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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Governors State University will celebrate its
3 40th anniversary in 2009 and is to be commended for its
4 commitment to educational excellence and service to the
5 surrounding communities, the region, and the State of Illinois;
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7 WHEREAS, Governors State University was founded in 1969,
8 making it the only public university in the Chicago Southland;
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10 WHEREAS, Governors State University is recognized as a
11 regional leader in education, economic development, and public
12 service; and

13 WHEREAS, Governors State University is comprised of four
14 academic colleges offering twenty-two bachelor's, twenty-five
15 master's, four doctoral, and twenty-three certificate
16 programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Governors State University has graduated more
18 than 40,000 successful alumni; and

19 WHEREAS, Governors State University is committed to
20 serving underserved populations, including minorities and

1 returning adult students; and

2 WHEREAS, Forty-five percent of the university's student
3 population and twenty-eight percent of its faculty are
4 minority, exceeding national averages; and

5 WHEREAS, Governors State University has expanded its
6 positive impact on the region through the establishment of more
7 than 50 satellite locations, including education centers in
8 Kankakee and Naperville; and

9 WHEREAS, Governors State University purposely maintains
10 the most affordable tuition in the State to make education
11 accessible to all; and

12 WHEREAS, Governors State University serves the region
13 through its centers of excellence, including The CenterPoint
14 for Entrepreneurs, the Institute for the Care and Study of
15 Vulnerable Populations, the Metropolitan Institute for
16 Leadership Education, and the Center for Law Enforcement
17 Technology Collaboration; and

18 WHEREAS, Governors State University makes significant
19 contributions to the arts through The Center for Performing Arts
20 and the internationally recognized Nathan Manilow Sculpture
21 Park; and

1 WHEREAS, Governors State University represents the
2 importance of remembering its rich educational heritage, while
3 facing the opportunities of the present and preparing for the
4 challenges of the future; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 again congratulate everyone who has worked over the last forty
8 years to make Governors State University an important part of
9 the Illinois educational system; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Elaine P. Maimon, President of Governors State
12 University, as a symbol of our respect.