



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives congratulate Lewis and Clark Community College  
4 in Godfrey on the occasion of its 35th anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, The College's President is Dr. Dale T. Chapman and  
6 the Trustees are Chairman Robert Watson, Chris Ringhausen,  
7 Walter Ahlemeyer, Ed Hightower, Brenda McCain, George Milnor,  
8 Steve Cousley, and Student Trustee Candice Witt; and

9 WHEREAS, The College began operations in 1970 on a  
10 135-year-old campus of what was previously known as Monticello  
11 College, an institution whose rich heritage dates back to 1838;  
12 occupying 215 acres of manicured lawns and majestic trees, the  
13 College is housed in several stately buildings, most of which  
14 were built from the limestone that is native to the area; and

15 WHEREAS, The College provides educational services to all  
16 or parts of seven counties in southwestern Illinois,  
17 encompassing 1,800 square miles; geographically, the district  
18 is approximately 80 percent rural, however, 72 percent of the  
19 district's residents live in the urban area of Madison County;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The College has received the highest  
22 accreditation possible from the North Central Association of  
23 Colleges and Secondary Schools and was awarded the  
24 Institutional Quality Award by the State of Illinois; the  
25 Illinois Community College Board has presented Lewis and Clark  
26 its Award for Excellence, the Board's most prestigious award,  
27 in the fields of Workforce Preparation and Learning-Centered  
28 Instruction; and

29 WHEREAS, Lewis and Clark has experienced tremendous growth  
30 in terms of enrollment, academic programs, services, and

1 buildings; one of the challenges in developing new programs and  
2 facilities comes in controlling costs while expanding  
3 services; the College has successfully maintained a balanced  
4 budget for 35 years while seeing enrollment climb from 440  
5 students in 1970 to more than 7,500 in the current semester;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The College continues to focus its efforts on  
8 helping residents stay abreast of an everchanging job market  
9 and technological changes that affect their lives; the  
10 development of the new N.O. Nelson Campus in Edwardsville  
11 involves renovating an industrial site that was developed in  
12 the 1800s; it will enable the College to broaden its career,  
13 transfer, and adult education courses as the College strives to  
14 continually develop new partnerships and alliances with  
15 business and industry in an effort to offer the essential  
16 skills needed for today's workplace; and

17 WHEREAS, The Athletics Department has also grown since the  
18 original days of Lewis and Clark; today the Trailblazers  
19 compete in ten different sports in Division I of the National  
20 Junior College Athletics Association and all of the athletes  
21 and sports teams continue to find success; in the past year,  
22 the women's soccer team took fourth place at the national  
23 tournament, the men's basketball team finished seventh in the  
24 nation, the women's tennis team earned a trip to the national  
25 tournament for the sixth time this spring, and the golf team  
26 will once again send one of its most outstanding athletes to  
27 the national tournament this spring; on an individual basis,  
28 players continue to be recognized on the national level, as  
29 many of the athletes have earned the prestigious title of  
30 all-American from the NJCAA; and

31 WHEREAS, The College continues to serve all populations of  
32 the Lewis and Clark District from the business and corporate  
33 training programs offered by the Center for Workforce Training,

1 to the summer enrichment programs for children offered through  
2 the growing College For Kids program; the High School  
3 Partnership Program serves more than 2,500 students each year,  
4 giving students dual credit and a smooth transition from high  
5 school to college; and

6 WHEREAS, Lewis and Clark continues to partner with other  
7 educational institutions and area businesses to create unique  
8 educational programs for residents; one prime example of this  
9 is the partnership with the University of Illinois and the  
10 Illinois Natural History Survey, which has resulted in the  
11 creation of the National Great Rivers Research and Education  
12 Center; the NGRREC will serve as an international site for  
13 rivers research and will affect both the academics and the  
14 economics of the region in the years to come; and

15 WHEREAS, While the College has accumulated numerous awards  
16 and acknowledgements during the past 35 years for excellent  
17 programs, faculty, staff, and students, there is still much to  
18 accomplish in the future; the College appreciates the  
19 community's support over the past 35 years and its continued  
20 encouragement in educational endeavors in the next 35 years;  
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
23 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
24 we congratulate Lewis and Clark Community College for 35 years  
25 of excellence and dedication; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
27 presented to Lewis and Clark College as an expression of our  
28 esteem.