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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to acknowledge the Board of Trustees and the staff of Kaskaskia College in Centralia as they begin the building of the Veterans Tribute on the grounds of Kaskaskia College; and

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WHEREAS, The Veterans Tribute at Kaskaskia College will be a unique, heartfelt monument that will honor the men and women who have served, who currently are serving, and those who will someday serve the nation; and

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WHEREAS, The Tribute will allow students, family members, and visitors a connecting link to veterans by providing a broader spectrum, appreciation, and understanding of the magnitude of all that veterans have done in preserving democracy and keeping the dream of freedom alive; and

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WHEREAS, When it is completed, the Tribute will have space to proudly display the names and branches of service for 150,000 veterans who have connections to the Illinois counties of Bond, Clinton, Fayette, Marion, and Washington; and

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WHEREAS, The Tribute campaign has an overall goal of raising \$1 million to complete all 3 phases of construction;

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1 Kaskaskia College was chosen as the site for the Tribute  
2 because it is the center point for Bond, Clinton, Fayette,  
3 Marion, and Washington Counties; and

4 WHEREAS, The project is being 100% funded through private  
5 donations; the Veterans Tribute will have a tremendous economic  
6 impact for the area as a tourist attraction, bringing guests  
7 from around the nation; the Tribute will also provide an  
8 excellent educational benefit for students of all ages as they  
9 learn about the role that veterans have played in the  
10 preservation of our freedom; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we acknowledge and thank the Board of Trustees and the staff of  
14 Kaskaskia College as they begin the building of the Veterans  
15 Tribute; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Dr. Jim Underwood, President of Kaskaskia College  
18 and the Board of Trustees as a symbol of our respect and  
19 esteem.