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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Larry Dietz is retiring as the 19th president of Illinois State University (ISU), a position he assumed on March 22, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, During the tenure of President Larry Dietz, ISU has seen record enrollment, including increases in enrollment of students from underrepresented groups, while maintaining high academic quality; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois State University continues to be ranked among the top universities in the United States, recognized for its strong retention rate, top 10 percent graduation rate, and very low student loan default rate; it has achieved record fundraising in recent years and initiated its second comprehensive campaign, Redbirds Rising: The Campaign for Illinois State University; and

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WHEREAS, Despite difficult economic times in Illinois, Illinois State University has remained strong and stable under Larry Dietz's leadership and is making plans to reach new heights in the future; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Dietz came to Illinois State University in June of 2011 as vice president for Student Affairs and as a

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1 tenured associate professor in the Department of Educational
2 Administration and Foundations; previously, he served as vice
3 chancellor for Student Affairs at Southern Illinois University
4 Carbondale for ten years; he also served as special assistant
5 to the chancellor at SIUC and as a tenured associate professor
6 in educational administration and higher education; prior to
7 his tenure there, he served as vice chancellor for Student
8 Affairs and Enrollment Management, among other leadership
9 positions, at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and in
10 leadership positions at Iowa State University; and

11 WHEREAS, Larry Dietz earned a Ph.D. in higher education
12 administration and a master's degree in higher education and
13 student personnel from Iowa State University; he has a
14 bachelor's degree in political science from Southern Illinois
15 University; he attended the Institute for Educational
16 Management at Harvard University, a Fulbright International
17 Education Seminar for Administrators in Germany, and the
18 Harvard Management Development Program; and

19 WHEREAS, A strong supporter of global education, Larry
20 Dietz has implemented plans to enhance diversity, support
21 global learning, and create a global campus environment at
22 Illinois State University; his international experiences
23 include representing the American Universities Iraq Consortium
24 on a panel with Prime Minister Al-Malaki and representing SIUC

1 at the Iraq Education Initiative in Baghdad; in addition, he
2 had responsibility for SIUC's campus in Japan and has
3 negotiated agreements with institutions in China, Malaysia,
4 Kuwait, Germany, and the Czech Republic; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare June 30,
7 2021 to be Larry Dietz Commemoration Day to commemorate Larry
8 Dietz on his years of service and to wish him the best in
9 retirement; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
11 Larry Dietz as a symbol of our respect and esteem.