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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish
3 to congratulate Pete Nenni on his retirement as deputy
4 managing editor of The Daily Herald after more than 40 years of
5 dedicated work in the newspaper business; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of Erie, Pennsylvania, Pete Nenni was
7 raised in Mount Prospect and attended Forest View High School
8 in Arlington Heights and Harper Community College in Palatine;
9 he graduated from Northern Illinois University with a
10 journalism major and a political science minor; and

11 WHEREAS, Pete Nenni first worked with the Barrington Press
12 weekly newspaper group in Barrington; he joined the Daily
13 Herald as a reporter in 1980; he was the legal affairs reporter
14 for one year and the transportation reporter for five years;
15 he also covered local government and business; and

16 WHEREAS, Pete Nenni served as the Lake County
17 editor/manager for more than ten years and as an assistant
18 city editor in the Cook County office for six years; and

19 WHEREAS, Pete Nenni was named deputy managing editor in
20 February of 2017 to oversee local coverage in the Cook, Lake,
21 Fox, and DuPage zones, which included organizing coverage

1 plans for the website and print editions and overseeing the
2 local reporting and editing staffs; he was also tasked with
3 many organizational and efficiency-based special projects; and

4 WHEREAS, Pete Nenni reported on events such as the Chicago
5 Tylenol murders, the Laurie Dann shootings, the Arlington Park
6 Racetrack fire, the Browns Fried Chicken massacre, and a
7 presidential primary in New Hampshire where government
8 corruption was exposed, among others; he has interviewed
9 President Gerald Ford, former Governor James Thompson, and
10 Boston Red Sox Hall of Famer Joe Cronin; and

11 WHEREAS, Pete Nenni was a member of the Daily Herald
12 Editorial Board and served on the Northern Illinois Newspaper
13 Association Board of Directors, including a term as president
14 in 2009; and

15 WHEREAS, During his reporting career at the Daily Herald,
16 Pete Nenni won 12 state and regional writing awards, including
17 three Peter Lisagor Awards for Public Service reporting; those
18 awards stemmed from investigative projects focusing on faulty
19 equipment and poor maintenance of a suburban bus system and
20 mishaps and near mishaps on the runways and taxiways at O'Hare
21 International Airport; he was named the Daily Herald's Manager
22 of the Year in 2000; and

1 WHEREAS, Counting Pete Nenni's work on newspapers in
2 junior high school, high school, college, and professionally,
3 his journalism career has spanned 46 years in the Northwest
4 suburbs; and

5 WHEREAS, Pete Nenni is respected by his peers and those
6 who worked for him; Daily Herald editor John Lampinen called
7 him "a devoted journalist, a caring mentor and leader, and a
8 tremendously good person"; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we wish to congratulate Pete Nenni on his retirement as deputy
12 managing editor of The Daily Herald; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Pete Nenni as a symbol of our esteem and respect.