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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of legendary
4 radio personality Don Wade; and

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WHEREAS, Don Wade attended a prep school in New Hampshire
6 and was a graduate of Boston University; and

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WHEREAS, Don Wade spent 55 years on the radio; after
8 spending the first half of his radio career as a disc jockey,
9 he spent the last 27 years of his career at WLS-AM; and

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WHEREAS, Don Wade's radio career led him to at least 10
11 other cities, including one in Canada, before he landed in
12 Chicago in 1982 as a morning personality at country music
13 station WUSN-FM 99.5; and

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WHEREAS, In 1985, Don Wade won a spot at WLS-AM, where his
15 wife, Roma Wade, joined him as co-host; and

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WHEREAS, When WLS-AM changed from a music format to talk
17 radio in 1989, Don Wade and Roma remained with the station as
18 morning talk show hosts; and

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WHEREAS, In 2010, "Don Wade and Roma" was the highest-rated

1 radio show in the Chicagoland market; and

2 WHEREAS, Don Wade will be forever remembered as an
3 entertaining, engaging, and thoughtful radio personality who
4 used his wit and dynamic personality to shape the medium of
5 talk radio; and

6 WHEREAS, Don Wade is survived by his wife, Roma; his son,
7 Col. Hunter (Dr. Margy) Hobson; his daughter, Heather Hobson
8 (Gordon Findlay); his brothers, Tom Wehde (partner, Diane),
9 Raynor Reavis, and Ralph (Deborah) Reavis; and his nieces and
10 nephews; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn, along with his family, friends, and the citizens of
14 this State, the passing of Don Wade; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Don Wade as a symbol of our
17 sympathy.