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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize the students, alumni,
4 faculty, and staff of North Central College as they celebrate
5 the sesquicentennial of the school; and

6 WHEREAS, The first day of classes were held on November 11,
7 1861, at Plainfield College; the school name changed to
8 North-Western College in 1864; the college moved to Naperville
9 in 1870; on May 17, 1870, the cornerstone was laid for Old
10 Main; and in 1926 the name again changed, to North Central
11 College; and

12 WHEREAS, The College founders believed that Christian
13 commitment and intellectual attainments were compatible; from
14 the beginning, North Central College was nonsectarian in its
15 hiring and admission practices; this pioneering concept, along
16 with the commitment to inclusiveness and diversity that is the
17 hallmark of the United Methodist Church, is the heritage of
18 North Central College and continues to add depth and meaning to
19 its programs; and

20 WHEREAS, North Central College has, for more than 7
21 generations, educated students who have become leaders in
22 science, the arts, education, business, and many other fields;

1 North Central College is a community of learners dedicated to
2 preparing informed, involved, principled, and productive
3 citizens and leaders over a lifetime; and

4 WHEREAS, North Central College has had 9 presidents in its
5 150-year history, beginning with A.A. Smith; notable alumni
6 include: Egyptologist and professor James Henry Breasted,
7 appliance company founder Frederick Lewis Maytag, barbed wire
8 entrepreneur and Texaco founder John Warne Gates, Olympic Gold
9 Medalist Dick Blick, President Ronald Reagan's personal
10 physician Dr. Daniel Ruge, and National Institutes of Health
11 Deputy Director for Intramural Research Dr. Joseph "Ed" Rall;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, North Central College will commemorate its
14 sesquicentennial throughout the 2011-2012 academic year and
15 celebrate its actual 150th anniversary on November 11, 2011;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we recognize the 150th anniversary of North Central College,
20 and wish all the students, alumni, faculty, and staff the very
21 best in this historic year; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Hal Wilde, President of North Central College, as
2 a symbol of our respect and esteem.