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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Vernon O.
4 Crawley on the occasion of his retirement as President of
5 Moraine Valley Community College; and

6 WHEREAS, Vernon Crawley earned his bachelor's degree from
7 Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia; he
8 subsequently earned his master's degree from the University of
9 Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia and his doctorate from
10 Pennsylvania State University in University Park,
11 Pennsylvania; he also studied at the College of William and
12 Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, and American University in
13 Washington, D.C.; and

14 WHEREAS, Since 1991, Vernon Crawley has served as President
15 of Moraine Valley Community College, a comprehensive community
16 college located in the southwest suburbs of Chicago which
17 serves over 46,000 students annually; and

18 WHEREAS, Prior to his tenure as President of Moraine Valley
19 Community College, Vernon Crawley served as President of St.
20 Louis Community College at Forest Park for 13 years and as an
21 academic dean at Mercer County Community College in Trenton,
22 New Jersey; he also served in administrative and teaching

1 positions at Dundalk Community College in Baltimore, Maryland,
2 Pennsylvania State University, Morgan State University in
3 Baltimore, Maryland, and Ruthville High School in Charles City,
4 Virginia; and

5 WHEREAS, Vernon Crawley served as an administrative
6 specialist in science for the National Aeronautics and Space
7 Administration in Washington, D.C., developing educational
8 materials from space program findings; he also worked as a
9 chemist at Stuart Products Company in Richmond, Virginia; and

10 WHEREAS, Vernon Crawley serves as a board member on several
11 national organizations, including the League for Innovation
12 and Community Colleges for International Development, and on
13 several local organizations in the Chicago area, including the
14 Workforce Investment Board for Cook County, the Economic
15 Development Corporation for the Southwest Suburbs, and the
16 National Louis University Community College Leadership
17 Presidents Advisory Council; he is also a member of the Oak
18 Lawn Rotary Club; and

19 WHEREAS, Vernon Crawley served as a consultant/evaluator
20 for the North Central Association, a regional accrediting
21 agency, for over 25 years; he has served on the NCA Review
22 Committee and the Institutional Actions Council; he served on
23 American Council on Education's Commission on Minorities in

1 Higher Education and was a member of the National Advisory
2 Group, Expanding Leadership Opportunities for Minorities in
3 Community Colleges; he has served on the boards of the Council
4 on Higher Education Accreditation, the American Council on
5 Education, the President's Round Table, the National Council on
6 Black American Affairs, and the Walt Disney World College
7 Advisory Committee; he also served a 3-year term on the board
8 of the American Association of Community Colleges; and

9 WHEREAS, Vernon Crawley has been the recipient of numerous
10 honors and awards, including the 2009 ACCT national Marie Y.
11 Martin CEO Award, the 2009 ACCT Central Region CEO Award, the
12 Pacesetter Award from the National Council on Marketing and
13 Public Relations, the Outstanding Leadership Award from the
14 National Council on Black American Affairs, the Leadership
15 Award from the National Council of Learning Resources, the
16 Distinguished Scientist Award from Project SUCCESS/Charles
17 City County Public Schools, and most recently, the Eugene
18 Simpson Community Leadership Award from the Palos Area Chamber
19 of Commerce and the 2012 Phi Theta Kappa Michael Bennett
20 Lifetime Achievement Award; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we congratulate Dr. Vernon O. Crawley on the occasion of his
24 retirement, thank him for his many years of dedicated service

1 to the people of the State of Illinois, and wish him many happy
2 and healthy retirement years; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Vernon Crawley as a symbol of our esteem and
5 respect.