who have made a
7 positive contribution in the field of communications that helps
8 foster the true image of the Italian people; the award bears
9 the name of one of the greatest literary geniuses of all time
10 and certainly one of Italy's most illustrious sons; and

11 WHEREAS, Dina Bair is an Emmy award-winning journalist who
12 is currently the anchor for WGN's "Midday News"; she is also
13 the medical reporter for the "Medical Watch" segments seen
14 throughout the day on WGN; in 2013 she traveled to Vatican City
15 to report on the election of the new Pope; and

16 WHEREAS, Dina Bair joined WGN-TV as a full-time general
17 assignment reporter in September of 1994; she anchored the "WGN
18 Weekend Morning News" from December 1994 to December 1999;
19 prior to coming to WGN, she worked for CLTV in Oak Brook,
20 WHOI-TV in Peoria, and WMAQ-TV in Chicago; and

21 WHEREAS, Dina Bair has received 7 Emmy Awards, a Peter

1 Lisagor award from the Society of Professional Journalists, and
2 multiple Associated Press awards for both anchoring and
3 reporting; she was named a Fellow by the National Press
4 Foundation for the "Cancer Issues" seminar in Washington, D.C.
5 and her news series "Intensive Caring" won awards for its news
6 and documentary coverage; and

7 WHEREAS, Dina Bair is a founding board member of the breast
8 cancer charity "One in a Million: Dancing With Chicago
9 Celebrities" and she leads a media running team devoted to
10 raising funds for charity; she is involved with The National
11 Italian American Foundation, the Muscular Dystrophy
12 Association, LUNGEvity, the Respiratory Health Association,
13 the American Cancer Society, and Imerman Angels; and

14 WHEREAS, Dina Bair is originally from the east coast and
15 received a bachelor's of science degree in radio-TV-film from
16 Northwestern University; she is married with 4 children and a
17 tri-athlete who enjoys running, boxing, lifting weights, and
18 competitive ballroom dancing; and

19 WHEREAS, This year marks the 42nd annual Dante Award
20 presented by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans;
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate Dina Bair as she receives the 2013 Dante Award
3 from the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Dina Bair as an expression of our esteem and
7 respect.