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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 Brown's Fried Chicken massacre, and a  
7 presidential primary in New Hampshire and wrote stories that  
8 exposed government corruption, among others; he has  
9 interviewed President Gerald Ford, former Gov. James Thompson,  
10 and 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 five Peter Lisagor Awards for Public Service and other  
18 reporting; those awards stemmed from investigative projects  
19 focusing on faulty equipment and poor maintenance of a  
20 suburban bus system and mishaps and near mishaps on the  
21 runways and taxiways at O'Hare International Airport; he was  
22 named the Daily Herald's Manager 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.