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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Joe Kanosky on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of Highland  
5 Community College; and

6           WHEREAS, From 1971 to 1973, Joe Kanosky worked in road  
7 construction and dabbled in the insurance industry; from 1973  
8 to 1978, he was a high school English teacher and football and  
9 track coach in the Galesburg area; and

10           WHEREAS, Joe Kanosky earned his bachelor's degree in  
11 English from Western Illinois University in 1971; from 1978 to  
12 1981, he was a full time graduate student at Illinois State  
13 University in Normal, where he earned both his MEd. and Ph.D.  
14 in Educational Administration and Foundations; and

15           WHEREAS, During his tenure at Illinois State University,  
16 Joe Kanosky served as graduate research assistant for Alan  
17 Hickrod and Ben Hubbard in the areas of school finance and the  
18 politics of education; during his graduate study years, he  
19 spent the summer of 1980 at Educational Testing Service in  
20 Princeton, New Jersey as a graduate research fellow in  
21 education politics; he presented his research results at the  
22 spring 1981 AERA Conference in Los Angeles, California; and

1           WHEREAS, In the fall of 1981, Joe Kanosky went to Highland  
2           Community College, where he has held a variety of positions in  
3           the areas of student services, instructional program  
4           administration, community service, and economic development;  
5           he has been a Director, an Associate Dean, and a Dean; he  
6           served as Vice President for Student and Community Services  
7           from 2000 to 2003 and Vice President for Institutional and  
8           Community Development from 2003 until November of 2005, when he  
9           was named acting President; he was then selected as Highland's  
10          seventh President in June of 2006; and

11          WHEREAS, Joe Kanosky served on the Freeport School Board  
12          for almost 8 years, with 2 of those years as board president;  
13          while on the school board, he served as a member of the school  
14          district's Equity Steering Committee and continues as a member  
15          of the Key Communicators Committee; he holds a position on 2  
16          Workforce Investment Boards which serve northern Illinois and  
17          is a member of the board of the Tri-County Economic Development  
18          Alliance; he also serves on the boards of the Boys and Girls  
19          Club and State Bank of Freeport and is a member of the Freeport  
20          Noon Rotary; he was previously on the board of directors of the  
21          Freeport Area Chamber of Commerce and the Northern Illinois  
22          Development Alliance; and

23          WHEREAS, Joe Kanosky is a member of the Illinois Council of

1 Community College Presidents and has shared his expertise on  
2 leadership and core values at the Illinois Council of Community  
3 College Administrators conference on several occasions; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe Kanosky and his wife, Jennifer, have been in  
5 Freeport since the fall of 1981; together, they have 2 grown  
6 children, Andrew and Alison; and

7 WHEREAS, Joe Kanosky serves as a model of hard work,  
8 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
9 Illinois; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 congratulate Joe Kanosky on the occasion of his retirement and  
13 wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and be  
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Joe Kanosky as a symbol of our esteem and respect.