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Congratulating WTTW's Chicago Tonight: The Week in Review and Joel Weisman

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Mister Quigley: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate WTTW's Emmy-Award winning series, *Chicago Tonight: The Week in Review*, on its 40th Anniversary. January 19, 2018 will also mark Mr. Joel Weisman's final appearance as host and senior editor of the program.

Chicago Tonight: The Week in Review is the longest running series in the history of WTTW and a staple of Chicago news media, representing the city's longest running television series with a single host or anchor. Mr. Weisman has been senior editor since the show's inception.

Mr. Weisman is a lifelong Chicagoan and has been with WTTW since 1973, beginning as political editor and commentator on WTTW's nightly news program, *The Public News Center*. When *The Week in Review* premiered on January 20, 1978, it served as a 30-minute conversation series. Throughout its four-decade history, Mr. Weisman welcomed hundreds of reporters to his rotating four-person weekly panel long before this format became commonplace in national TV programming. At Mr. Weisman's insistence, the panelists were nonpartisan and diverse, first representing print and broadcast, and later, digital media.

In 2008, he was deservedly inducted in the Silver Circle of the Chicago/Midwest chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mr. Joel Weisman for his tireless dedication to WTTW's *Chicago Tonight: The Week in Review* throughout his long and storied career delivering vital information – and entertainment – to Chicagoans. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Weisman on his invaluable contribution to WTTW and our community's civic dialogue.