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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Lisa Parker for her
4 commitment to excellence in broadcasting and for her service to
5 the Chicagoland community in the provision of cogent and
6 balanced analysis of consumer and public policy issues; and

7 WHEREAS, Lisa Parker, a graduate of Northwestern
8 University's Medill School of Journalism, has had a
9 distinguished and award winning career in broadcasting; she was
10 the initiator of NBC5's Target 5 consumer-investigative unit,
11 which investigates both local and national consumer issues; and

12 WHEREAS, Lisa Parker and her team were the first to bring
13 to the public's attention the existence of Section 41 of the
14 Metropolitan Transit Authority Act; Section 41 effectively
15 shielded the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) from paying the
16 claims of accident victims if the accident victim failed to
17 fully comply with the written notice requirements set forth in
18 the Section; an accident victim's failure to comply with the
19 Section's notice requirements resulted in the dismissal of any
20 civil action against the CTA and forever barred the person from
21 filing a lawsuit based on that incident; and

22 WHEREAS, Lisa Parker's investigative work also brought to

1 the public the plight of Merle Huckabee, a Hazel Crest
2 housewife whose life had been tragically altered on the basis
3 of a serious injury caused by a CTA bus and whose legitimate
4 injury claim was dismissed based upon Section 41; and

5 WHEREAS, The vigilance of Lisa Parker and resolve of Mrs.
6 Huckabee helped lead to the eventual enactment of landmark
7 legislation by the Illinois General Assembly that eliminated
8 the notice requirements of Section 41 of the Metropolitan
9 Transit Authority Act, allowing legitimate claimants to have
10 their day in court to seek possible injury compensation; and

11 WHEREAS, Lisa Parker should be commended for all of the
12 work that she has done advocating on behalf of consumers, for
13 providing vital information to the public on important topical
14 information, and for conducting her work with high ethical
15 standards; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 honor Lisa Parker for her service to the public and her
19 commitment to excellence in broadcasting, and wish her
20 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Lisa Parker as a symbol of our esteem and respect.