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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the students,  
4 faculty, and administration of Spoon River College on the  
5 occasion of the college's 50th anniversary on October 17, 2009;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, The rich history of Spoon River College began on  
8 October 17, 1959, when the citizens of Canton Union School  
9 District No. 66 voted to establish a junior college in Canton;  
10 the new junior college was named Canton Community College and  
11 became the first public junior college to be organized in west  
12 central Illinois; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1968, Canton Community College became a Class I  
14 institution under the Illinois Public Junior College Act and  
15 was separated from the public school district by forming Junior  
16 College District 534; the college then became known as Spoon  
17 River College; and

18           WHEREAS, From its humble origins on the second floor of  
19 Canton Senior High School, Spoon River College has grown to  
20 include facilities in Havana, Macomb, and Rushville, all of  
21 which serve the 1,500-square mile Illinois Community College  
22 District 534; the college currently offers 60 associate degree,

1 transfer, and certificate programs; the college also partners  
2 with 9 surrounding 4-year institutions for offering several  
3 bachelor degree completion programs; and

4 WHEREAS, Spoon River College serves as an integral part of  
5 the educational and civic growth of both the Canton area and  
6 the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
9 congratulate the students, faculty, and administration of  
10 Spoon River College on the occasion of the college's 50th  
11 anniversary and wish them continued success and happiness in  
12 the future; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to Robert E. Ritschel, President of Spoon River  
15 College, as a symbol of our esteem and respect.