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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate #Boom magazine on the  
4 occasion of the fifth anniversary of its founding in February  
5 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, #Boom is a St. Louis-based news, advocacy, and  
7 community publication that serves the lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
8 transgender, queer (LGBTQ), and urban progressive audience;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, #Boom was founded in February 2014 by Colin  
11 Murphy, Kurt Ross, and Colin Lovett and has built upon the rich  
12 history of independently owned LGBTQ media in St. Louis and the  
13 Metro East that began with the publication of Mandrake in 1970;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, #Boom's mission is to provide a LGBTQIA+ media  
16 suite serving the St. Louis Metro and surrounding areas, with a  
17 focus on community and their perspectives on national,  
18 regional, and local stories; and

19 WHEREAS, #Boom is a member of the Gateway Business Guild  
20 and a certified LGBT Business Enterprise through the National  
21 Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce; and

1           WHEREAS, #Boom has been honored by the NLGJA, The  
2 Association of LGBTQ Journalists, for excellence in coverage;  
3 and

4           WHEREAS, #Boom was the first media company in the nation  
5 and the second in world to migrate to the .lgbt top level  
6 domain; and

7           WHEREAS, #Boom is celebrating its 5th anniversary of  
8 serving the Metro East and Southern Illinois LGBTQ community;  
9 therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we congratulate #Boom magazine on its fifth anniversary, and we  
13 wish it many more successful years; and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to #Boom as a symbol of our respect and esteem.