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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. Sandra Westbrooks on the occasion of her retirement as Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs of Chicago State University; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Sandra Westbrooks earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education from Eastern Illinois University and her doctorate in reading and language arts from Indiana State University; and

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WHEREAS, With more than 25 years administrative experience in higher education, including 20 years tenure at Chicago State University, Dr. Sandra Westbrooks oversees approximately 320 faculty and academic programs for more than 6,000 students enrolled in 61 undergraduate and graduate programs at CSU; as part of her position, she serves as the academic and administrative leader for the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Health Sciences, Pharmacy, and Continuing Education, as well as the Honors College, the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, and the University Library; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Sandra Westbrooks is charged with the general supervision of the Division of Academic Affairs and the

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1 development and implementation of all academic policies at CSU;
2 in this capacity, she ensures the quality of programs of
3 instruction and research, the review and approval of all
4 academic programs, student learning in undergraduate and
5 graduate education, the appointment, promotion, and
6 compensation of all faculty, and the development and
7 implementation of all academic policies; her focus is to
8 implement programs and provide resources that advance the
9 faculty's professional development with the goal of providing
10 an improved learning experience for students; and

11 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming Provost in 2008, Dr. Sandra
12 Westbrooks served in the roles of Dean and Assistant Dean of
13 the College of Education at Chicago State University for 10
14 years; she also served as Assistant Provost and Dean of Student
15 Development at Chicago State University, as Assistant Vice
16 Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Illinois Board of
17 Governors of State Colleges and Universities System, as Board
18 of Governors Administrative Fellow, Assistant to the Provost at
19 Governors State University, and as a member of the faculty in
20 the Department of Elementary Education and Student Teaching at
21 Eastern Illinois University; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Sandra Westbrooks has been involved in key
23 leadership roles of various educational institutions; she has
24 been Chairperson for the Illinois Association of Deans of

1 Public Colleges of Education, the Council of Chicago Area Deans
2 of Education, the Fresh Start Governing Board for Chicago
3 Public Schools, and the Chicago Teachers Union; she has also
4 served terms as President and Vice President for the Alumni
5 Association of Eastern Illinois University; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Sandra Westbrooks has a passion for reading
7 and language arts; in addition to grant writing activities, she
8 has obtained official posts on numerous State, professional,
9 and community boards; she has also earned both professorial
10 rank and tenure at Eastern Illinois University and Chicago
11 State University; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Sandra Westbrooks serves as a model of hard
13 work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
14 Illinois; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Dr. Sandra Westbrooks on the occasion of her
18 retirement and wish her continued success and happiness in the
19 future; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Dr. Sandra Westbrooks as a symbol of our esteem
22 and respect.