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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 939

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Resolution 939 by deleting
3 everything after the heading and replacing it with the
4 following:

5 "WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
6 Representatives are proud to congratulate Laura Rodriguez,
7 Gregory Pratt, and editor Erika Slife on receiving the 2026
8 Pulitzer Prize for Local Reporting for their courageous and
9 impactful coverage of Operation Midway Blitz; and

10 WHEREAS, Through fearless investigative journalism and
11 powerful storytelling published by the Chicago Tribune, Laura
12 Rodriguez, Gregory Pratt, Adriana Perez, Kate Perez, Richie
13 Requena, editor Erika Slife, and Tribune staff documented
14 militarized immigration enforcement operations that
15 traumatized immigrant families and communities across the
16 Chicagoland area; and

1 WHEREAS, The Chicago Tribune's Operation Midway Blitz
2 reporting exposed the fear, uncertainty, and harm experienced
3 by working families while elevating the voices of residents,
4 advocates, students, workers, and local communities who came
5 together in resistance and solidarity; and

6 WHEREAS, The Pulitzer Prize Board recognized the Chicago
7 Tribune's reporting "for its powerful coverage of the Trump
8 administration's militarized immigration sweep of the city
9 that described in vivid, muscular prose how the siege-like
10 incursion of ICE agents unified Chicagoans in resistance"; and

11 WHEREAS, At a time when immigrant communities have too
12 often been targeted, silenced, or dehumanized, the work of
13 Laura Rodriguez, Gregory Pratt, and editor Erika Slife
14 demonstrated the essential role journalism plays in protecting
15 democracy, demanding accountability, and ensuring that the
16 stories of impacted communities are not ignored; and

17 WHEREAS, The Chicago Tribune's coverage of Operation
18 Midway Blitz helped bring national attention to the realities
19 facing Latino and immigrant communities in Illinois and serves
20 as an important historical record of a painful chapter that
21 deeply affected families throughout the region; and

1 WHEREAS, A free and courageous press is fundamental to
2 democracy and public accountability, especially when reporting
3 on abuses of power and the lived experiences of vulnerable
4 communities; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we congratulate Laura Rodriguez, Gregory Pratt, and editor
8 Erika Slife on receiving the 2026 Pulitzer Prize for Local
9 Reporting, and we thank them for their commitment to truth,
10 justice, accountability, and the people of Illinois; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 presented to Laura Rodriguez, Gregory Pratt, and Erika Slife
14 as a symbol of our respect and appreciation."