Resolved,

That the Board of Directors
of the
Corporation for Public Broadcasting
Expresses its Heartfelt Condolences
to the Family and Friends of

Lawrence K. Grossman

PBS President, 1976-1982

We will long remember with gratitude that in his distinguished career as a television executive, Mr. Grossman made an indelible impact on public television.

Mr. Grossman was named president of PBS in 1976. During his eight-year tenure there, he strengthened PBS’s national presence through a core schedule and improved cultural and news programming. He brought to public media programs such as “Live From Lincoln Center” and concerts from the White House and the Kennedy Center. He led efforts that launched “FRONTLINE” and expanded “The MacNeil/Lehrer Report” to a full hour in 1983, making it the first hour-long nightly newscast on any network.

A courageous programmer, Mr. Grossman refused to bow to political pressure, authorizing a 13-part series on the history of the Vietnam War and the broadcast of “Death of a Princess,” a documentary based on a true story about a Saudi princess who had been publicly executed for adultery. His courage gave gravitas to both PBS and public media. In appreciation for his work, CPB awarded Mr. Grossman the 1984 Ralph Lowell Award, public television’s highest honor.

We share the sorrow of Mr. Grossman’s passing with the public media family and extend our deepest sympathies to the Grossman family.