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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Dr. Iqbal Akhtar on the occasion of his retirement as economics professor at Blackburn College; a celebration will be held in his honor on Saturday, April 3, 2004, at McKinley House at Blackburn College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Akhtar received a Bachelor of Science from Punjab Agricultural College in Pakistan; he earned a Master of Science from the University of Philippines and his Ph.D. from Texas A & M University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Akhtar came to Blackburn College in 1982 and is the acting Chair of the Department of Economics; his good nature and wisdom in decision-making was always evident and helped grow a Business Department that is the second most popular major among Blackburn's students; as a student advisor and mentor, Dr. Akhtar is always willing to lend a helping hand as students are always his top priority; his gentle demeanor, acts of kindness, and appreciation for others have made a lasting impression on his students throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, As a professional economist, Dr. Akhtar keeps current in his discipline by maintaining regular membership in professional and scholarly organizations and attending or participating in professional meetings, workshops, and seminars; he is a member of the American Economic Association and the Midwest Economic Association; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dr. Iqbal Akhtar on the occasion of his retirement; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Dr. Akhtar as an expression of our respect and
3 esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.