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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Brother James Gaffney, FSC, on the occasion of his retirement as President of Lewis University on June 30, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Brother James became the 9th President of Lewis University in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Lewis University has achieved incredible successes through Brother James' leadership; enrollment has grown to more than 6,700 students, dozens of programs have been added, and the Romeoville campus has been revitalized; Lewis University was selected as the highest ranked Catholic university in Illinois by the 2016 CollegeChoice.net rankings of the 75 Best Catholic Colleges and Universities; and

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WHEREAS, During Brother James' tenure, academic offerings have expanded to include 82 undergraduate programs, 34 graduate degrees, and doctoral programs in education and nursing; U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review, Colleges of Distinction, and Great Value Colleges have recognized Lewis University's commitment to student success through quality academic programs and facilities, outstanding faculty, affordable education, and a collaborative atmosphere; and

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1           WHEREAS, Before becoming President, Brother James served  
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4           has extensive administrative experience as Provincial of the  
5           Christian Brothers of the Midwest; and

6           WHEREAS, Brother James is an alumnus of St. Mary's  
7           University of Minnesota; he holds master's degrees from St.  
8           Mary's and Manhattan College (N.Y.), and a Doctorate in  
9           Pastoral Theology from the University of St. Mary of the Lake  
10          (IL.); therefore, be it

11          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12          NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13          congratulate Brother James Gaffney, FSC, on his retirement as  
14          President of Lewis University and we wish him the best in all  
15          his future endeavors; and be it further

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