

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE PROCLAMATION NO. 1

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A PROCLAMATION

1
2 COMMENDING PETER MORRILL FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
3 IDAHO PUBLIC TELEVISION.

4 We, the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the
5 State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second
6 Idaho Legislature, do hereby proclaim that:

7 WHEREAS, Peter Morrill has had a distinguished thirty-four year career
8 with Idaho Public Television; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrill began his career as a young director and videog-
10 rapher in 1979 and subsequently served as producer/director, executive pro-
11 ducer, assistant general manager and then as general manager of Idaho Public
12 Television; and

13 WHEREAS, under Mr. Morrill's exceptional leadership Idaho Public Tele-
14 vision has been named the number one most watched PBS station in the entire
15 country based upon Nielsen ratings; and

16 WHEREAS, Idaho Public Television, despite having one of the smallest
17 budgets for a statewide network, won fifty-three national and regional
18 awards in 2012 alone, including an Emmy and an Edward R. Murrow Award; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrill has served on numerous professional and commu-
20 nity leadership boards and commissions including serving on the executive
21 committee of the National Education Telecommunications Association (NETA),
22 co-chairman of the Organization of State Broadcast Executives, secre-
23 tary/treasurer of the Idaho State Broadcasters Association, the University
24 of Idaho School of Journalism and Mass Media Advisory Board and two terms on
25 the Board of Directors of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS); and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrill has been honored with many awards of distinction
27 including the Silver Circle Award from the National Academy of Television
28 Arts and Sciences, Northwest Chapter, the Intellectual Freedom Award from
29 the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho, the National Advocacy Award,
30 the Grass Roots Award from America's Public Television Stations and the
31 United Nations Human Rights Day Award; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrill has been an active and engaged partner with the
33 Idaho Legislature in successfully promoting and making accessible to Idaho
34 citizens the legislative process through the award winning Idaho in Session
35 Legislature Live broadcasts and internet streaming; and

36 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrill will be retiring in 2013 as the general manager of
37 Idaho Public Television.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the members of the House of Rep-
39 resentatives and the Senate assembled in the First Regular Session of the
40 Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, that we recognize, honor and commend Peter
41 Morrill for his years of service to Idaho Public Television as well as his
42 positive contributions to the Idaho Legislature and to the citizens of Idaho
43 and we wish him well in retirement.