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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Mr. Jack L.
4 Scheper, "Mr. WHCO 1230 Radio", on his retirement after 48
5 years as general manager of WHCO Radio in Sparta; and

6 WHEREAS, Jack Scheper hosted the longest continuous
7 running radio talk show in the nation with his guest host and
8 listener call-in program titled "The People Speak" from 1961
9 through 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, Jack Scheper was born on January 20, 1931 in
11 Chicago; he attended the University of Missouri in Columbia,
12 Missouri; he worked under Mr. J. C. Penney with the JC Penney
13 Corporation in Cape Girardeau, Missouri in 1950 and later
14 worked at Goetting Department Stores in New Jersey; he served
15 his country with a stint in the United States Air Force,
16 stationed in Germany from 1950 to 1954; and

17 WHEREAS, From 1958 to 1960 he started in broadcasting with
18 KFVS Radio/TV in Cape Girardeau; in 1961 he became General
19 Manager of WHCO Radio in Sparta; for about five years Jack
20 managed both WHCO and KFMO Radio; Jack Scheper was the first
21 President of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce, Civil Defense
22 Director in Sparta for 40 years, head of the Sparta Rotary

1 Club, Easter Seals Coordinator for many years, and was head of
2 the Sparta Area NAACP; and

3 WHEREAS, He was nominated to numerous Federal
4 Communications Commission committees over his career and was
5 also nominated for the prestigious Marconi Award; in 2006 Jack
6 was named the Spartas Citizen of the Year; and

7 WHEREAS, His greatest loves are his three children, Linda
8 Ruth, Jack Lee, and John Leslie; his other great passions are
9 the St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Bears; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 congratulate Jack Scheper on his retirement and wish him the
13 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Jack Scheper as a symbol of our respect.