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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Susan J. Koch Ph.D. on the occasion of her retirement as chancellor of the Springfield campus of the University of Illinois and thank her for her years of service to the university and within the Springfield community; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Koch earned a bachelor's degree with honors from Dakota State University in South Dakota; she earned her master's and doctoral degrees in Community Health and Education from the University of Northern Iowa; she delivered the commencement address at South Dakota State in May of 2016 and was also presented an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree during the ceremony; she holds a tenured faculty position at UIS in the College of Education and Human Services; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Koch previously served as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Northern Michigan University, a large regional public university in Marquette, Michigan; she also served as associate provost and graduate dean at the University of Northern Iowa, where she was professor of Health Education and co-founder of the UNI Global Health Corps, a field-based organization that provides public health services for underserved populations in the U.S. and

1 abroad; and

2 WHEREAS, Appointed as chancellor in July of 2011, Dr. Koch
3 led the successful completion of the Brilliant Futures
4 Campaign, which surpassed its \$28 million goal and set new
5 expectations for fundraising success; FY2014 and FY2015 were
6 successive record years for fundraising with a new Student
7 Union for the campus and student scholarships being top
8 fundraising priorities; and

9 WHEREAS, As UIS Chancellor, Dr. Koch served as the chief
10 executive officer of the Springfield campus, one of the
11 top-ranked regional public campuses in the Midwest; she also
12 served as a vice president of the University of Illinois and is
13 a member of the University of Illinois President's Cabinet,
14 assisting the president and board of trustees in guiding the
15 overall operations of the University of Illinois system, an
16 academic community that includes more than 80,000 students and
17 almost 25,000 employees; and

18 WHEREAS, As chancellor, Dr. Koch provided leadership for
19 the priorities, operations, and programs of UIS, a campus known
20 for exceptional public affairs programs that align with the
21 campus' state capital location, outstanding professional
22 programs that serve regional needs, and high-quality liberal
23 arts education that prepares effective citizens and leaders;

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2 WHEREAS, Dr. Koch and her leadership team worked in
3 partnership with the faculty, staff, and students to ensure an
4 intellectually rich and supportive educational environment
5 while also collaborating with the community in mutually
6 beneficial exchanges and activities; and

7 WHEREAS, A highly-visible campus leader, Dr. Koch
8 established productive communication channels with students,
9 faculty, staff, and alumni, including the popular "Chocolate
10 with the Chancellor" events for students, regular faculty
11 consultations and gatherings, and periodic "Letters from the
12 Chancellor"; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Koch is an active member of the Springfield
14 community, serving on the Greater Springfield Chamber of
15 Commerce's Q5 Strategic Leadership Council, as well as on
16 several boards including the Memorial Health System Hospital
17 Board and the United Way of Central Illinois; she also writes a
18 popular monthly column, UIS Perspectives, for the local
19 Springfield newspaper, the State Journal-Register; and

20 WHEREAS, In October of 2015, Dr. Koch received the State
21 Journal-Register Legacy Award presented to an educator, a
22 recognition to honor extraordinary leadership in education in

1 Sangamon County; and

2 WHEREAS, With her departure, Dr. Koch retires with her
3 husband, Dennis, to four children and ten grandchildren after
4 serving the Springfield Campus of the University of Illinois
5 and the Springfield community in a public capacity for nearly a
6 decade; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Susan J. Koch Ph.D. on the occasion of her
10 retirement as chancellor of the Springfield campus of the
11 University of Illinois, and we thank her for her years of
12 service to the university and within the Springfield community;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Dr. Koch as an expression of our esteem and
16 respect.