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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Richard "Rick"
4 Schoell on the occasion of his retirement from the University
5 of Illinois after 22 years of dedicated service; and

6 WHEREAS, Rick Schoell earned his bachelor's degree in
7 American Government and U.S. History from the University of
8 Iowa in May of 1975 and his master's degree in Public
9 Administration and Public Policy Analysis from the University
10 of Iowa in December of 1976; he was on the University of Iowa's
11 Dean's List from 1971 to 1973; and

12 WHEREAS, Upon completion of his graduate studies, Rick
13 Schoell was employed with the Household Finance Corporation for
14 about two years; he then took a research position with the
15 Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation in Springfield in
16 1979; he worked with the National Conference of State
17 Legislatures, where he developed a sterling reputation as
18 hard-working, reliable, and personable; and

19 WHEREAS, Rick Schoell began his career with the University
20 of Illinois on August 3, 1987 as the Associate Director for
21 Federal Relations; in 1991, the position's title was
22 reclassified to Director for Federal Relations; on November 20,

1 1998, he became the Executive Director for Governmental
2 Relations; he served in both positions until his retirement;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Rick Schoell provided outstanding leadership as
5 an officer of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees and
6 as a trusted advisor to University presidents, especially in
7 the areas of federal relations in that now the University of
8 Illinois is one of the leading public institutions in terms of
9 federal research and grant awards; in addition, under his
10 direction the University has experienced dramatic growth in
11 terms of state-supported construction that have brought the
12 many University of Illinois campuses to the level they are
13 today; and

14 WHEREAS, Rick Schoell has been the recipient of numerous
15 awards and honors for his service; he was the recipient of the
16 Commander's Award for Distinguished Public Service from the
17 U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory in
18 1991; he received the Distinguished Service Award from the
19 Illinois Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation in 1987;
20 he was also a member of the National Honor Society with Phi
21 Beta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2002, Rick Schoell was nominated and voted in
23 as a member of the Lamplighters Higher Education Roundtable;

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2 WHEREAS, Rick Schoell met his future wife, Rebecca, at the
3 University of Iowa; the couple got married in Waterloo, Iowa in
4 January of 1978; together, they have two children, Elizabeth
5 and William, who are both Iowa Hawkeyes; and

6 WHEREAS, Rick Schoell will be remembered fondly by his
7 colleagues at the University of Illinois for his great sense of
8 fairness and his openness to all points of view; therefore, be
9 it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 congratulate Richard "Rick" Schoell on the occasion of his
13 retirement and wish him many happy and healthy retirement
14 years; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Rick Schoell as a symbol of our esteem and
17 respect.