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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Larry Choate on
4 the occasion of his retirement as President of Shawnee
5 Community College; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Choate began his career with Shawnee
7 Community College in January of 1988, serving as the Vice
8 President of Instructional Services; as Vice-President, he was
9 responsible for many vital changes, including the
10 restructuring of academic programs and administrative
11 procedures, the transition from the college's original staff to
12 a new generation of faculty, the initiation of the college's
13 theater program and youth leadership program, and the expansion
14 of the college's facilities; he also represented the college
15 through his participation in various State-wide committees,
16 such as the Illinois Articulation Initiative; and

17 WHEREAS, In January of 2005, Dr. Larry Choate became
18 President of Shawnee Community College; as President, he has
19 accomplished many important initiatives for the college;
20 working with the Shawnee Community College Foundation, he
21 initiated a capital campaign which raised much-needed funds for
22 the college's scholarship program and for the construction of
23 the college's Medical Arts and Sciences Building, Career

1 Technology Center, and student housing; he served as the
2 co-chair of Southern Illinois University's 20-county Connect
3 SI Initiative and as the chair of the Southern 5 Community of
4 Interest; he was instrumental in the creation of many
5 renovation projects for the college, including a new sewage
6 treatment facility and the college's fiber optic network, as
7 well as projects involving the relocation and expansion of
8 numerous college facilities; he also instituted an
9 international student program for the college; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Choate has also contributed to the
11 economic development of southern Illinois, having supported
12 such projects as the coal gasification initiative in Alexander
13 County; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Choate's dedication to his profession
15 and willingness to serve his community in meaningful ways makes
16 him a model for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore,
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 congratulate Dr. Larry Choate on the occasion of his retirement
21 as President of Shawnee Community College and wish him
22 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
23 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Dr. Larry Choate as a symbol of our esteem and
3 respect.