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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate Clarence R. Wyatt, Ph.D. on the occasion of his retirement as president of Monmouth College; and

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WHEREAS, President Wyatt, a first-generation college graduate, earned degrees from Centre College and the University of Kentucky; and

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WHEREAS, President Wyatt previously served as chief planning officer and special assistant to the president at Centre College, where he held the title of Pottinger Distinguished Professorship of History; and

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WHEREAS, President Wyatt has led Monmouth College through tumultuous times and great achievements, including navigating the institution through the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting investments in academic programs and the expansion of new majors, overseeing the complete renovation of the Stockdale Student Center, and securing a \$20 million commitment, the largest in the college's history; and

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WHEREAS, Through President Wyatt's guidance, the Light This Candle Campaign has surpassed its goal of raising \$75 million dollars for the expansion of scholarships, student

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1 financial aid, and academic programs; and

2 WHEREAS, President Wyatt has been instrumental in
3 strengthening student support and retention, offering a more
4 robust and advantageous Monmouth College experience; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career in higher
6 education, President Wyatt has been assisted by the support of
7 his wife, Lobie Stone, who has also had an influential role at
8 Monmouth College; and

9 WHEREAS, President Wyatt will conclude his tenth year as
10 president of Monmouth College after the completion of the
11 2023-2024 school year; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
14 Clarence R. Wyatt, Ph.D. on his retirement as president of
15 Monmouth College, and we wish him the best in his future
16 endeavors; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to President Wyatt as an expression of our esteem
19 and respect.