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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Tom Miller on his
4 retirement from WJPF News Radio after nearly 50 years on the
5 air; and

6 WHEREAS, Tom Miller is a lifelong resident of Southern
7 Illinois from Harrisburg, where he has been delivering news
8 and entertainment on the radio to the people of Southern
9 Illinois for decades; and

10 WHEREAS, Tom Miller began his career as a music DJ in 1976
11 before eventually moving into news; and

12 WHEREAS, Tom Miller has been the host of the WJPF Morning
13 Newswatch on news radio in addition to serving as the program
14 director for WJPF and WCIL-AM, and he has also served as
15 operations manager for River Radio and its six regional
16 stations; and

17 WHEREAS, Under Tom Miller's leadership, WJPF has received
18 the Medium Market Station of the Year award and the Best Public
19 Service Program award from the Illinois Broadcasters
20 Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Tom Miller received the Leaders Among Us Award
2 from the Southern Illinoisan newspaper and the Seven Seals
3 Award from the Illinois National Guard for his work supporting
4 local service members; and

5 WHEREAS, Known for his humility, Tom Miller rarely drew
6 attention to himself but instead highlighted others;
7 throughout his career, he interviewed political leaders and
8 community members from across the state and around the nation;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Tom Miller has demonstrated significant civic
11 engagement by previously serving on the board of trustees of
12 the Bald Knob Cross of Peace and running for Williamson County
13 Board of Commissioners in addition to his interviews with
14 political leaders and community members; and

15 WHEREAS, Tom Miller has hosted politicians, sports
16 figures, rock and roll legends, community leaders, medical
17 professionals, and members of every other profession in
18 between as the anchor of WJPF Radio's Morning Newswatch
19 program; and

20 WHEREAS, The people of Southern Illinois will surely miss
21 Tom Miller's insightful interviews, commentary, and unmatched
22 personality from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM Monday through Friday; and

1 WHEREAS, Tom Miller's nearly 50 years of service to the
2 radio industry in Southern Illinois has made him the region's
3 top radio news anchorman; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom Miller will especially be remembered for his
5 journalistic wisdom; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Tom Miller on his retirement, and we thank him
9 for his nearly five decades of dedicated service to the people
10 and communities of Southern Illinois as he has been a strong
11 and steady voice guiding the region through good times and
12 bad; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 presented to Tom Miller and River Radio as a token of our
15 esteem and respect.