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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Louis Hencken, President
4 of Eastern Illinois University, on his retirement; and

5 WHEREAS, Louis Hencken began his career in student affairs
6 at EIU as a graduate assistant and advanced through the housing
7 ranks as a counselor and both assistant and associate director
8 prior to being selected as Director of Housing in 1975; he
9 continued as Director until 1989, when he was named Associate
10 Vice President for Student Affairs at EIU; his duties expanded
11 once more in 1992, when he was named Vice President of Student
12 Affairs at EIU; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1996-97 he served as interim Director of
14 Athletics when the EIU Panthers were the Ohio Valley Conference
15 All-Sports Champion; he also served as an NCAA football
16 official and was assigned to five NCAA playoff games, including
17 the 1989 NCAA Division III National Championship game; and

18 WHEREAS, On August 1, 2001, Louis Hencken was named
19 President of Eastern Illinois University, where he has worked
20 tirelessly to enhance Eastern Illinois University's reputation
21 and quality; and

1 WHEREAS, Louis Hencken has been a strong advocate for EIU
2 with the State government leadership, improved the
3 University's image within Illinois, aggressively increased
4 private giving, promoted improvements in academic support
5 services, and enhanced the quality of student life; he has also
6 been involved in University community work with affirmative
7 action, undergraduate education, minority student recruitment
8 and administrative appointments; and

9 WHEREAS, Louis Hencken has been an active member of his
10 community, having served as a director and chair of the Sarah
11 Bush Lincoln Health Center Board of Directors and a director of
12 Credit Union 1; he has also served on Coles Together, Coles
13 Connected, and the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate Louis Hencken on his retirement and wish him
18 continued good success in the future; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Louis Hencken.