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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Illinois Community
4 College Board President and Chief Executive Officer Geoffrey
5 Obrzut on the occasion of his retirement; and

6 WHEREAS, Geoffrey Obrzut has served the citizens of the
7 State of Illinois in government for more than 30 years; he has
8 served as State Representative for the 52nd district in the
9 Illinois General Assembly, where he represented both Triton
10 College and Oakton Community College; he was a member of the
11 Triton College Board of Trustees in River Grove from 1981-1987;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Geoffrey Obrzut has served as past officer and
14 chairman of the State Relations Committee of the Illinois
15 Community College Trustees Association; he was awarded the
16 Illinois Community College Trustees Association "Outstanding
17 Alumnus of the Year" award in 1986 and the Illinois Student
18 Association "Outstanding Service Award" in 1992; he served as
19 chairman of the National Council of State Directors of
20 Community Colleges from July 2009 through June 2010; and

21 WHEREAS, Geoffrey Obrzut initiated the formation of the
22 ICCB Latino Advisory Committee in March 2008; the committee,

1 composed of statewide advocates on Latino educational issues,
2 members of community colleges, and representatives from
3 partner agencies, have helped inform the Illinois community
4 college system on student needs, the best educational
5 practices, and legislation that affects the Latino student
6 population; and

7 WHEREAS, Prior to coming to the Illinois Community College
8 Board, Geoffrey Obrzut was the director of the Illinois
9 Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental
10 Disabilities; and

11 WHEREAS, Geoffrey Obrzut received his bachelor's degree
12 from the University of Illinois at Springfield in Political
13 Science and graduated from Triton College in River Grove; he
14 graduated from West Leyden High School in 1970; while at West
15 Leyden High School and Triton College he was active in the
16 environmental movement, founding a group called SOAP (Students
17 Organized Against Pollution); he played competitive sports,
18 serving as captain of his high school and college basketball
19 teams; and

20 WHEREAS, The ICCB is the State coordinating board for the
21 community colleges in Illinois; the State is home to 48
22 community colleges in 39 districts and has the third largest
23 community college system enrollment in the nation; under his

1 leadership, the ICCB has undertaken a Homeland Security and
2 Campus Safety Initiative, advocated for additional resources
3 for adult education and family literacy, and completed
4 comprehensive reports on textbook costs, baccalaureate degree
5 access, and funding of Illinois Veterans and National Guard
6 Grants; and

7 WHEREAS, Geoffrey Obrzut's retirement will become official
8 on June 30, 2013; he was first appointed by the board as
9 president and CEO in January of 2004; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Illinois Community College Board President and
13 Chief Executive Officer Geoffrey Obrzut on his retirement and
14 we wish him well in all his future endeavours; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Geoffrey Obrzut as an expression of our esteem and
18 respect.