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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Heartland Community College in Normal on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Heartland Community College was named by residents of the district in 1991, and Dr. Jonathan M. Astroth was named its first President; and

WHEREAS, The first 811 Heartland Community College students were enrolled in the fall of 1991 and attended classes in high schools, churches, and numerous other facilities throughout the district; and

WHEREAS, The communities of Pontiac and Lincoln were served by Heartland Community College through the establishment of sites in each city; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator Paul Simon addressed the inaugural Heartland Community College graduating class; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly approved funds for a permanent campus location on Raab Road in Normal in 1998; the permanent campus opened in the fall of 2000; and

1 WHEREAS, Over 5,000 students now pursue credit programs of
2 study; 14,000 residents access programs of personal and
3 professional enrichment; and

4 WHEREAS, Heartland Community College has, throughout its
5 growth, incorporated methods and planning that promoted
6 environmental stewardship and supported sustainable and
7 renewable resources; and

8 WHEREAS, Regional businesses and organizations rely on
9 Heartland Community College's customized training programs to
10 support their workforce needs; and

11 WHEREAS, Heartland Community College serves students from
12 grade school ages through active seniors; and

13 WHEREAS, Heartland Community College proudly serves the
14 community by preparing thousands for personal and academic
15 success; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate Heartland Community College on its 25th
19 anniversary and we wish them many more successful years; and be
20 it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Heartland Community College President Rob Widmer
3 as an expression of our esteem and respect.