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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The College of DuPage Board of Trustees recently
3 voted to approve a buyout package for President Dr. Robert
4 Breuder in the amount of \$750,000; and

5 WHEREAS, As part of an agreement that was already reached
6 between the Board of Trustees and Dr. Breuder, the school's
7 Homeland Security Education Center will be named in honor of
8 Dr. Breuder; and

9 WHEREAS, Many taxpayers and local residents have voiced
10 strong opposition to the severance package agreed to by the
11 Board of Trustees and Dr. Breuder; and

12 WHEREAS, The name of Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller has
13 been offered as an alternative to Dr. Breuder's in the naming
14 of the Homeland Security Education Center; and

15 WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Miller grew up in Wheaton and graduated
16 from Wheaton North High School in 2002; and

17 WHEREAS, After attending one year of college at the
18 University of Iowa, Staff Sgt. Miller joined the United States
19 Army in 2003; and

1 WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Miller enlisted as a Special Forces
2 trainee in August of 2003 and graduated from Infantry Basic
3 Training and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia in
4 January of 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Miller graduated from the Special
6 Forces Qualification Course in September of 2004, and the
7 Special Forces Weapons Sergeant Course in March of 2005; and

8 WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Miller was deployed to Afghanistan from
9 August of 2006 to March of 2007 and received 2 Army
10 Commendation Medals for Valor for his actions under enemy fire;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Miller returned to Afghanistan in
13 October of 2007, serving as a Weapons Sergeant for his team;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, On January 25, 2008, Staff Sgt. Miller was leading
16 a team of Afghan National Security Forces and Coalition
17 soldiers when they were attacked by insurgents; and

18 WHEREAS, Under intense enemy fire, Staff Sgt. Miller
19 remained at the front of the patrol and laid down suppressive
20 fire to allow his wounded commander to be pulled out of the
21 line of fire; and

1 WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Miller was killed in action while
2 protecting his fellow soldiers and Afghan security forces; and

3 WHEREAS, The heroic actions of Staff Sgt. Miller saved the
4 lives of 7 American soldiers and 15 Afghan soldiers; and

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Miller was posthumously awarded the
6 Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama at the White House on
7 October, 6 2010; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2011, Wheaton Warrenville Unit District 200
9 renamed the Common Area of Wheaton North High School in honor
10 of Staff Sgt. Miller; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we strongly urge the Board of
14 Trustees of the College of DuPage to reconsider the agreement
15 reached with Dr. Robert Breuder; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we strongly urge the Board of Trustees of
17 the College of Dupage to rename the College of DuPage Homeland
18 Security Education Center in honor of Staff Sergeant Robert J.
19 Miller as a tribute to the service and sacrifice Staff Sgt.
20 Miller rendered to the DuPage County community and to the

1 United States of America; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 presented to the Board of Trustees of the College of DuPage,
4 the President of the College of DuPage, and to the family of
5 Staff Sgt. Robert J. Miller.