2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 107

February 19, 2018 – Introduced by Senators RISSE, OLSW, COWLES, ERPNBACH, MILLER, WIRCH, TIFFANY, BEWLEY, L. TAYLOR, VINEHOUT, LARSON, JOHNSON and HANSEN, cosponsored by Representatives LOUDENBECK, CONSIDINE, BALLWEG, C. TAYLOR, HEBL, PETRYK, HESSELBEIN, THIESFELDT, GENRICH, POPE, VANDERMEER, PRONSCINSKE, WACHS, MILROY, SPIROS, SARGENT, TUSLER, ZEPNICK, KOLSTE, SINICKI, BERCEAU, SUBECK, SPREITZER, ANDERSON, CROWLEY, SHANKLAND, NOVAK, VRUWINK and MEYERS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: commending and congratulating Wisconsin Public Radio on its 100th anniversary.

Whereas, Wisconsin Public Radio is celebrating its 100-year anniversary; and

Whereas, in 1915, UW-Madison Electrical Engineering Professor Edward Bennett started his experimental station, 9XM, later to become WHA, the first Wisconsin Public Radio station; and

Whereas, in 1917, UW-Madison Physics Professor Earle M. Terry and his students successfully transmitted WHA’s first voice and music broadcast from Sterling Hall with a piano piece titled Narcissus by Ethelbert Nevin; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Public Radio was the first station in the nation to offer regularly scheduled weather forecasts and crop prices. Soon after, WPR began broadcasting the Wisconsin high school basketball tournament, early Green Bay Packers games, Badgers football and basketball games, Michael Feldman’s Whad’ya Know, and Chapter a Day, their longest running program that Wisconsinites still enjoy to this day; and
Whereas, Wisconsin Public Radio has provided valuable educational programming for school children around the state, most significantly during the Great Depression by providing 4,000 one-room schoolhouses with *School of the Air* programs that saved both the school districts and the state critical funds and enriched the education of Wisconsin children; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Public Radio has provided Wisconsinites with informative and entertaining programming over the last 100 years and has empowered the voices of women and people of color through experience and training opportunities and programming for diverse audiences; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Public Radio has served the state of Wisconsin by providing authentic, trustworthy reporting and programs that make Wisconsin unique; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature hereby commends and congratulates Wisconsin Public Radio on its 100th anniversary; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to the director of Wisconsin Public Radio, Mike Crane.

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