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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives would like 3 to recognize Greenville College on the occasion of its 125th 4 anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, Greenville College was purchased in 1891 by the 6 Free Methodists of Central Illinois and they selected their 7 first president, Wilson T. Hogue, in 1892; it opened in 1892 8 and has been educating students ever since; and

9 WHEREAS, Wilson T. Hogue's sound grasp of Christian 10 culture, clear definition of policy, and skillful 11 administration has left such a mark that later, one observer 12 proclaimed, "Greenville College stands as a living monument of 13 Wilson T. Hogue"; and

14 WHEREAS, Eleven presidents have since guided the education 15 of students to obtain lives of character and service by 16 integrating faith with learning; in time, the campus grew to 17 include 50 acres with spaces that facilitate learning, 18 computing, performance and practice, art exhibition, 19 athletics, science, and research; and

20 WHEREAS, Greenville College has provided education for 21 students from almost every state as well as 30 different HR0387 -2- LRB100 12696 MST 26135 r countries and every inhabited continent; and

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WHEREAS, Greenville College is home to 17 different varsity 2 3 and three club teams with outstanding sports teams 4 accomplishments over the past 20 years, including 45 conference 5 championships, 11 national championships, four NCAA Division III national championship athletes, and two victory bowl 6 7 championships; and

8 WHEREAS, Greenville College is an outstanding academic 9 institution; it was ranked as the top online school in Illinois 10 in 2016 and offers over 50 majors; and

11 WHEREAS, On September 20, 2017, Greenville College will 12 celebrate its new identity as Greenville University; 13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE 15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we 16 recognize Greenville College on all of its accomplishment over 17 the last 125 years and we wish the school many more years of 18 success; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we wish Greenville College all the best as 20 it embarks on a new future as Greenville University; and be it 21 further HR0387 -3- LRB100 12696 MST 26135 r

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 2 presented to Greenville College as a symbol of our respect and 3 esteem.