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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the staff, faculty, and
4 students of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston as they
5 celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Tarble Arts Center; and

6 WHEREAS, The Tarble Arts Center at Eastern Illinois
7 University opened in 1982 with the founding purpose "to take
8 the arts to the people"; and

9 WHEREAS, The dream of creating an arts center on Eastern
10 Illinois University's campus began with an initial gift of one
11 million dollars from the late Newton E. Tarble (1888 - 1976);
12 the Tarble became the only facility on Eastern's campus built
13 entirely through donated funding; the center absorbed the
14 functions of the Paul T. Sargent Gallery, Eastern's first art
15 gallery, including much of the art that is now the Tarble Arts
16 Center's permanent collection; and

17 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Dean James K. Johnson, the
18 center became a division of the College of Arts & Humanities
19 when the colleges were reconfigured in 1993; the Tarble Arts
20 Center has become recognized for its unique service to the
21 university and the region through the presentation of high
22 quality, innovative visual arts exhibitions and related

1 programming; the excellence of programming is manifest in the
2 variety of styles, periods, cultures, and media represented in
3 the exhibitions, visiting artists, and speakers programs,
4 publications, and special events presented; and

5 WHEREAS, The Tarble Arts Center was accredited by the
6 American Association of Museums in 2000; the success of the
7 Tarble Arts Center and its programs would not have been
8 possible without the continued support of the Tarble family,
9 the Tarble Arts Center membership and other patrons, and
10 program co-sponsors; the Newton E. Tarble family has continued
11 to serve as the major benefactor of the Center; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to art exhibits and programs, the
13 Center also has an annual chamber music series, poetry and
14 fiction readings, recitals, an annual theatre series, and many
15 other items of local interest; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 wish to congratulate the staff, faculty, and students of
19 Eastern Illinois University in Charleston as they celebrate
20 this anniversary; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the William Perry, President of Eastern Illinois

1 University, as a symbol of our respect.