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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize and congratulate  
4 former Northern Illinois University President John E. La  
5 Tourette on the renaming of Faraday West on the campus of  
6 Northern Illinois University to John E. La Tourette Hall, as a  
7 tribute to his service and successful pursuit and defense of  
8 the University's doctoral mission; and

9           WHEREAS, John E. La Tourette arrived at Northern Illinois  
10 University in 1979 and served as the University's Provost from  
11 1979 to 1984 and then as the tenth President of Northern  
12 Illinois University from 1986 to 2000; and

13           WHEREAS, President La Tourette has been a leader in higher  
14 education and has cultivated graduate studies throughout his  
15 career at distinguished universities such as Rutgers, SUNY  
16 Binghamton, Bowling Green State, and Northern Illinois  
17 University; he studied economics and received his B.A., M.A.,  
18 and Ph.D. degrees from Rutgers University; and

19           WHEREAS, President La Tourette championed the doctoral  
20 mission of Northern Illinois University; three science  
21 doctorates and the doctorate in Mathematics were approved  
22 during his tenure; these programs have nurtured young and

1 talented researchers and have been major suppliers to the  
2 high-tech workforce in the greater northern Illinois region;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, President La Tourette successfully lobbied for  
5 the facilities to complement the University's research and  
6 doctoral mission, highlighted by the completion of Faraday West  
7 (hereafter known as John E. La Tourette Hall), a \$24.3 million,  
8 115,000 square foot facility to support the expansion of  
9 Chemistry and Physics; and

10 WHEREAS, Additionally, during his tenure, Northern  
11 Illinois University established the College of Engineering and  
12 Engineering Technology, nurtured the growth of the new College  
13 of Law, developed a strong outreach effort, and secured funding  
14 for the restoration of historic Altgeld Hall and the  
15 Convocation Center; new buildings constructed during his  
16 tenure include the Campus Life Building, the Center for Black  
17 Studies, the Center for Latino and Latin American Studies, the  
18 Child Care Center, the Engineering Building, the Hoffman  
19 Estates Education Center, the Naperville Education Center, the  
20 Public Administration Building, and the Rockford Education  
21 Center; therefore, be it

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

1 congratulate former President John E. La Tourette on the  
2 renaming of Faraday West on the campus of Northern Illinois  
3 University to John E. La Tourette Hall, and hereby designate  
4 April 13, 2010 as "John E. LaTourette Day" in the State of  
5 Illinois; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to former President John E. La Tourette as an  
8 expression of our respect and esteem.