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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish to congratulate Gerald C. "Jerry" Blazey, Ph.D., on his numerous career accomplishments as he retires from his roles as Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships of Northern Illinois University and as Chair of the Illinois Innovation Network Council; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Blazey has dedicated his career to discovery in the field of particle physics and innovation to address complex societal problems; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Blazey has served Northern Illinois University for more than 25 years in a number of roles in addition to his current position; in 2000, he was awarded a Presidential Research Professorship, the university's highest honor for outstanding research; he was later named a presidential science advisor; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Blazey has played a crucial role in organizing, launching, and leading the Illinois Innovation Network and its Council since the organization was founded in 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Blazey has stood as a leader in national

1 science policy, having served as a senior policy advisor at
2 the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Executive
3 Office of the U.S. President and the Office of Science of the
4 U.S. Department of Energy; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, Dr. Blazey has
6 upheld collaboration as a requirement for progress and
7 innovation, across disciplines and institutions, and is a
8 tireless advocate for sustainability and preserving our
9 natural environment; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Blazey remains a fierce supporter of
11 underserved students, under-resourced universities, and the
12 enhancement of equity and effectiveness in science; therefore,
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Gerald C. "Jerry" Blazey, Ph.D., on his
17 numerous career accomplishments as he retires from his roles
18 as Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships of
19 Northern Illinois University and as Chair of the Illinois
20 Innovation Network Council; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Dr. Blazey as an expression of our esteem and

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1 respect.