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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Sharon Thomas Parrott on
4 the occasion her retirement as Senior Vice-President of
5 External Relations and Global Responsibility of the DeVry
6 Education Group; and

7 WHEREAS, Sharon Parrott is responsible for the design,
8 implementation, and monitoring of the organization's
9 comprehensive regulatory compliance programs; in addition, she
10 directs government relations, community engagement,
11 international relations, and global communications; as
12 President of The DeVry Foundation, she directs the
13 organization's charitable giving program; and

14 WHEREAS, Prior to joining DeVry, Sharon Parrott worked at
15 the United States Department of Education in student financial
16 aid at the Chicago region; later, she directed national
17 training programs in Washington D.C.; she has also held faculty
18 and administrative positions at Illinois colleges and
19 universities, including Loyola University of Chicago,
20 Dominican University, Northeastern University, and George
21 Williams College; she began her career as a Chicago Public
22 Schools teacher at John Marshall Harlan High School, her alma
23 mater; and

1 WHEREAS, Sharon Parrott serves the State of Illinois as a
2 member of the P-20 Council, co-chairing the committee on
3 College and Career Readiness; she is a member of the Board of
4 Trustees of One Goal, a college access and success network,
5 serves as an informed source on college pricing for The College
6 Board, and is an inaugural member of the 100 Wise Women, a
7 program designed to provide networking and mentoring
8 opportunities for women leaders in Chicago; and

9 WHEREAS, Sharon Parrott served on the Advisory Committee of
10 Women Employed "Upgrade Your Future" Taskforce, on the steering
11 committee of the National Postsecondary Education Cooperative,
12 and as a member of the National Research Council's Panel on
13 Quality Improvement in Student Financial Aid Programs;
14 additionally she was a member of the board of directors of
15 National Association of Student Finance Aid Administrators and
16 Vice-Chair of the College Board's Committee on Standards in
17 Ability to Pay; in 2000, Crain's Chicago Business named her to
18 the 100 Women Making a Difference in Chicago listing; she is a
19 member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

20 WHEREAS, Sharon Parrott received bachelor's and master's
21 degrees in history from the University of Illinois and pursued
22 doctoral coursework in higher education policy and leadership;
23 she has a daughter, who is an entrepreneur, and lives with her

1 husband in Chicago; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 congratulate Sharon Thomas Parrott on her retirement as Senior
5 Vice-President of External Relations and Global Responsibility
6 of the DeVry Education Group and wish her many more successful
7 years; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Sharon Parrott as an expression of our esteem and
10 respect.