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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Dave Hellmich, Ph.D. on
4 the occasion of his retirement from Sauk Valley Community
5 College after a distinguished career in higher education and
6 community leadership; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Hellmich served as president of Sauk Valley
8 Community College from July 2015 until his retirement as
9 president emeritus in June 2026, providing visionary
10 leadership and unwavering dedication to students, faculty,
11 staff, and the communities served by the college; and

12 WHEREAS, Prior to joining Sauk Valley Community College,
13 Dr. Hellmich devoted 28 years to higher education as an
14 administrator and English professor at community colleges in
15 Florida, Minnesota, and Kentucky, helping shape the
16 educational experiences and success of countless students, and
17 he taught graduate courses in ethical leadership in Minnesota
18 and Kentucky; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Hellmich served as editor and contributing
20 author of the books Ethical Leadership in Community Colleges:
21 Bridging Theory and Daily Practice and Ethical Decision-Making
22 in Community Colleges: Not Losing Our Way, helping guide

1 current and future leaders in community college
2 administration; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Hellmich earned a Bachelor of Arts in English
4 from DePauw University, a Master of Arts in American
5 Literature from Indiana University, and a Doctor of Philosophy
6 in Higher Education Administration from the University of
7 Florida; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Dr. Hellmich has been
9 recognized as a champion of ethical leadership and
10 student-centered education, and he has demonstrated a deep
11 commitment to civic engagement through service as chair of the
12 Sauk Valley Community Leadership Program Board, chair of the
13 Dixon Chamber of Commerce/Main Street Board, a member of the
14 KSB Hospital Board of Directors, and as president of the
15 Sterling Noon Rotary Club; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Hellmich's service and leadership have been
17 recognized through numerous honors, including being named
18 Dixon Citizen of the Year and receiving the Chamber Champion
19 Award from the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, the Gary
20 W. Davis Ethical Leadership Award from the Illinois Community
21 College Trustees Association, and the Michael Bennett Lifetime
22 Achievement Award from the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Hellmich's positive impact has been further
2 reflected in the dedication of the Hellmich Riverview
3 Conference Center by the Sauk Valley Community College Board
4 of Trustees and the creation of the Hellmich Community
5 Leadership Award by the Sauk Valley Community Leadership Board
6 of Directors; and

7 WHEREAS, Through his leadership, scholarship, service, and
8 commitment to ethical decision-making, Dr. Hellmich has made
9 enduring contributions to Sauk Valley Community College, the
10 Illinois community college system, and the communities he has
11 served; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Dave Hellmich, Ph.D. on his retirement from
15 Sauk Valley Community College, commend him for his
16 extraordinary career and many contributions to higher
17 education, and wish him continued health, happiness, and
18 success in the years ahead; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Dr. Hellmich as a symbol of our respect and
21 esteem.