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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION of Illinois 2 WHEREAS, The members the House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate Mark Stephens on his 25th 4 anniversary as chairman of the Triton College Board of 5 Trustees; and 6 WHEREAS, Mark Stephens is a lifelong resident of the area; 7 he graduated from East Leyden High School in three years and 8 earned a bachelor's degree in business and a juris doctorate 9 from DePaul University, while also taking classes at Triton 10 College; and 11 WHEREAS, Mark Stephens become the owner of Bomark Cleaning 12 Services in 1981 and an attorney at Storino, Ramella and Durkin 13 in 1988; and 14 WHEREAS, Mark Stephens was elected to the Triton College Board of Trustees as vice chairman in 1991 and assumed the 15 16 position of chair in 1992; and 17 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Mark Stephens, Triton 18 College has grown to support the needs of the community; in the early 1990s, he recognized the need for technical training in 19

the burgeoning field of computers; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Mark Stephens has prioritized financial stability
- 2 and institutional efficiency; Triton College remains a
- 3 financially sound institution; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mark Stephens has helped see that Triton College
- 5 continues to offer the best facilities for students, securing a
- 6 \$53 million bond project across the scope of three years and a
- 7 newly renovated H Building, athletic complex, greenhouse,
- 8 Cernan Space Center, demonstration kitchen, and many other
- 9 campus facility improvements; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mark Stephens has a passion for Triton College;
- 11 while many things have changed over his 25-year tenure as
- 12 chairman of the board, one remains constant: his steadfast
- 13 leadership and dedication to serving students; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Through the tireless efforts of Mark Stephens,
- 15 Triton College has uplifted the community through education,
- 16 changing the lives of thousands of members of the community;
- 17 therefore, be it
- 18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 20 congratulate Mark Stephens on his 25th anniversary as chairman
- of the Triton College Board of Trustees; and be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

2 presented to Mark Stephens as an expression of our esteem and

3 respect.