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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are
3 pleased to congratulate the members of West Suburban Access
4 News Association on the occasion of having over 100,000
5 visitors to their website, WSANA.org; and

6 WHEREAS, The West Suburban Access News Association is a
7 not-for-profit corporation that maintains a web site with
8 information for persons with disabilities, their families,
9 friends, and other interested persons; the organization was
10 founded in 2001; from 2001 until 2005, when their website
11 appeared, the corporation mailed monthly newsletters to its
12 members; and

13 WHEREAS, The West Suburban Access News Association's
14 mission is to provide information that will allow individuals
15 with disabilities to live independently in and contribute to
16 the community in which they live; such information includes
17 human and legal rights of individuals with disabilities that
18 equal access to programs, as well as increasing awareness of
19 special services aimed at assisting individuals with
20 disabilities; and

21 WHEREAS, The members of the West Suburban Access News
22 Association routinely meet with civic and governmental

1 officials to create a better environment for persons with
2 disabilities who live independently; in December of 2006, WSANA
3 addressed the Oak Park Village Board regarding accessibility on
4 sidewalks of persons in wheelchairs and mobility devices; as a
5 result of those talks, the Oak Park Village Board passed an
6 amendment to an existing ordinance on February 20, 2007 which
7 now requires that sidewalks be shoveled within 24 hours after a
8 snowstorm; WSANA has also established a working relationship
9 with executive Mr. Ollie Cantos, Special Counsel to the
10 Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S.
11 Department of Justice, the department which investigates
12 violations of ADA and the Fair Housing Act; and

13 WHEREAS, Since its inception in September of 2005, the West
14 Suburban Access News Association's website, WSANA.org, has
15 grown to over 225 pages, with 98,796 total visitors; having
16 developed a sterling reputation for fast, easy-to-understand,
17 and reliable information on their website, WSANA.org has become
18 a major outlet for news and information on matters of concern
19 to individuals with disabilities; and

20 WHEREAS, The outstanding work that the West Suburban Access
21 News Association has done on the behalf of individuals with
22 disabilities is worthy of the greatest respect; therefore, be
23 it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate the members of West Suburban Access News
4 Association on the occasion of having over 100,000 visitors to
5 their website and wish them continued success in the future;
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the West Suburban Access News Association as a
9 symbol of our esteem and respect.