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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the students,
4 alumni, staff, and administration of Lincoln Trail College in
5 Robinson on the occasion of the college's 40th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, Lincoln Trail College was established in 1969 as a
7 part of District 529 of which Olney Central College and Wabash
8 Valley College were members, and of which Frontier Community
9 College later joined; Dr. Joseph C. Piland served as the first
10 President of Lincoln Trail College and led the school during
11 its first year in temporary locations until its completion and
12 opening for classes in the fall of 1970; and

13 WHEREAS, Lincoln Trail College is a community college that
14 offers over 30 certificate and degree-awarding programs, and
15 also offers online four-year degrees through its affiliations
16 with Franklin University and McKendree College; it has
17 developed a superior reputation for providing high-quality
18 instruction with personalized attention and excellent student
19 support; and

20 WHEREAS, The mission of Lincoln Trail College as a member
21 of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges is to provide excellence
22 in teaching, learning, public service, and economic

1 development, and throughout the years has been an area leader
2 in the development of many successful technical, vocational,
3 and transfer programs; and

4 WHEREAS, Lincoln Trail College is accredited through The
5 Higher Learning commission and is approved by the Illinois
6 Board of Higher Education; and

7 WHEREAS, Lincoln Trail College is proud of the many
8 regional and national achievements of its athletic teams, which
9 participate in the National Junior College Athletic
10 Association as a part of the Great Rivers Athletic Conference;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Lincoln Trail college has outstanding drama and
13 music programs, and has produced numerous entertaining and
14 successful pieces with the talents of both students and
15 community members; and

16 WHEREAS, Lincoln Trail College's International Program is
17 pleased to host numerous students from all over the world each
18 year in an effort to engage students in a global dialogue and
19 foster skills for students to enter into a multicultural global
20 workplace; and

21 WHEREAS, Since its founding, Lincoln Trail College has

1 grown to enroll over 1,000 students per semester, both online
2 and on-campus; and

3 WHEREAS, Lincoln Trail College serves the community by
4 offering affordable opportunities to expand, retrain, and
5 strengthen the industrial base of southeastern Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Lincoln Trail College has an exceptional track
7 record of producing proud alumni who have built successful
8 careers and enriched their communities; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate the students, alumni, staff, and administration
12 of Lincoln Trail College in Robinson on its 40th anniversary
13 celebration of providing quality education and wish them
14 continued success in the future; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Beverly Turkal, President of Lincoln Trail
17 College, and the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of
18 Trustees, as a symbol of our esteem and respect.