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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans
3 will present its annual "Dante Award" on May 17, 2007 to Ron
4 Magers, news anchor and reporter for ABC 7 in Chicago; and

5 WHEREAS, Ron Magers is the co-anchor, along with Kelly
6 Brock, of the number one rated and most watched newscast in
7 Chicago; he also co-anchors the 5:00 p.m. news with Cheryl
8 Burton, also a top rated program; he joined ABC 7 in 1998; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Magers is also heard on WLS Radio 890 weekdays
10 from 3:00 to 3:20, giving his perspective on what is happening
11 around the City of Chicago; and

12 WHEREAS, Before working for ABC 7, he worked as the anchor
13 of the 5, 6, and 10 p.m. newscasts on WMAQ-TV; before that he
14 worked as the principal news anchor at KSTP-TV in Minneapolis,
15 Minnesota; he has also worked as a reporter and anchor in San
16 Francisco, California and Portland, Oregon; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Magers began his career at KEZI-TV in Eugene,
18 Oregon as a reporter and news anchor; he began gaining
19 experience in high school in Toppenish, Washington, where he
20 hosted radio shows part-time; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Magers has won several awards, including seven
2 Chicago Emmy Awards, a Peter Lisagor Award, a National Press
3 Club citation, an Associated Press Award, an Illinois
4 Broadcasters Association award, the Ohio State Award, and an
5 Ethics Award from the Society of Professional Journalists; and

6 WHEREAS, Ron Magers is a member of the American Federation
7 of Television and Radio Artist; he supports Heartland Alliance,
8 Baseball Cancer Charities, Northwestern University Settlement
9 House, Howard Brown Health Care, and the Greater Chicago Food
10 Depository; and

11 WHEREAS, His hobbies include boating, as well as breeding
12 and racing Thoroughbred horses; and

13 WHEREAS, Ron Magers is married and lives in the City of
14 Chicago; and

15 WHEREAS, The Dante Award is given by the Joint Civic
16 Committee on Italian Americans in order to recognize positive
17 contributions being made by a person in the communications
18 field who helps foster the true image of Italian people; it is
19 given annually to a member of the fourth estate who best
20 exemplifies Dante's edict to be no timid friend to truth;
21 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Ron Magers on being named the recipient of the
4 2007 Dante Award, presented by the Joint Civic Committee of
5 Italian Americans, for his dedication, service, and
6 inspiration in the field of news reporting; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Ron Magers with our respect and esteem.