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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert L. Mees currently serves as President
3 of John A. Logan College, which serves over 20,000 students
4 each semester in its career and transfer programs, continuing
5 education programs, adult education programs, and Center for
6 Business and Industry; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Mees has over 40 years of service in
8 education as a community college president and vice president,
9 public school superintendent, principal, and math teacher; he
10 has a distinguished record of being very committed to P-20
11 initiatives, which focus on articulation and cooperation from
12 pre-school through higher education; he is a member of several
13 regional and state-wide organizations that focus on P-20
14 initiatives and serves as executive secretary/treasurer for
15 the Southern Illinois Schoolmasters and the Illinois
16 Association of School Administrators Shawnee Division; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Mees has shown his leadership skills by
18 being involved at the State level with the Illinois Council of
19 Community College Presidents and served as president of the
20 organization in 2008-2009; he has a record of working very
21 closely with the Illinois Community College Trustees
22 Association and was one of the first presidents to receive the
23 Trustee Education Award from ICCTA in 2007 and the Outstanding

1 Advocacy Award in 2008; he is a past president of the Illinois
2 Community College Chief Academic Officers Organization; he
3 also a member of a state-wide core group responsible for the
4 Generations Serving Generation initiative, which promotes
5 lifelong learning, volunteerism, civic engagement, and
6 part-time employment for retirees; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Mees has collaborated with educational
8 and government leaders in the People's Republic of China on
9 developing a community college system in their country; these
10 efforts have included conducting a series of lectures in China
11 on the American and Illinois Community College Systems and
12 having two papers published in China on the American community
13 college system, which were the first ever published in China on
14 this topic; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Mees has been very involved in his
16 community and has taken on leadership roles with the Regional
17 Economic Development Corporation, the Southern Illinois
18 Workforce Investment Board, Connect SI, Southern Business
19 Journal, Southern Illinois Schoolmasters, the Illinois
20 Association of School Administrators, the Egypt Council of the
21 Boy Scouts, "I Can Read" of Southern Illinois, the Carterville
22 Planning Commission, the Carterville Chamber of Commerce, the
23 Route 13 Corridor Development Group, the Educational Council of
24 100, the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross,

1 and the Alzheimer's Association; he served as president of both
2 the SIU Alumni Association and SIU-C Jackson County Alumni Club
3 and served on the association's national board for 9 years; he
4 is also a member of the Carterville Lions Club, Marion Rotary
5 Club, and Carbondale Elks Club; and

6 WHEREAS, In recognition of his hard work and dedication to
7 education, Dr. Robert Mees has been the recipient of several
8 notable honors, including the Cambridge Who's Who "Top 101
9 Industry Experts 2011", the Award of Merit from Educational of
10 100, the "Leaders Among Us" award from the Southern Business
11 Journal, the Outstanding Educator award from Phi Delta Kappa,
12 SIU-C Chapter, the Distinguished Service award from the SIU
13 Alumni Association, Williamson County Chapter, the Friend of
14 Education award from the Illinois Principals Association,
15 Shawnee Region, the Frank Samuel Community Service award from
16 the Carterville Chamber of Commerce, the Carterville Chamber of
17 Commerce's Member of the Year award, the Service to Southern
18 Illinois Award from the SIU Alumni Association, Jackson County
19 Chapter; and the Educator of the Year awards from the
20 Carbondale Jaycees; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we congratulate Dr. Robert L. Mees on the occasion of his 40
24 years of service to his community as an educator and for

1 helping to educate, inspire, and enlighten the people of
2 southern Illinois and recognizes him for his many achievements,
3 the leadership role he has played in education on the local,
4 State, and international levels, and his life-long dedication
5 to the field of education; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 delivered to Dr. Robert Mees as a symbol of our respect and
8 esteem.