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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate Arles Hendershott Love on being inducted into
4 Illinois State University School of Communications, TV-10 Hall
5 of Fame; and

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WHEREAS, Arles Hendershott Love graduated from Illinois
7 State University in 1979, which celebrates the 50th
8 anniversary of its broadcasting program in April 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Arles Hendershott Love has worked as reporter,
photographer, producer, and assignment editor; she was named
news director at WIFR in 1986, a time when less than 5% of news
directors in the country were female; she became community
relations director for WIFR and Benedek Broadcasting in 1997;
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WHEREAS, Arles Hendershott Love served as the state
coordinator for the Radio Television Digital News Association
from 1989 to 1993 and 1995 to 1996; she was on the Associated
Press Illinois Advisory Board from 1989 to 1992, serving as
president from 1991 to 1992; and

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WHEREAS, Arles Hendershott Love regularly lectured to
writing and broadcasting classes at Northern Illinois

1 University and Rock Valley College from 1986 to 1997; and

2 WHEREAS, Arles Hendershott Love's community work includes
3 serving in leadership positions on many community boards; she
4 developed a telethon for the Rockford Rescue Mission at WIFR,
5 which is now in its 27th year and has raised over three million
6 dollars, and she produced a telethon while at WIFR for the
7 restoration of Rockford's historic Coronado Theater that
8 raised over \$200,000 in one night; she chaired the American
9 Heart Association HeartWalk and oversaw its growth from
10 raising \$20,000 a year to over \$100,000; she coordinated the
11 donation of a Children's TV studio to the Discovery Center
12 Museum in Rockford; she developed a coat drive for the
13 Rockford Salvation Army that collects and distributes
14 thousands of coats each year, mostly to children, a drive that
15 has continued for over 25 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Arles Hendershott Love became the development
17 director at Milestone in 2005, the largest provider of
18 services to children and adults with developmental
19 disabilities in Northern Illinois; after 18 years on the job,
20 over \$24 million dollars had been raised; and

21 WHEREAS, Arles Hendershott Love's legislative involvement
22 includes successfully lobbying for the AED/Good Samaritan Law
23 in Illinois, working on several pieces of legislation designed

1 to help the disabled community, lobbying for funding for
2 disability services, and lobbying for a military designated
3 license plate in Illinois for the U.S. Coast Guard; and

4 WHEREAS, Arles Hendershott Love has received numerous
5 awards and recognitions throughout the years, including the
6 1986 A.P. Award for Best Spot News Coverage Downstate T.V.
7 State of Illinois, the 1986 JayCees Presidential Award of
8 Honor for Community Service, the 1989 Special Olympics Media
9 Appreciation Award for State of Illinois, the 1991 YWCA Leader
10 Luncheon Award for Outstanding Professional Woman of the Year,
11 the 1992 A.P. Advisory Board Presidential Service Award, and
12 the 1995 Rockford Area Crimestoppers of the Year; in 1998, she
13 received the On the Waterfront Weekend Warrior Award, the
14 Winnebago/Boone American Heart Association Volunteer Service
15 Award, and the Rock River Valley United Way Volunteer Award;
16 she received the 2000 Distinguished Service Award
17 Winnebago/Boone Counties American Heart Association and the
18 2001 American Red Cross Outstanding Service Award; she
19 received the 2003 Alpine Kiwanis Touch A Life Award for
20 Outstanding Community Service, the 2008 Rockford Rescue
21 Mission Volunteer Service Award, and the 2009 RAMP United Way
22 Volunteer of the Year; she was also awarded the Lifescape
23 Community Services Golden Star Award for Volunteer Support;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Arles Hendershott Love was appointed to the
2 Illinois State University School of Communications Advisory
3 Board and was named the School of Communications Homecoming
4 Honored Alumni in 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Arles Hendershott Love has been listed in
6 Outstanding Young Women in America, Who's Who in the Midwest,
7 Who's Who in Entertainment, Who's Who in America, Who's Who of
8 American Women, and the America's Registry of Outstanding
9 Professionals; and

10 WHEREAS, Arles Hendershott Love has remained committed to
11 Illinois State University; she funds a scholarship each year
12 for TV-10 students and visits the campus on a regular basis to
13 mentor students; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Arles
16 Hendershott Love on being inducted into Illinois State
17 University School of Communications, TV-10 Hall of Fame; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Arles Hendershott Love as a symbol of our respect
21 and esteem.