

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The community college system in the State of
3 Illinois is committed to providing the citizens of Illinois
4 with high-quality, cost-effective, and accessible
5 postsecondary education; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately one out of every 12 Illinois
7 citizens enhances his or her education through one of the 48
8 community colleges in this State; and

9 WHEREAS, Illinois community colleges work with each other
10 and collaborate with public and private universities in this
11 State to make transfer of earned credit hours between
12 institutions of higher education successful for the citizens
13 of Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, A primary objective of the Illinois community
15 college system is to make postsecondary education readily
16 available for all students, regardless of age; and

17 WHEREAS, Illinois community colleges rise to the
18 challenge of "reskilling" Illinois' work force by helping
19 working adults develop higher levels of basic and technical
20 skills; and

21 WHEREAS, Using two-way interactive video technology, the
22 Illinois community college system has built multiple
23 partnerships with postsecondary education institutions,
24 elementary and secondary schools, rural hospitals, federal
25 research labs, industries, libraries, and manufacturers; and

26 WHEREAS, 9 out of 10 Illinois community college graduates
27 live, work, and raise their families in Illinois with more
28 than 6 out of 10 working within the districts of the
29 community colleges from which they graduated; and

30 WHEREAS, The mission of the Illinois Student Assistance

1 Commission is to benefit society by enabling individuals to
2 develop to their fullest potential through access to quality
3 education; and

4 WHEREAS, Over 56,000 students enrolled in Illinois
5 community colleges last year received scholarship or grant
6 assistance from programs administered by the Illinois Student
7 Assistance Commission; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 the community colleges in this State, as represented by the
11 Illinois Community College Board, and the Illinois Student
12 Assistance Commission continue to work together to enhance
13 the educational opportunities for Illinois men and women in
14 the State of Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Community College Board and
16 the Illinois Student Assistance Committee hold meetings to
17 discuss recommendations for improving accessibility to
18 postsecondary education for Illinois students and families by
19 October 15, 2002; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 delivered to the Chairperson of the Illinois Community
22 College Board and the Chairperson of the Illinois Student
23 Assistance Committee.