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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives have learned a significant era of Chicago broadcast journalism is about to sign off for a final time; and

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WHEREAS, Viewers of WTTW-TV's Chicago Tonight: The Week in Review have gained a glimpse into the insights of many of Chicago's premier journalists over nearly 2,000 broadcasts; and

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WHEREAS, The program's self-described "traffic cop" for this 40-year endeavor was the always animated moderator Joel Weisman, a quick wit who acquired his skills as reporter, editor, and commentator at the City News Bureau, the Gary Post Tribune, the Chicago American, the Chicago Sun-Times, the Washington Post, and WGN-TV; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Joel Weisman's journalistic excellence was recognized with multiple awards, including Emmys, Peter Lisagor awards, Jacob Sher awards, and Associated Press awards; he was twice nominated for Pulitzer Prizes for his investigative reporting; and

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WHEREAS, Joel Weisman has developed a well-regarded practice of ensuring his four person panels always represented

1 all regions and communities of WTTW's broadcast market and all
2 shapes and sizes of media outlets; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 join in the January 19, 2018 salute to work of Joel Weisman on
6 the occasion of his final broadcast as host of Chicago Tonight:
7 The Week in Review; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we recognize the program's 40th anniversary
9 and offer best wishes for continued success and acknowledge
10 Illinois is a better place because of these efforts; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Joel Weisman and the leadership of WTTW-TV.