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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Brent Paterson, Ph.D., on
4 the occasion of his retirement as chief of staff and assistant
5 to the president of Illinois State University; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Paterson earned his Bachelor of Science in
7 Elementary Education from Lambuth University in Jacksonville,
8 Tennessee in 1979; he obtained his Master of Science in
9 Counseling & Personnel Services from the University of Memphis
10 in Memphis, Tennessee in 1982; he earned his Ph.D. in Higher
11 Education Administration from the University of Denver in
12 Denver, Colorado in 1986; and

13 WHEREAS, Prior to Illinois State University, Dr. Paterson
14 served in Student Affairs at Texas A&M University for nearly
15 17 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Paterson came to Illinois State University in
17 2001; he initially served as senior associate vice president
18 for Student Affairs from April 2001 to March 2014, where he
19 oversaw the Bone Student Center, Braden Auditorium, Campus
20 Dining Services, Campus Recreation, the Student Fitness
21 Center, University Housing Services, and University Police; he
22 also served as a clinical assistant professor in Educational

1 Foundations and Administration; he was named interim vice
2 president for Student Affairs in March 2014 and served in that
3 capacity until June 2016; he served as assistant to the
4 president from July 2016 until his retirement; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Paterson has received a number of accolades
6 during his career in higher education; he was recognized for
7 outstanding contributions to the quality of life for students
8 with Illinois State University's Neal R. Gamsky Award in 2011
9 and named a Pillar of the Profession of Student Affairs
10 Administrators in Higher Education by the National Association
11 of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) in 2015; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Paterson is known for keeping the needs of
13 students at the forefront of his decisions and for his
14 commitment to doing his utmost to enhance the college
15 experience through his leadership, mentorship, or the
16 development of his staff; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Brent Paterson, Ph.D., on the occasion of his
20 retirement, and we recognize his commitment to Illinois State
21 University; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Dr. Paterson as an expression of our esteem and
2 respect.