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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Perri Small on the  
4 occasion of her retirement as a talk radio host at station WVON  
5 1690; and

6           WHEREAS, Perri Small, a resident of Roseland Heights, was  
7 raised in West Chesterfield and graduated from Elizabeth Seton  
8 High School in South Holland; she studied communications at  
9 Western Illinois University; and

10           WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Black-owned radio station  
11 WVON 1690, Perri Small worked in the press office of former  
12 Chicago Mayor Harold Washington and for the Citizen Newspaper  
13 Group; and

14           WHEREAS, Perri Small served as a talk radio host at WVON  
15 1690 for 30 years; during her career, she became known for her  
16 humor, her authenticity, and her tell-it-like-it-is approach  
17 on issues facing the Black community, serving as a courageous  
18 voice for the voiceless while continually spearheading  
19 leadership, love, light, and liberty for all in the process;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, Perri Small has received a number of accolades,

1 including being the focus of a 2024 documentary on VONtv,  
2 Perri Period! In Her Own Words, and being the namesake of Perri  
3 Small Day, a proclamation by Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson in  
4 recognition of her exceptional career and her unwavering  
5 dedication to enriching public life through journalism and  
6 advocacy; and

7 WHEREAS, Perri Small, well-regarded as a living legend in  
8 the City of Chicago, concludes her career as a journalist and a  
9 media personality dearly loved by her listeners and her WVON  
10 family alike; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we congratulate Perri Small on her retirement as a talk radio  
14 host at station WVON 1690 and wish her all the best in her  
15 future endeavors; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Perri Small as an expression of our esteem and  
18 respect.