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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate Kankakee Community 4 College on receiving a Gold Rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE); and 5 6 WHEREAS, The AASHE's 2017 Sustainable Campus Index 7 recognized top-performing college and universities overall by 8 institution type and in 17 sustainability impact areas, as 9 measured by the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating 10 (STARS) and further highlighted innovative System and high-impact initiatives from institutions; and 11 12 WHEREAS, In the 2017 report, Kankakee Community College 13 ranked second in North America among associate degree colleges 14 for sustainability practices; and 15 WHEREAS, Scoring is on a scale from zero to 100, with scores of 65 and above earning Gold Status; and 16 17 WHEREAS, Kankakee Community College earned a score of 18 67.94, making it one of only two community colleges in the country to receive the gold status distinction; and 19

WHEREAS, Kankakee Community College placed highest in

- 1 campus engagement, coordination, planning and governance,
- 2 diversity and affordability, and water use and rainwater
- 3 management; therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 6 recognize Kankakee Community College for their leadership and
- 7 commitment to advancing sustainability; and be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourages all
- 9 colleges and universities in Illinois to continue to strive for
- 10 excellence in all areas related to energy conservation, energy
- 11 efficiency, and renewable energy solutions; and be it further
- 12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 13 presented to Kankakee Community College President Dr. John
- 14 Avendano to commemorate the college's commitment to
- 15 sustainability.