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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate William E. Feurer
4 on the occasion of his retirement as the legal officer for the
5 Illinois Board of Higher Education in December of 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, William Feurer has served with the Illinois Board
7 of Higher Education since 1973; during his tenure there, he has
8 served with great distinction and his wise legal counsel and
9 common sense have served the Board well; and

10 WHEREAS, William Feurer has worked extensively on the
11 critical task of defining criteria and a system of priorities
12 for program planning and review of new and existing units of
13 instruction, research or public service at State universities
14 plus the operations and program offerings at private
15 institutions of higher education to ensure students have access
16 to academic programs of high quality; and

17 WHEREAS, William Feurer helped to coordinate the statutory
18 realignment of 4 public university governing boards for 9
19 institutions (the Board of Governors of State Colleges and
20 Universities, the Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees of
21 Southern Illinois University, and the Board of Trustees of the
22 University of Illinois) into the current system of 9 boards of

1 trustees; and

2 WHEREAS, William Feurer has established and maintained a
3 professional and purposeful relationship with members and
4 staff of the Board of Higher Education, fellow legal officers
5 at institutions of higher education in Illinois, members of the
6 General Assembly, and the Joint Committee on Administrative
7 Rules; and

8 WHEREAS, William Feurer served 17 years in the Navy Reserve
9 after being selected for service in 1952, which provided the
10 opportunity to attend Rice University in Houston, Texas and to
11 graduate from the School of Journalism at the University of
12 Missouri; he was commissioned into the United States Navy for 3
13 years and served on the U.S.S. Maloy, an experimental destroyer
14 escort; and

15 WHEREAS, William Feurer, a trained journalist in print for
16 weekly and small dailies, worked for the United Press
17 International in Chicago, and was transferred to work for the
18 United Press International in Springfield, where the main beat
19 was the State Capitol Building, covering the House, Senate,
20 gubernatorial news conferences, political campaigns, and other
21 things associated with State government; and

22 WHEREAS, William Feurer was hired by Governor Otto Kerner

1 in 1962 as his assistant press secretary, speech writer,
2 coordinator for the Governor's weekly article and radio show,
3 Your Governor Reports, until 1968 when he enrolled at the
4 University of Illinois Law School; and

5 WHEREAS, William Feurer was admitted to the Illinois Bar
6 Association on May 18, 1971; and

7 WHEREAS, William Feurer worked for Senate President Cecil
8 A. Partee, the first African-American in Illinois history to
9 preside over a chamber of the State Legislature; and

10 WHEREAS, William Feurer has practiced law in Springfield
11 for more than 44 years, during which time he has also served on
12 numerous community boards, committees, and commissions; he has
13 also served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of
14 Illinois at Springfield; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 thank William E. Feurer for his service to the citizens of the
18 State of Illinois, especially to those who have been educated
19 at Illinois' colleges and universities, and extend our best
20 wishes to him in his retirement; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to William Feurer as a symbol of our esteem and
2 respect.