

## (February 8, 2006) Honoring WLTL; A Radio Station Owned by Illinois District 204

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MR. LIPINSKI, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor WLTL, the radio station operated by the students of Lyons Township High School.

WLTL is a non-commercial radio station located at Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, Illinois approximately 15 miles west of the Chicago Loop. The radio station is owned by Illinois School District 204 and is operated by the students of Lyons Township High School. For more than 100 years, LTHS has exhibited its motto of Vita Plena or the quest for the fulfilling life by servicing students from more than 10 communities.

The radio station was first established in 1922. However, it was not officially recognized until January 5, 1968. Each year, a team of student managers is selected to operate the station under the guidance of a general manager. All students attending Lyons Township High School are welcome to join the WLTL team. The various positions include; on-air Disc Jockeys, Engineers and News Broadcasters. If a student has an interest in becoming an on air personality, her or she has to complete an audition.

As one of the largest academic clubs at Lyons Township High School, WLTL received numerous awards at the 2005 John Drury Awards Ceremony. In 2004, WLTL was again named the best high school radio station in the nation by the John Drury Awards (the first award came in 2002). The radio station has also been the winner of the Crystal Award of Excellence by the Communicator Awards for the past eight years, a major accomplishment for any radio station. Because of the student's diligence in providing quality journalism, WLTL continues to have an impressive reputation.

I ask my colleagues to join me in praising the many accomplishments of School District 204 and the faculty and students of Lyons Township High School for the professional manner in which they operate the programming of the WLTL radio. It is my honor to bestow best wishes for the continued success of WLTL programming.