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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Bob Blackwood as he retires from the Cook County College Teachers Union; and

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WHEREAS, In 1998, he married Diane Miller, from Grand Forks, North Dakota; and

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WHEREAS, He was a professor of Literature and Film at Wright College from 1970 to 2000 and a teacher of English and various Literature courses; he is now a Professor Emeritus at Wright College; he has been a guest speaker on film panels at DragonCon and various WorldCons from 2005 to the present; he has been a reviewer of books on film for the American Library Association from 1970 to the present; and he worked as assistant editor, editor, and special contributor for the Cook County College Teachers Union *College Union Voice* newspaper from 1969 to 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He is the author of *From the Silent Era to "The Sopranos": Italian American Gangsters in Trend-Setting Films and TV Shows*; co-author with Dr. John Flynn of *Future Prime: The Top 10 SF Films of the 20th Century as Chosen by WorldCon Fans*; and a film reviewer for the *Columbia River Reader* in Washington and Oregon from 2008 to the present; and

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1 WHEREAS, He has worked in public relations for various
2 political figures over the years, including State
3 Representative Roman J. Kosinski, Chicago Aldermen Thomas
4 Cullerton and Patrick Levar, Water Reclamation District
5 Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, and Congressman Frank
6 Annunzio; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Dr. Bob Blackwood on his retirement and wish
10 him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Dr. Bob Blackwood as a symbol of our respect and
13 esteem.