

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Michael T. Murphy's dedicated and resolute
3 service as College of DuPage President from July 1994 through
4 June 2003 served to enrich and impact the lives and careers
5 of nearly 300,000 Illinois citizens of all ages, creeds,
6 backgrounds, and academic needs during his enlightened
7 nine-year tenure; and

8 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Murphy's most capable guidance and
9 leadership, College of DuPage grew to take its place as
10 America's largest single-campus community college with a
11 diverse enrollment of 34,535 full-time and part-time students
12 who today in credit curriculum range in age from 17 to
13 101-year-old author Marie Morman of Lemont; and

14 WHEREAS, President Murphy's unswerving commitment to
15 students was evidenced through his development of the
16 innovative College of DuPage Academic Computing Center,
17 Career Services Center, and Student Leadership Program while
18 also dramatically expanding the college's state-renowned
19 Honors Scholar Program; and

20 WHEREAS, Many College of DuPage honors students reached
21 unparalleled heights in academic success during President
22 Murphy's tenure, including graduate Maureen Dunne, who in
23 1998 became the nation's first-ever community college
24 graduate to be awarded the Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford
25 University in England; and

26 WHEREAS, President Murphy's acumen and attention to
27 detail also decidedly improved College of DuPage's fiscal
28 ability to better serve its students through the successful
29 completion of the \$5 million Major Gifts Campaign in 2001 and
30 the passage of a \$183 million bond issue in November 2002;
31 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we do hereby offer our heartiest congratulations to Dr.
4 Michael T. Murphy for meritorious service as College of
5 DuPage President, for his consummate commitment to both
6 excellence and innovation in higher education, and for his
7 tireless efforts in fostering the concept and ideals of
8 lifelong learning to students throughout the State of
9 Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Dr. Michael T. Murphy as a token of our respect
12 and esteem.