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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to commend Dr. Bryan Renfro for his  
4 dedicated service on the occasion of his departure as  
5 president of John Wood Community College (JWCC); and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Renfro was appointed the institution's  
7   seventh president by the JWCC Board of Trustees on October 26,  
8   2022, officially beginning his tenure on December 31, 2022;  
9   and

10           WHEREAS, During his presidency, Dr. Renfro provided  
11       visionary leadership and advanced transformative initiatives  
12       that strengthened JWCC's mission, community partnerships, and  
13       national reputation; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Renfro led the launch of JWCC's first  
15 Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME)  
16 program, expanding hands-on workforce training opportunities  
17 and forging important industry collaborations in the region;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Renfro spearheaded the Rural Guided Pathways  
20 initiative, which was aimed at improving access to education,  
21 increasing student retention, and boosting completion rates

1 among students in underserved rural areas; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Renfro championed the Caring Campus  
3 initiative, fostering a culture of engagement and belonging  
4 that prioritized student well-being and strengthened  
5 connections between students, faculty, and staff; and

6 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Renfro's guidance, JWCC was named one  
7 of the top 150 community colleges in the nation by the  
8 prestigious Aspen Institute, a recognition of excellence in  
9 student outcomes, learning, and institutional performance; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Renfro's leadership has left a lasting legacy  
11 at JWCC, enhancing its academic reputation, strengthening  
12 workforce pathways, and improving student success across its  
13 district; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Renfro will conclude his tenure at JWCC on  
15 June 30, 2025; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we commend Bryan Renfro, Ph.D. for his outstanding leadership  
19 and service as president of John Wood Community College, and  
20 we wish him continued success in his future endeavors; and be  
21 it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Dr. Renfro as an symbol of our esteem and respect.