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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Frank G. Pogue
4 on the occasion of his finished tenure as Interim President of
5 Chicago State University; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Frank Pogue was educated as a sociologist,
7 having earned his bachelor's degree from Alabama State
8 University, his master's degree from Atlanta University, and
9 his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Frank Pogue has had a long and distinguished
11 career in education; he served as a vice chancellor for student
12 affairs and special programs at the State University of New
13 York (SUNY) System Administration in Albany for ten years;
14 during his tenure as vice chancellor, he served for a year as
15 interim president at the SUNY College at Cobleskill; and

16 WHEREAS, On July 1, 1996, Dr. Frank Pogue was appointed to
17 serve as president of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania,
18 becoming the first African-American to lead a traditionally
19 white college or university in the Commonwealth of
20 Pennsylvania; his years of service at Edinboro were marked by
21 unprecedented growth and advancement in academic programs,
22 graduate enrollment, campus facilities, and fundraising, as

1 well as the expansion of the school's academic programs; he was
2 also instrumental in the growth of the college's online
3 programs, which contributed to significant growth in graduate
4 enrollment; under his leadership, new accreditation was
5 achieved in the areas of education, business, and social work,
6 with additional accreditation efforts underway in art,
7 theatre, and journalism; the university was also re-accredited
8 with commendation for 10 years by the Middle States Association
9 of Colleges and Schools in 2003; and

10 WHEREAS, After 11 years at Edinboro, Dr. Frank Pogue
11 retired and briefly enjoyed family life in Delaware; on July
12 15, 2008, he became the Interim President of Chicago State
13 University; during his service as Interim President, he devoted
14 his efforts to create a student-centered CSU family built on
15 the ideals of civility; in order to help guide the University
16 through a transition year and to prepare the University for the
17 next administration, he directed the creation of the 2009-2010
18 21st Century Strategic Planning Document, an in-depth,
19 comprehensive planning tool to serve as a roadmap for the
20 future of the university; he established Founders Day to
21 remember and recognize the University's beginnings; he helped
22 boost the school's morale through the CSU Family Pin and a CSU
23 Employee Recognition Day; he also created a Community Outreach
24 Committee to forge a connection between CSU and the region's
25 many churches and civic and social organizations; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Frank Pogue is a participant in several
2 national, regional, and State-wide leadership groups,
3 including the American Council on Education's (ACE) Commission
4 on Women in Higher Education, the American Association of State
5 Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Millennium Leadership
6 Initiative, the advisory council of affiliated institutions
7 for the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
8 (MSA), the Board of Directors on Pennsylvania Campus Compact,
9 the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE)
10 Commission for the Universities, the Executive Board of a
11 Community of Agile Partners in Education (CAPE), and numerous
12 higher education advisory panels for Pennsylvania governors
13 Tom Ridge and Edward G. Rendell; and

14 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, Dr. Frank Pogue served on the
15 Boards of Directors for the Meadville Area Industrial
16 Commission, the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership,
17 and the Erie Philharmonic Orchestra; he also served on the
18 corporate boards for the Hamot Health Foundation, the Saint
19 Vincent Health Center, and the Meadville Medical Center; his
20 leadership benefited many regional fundraising initiatives,
21 including the Erie County State Employees Combined Appeal
22 campaign, the Erie Day School's Adopt-A-Scholar scholarship
23 drive, the Annual Campaign of the Greater Erie County Chapter
24 of the American Red Cross, and the 2007 United Arts Fund Drive;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Frank Pogue has been the recipient of numerous
3 awards and accolades; in 2007, he was honored by Governor and
4 Mrs. Ed Rendell for his dedication and service to the
5 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; he was honored by PASSHE with a
6 resolution citing his contributions, as well as the Cornerstone
7 of Excellence Award; he was the recipient of the Patrick Locco
8 Memorial Leadership Award from Leadership Erie; he received an
9 honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in Public Service and
10 President Emeritus status from Edinboro University's Council
11 of Trustees during the 2007 Spring Commencement; the Council of
12 Trustees also named the Frank G. Pogue Student Center in his
13 honor; in addition, the SUNY at Albany Council of Trustees
14 presented him the Distinguished Service Award for Leadership
15 and Vision in 1999; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Frank Pogue resides in New Castle, Delaware
17 with his wife, Dorothy; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Frank Pogue serves as a model of hard work,
19 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
20 Illinois; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 congratulate Dr. Frank G. Pogue on the occasion of his finished
2 tenure as Interim President of Chicago State University and
3 wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Dr. Frank Pogue as a symbol of our esteem and
7 respect.