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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Dr. Dianne Ashby, Vice President for University Advancement at Illinois State University, will retire on May 1, 2010, after 18 years of extraordinary service to the Illinois State University community; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Ashby received her Bachelor's degree in Speech and Theater Arts from MacMurray College, her Master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of Illinois in Springfield, and her Doctorate in Educational Administration from Southern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Ashby began her professional career working in administrative and teaching positions with Kindergarten through 12th grade students, the Illinois State Board of Education, and the Department of Corrections; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Ashby began working at Illinois State University in Normal in 1991 as the Illinois Postsecondary HIV Prevention Education Project Coordinator, later becoming a member of the Illinois State University faculty and serving as Principal of University High School; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Ashby furthered her career at Illinois State University with her appointment as Department Chair of

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1 Educational Administration and Foundations and Dean of the
2 College of Education; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Ashby was appointed Vice President for
4 University Advancement following a successful fundraising
5 campaign that benefitted the University with the addition of 70
6 new endowments to the Illinois State University Foundation,
7 which provides hundreds of students with scholarships; and

8 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Ashby's leadership, Illinois State
9 University acquired a new Alumni Center, implemented new
10 marketing strategies, and incorporated innovative outreach
11 activities for alumni around the world; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Ashby has served the State of Illinois and
13 Illinois State University students, faculty, staff, and alumni
14 with intelligence, dedication, and the highest integrity;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate Dr. Dianne Ashby on her retirement and wish her
19 the best in all her future endeavors; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Dr. Dianne Ashby as a symbol of our respect and

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