Resolved,

That the Board of Directors
of the
Corporation for Public Broadcasting
Expresses its Heartfelt Condolences
to the Family and Friends of
Chalmers H. ("Chuck") Marquis Jr.

We will long remember with gratitude Mr. Marquis’s years of service in public broadcasting as a one of the system’s founding visionaries and its legendary advocate, known as “Public Television’s Voice on Capitol Hill.”

Mr. Marquis served as director of programming for WTTW in the early 1960s, leading the Chicago station to become the largest public broadcaster in the United States. In 1965, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he became public television’s most effective advocate at the National Association of Educational Broadcasters, then at PBS and finally as Congressional liaison for the National Association of Public Television Stations and the Children’s Television Workshop. In these roles, he helped to create the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Mr. Marquis worked to expand educational television to school classrooms across the country and to secure federal support for such landmark children’s programming as “Sesame Street” and “3-2-1 Contact.” In gratitude for his work, CPB awarded Mr. Marquis the 1992 Ralph Lowell Award, public television’s highest honor.

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