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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Matt Baughman on the
4 occasion of his retirement from Southern Illinois University
5 Carbondale (SIUC); and

6 WHEREAS, Matt Baughman is one of the most experienced
7 administrators in Illinois higher education; and

8 WHEREAS, Matt Baughman's career spans four decades from
9 the 1990s to the 2020s, with service ranging from the
10 University of Central Florida's executive development program
11 to working alongside the founder of the eponymous Paul Simon
12 Public Policy Institute; and

13 WHEREAS, Matt Baughman pursued a career in higher
14 education administration following studies at Illinois
15 College, where he was a recipient of the Student Laureate
16 Award by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois; he was also selected
17 to be a Dunn Fellow and served in then-Governor Jim Edgar's
18 press office; he later earned his Master of Business
19 Administration from SIUC and was an Edgar Fellow at the
20 University of Illinois; and

21 WHEREAS, As chief of staff to three SIUC chancellors, Matt

1 Baughman's work included managing direct report responsibility
2 for various programs, including Head Start, Public
3 Broadcasting, and Events/Outreach; and

4 WHEREAS, As an administrator, Matt Baughman helped guide
5 SIUC to growth following declining enrollment and towards
6 fiscal stability after a historic two-year budget impasse; and

7 WHEREAS, Matt Baughman has also brought service and
8 leadership to the board of Elevate Illinois, a not-for-profit
9 organization formed to provide unique attention to the people
10 and programs that reflect positive successes occurring within
11 the State; and

12 WHEREAS, Matt Baughman will conclude his SIUC career at
13 the end of 2023; his competent, steady leadership will be
14 reflected in ongoing legacy showcase programs such as the Paul
15 Simon Public Policy Institute, a now nationally respected
16 think tank, and the quality and reach of WSIU-TV and WSIU-FM,
17 which produce award-winning telecasts and broadcasts that are
18 available in nearly every region of Illinois; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Matt Baughman on his retirement from Southern
22 Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC), and we thank him for

1 making Illinois a much better place through his tireless
2 service; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Matt Baughman as an expression of our esteem and
5 respect.