

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Dr. David R. Taylor is currently serving as  
3 President of Western Illinois University; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor has elected to retire effective June  
5 30, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor has been at Western Illinois  
7 University since 1979, serving as Dean of the College of  
8 Education and Human Services for more than twenty years,  
9 until his appointment in December of 2001 as President; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor has made tremendous contributions to  
11 Western Illinois University, higher education, and the State  
12 of Illinois with pioneering and nationally recognized efforts  
13 in the areas of interactive distance learning and educational  
14 technology and has provided guidance and oversight to Western  
15 Illinois University's highly successful and innovative  
16 teacher education program; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor served with the White House Domestic  
18 Council as education liaison during the Ford administration  
19 and has served on numerous national, regional, State, and  
20 local boards and committees, including for the State Board of  
21 Education, the Office of the Governor, the U.S. Department of  
22 Education, the Governor's Illinois Technology Team, the AACTE  
23 Technology in Teacher Education Committee, and the Spoon  
24 River Community College Board of Trustees; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor served his country in the United  
26 States Marine Corp, where he received a Vietnam Service  
27 Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Purple  
28 Heart; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Linda Stickney-Taylor, the wife of Dr. David  
30 Taylor, serves as the Dean of Extended and Continuing  
31 Education for Western Illinois University and has made

1 significant contributions of her own; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Stickney-Taylor has been particularly  
3 instrumental in the development and tremendous success of  
4 Western Illinois University's Quad-Cities campus, working  
5 tirelessly to provide new and innovative program offerings  
6 and educational opportunities to the entire Quad-Cities  
7 region; and

8 WHEREAS, During her tenure, Dr. Stickney-Taylor has been  
9 responsible for Western Illinois University's extended  
10 learning program, cross-cultural programs, international  
11 education program, non-credit and non-traditional programs,  
12 radio station, and other program areas; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Stickney-Taylor and Western Illinois  
14 University's School of Extended and Continuing Education have  
15 received numerous State, regional, and national awards for  
16 their extraordinary efforts; and

17 WHEREAS. Dr. Stickney-Taylor has also elected to retire  
18 and will join her husband in well-deserved and less demanding  
19 pursuits, including time with their children and  
20 grandchildren and boating on Lake Michigan; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
23 we express our sincere gratitude for both Dr. David Taylor  
24 and Dr. Linda Stickney-Taylor's contributions to higher  
25 education and to the State of Illinois and congratulate them  
26 for their many achievements while at Western Illinois  
27 University; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That we join together to wish them all the best  
29 in their retirement and any future endeavors; and be it  
30 further

31 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to David Taylor and Linda Stickney-Taylor as an  
2 expression of our esteem.