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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulates Joe M. Kanosky, Ph.D. on
4 the occasion of his retirement as President of Highland
5 Community College on June 30, 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe Kanosky's tenure began in June of 2006 after
7 serving as Acting President upon the departure of Dr. Ronald
8 Field in late 2005; he joined Highland Community College in
9 1981 and has held a variety of positions in the areas of
10 student services, instructional program administration,
11 community service, and economic development; he has been a
12 Director, an Associate Dean, and a Dean; he served as
13 Vice-President for Student and Community Services from 2000 to
14 2003 and as Vice-President for Institutional and Community
15 Development from 2003 until November of 2005; and

16 WHEREAS, Joe Kanosky has had several lasting
17 accomplishments, most notably, the construction of 2
18 state-of-the-art training facilities: the Ray and Betty Stamm
19 Health Science Nursing Wing and the Wind Turbine Technician
20 Training Center; he oversaw the college's successful
21 transition to the Academic Quality Improvement program model of
22 accreditation and 2 Illinois Community College Board
23 recognition evaluations, maintaining the college's continued

1 high recognition status; in 2012, the college received approval
2 from the Higher Learning Commission to offer its Associate of
3 Arts degree completely through online coursework; during his
4 tenure, a number of new academic programs were initiated,
5 including Medical Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician,
6 Industrial Training, and Wind Turbine Technician degrees, as
7 well as Customer Service and Professional Tax Preparer
8 certificates; and

9 WHEREAS, Joe Kanosky has been active in civic and
10 professional organizations for many years; he served on the
11 Freeport School District 145 Board of Education for nearly 8
12 years, 2 years as its President; he also holds a position on 2
13 Workforce Investment Boards, which serve northwestern
14 Illinois, and is a member of the board of the Tri-County
15 Economic Development Alliance; he also serves on the boards of
16 the Boys and Girls Club and State Bank of Freeport and is a
17 member of the Freeport Noon Rotary; his past service includes
18 being on the board of directors of the Freeport Area Chamber of
19 Commerce and the Northwest Illinois Development Alliance; he is
20 a member of the Illinois Council of Community College
21 Presidents and currently co-chairs its Leadership and Core
22 Values Committee, a position he has held for several years; he
23 has also presented at the Illinois Council of Community College
24 Administrators conference on several occasions, sharing his
25 expertise on leadership and core values; and

1 WHEREAS, Joe Kanosky earned his bachelor's degree in
2 English from Western Illinois University in 1971; from 1973 to
3 1978, he was a high school English teacher and football and
4 track coach in the Galesburg area; from 1978 to 1981, he was a
5 full-time graduate student at Illinois State University (ISU)
6 in Normal; at ISU he earned both his M.S.Ed. and Ph.D. degrees
7 in Educational Administration and Foundations; and

8 WHEREAS, Joe Kanosky and his wife, Jennifer, have been in
9 Freeport since the fall of 1981; they have 2 grown children,
10 Andrew and Alison; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate Joe M. Kanosky, Ph.D. on his retirement as
14 President of Highland Community College and we wish him the
15 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Joe Kanosky as an expression of our esteem and
18 respect.