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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the University of
4 Illinois at Springfield for hosting the American Political
5 Science Association's 10th annual State Politics and Policy
6 Conference and Professor Christopher Z. Mooney on the naming of
7 the American Political Science Association's annual Best
8 Dissertation in State Politics and Policy award in his honor;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, On June 3 to 5, 2010, the University of Illinois
11 at Springfield will host the 10th Annual State Politics and
12 Policy Conference; the event is a major national conference,
13 being the premier event of the year for political scientists
14 studying state politics and policy; and

15 WHEREAS, The American Political Science Association
16 announced that it is honoring University of Illinois at
17 Springfield political science professor Christopher Z. Mooney
18 by naming a national Ph.D. dissertation award in his honor; and

19 WHEREAS, Doctoral candidates worldwide can be nominated
20 for the award in the category of Best Dissertation in State
21 Politics and Policy and, beginning in 2010, the award will be
22 given annually for the best Ph.D. dissertation in the field

1 that is written in the previous calendar year at any
2 university; and

3 WHEREAS, This award has been named in honor of Christopher
4 Mooney in recognition of his founding of State Politics and
5 Policy Quarterly, an academic journal that he edited from 2001
6 to 2007, and has served as business manager of since 2001; and

7 WHEREAS, Christopher Mooney was instrumental in founding
8 the annual State Politics and Policy Conferences and has helped
9 lead the recent resurgence in the study of comparative state
10 politics in political science; and

11 WHEREAS, Christopher Mooney received considerable
12 assistance from Barbara Ferrara of the University of Illinois
13 at Springfield Center for State Policy and Leadership to
14 organize the national conference and is a frequent panelist on
15 State Week in Review for Illinois Public Radio; and

16 WHEREAS, Christopher Mooney has authored and edited
17 numerous books and papers, and his edited volume, *The Public*
18 *Clash of Private Values: The Politics of Morality Policy*
19 (2001), created a new area of inquiry within the field of
20 policy research; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2006, Christopher Mooney received the

1 University of Illinois at Springfield Faculty Excellence Award
2 and is a member of numerous disciplinary associations and
3 journal editorial boards; and

4 WHEREAS, Christopher Mooney currently resides in Rochester
5 and attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison, earning
6 his Bachelors of Arts degree with honors in 1982, his Masters
7 of Public Administration in 1985, his Masters of Arts in
8 Political Science in 1987, and his Ph.D. in Political Science
9 in 1990; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 congratulate the University of Illinois at Springfield for
13 hosting the American Political Science Association's 10th
14 annual State Politics and Policy Conference and Professor
15 Christopher Z. Mooney for the national recognition he so justly
16 deserves as one of the nation's leading experts on state
17 politics and policy; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Professor Christopher Z. Mooney as a symbol of our
20 respect and esteem.