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Congratulating ''A Prairie Home Companion'' on its 40 years of engaging, humorous, and quality radio programming.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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RESOLUTION

Congratulating ''A Prairie Home Companion'' on its 40 years of engaging, humorous, and quality radio programming.

Whereas, for 40 years, ''A Prairie Home Companion'' has brought listeners from around the country to the fantastic town of Lake Wobegon, Minnesota;

Whereas, in 2014, ''A Prairie Home Companion'' is a 2 hour radio variety program performed live that airs on Saturday afternoons ;

Whereas over 600 radio stations carry ''A Prairie Home Companion'' to 4,000,000 listeners each week;

Whereas ''A Prairie Home Companion'' was created by and is hosted by a Grammy Award winner who received the award in 1998 for ''Lake Wobegon Days'';

Whereas 12 people were in the audience for the first broadcast of "A Prairie Home Companion" on July 6, 1974, at the Janet Wallace Auditorium at Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota;

Whereas, in 2014, "A Prairie Home Companion" is broadcast from the Fitzgerald Theater in Saint Paul, Minnesota, a historic building that is over 100 years old and was named after United States citizen and author F. Scott Fitzgerald;

Whereas "A Prairie Home Companion" has won a Peabody Award;

Whereas "A Prairie Home Companion" has broadcast from Canada, Ireland, Scotland, England, Germany, Iceland, and nearly every State in the United States;

Whereas "A Prairie Home Companion" inspired a movie by the same name, which itself won 4 international awards; and

Whereas in Lake Wobegon all the women are strong, all the men are good looking, and all the children are above average: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates—

(A) the cast and crew of "A Prairie Home Companion" for 40 years of engaging, humorous, and quality radio programming; and

(B) Minnesota Public Radio and American Public Media for bringing "A Prairie Home Companion" into the homes of millions for 40 years; and

(2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the creator and host of ''A Prairie Home Companion''.

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