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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Rob Widmer on the occasion  
4 of his retirement as President of Heartland Community College;  
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6           WHEREAS, Rob Widmer began his career at Heartland Community  
7 College as the Vice President of Business Services in 1996; he  
8 has served as the third President of the College since June  
9 2013; as President, he is the chief executive officer of the  
10 College responsible for providing strategic direction and  
11 focus for the institution, as well as maintaining oversight of  
12 all College functions and operations; and

13           WHEREAS, As President of Heartland Community College, he  
14 concentrated on supporting student success, serving as a strong  
15 community resource, demonstrating sound fiscal stewardship,  
16 and enhancing institutional effectiveness by committing to  
17 continuous improvement; and

18           WHEREAS, Rob Widmer's ongoing leadership has been integral  
19 to budget development and management, campus master planning  
20 and growth of the campus, creating numerous sustainability  
21 initiatives, and establishing vital community partnerships;  
22 and

1           WHEREAS, Rob Widmer has over 40 years' experience in  
2 Illinois higher education; before his tenure at Heartland  
3 Community College, he began his career teaching at Western  
4 Illinois University; he then held a variety of roles at Lincoln  
5 College between 1977 and 1985; he then worked at the Illinois  
6 Community College Board from 1985 until 1994, where he advanced  
7 from Associate Director to Deputy Director for Fiscal Affairs;  
8 he then served as Vice President for Business and Financial  
9 Affairs at Joliet Junior College from 1994 until 1996; and

10           WHEREAS, Rob Widmer earned bachelor and master's degrees in  
11 business and economics from Western Illinois University; he  
12 pursued doctoral course work at the University of Illinois at  
13 Springfield and Illinois State University; he was also a  
14 participant in the American Association of Community College's  
15 Professional Administrators Development Institute; and

16           WHEREAS, Rob Widmer is the father of four grown sons and  
17 has ten grandchildren, with another due in July ; therefore, be  
18 it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 congratulate Rob Widmer on the occasion of his retirement as  
22 President of Heartland Community College, and we commend his

1 leadership and dedication to his students; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Rob Widmer as an expression of our esteem and  
4 respect.