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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dean James Johnson
4 of the College of Arts and Humanities at Eastern Illinois
5 University, on being named The Daily Eastern News Person of the
6 Year and on his upcoming retirement; and

7 WHEREAS, He is a 1963 graduate of Emporia State University
8 in Emporia, Kansas, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Art;
9 he went on to receive his Master of Fine Arts degree from the
10 University of Kansas in 1970; he spent nearly a decade teaching
11 at the University of Kansas and Arkansas State University
12 before making his way to Eastern Illinois University; and

13 WHEREAS, He spearheaded efforts to complete the Doudna Fine
14 Arts Center, brought together several various departments to
15 form the College of Arts and Humanities, and strived to make
16 the College of Arts and Humanities a continued success; and

17 WHEREAS, The College of Arts and Humanities is made up of
18 Art, English, Foreign Languages, History, Journalism, Music,
19 Philosophy, Speech Communication, and Theatre Arts; three
20 study areas, African-American Studies, Social Science Studies,
21 and Womens Studies Minor; and the Tarble Arts Center; and

1 WHEREAS, His responsibilities as Dean include
2 administration of the College of Arts and Humanities budget,
3 supervision of approximately 228 faculty members, 24 civil
4 service staff members, and 14 administrative positions; in
5 addition his office is responsible for several other important
6 areas of the college, including certification of all majors for
7 graduation; and

8 WHEREAS, Dean Johnson will be retiring in June of 2009 and
9 will spend time with his family, his wife, Wanda, his three
10 sons, Kirby, Brent, and Tyler, and his daughter-in-law,
11 Bridget; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate Dean Johnson on being named The Daily Eastern
15 Daily News Person of the Year, his retirement, and wish him all
16 the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Dean James Johnson as a symbol of our respect and
19 esteem.