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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Judy Mitchell, Ed.D. on
4 the occasion of her retirement from Joliet Junior College; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell received her Associate of Arts in
6 Computer Programming from Joliet Junior College in 1998; she
7 obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Business & Technology in 2002
8 and her master's degree in Business Administration in 2004,
9 both from Governors State University; she earned her Doctorate
10 of Education in Community College Leadership from
11 National-Louis University in 2012; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell began her career at Joliet Junior
13 College in 1996, working as an administrative assistant in the
14 Computer Information & Office Systems (CIOS) department; she
15 advanced to program management specialist of Adult and Family
16 Services in 2001, followed by assistant to the director of
17 Administrative Services in 2002 and interim director of
18 Administrative Services in 2004; she was named the director of
19 Business and Auxiliary Services in 2005; she was appointed as
20 vice president of Administrative Services in 2012; she was
21 selected as the ninth president of Joliet Junior College in
22 2016; and

1 WHEREAS, During the State of Illinois fiscal crisis, Dr.
2 Mitchell oversaw Joliet Junior College as it reduced its
3 operating costs by over \$2 million and pursued creative
4 revenue sources to offset operational costs; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell led Joliet Junior College's
6 financial team, which was awarded the Government Finance
7 Officers Association's Best Practices in Community College
8 Budgeting for fiscal year 2016, the highest form of
9 recognition in government accounting and financial reporting;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Mitchell's leadership, Joliet Junior
12 College was named the 2021 winner of the Advancing Diversity
13 Award by the American Association of Community Colleges
14 (AACC); she presented at the 2021 AACC Future Leaders
15 Institute (FLI) on bridging the equity gap; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell contributes to her community by
17 serving on the boards of Silver Cross Hospital, Will County
18 Workforce Investment, Habitat for Humanity, and the Will
19 County Center for Economic Development Council; she is also a
20 member of the Rotary Club of Joliet and serves as director of
21 the Three Rivers Education Partnership; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell has been recognized for her

1 contributions to education and the community, receiving the
2 Gary W. Davis Ethical Leadership Award in recognition of her
3 outstanding contribution to the pursuit and support of ethical
4 leadership and decision-making from the Illinois Community
5 College Trustees Association; she was also honored with the
6 Zonta Club of Joliet's Woman of Distinction Award for her
7 contributions to improving the status of women in the
8 community; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate Judy Mitchell, Ed.D. on her retirement from
12 Joliet Junior College after 25 years of dedicated service, and
13 we wish her success in her future endeavors; and be it further

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