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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Brian W. Caputo, Ph.D. on the occasion of his retirement as president of College of DuPage; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo earned a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a Master of Science in Accountancy from DePaul University, and both a Master of Public Administration and a Ph.D. with fields of study in public administration, public policy, and government finance from Northern Illinois University (NIU); he is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 22 years, where he specialized in human resources and financial management and led numerous command assignments, before retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Before coming to College of DuPage, Dr. Caputo served as chief financial officer/city treasurer of the City of Aurora for nearly 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo's career in higher education includes

1 positions as a full-time faculty member at Central Michigan  
2 University and an adjunct professor at NIU; he has also served  
3 as a lecturer in numerous academic and professional  
4 capacities, including teaching classes in accountancy at  
5 College of DuPage; and

6 WHEREAS, Prior to his appointment as president of College  
7 of DuPage, Dr. Caputo served as vice president for  
8 administrative affairs and chief financial officer; upon  
9 becoming president in July 2019, he implemented his Strategic  
10 Long-Range Plan to encourage student success and to establish  
11 the arts, culture, community engagement, economic development,  
12 and organizational culture as essential pillars of the  
13 college; and

14 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Dr. Caputo sought to advance  
15 student success through the implementation of College of  
16 DuPage's Guided Pathways Initiative, a framework designed to  
17 help students effectively choose, enter, and complete a  
18 program of study that aligns with their goals for employment  
19 and further education, and was deeply involved in the  
20 college's Project Hire-Ed, a workforce development program to  
21 better align post-secondary education with workforce skill  
22 requirements through partnerships with area employers; seeking  
23 to close achievement gaps that currently exist for students of  
24 color and those who are underserved by 2025, he led the

1 development of college's first equity plan in early 2020,  
2 serving as presiding officer of the Equity and Access Team to  
3 further aid the plan's implementation; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo has further served College of DuPage  
5 and the surrounding community through supporting the creation  
6 of Innovation DuPage, a business incubator-accelerator  
7 designed to promote economic growth by leveraging partnerships  
8 with public and private entities, and he presently serves as a  
9 director of Choose DuPage, the county's economic development  
10 agency; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo has previously served as a member of  
12 the Commission on Structured Pathways of the American  
13 Association of Community Colleges, and he has served as a  
14 member on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board since  
15 2015; he is a peer accreditation reviewer with the Higher  
16 Learning Commission, and he also represents College of DuPage  
17 on the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents and  
18 chairs the council's Credential Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo has received several accolades,  
20 including being named the 2014 Government CFO of the Year by  
21 The Daily Herald Business Ledger, receiving the Model  
22 Administrator Award from The Greater Chicago Chapter of the  
23 American Society for Public Administration in 2018, and being

1 recognized as a Notable Veteran Executive by Crain's Chicago  
2 Business in 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, Outside of his professional duties, Dr. Caputo  
4 has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for  
5 decades; an Eagle Scout himself, he recently served as the  
6 president of the Three Fires Council of the BSA; for his  
7 distinguished service to the community, he received the 2021  
8 Outstanding Eagle Scout Award from the National Eagle Scout  
9 Association; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo and his wife, Karen, are the parents  
11 of three children, Brian Jr., Gregory, and Katherine;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we congratulate Brian W. Caputo, Ph.D. on his retirement as  
16 president of College of DuPage, and we wish him the best in all  
17 his future endeavors; and be it further

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