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Congratulating the Public Broadcasting Service as it celebrates the 15th anniversary season of the nationally televised broadcast program, Public Broadcasting Service's To The Contrary, with Bonnie Erbé.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

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Whereas To The Contrary, launched in April 1992, provides an important and timely women's forum to discuss national and international issues and policies, and presents news and views that are rarely available elsewhere on television;

Whereas To The Contrary is the only woman-owned National weekly news analysis show, and is now one of the longest running programs of its kind on national television;

Whereas To The Contrary broadcasts focus primarily on issues affecting women, families, and communities of

color, and has been enhanced by an ethnically diverse and balanced panel of women from all political persuasions;

Whereas *To The Contrary* is carried on more than 250 Public Broadcasting Service stations nationwide, internationally on Voice of America Television, and is seen by over one million viewers each week;

Whereas *To The Contrary* has won numerous awards, including the 1994, 1995, 1998 and 2003 EMMA awards from the National Women's Political Caucus for overall excellence; the 1997, 1996 and 1994 Clarion Award from Women Communications for Best TV Talk show; the 1997, 1999, and the 2005 Gracie Award from American Women in Radio and Television; and, in 2000, two prestigious economic reporting awards, the ICI/American University Personal Finance Reporting Awards and the NYS Society of CPAs awards;

Whereas the host Bonnie Erb , with 20 years of experience as a journalist covering national government, has been at the helm since the first broadcast in 1992, writes a blog on politics for USNews.com;

Whereas Bonnie Erb 's career in journalism has included posts as the Legal Affairs Correspondent for the Mutual/NBC Radio Networks, and assignments as a reporter and anchor for the UPI Radio Network, CBS and NBC affiliates in Florida and Georgia, as well as the District of Columbia; and

Whereas Bonnie Erb , a 1987 Georgetown University Law School graduate, is the recipient of awards from the American Women in Radio and Television and the National Press Club: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
2 gratulates To The Contrary and Bonnie Erb   for their ex-
3 traordinary 15 season run on the Public Broadcasting
4 Service and for consistently giving voice to significant so-
5 cial issues affecting women, children, families, and com-
6 munities of color.

