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## Resolution 15-11

### SPECIAL TRIBUTE *Bill Thorne*

**WHEREAS, *Bill Thorne***, whose career spans 68 years, starting at the age of sixteen with WSOO radio station and has been a staple of Chippewa County, the Eastern Upper Peninsula, the State of Michigan and has been recognized nationally.

**WHEREAS, *Bill Thorne***, is a graduate of the Sault Ste. Marie Area Schools, and attended the Sault Branch of Michigan Technological University, now Lake Superior State University where is graduated alongside his granddaughter in 1996.

**WHEREAS, *Bill Thorne***, has hosted the ever popular "Hymn Time" and the weekly "Four Horseman Show", in 1959 he was selected as "Mr. D.J. USA" which provided him the opportunity to interview such greats as Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline and Tammy Wynett.

**WHEREAS, *Bill Thorne***, during his career at WSOO has the distinctive pleasure to interview over 26,000 special individuals including the former President of the United States Richard Nixon and the Chief Judge of the Supreme court, the Honorable Warren Burger.

**WHEREAS, *Bill Thorne***, has served public broadcasting and the citizens of Chippewa County with the utmost dignity and respect. His is the voice of Chippewa County that can be heard around the world on "Hymn Time". His passion for broadcasting and his positive demeanor makes him a role model for generations to come.

**WHEREAS, *Bill Thorne***, is a living legend in the radio industry, a community member whose major accomplishments and community service have made him a historical icon of his community, who has a loyal following with some individuals and families going back decades.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That is with great pride that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners join together with the residents of Chippewa County, to congratulate and express their appreciation to Mr. ***Bill Thorne*** for his 68 years as radio host for WSOO and his many contributions to our County.
2. That Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of its residents, extends their continued best wishes to ***Bill Thorne*** for his many years professionalism, his community service, and his dedication to service in serving the people of this County.

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**  
**June 8, 2015**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Shackleton', is written over a horizontal line.

Scott Shackleton, Chairman  
Chippewa County Board of Commissioners