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S. RES. 255

Recognizing and honoring Bob Collins, and expressing the condolences of the Senate to his family on his death.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 9, 2000

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. FITZGERALD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring Bob Collins, and expressing the condolences of the Senate to his family on his death.

Whereas Bob Collins began his radio career at age 13 by running errands for a station in Lakeland, Florida, and had his own radio show by age 14;

Whereas Bob Collins has been involved with Radio WGN 720 AM since 1974;

Whereas when faced with the challenge of replacing the legendary Wally Phillips in 1986, Bob Collins became Chicago's most popular radio personality;

Whereas Bob Collins hosted a radio show on WGN 720 AM since 1986 in the 5 to 9 a.m. slot, Monday through Friday;

Whereas Bob Collins' show was enjoyed by more than 600,000 listeners each week, was the only show in Chicago to have a double-digit share of the Chicago audience, and had more than twice the number of listeners as his closest competitor;

Whereas Bob Collins entertained Chicagoland listeners with his contagious laugh, unique wit, and personal perspective on public affairs;

Whereas Bob Collins received numerous recognitions for his accomplishments at WGN 720 AM, including 4 consecutive Marconi nominations, Billboard Magazine's "Personality of the Year," the Chicago Sun-Times' "Personality of the Year," an Illinois News Broadcasters' Association award for on-the-spot news coverage, and the 1999 AIR Award for Best Morning Show on a News, Talk, Personality, or Sports Station;

Whereas Bob Collins worked tirelessly for charitable causes throughout Chicago, and was honored with the Salvation Army's Man of the Year Award, known as "The Other Award";

Whereas Bob Collins died tragically in a plane crash on February 8, 2000, at the age of 57; and

Whereas Bob Collins, known as "Uncle Bobby," will be sorely missed by Chicagoans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) hereby recognizes and honors Bob Collins

3 for—

4 (A) his work as Chicago's most respected

5 radio personality; and

1 (B) his philanthropic endeavors throughout
2 Chicago; and
3 (2) sends its deepest condolences to his wife,
4 Christine, and to his mother and father.

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