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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Rose Marie Lynch, Ph.D. on the occasion of her receiving the honorary title of faculty emerita by the Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) Board of Trustees as part of the inaugural class of faculty emeriti at IVCC; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Indiana State University at Terre Haute, Indiana and her Ph.D. in English from Ball State University at Muncie, Indiana; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch began her career in academia as an instructor at Olney Central College in Olney, Illinois and at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana; she joined the IVCC faculty as a full-time instructor of journalism and English in the fall of 1970, where she also served as the faculty advisor to the student newspaper, positions she held for 32 years until her retirement in 2002; she proceeded to serve IVCC in a variety of roles, including as an adjunct faculty member and a grant writer/manager, for another 12 years, resulting in a total of 43.81 years of service to the community college; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch, during her tenure, collaborated with

1 faculty in career-tech disciplines on the nationally
2 recognized Making Industry Meaningful in College (MIMIC)
3 project, which put students from different programs into teams
4 to design, produce, market, and sell products, and the MIMIC
5 team she oversaw was awarded a National Science Foundation
6 grant, published multiple peer-reviewed articles, and
7 presented their work at conferences in the United States,
8 Canada, and China; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch, while teaching at IVCC, served as a
10 member of the American Federation of Teachers, Local #1810,
11 co-leader of the IVCC Tech Prep Team, a member of the North
12 Central Accreditation (NCA) Visiting Committee in 1991 and
13 1993, co-editor of the NCA Self-Study Report in 1998, and an
14 evaluator for the Tech Prep Evaluation System for Illinois in
15 the Illinois Eastern Tech Prep Consortium of 2001; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch has given back to her community in a
17 myriad of ways, including as a member of the LaSalle-Peru
18 Township High School District 120 Board of Education from 1985
19 until 2025, where she served as president from 1991 to 1994 and
20 chairperson of the Board Programs Committee for many years,
21 and as an advocate for STEM education, especially in creating
22 opportunities for female students in math and engineering
23 pathways; she has also been a major supporter of and volunteer
24 with the Illinois Valley Food Pantry, serving as a board

1 member since 1986 and as board president from 1988 until 2024;
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3 WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch has been the recipient of several
4 professional accolades, including receiving the Illinois State
5 Board of Education Connections 2000 Award in 1993 and 1999,
6 the Illinois Valley Community College Merit Award in 1993, and
7 the Regional Office of Education Board of Education Service
8 Award and being named the 1994 Illinois Community College
9 Trustees Association Outstanding Faculty Member, the 1999
10 Illinois Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for
11 the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement
12 and Support of Education, and the 2002 Woman of the Year for
13 her dedication and commitment to IVCC's media; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch, a longtime resident of Peru, was
15 married to Norm Clark until his passing, and she is the
16 stepmother of Scott and Brad Clark; she is an avid gardener,
17 sharing her produce with friends and the community, and she
18 enjoys hosting gatherings at her home, such as her annual
19 bagna cauda party; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch has been a strong advocate for public
21 education her entire career, demonstrating professional
22 competence and providing meritorious service to IVCC,
23 LaSalle-Peru Township High School, the entire Illinois Valley

1 region, and her profession; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Rose Marie Lynch, Ph.D. on her receiving the
5 honorary title of faculty emerita by the Illinois Valley
6 Community College (IVCC) Board of Trustees and on concluding
7 her service to the LaSalle-Peru Township High School (L-P
8 High) Board of Trustees, and we thank her for her dedication
9 and commitment to the students, staff, and faculty members of
10 IVCC and L-P High, providing over 50 years of service in
11 promoting education; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Dr. Lynch as an expression of our esteem and
14 respect.