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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins on the occasion of her
4 retirement as president of Moraine Valley Community College;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Jenkins became the fifth president of Moraine
7 Valley Community College, one of the largest community
8 colleges in Illinois, on July 1, 2012; she previously served
9 as vice president of Academic Affairs, dean of Academic
10 Development & Learning Resources, assistant dean for the
11 Center for Teaching & Learning/director of the library, public
12 services librarian at Moraine Valley in Palos Hills, and
13 director of Library Services and public services librarian at
14 Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Jenkins was appointed by Gov. JB Pritzker to
16 sit on the Illinois Community College Board (2021) and serves
17 on several other boards, including the League for Innovation
18 in the Community College (chair 2018-19), Community Colleges
19 for International Development (chair 2019-20), the Moraine
20 Area Career Systems CEO Council, the Chicago Regional College
21 Program, and the South Metropolitan Higher Education
22 Consortium Presidents' Council; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Jenkins served on the Higher Learning
2 Commission's Partners in Transformation advisory group on
3 innovation in higher education (2017-19); she was an elected
4 member of the American Association of Community College's
5 board of directors (2016-19); she served from 2016-19 as an
6 associate member regional representative of the Hispanic
7 Association of Colleges and Universities; since 2016, she has
8 served as a National Advisory Board member for the Ferris
9 State University Doctorate in Community College Leadership
10 (chair 2021-22) and was featured in its 2017 Legendary
11 Leadership video series; she is a member of the Illinois Green
12 Economy Network President's Steering Committee; she is a
13 member of the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents
14 (vice chair 2019-20, chair 2020-21); she also serves on the
15 Cook County Workforce Innovation Board and the Forest Preserve
16 District of Cook County's Conservation and Policy Council; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Jenkins was selected by District 3 of the
18 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations as its
19 2021 Pacesetter of the Year for demonstrating leadership and
20 support of college communication and marketing efforts; in
21 June of 2021, she also received the Advocacy Award from the
22 Illinois Community College Trustees Association for her
23 leadership in advocating for the needs of students and the
24 community college system in Illinois; in December 2018, the
25 Council for Advancement in Support of Education (CASE)

1 presented her with the CASE V Chief Executive Leadership
2 Award, and she received the Craig Stettner Award for
3 Environmental Education from the Chicago Audubon Society in
4 spring 2019; in February 2018, she was recognized by Illinois
5 State Treasurer Michael Frerichs with an Outstanding
6 Commitment in Education Award; in June 2017, she was
7 recognized with the Mosque Foundation's 2017 Leadership Award
8 for exemplary efforts in fostering the celebration of
9 diversity in the college and community; in 2017, she was
10 recognized with a scholarship in her name through the Moraine
11 Valley Foundation – the Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins Women's
12 Leadership Scholarship, which is an annual scholarship to
13 support the education goals of future female leaders; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Jenkins was a panelist for the World
15 Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics World Congress in
16 Melbourne, Australia on Establishing Holistic Partnerships to
17 Embed Cybersecurity (October 2018); she was an external juror
18 for Johnson County Community College's BNSF Railway Faculty
19 Achievement Award (May 2018); she was an invited keynote
20 speaker for Drexel University's Assessment Conference
21 (September 2017); she was a co-presenter at the Association of
22 Community College Trustees Leadership Congress (October 2016)
23 and a panelist at the 2016 Assessment Institute hosted by
24 Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (October
25 2016); she was a co-presenter at the League for Innovation in

1 the Community College's Innovations Conference (March 2016);
2 she has also been an invited faculty member of the League for
3 Innovation's Executive Leadership Institute/ELI (2013, 2014,
4 2017, 2018, 2019); and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Jenkins is a member of the Rotary Club of
6 Moraine Valley and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Chicago
7 Alumnae Chapter; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Jenkins holds a Ph.D. in Education and Human
9 Resource Studies with a specialization in Community College
10 Leadership from Colorado State University, a Master of Library
11 Science from State University of New York at Albany, and a
12 Bachelor of Science in English Education from Grambling State
13 University; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Jenkins and her husband, Craig, have four
15 daughters, Carmen, Courtney, Christine, and Carol, and 10
16 grandchildren; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dr.
19 Sylvia M. Jenkins on her retirement as president of Moraine
20 Valley Community College, and we wish her the best in all her
21 future endeavors; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Dr. Jenkins as a symbol of our respect and esteem.