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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Willard Broom as he retires from his position as Associate Dean of Students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (U of I); and

WHEREAS, Dean Broom graduated from the U of I in 1972; his student involvement in FarmHouse Fraternity, the Student Speaker Bureau, and organizing the first Quad Day, all contributed to his becoming Assistant Dean of Student Programs and Services; he began by advising Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils, Illini Guides, and numerous student groups; he directed summer and fall orientation programs for new students and the first Allerton student leadership conference; and

WHEREAS, Dean Broom later served as Director of Student Activities, reaching out to students in many respects with responsibility for New Student Orientation, Greeks, the Afro-American Cultural Program, La Casa Cultural Latina, Moms and Dads Associations, Certified Housing, and SORF Board; his personal involvement provided the roots to establish and cultivate these programs into viable, respected organizations that have flourished throughout the generations of college students that have passed through the halls of the U of I; and

WHEREAS, Dean Broom also assumed the advisory role for additional student groups, including student government, Atius-Sachem, and Star Course; in addition, many of the leadership programs of the campus matured during his time in the Dean of Students Office; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his responsibilities in the Dean of Students office, Dean Broom has taught a leadership class, Ed Psych 199, for more than 20 years; and

1           WHEREAS, Dean Broom's dedication to students is what he  
2 will be remembered for at the U of I; in honor of his many  
3 contributions, the Willard Broom Excellence in Leadership  
4 Award has been established; the award will be given each year  
5 to a student leader who has demonstrated exceptional leadership  
6 on campus, significantly impacting the quality of University  
7 life through programs, service and/or activities; the fund used  
8 for the award will also provide money for new programs,  
9 activities, and initiatives directed at fostering campus  
10 community; and

11           WHEREAS, Dean Broom and his wife, Anne, have raised 2  
12 children, Maggie and Danny; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 congratulate Dean Willard Broom on the occasion of his  
16 retirement from the University of Illinois at  
17 Urbana-Champaign; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Dean Willard Broom as an expression of our respect  
20 and esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.