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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Dr. Donald S. Spencer began serving as President of Western Illinois University in 1994; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Spencer has been an inspirational and innovative leader of the University, responsible for the creation of several unique and highly successful programs and policies designed to provide benefits to students, parents, the University, and the State of Illinois; among those are a timely degree-completion program called GradTrac, the benefits of which include significant financial-aid savings to the State, a guaranteed four year tuition, fee, room and board program (the first of its kind in the nation); and a highly-praised dual-admission program with several community colleges; and

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WHEREAS, During Dr. Spencer's tenure, Western Illinois University enrollments and retention have increased, admission standards have been raised, a well-received Quad-Cities facility has been opened, a transit system serving the community as well as the University has been created, a campus beautification effort has been completed, and a host of other significant accomplishments have been achieved; and

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WHEREAS, President Spencer's wife, Dr. Sue Spencer, has made her own contribution to Illinois higher education, serving as Vice-President of Instruction and Student Services for Spoon River College since 1996 and as Acting President from June until October of 2000; the Spencers' daughter, Jennifer, is currently an Assistant Professor in International Business at George Washington University; and

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WHEREAS, President Spencer and his wife will both retire from their respective positions in December 2001; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we express our sincere thanks to both Don and Sue Spencer for
4 their significant contributions to higher education and the
5 State of Illinois and congratulate them for their many
6 notable achievements; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we join together to wish them all the best
8 in their retirement and any future endeavors; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Don and Sue Spencer as an expression of our
12 esteem.