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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate President Morton Schapiro on the occasion of his retirement from Northwestern University; and

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WHEREAS, President Schapiro began his term as the 16th president of Northwestern University on September 1, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, President Schapiro has served as a professor of economics in Northwestern's Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences and as a fellow of the Northwestern Institute for Policy Research; he holds appointments in the J.L. Kellogg School of Management and the School of Education and Social Policy; and

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WHEREAS, President Schapiro is among the nation's leading authorities on the economics of higher education, particularly in the area of college financing affordability, college costs, and student aid; and

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WHEREAS, President Schapiro served as president of Williams College from 2000 to 2009; he previously served as a professor of economics and as assistant provost at Williams College from 1980 to 1991; and

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1           WHEREAS, President Schapiro chaired the Department of  
2 Economics at the University of Southern California from 1991  
3 to 1994 and served as dean of the College of Letters from 1994  
4 to 2000; during his last two years as dean, he also served as  
5 vice president for Planning; and

6           WHEREAS, President Schapiro has written more than 100  
7 articles and written or edited ten books; he has authored  
8 dozens of commentaries and essays for the New York Times, the  
9 Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles  
10 Times, the Chronicle of Higher Education, and numerous other  
11 publications; and

12           WHEREAS, President Schapiro has received research grants  
13 and contracts from the National Science Foundation, the U.S.  
14 Department of Education, the World Bank, the Andrew W. Mellon  
15 Foundation, the Spencer Foundation, the College Board, the  
16 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and  
17 other groups to study the economics of higher education and  
18 related topics; and

19           WHEREAS, President Schapiro was elected a fellow of the  
20 American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2010; he was elected  
21 to the National Academy of Education in 2017; and

1           WHEREAS, President Schapiro chaired the Big Ten Conference  
2           from 2018 through 2021; and

3           WHEREAS, President Schapiro has led Northwestern  
4           University through a period of record transformative academic  
5           growth; and

6           WHEREAS, During President Schapiro's tenure, undergraduate  
7           applications to Northwestern University and representation of  
8           underrepresented student populations have doubled; and

9           WHEREAS, President Schapiro has led Northwestern to a new  
10          era of active civic engagement by committing scholarly and  
11          financial resources to the Chicago and Evanston communities,  
12          creating programs such as the Northwestern Academy and the  
13          Good Neighbor Fund; and

14          WHEREAS, Over the course of President Schapiro's term,  
15          annual funding for sponsored research activity at Northwestern  
16          has risen 86 percent from nearly \$477 million in 2009 to \$893  
17          million in 2021; and

18          WHEREAS, Under President Schapiro's leadership,  
19          Northwestern University has added 502 new endowed scholarships  
20          and fellowships, 84 endowed professorships, more than 30 new  
21          research centers and institutes, and hundreds of additional

1 grants; and

2 WHEREAS, Through President Schapiro's supervision, the  
3 number of Northwestern University faculty with major academy  
4 memberships has increased by roughly 73 percent; and

5 WHEREAS, Thanks to President Schapiro's guidance,  
6 Northwestern University has risen to rank among the top ten  
7 American universities; and

8 WHEREAS, President Schapiro has been a transformational  
9 leader and tireless advocate for Northwestern University as  
10 well as a dedicated scholar and educator who has advanced  
11 Northwestern and its surrounding community; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate President Morton Schapiro on his exemplary  
15 tenure at Northwestern University and his contributions to  
16 higher education and wish him the best in his retirement; and  
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to President Schapiro as a symbol of our esteem and  
20 respect.