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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representative are pleased to congratulate Michael J.  
4 Vinciguerra Ph.D. on the occasion of his retirement as  
5 president of the University of St. Francis; and

6           WHEREAS, Michael Vinciguerra became the 8th president of  
7 the University of St. Francis on October 4, 2002; and

8           WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Michael Vinciguerra, the  
9 university developed a plan that gave focus and direction in  
10 defining the University of St. Francis as a Catholic university  
11 in the Franciscan tradition and Joliet's urban university with  
12 a national presence; he led the campus and trustees to adopt a  
13 15-year plan that acquired new properties and saw major  
14 renovations in Marian Hall and the Motherhouse; in May 2012,  
15 the largest capital campaign in university history, Continuing  
16 the Tradition, Living Our Mission, was successfully completed;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, During the tenure of Michael Vinciguerra, the  
19 University of St. Francis established a Health and Wellness  
20 Center in Joliet, a physician assistant program in New Mexico  
21 to serve the rural poor, and a visual arts program in locations  
22 where students may interact with children in community centers;

1 during his tenure, the first doctoral programs were introduced  
2 in Nurse Practitioner and Educational Leadership; and

3 WHEREAS, Michael Vinciguerra has served on numerous  
4 community and higher education boards such as Presence St.  
5 Joseph Medical Center's board of directors, presently the  
6 vice-chair, the Will County CED, Will County Community  
7 Foundation, Joliet Area Historical Museum, and The Upper Room  
8 Crisis Hotline; he is a past chair of the South Metropolitan  
9 Higher Education Consortium and has served on the executive  
10 board of the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and  
11 Universities; in December 2012, he joined the board of  
12 directors at Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee; and

13 WHEREAS, Michael Vinciguerra was inducted into the  
14 Joliet-Will County Project Pride's Hall of Pride in 2011, which  
15 recognizes those who contributed to making Joliet a better  
16 place to live and on November 5, 2012, he received the Lifetime  
17 Achievement Award from the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce;  
18 on May 19, 2013, he will be awarded an honorary doctorate from  
19 Lewis University; and

20 WHEREAS, Michael Vinciguerra was born and raised in Bronx,  
21 New York; he earned his bachelors of science degree in  
22 chemistry from Iona College and his Ph.D. in physical chemistry  
23 from Adelphi University; he completed a program in higher

1 education senior administration from the Institute of  
2 Educational Management at Harvard University; he and his wife  
3 of 42 years, Grace, have one son; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we congratulate Michael J. Vinciguerra on the occasion of his  
7 retirement as president of the University of St. Francis, thank  
8 him for his service to higher education, and wish him all the  
9 best in his future endeavours; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Michael Vinciguerra as an expression of our esteem  
12 and respect.