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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Mike Flannery on the occasion of his retirement as a political reporter; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Flannery has been an integral figure as a reporter covering politics throughout Illinois and Chicago over the past five decades; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Flannery was born in Washington, D.C. on March 29, 1951; through his father, a World War II veteran, he inherited a great knack for politics and asking the questions that needed to be asked; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Flannery attended Georgetown University and graduated with a degree in political science and communications; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Flannery began his career as a reporter covering politics with the Chicago Sun-Times in 1973; he shifted to television in 1980, working with CBS 2 for 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Flannery then moved to FOX 32, where he worked as the political director; he oversaw his own weekly

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1 program, Flannery Fired Up, in which he highlighted and
2 focused on issues that were important to residents of
3 Illinois, especially Chicagoans; and

4 WHEREAS, On his weekly program, Mike Flannery would sit
5 with Chicago's political leaders for in-depth conversations;
6 over the course of his program, he covered the corruption
7 trial of former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich and
8 interviewed ten Chicago mayors, eight Illinois governors, and
9 6 U.S. presidents; in his final show, he interviewed Cook
10 County Sheriff Tom Dart and U.S. Congressman Chuy Garcia; and

11 WHEREAS, Mike Flannery is one of a select few who
12 understand the regional politics of the area, and he has
13 offered a passionate voice and a fiery perspective for the
14 past five decades; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Mike Flannery on his successful career as a
18 political reporter, commend him for his leadership in covering
19 state and local government and for his efforts to hold elected
20 officials accountable to the people of Illinois and Chicago,
21 and wish him a happy retirement; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Mike Flannery as an expression of our esteem and
2 respect.