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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Dr. Sheila Quirk-Bailey on
4 her distinguished career as president of Illinois Central
5 College (ICC); and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Quirk-Bailey joined ICC as its fifth
7 president in July 2016, bringing more than 26 years of
8 community college experience to her role, having previously
9 served in various roles for Harper College from 1990 to 2016;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Quirk-Bailey has led ICC with the premise
12 that equity drives a vibrant community, focusing on how to
13 reduce success gaps by better preparing students with valuable
14 skills to create prosperity, not only for the individual but
15 for the community as a whole; and

16 WHEREAS, During Dr. Quirk-Bailey's tenure, ICC has had
17 several notable achievements, including securing a \$15,000,000
18 grant from the Economic Development Administration to create
19 the IT Workforce Accelerator, winning the national Charles
20 Kennedy Equity Award from the Association of Community College
21 Trustees (ACCT), leading the statewide Workforce Equity
22 Initiative (WEI), opening the Workforce Sustainability Center

1 to provide training for some of the most in-demand programs in
2 the area, and receiving a \$25,000 grant from the Lumina Fund
3 for Racial Justice and Equity to train over 100 group
4 facilitators to promote progress on race, diversity, and
5 equity; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Quirk-Bailey is passionate about engaging the
7 community through working with local high schools and
8 businesses to better align ICC programs and services while
9 achieving high levels of positive outcomes for students, their
10 families, the workforce, and the region; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we recognize Dr. Sheila Quirk-Bailey on her distinguished
14 career as president of Illinois Central College; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Dr. Quirk-Bailey as a symbol of our respect and
18 esteem.