



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the General Assembly wish to
3 recognize the achievements of retiring University of Illinois
4 President James J. Stukel; and

5 WHEREAS, President Stukel has served as the University of
6 Illinois' President since 1995; he has been involved with the
7 University since he received a master's degree in 1963;
8 President Stukel received his Ph.D. in 1968 from the
9 University, and has been working with the University ever
10 since; he has taught at the University and served in various
11 administrative roles, including vice chancellor for research,
12 dean in the Graduate College, executive vice chancellor, and
13 vice chancellor for academic affairs, interim chancellor and
14 chancellor; and

15 WHEREAS, President Stukel's vision during his ten-year
16 tenure was to enrich undergraduate education, enhance quality
17 throughout the University, strengthen the University's ties to
18 the citizens of Illinois, and to free more dollars for academic
19 purposes by streamlining government; he stressed the
20 importance of providing a quality education to all students on
21 the University's three campuses in Chicago, Springfield, and
22 Urbana-Champaign; and

23 WHEREAS, Through his vision, President Stukel has been able
24 to accomplish a great deal for the University; he ensured that
25 the contribution of the University to the economic development
26 of the State of Illinois was formally recognized and realized
27 through the Venture Tech program; during his tenure, federal
28 money more than doubled, bringing total federal grant and
29 contract support to the University to over \$500 million; he
30 helped ensure major state capital and programmatic support
31 during his tenure in the fields of high performance computing,
32 post genomics, medical research, agriculture, engineering, and

1 the arts and sciences; under his leadership, the University
2 became the first public university to raise more than \$1
3 billion in private donations; during his term, the University
4 has instituted or expanded programs that foster greater
5 personal and academic success among students; during his term,
6 the University's commitment to public service on its three
7 campuses has grown significantly; he initiated a process to
8 completely overhaul the University's administrative computing
9 facilities to a fully integrated system which will save the
10 University millions of dollars a year; and

11 WHEREAS, Without President Stukel's strength, vision,
12 imagination, and passion for the University, none of these
13 accomplishments would have been possible; the University of
14 Illinois, the students who attend the University, the people
15 who work at the University, and the citizens of the State of
16 Illinois owe President Stukel a great deal of gratitude for
17 dedicating his career to improving their lives; therefore, be
18 it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
21 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate and thank
22 President Stukel for his tenure as President of the flagship
23 university of the state, the University of Illinois; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
26 presented to President Stukel as an expression of our respect
27 and esteem and with our best wishes for his retirement.