

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating WSLM Radio on its 65th anniversary of radio broadcasting.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating WSLM Radio
2 on its 65th anniversary of radio broadcasting.

3 *Whereas, Don H. Martin grew up in Salem, Indiana, where*
4 *he built a radio with a razor blade and copper wire before*
5 *attending Indiana University as a broadcasting, drama, and*
6 *education student for a few years before being drafted to serve*
7 *in World War II;*

8 *Whereas, While serving as a Marine in Guam, Martin*
9 *helped construct an Armed Services Radio station and began*
10 *fostering the idea to create a radio station in his hometown;*

11 *Whereas, Upon returning from Guam, Martin completed*
12 *his degree, taught English at Salem High School, and*
13 *sponsored and coached the school debate team while applying*
14 *for a license with the FCC for a radio station, WSLM 1220 AM;*

15 *Whereas, Martin received backlash from local WHAS 840*
16 *AM, requiring Martin and engineer Clarence Henson to plead*
17 *before the FCC in Washington D.C. before finally receiving*
18 *approval;*



1 *Whereas, WSLM was set to begin airing on Christmas Day*
 2 *1952, but had its equipment stolen on Christmas Eve by a*
 3 *pirate station that the FCC discovered operating near*
 4 *Cincinnati, Ohio;*

5 *Whereas, WSLM re-obtained and reconditioned the stolen*
 6 *goods to officially begin broadcasting on February 14, 1953,*
 7 *being labeled by the Associated Press as the "Sweetheart*
 8 *Station of the Nation";*

9 *Whereas, WSLM Radio continued to operate under the*
 10 *ownership of Martin from its inception until 2011, when he*
 11 *passed the business along to his daughter and business partner,*
 12 *Rebecca White;*

13 *Whereas, White opened 3,000 watt WSLM 97.9 FM in 1992*
 14 *and WHAN 17 TV, now WRLW TV, in 1994;*

15 *Whereas, At 5,000 watts, WSLM 1220 AM is the largest AM*
 16 *station in Southern Indiana and one of the only AM stations in*
 17 *the U.S. to be broadcasting in AM Stereo;*

18 *Whereas, WSLM, along with its sister radio station,*
 19 *currently reaches 3.6 million people across Indiana, Illinois,*
 20 *Ohio, and Kentucky;*

21 *Whereas, Martin was named a Broadcast Pioneer by the*
 22 *Indiana Broadcasters Association, of which his daughter now*
 23 *sits on the Board of Directors; and*

24 *Whereas, WSLM is celebrating 65 years of news, music,*
 25 *and loyal service to residents in Salem, Washington County,*
 26 *and beyond in 2018: Therefore,*

27 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
 28 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

29 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate congratulates WSLM Radio



1 on 65 years of radio broadcasting.
2 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
3 transmit a copy of this Resolution to WSLM Radio.

