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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate KMOX Radio on its 100th anniversary of being on the airwaves; and

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WHEREAS, KMOX hit the airwaves from St. Louis on December 24, 1925, thanks to civic leaders from Wagner Electric, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, the Merchants Exchange, and the Mississippi Valley Trust Company; and

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WHEREAS, KMOX has been a pioneer and preeminent leader in news, talk, and sports radio broadcasting since its founding, with prominent broadcasters such as Jack Buck, Joe Buck, Bob Costas, Mike Shannon, Harry Caray, and many more throughout its storied history; and

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WHEREAS, KMOX has been the flagship radio station of the 11-time World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals for most of the station's existence, carried by the signal's 50,000 watts across much of the country and beyond; and

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WHEREAS, KMOX was known as having the widest audience of consistent listeners in the country and as one of the most successful and profitable radio stations in the United States; and

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1           WHEREAS, KMOX has had a slew of prominent guests from a  
2 wide range of professions, industries, and backgrounds,  
3 including the Reverend Billy Graham, the Dalai Lama, various  
4 Catholic Cardinals, Eleanor Roosevelt, and President Bill  
5 Clinton, as well as contemporary figures from the political  
6 world, including Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski, Secretary of  
7 State Alexi Giannoulias, and various other local, state, and  
8 national figures from Illinois and across the country; and

9           WHEREAS, KMOX continues to lead in news, talk, and sports  
10 radio coverage, giving extended coverage to recent events such  
11 as the May 16, 2025 tornado damage in Missouri and Illinois and  
12 the conclave preceding the selection of Pope Leo XIV and his  
13 coronation; and

14           WHEREAS, KMOX has adapted to serve the modern listener,  
15 expanding its service to be heard on FM radio and various  
16 internet streaming mediums in addition to its original AM  
17 signal; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we congratulate KMOX Radio on its 100th anniversary of being  
21 on the airwaves, thank it for its service covering issues  
22 important to Illinoisans, and wish it the best as it enters its

1 second century of broadcasting; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to KMOX as an expression of our esteem and respect.