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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, WSIU Public Television, Carbondale, the Public
3 Broadcasting Service member station licensed to the Southern
4 Illinois University Board of Trustees, will celebrate 50 years
5 of educational and public service television broadcasting on
6 November 6, 2011; and

7 WHEREAS, WSIU-TV has broadcast high-quality Public
8 Broadcasting Service (PBS) programs for viewers of all ages to
9 more than 1.2 million television households in Illinois,
10 Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee; WSIU-TV devotes
11 over 80 hours per week to PBS Kids programs and extends the
12 educational experience by hosting workshops for teachers,
13 childcare providers, families, and other caregivers,
14 distributing books, and coordinating events focusing on
15 literacy, science, and health; and

16 WHEREAS, The people of Illinois have been well served by
17 the station's long history of producing and broadcasting
18 award-winning local programming created by students, staff,
19 and faculty at SIU Carbondale that reflect the State's unique
20 historical, cultural, and artistic heritage; and

21 WHEREAS, The station's historic commitment to providing
22 hands-on learning opportunities to generations of

1 Radio-Television students has prepared thousands of SIU
2 Carbondale graduates for careers in television production,
3 news, public affairs, and station operations and
4 administration, earning SIU Carbondale a reputation as a
5 national leader in broadcast education; and

6 WHEREAS, The talents of broadcasters, producers, and
7 journalists at WSIU-TV have been brought together by WSIU-TV to
8 inform the people of Illinois about the State's legislative
9 process and political system through programs like the Illinois
10 Lawmakers series, regularly scheduled interviews with members
11 of the General Assembly, Illinois executive officers, and
12 members of the Illinois congressional delegation, and
13 election-year forums, debates, and candidate interviews; and

14 WHEREAS, WSIU-TV is a nationally-recognized educational
15 institution that has been honored by Congress and the White
16 House for its creativity in implementing Ready to Learn, as
17 well as other school readiness and enhancement programs, like
18 PBS Kids Raising Readers and PBS TeacherLine; WSIU-TV also
19 inspires positive change through community engagement by
20 addressing local issues with programs, panel discussions, and
21 local specials; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we honor the employees of WSIU Public Television for their
2 efforts to enrich the lives of Illinois residents by combining
3 the power of public media with the power of people to
4 strengthen our communities over the past five decades; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That the special efforts of the thousands of
7 students, faculty, and staff who have worked at WSIU Public
8 Television since its inception be recognized in this
9 anniversary season; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to WSIU Public Broadcasting Executive Director Greg
12 Petrowich as an expression of our esteem.