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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, America's first public community college was
3 established in Joliet in 1901; today, there are 48 public
4 community colleges in Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Community College System is the third
6 largest in the nation, serving 853,524 students in credit and
7 non-credit courses during the 2014 Illinois Community College
8 System Fiscal Year; credit-generating students accounted for
9 77.3% or 659,712 students during the same year; and

10 WHEREAS, The Baccalaureate/Transfer program remained the
11 largest credit instructional program area, enrolling 43.5% of
12 students; 34.3% of all students enrolled in Fiscal Year 2014
13 indicated the intent to transfer to another school; and

14 WHEREAS, A total of 69,812 collegiate-level degrees and
15 certificates were awarded to Illinois community college
16 students in Fiscal Year 2014; Baccalaureate/Transfer degrees
17 accounted for the second largest group of completers with a
18 total of 19,524; and

19 WHEREAS, The number of community college completions in
20 Fiscal Year 2014 is the highest count ever reported for the
21 sixth straight year; and

1 WHEREAS, Nearly 3 out of every 10 graduates earned
2 Baccalaureate/Transfer degrees; 7 out of 10 Transfer degree
3 completers in Fiscal Year 2014 indicated the intent to transfer
4 to a 4-year institution; and

5 WHEREAS, The transfer rate for Illinois Public Community
6 Colleges students into 4-year colleges and universities is
7 about 37%; and

8 WHEREAS, The process of transferring into a 4-year college
9 or university is difficult for community college students
10 because the Illinois Articulation Initiative lacks uniformity;
11 almost every college and university participating in the
12 Illinois Articulation Initiative has their own set of
13 transferable credits; many credits earned at a community
14 college may not be applied towards a 4-year degree and
15 community college students spend more time and incur
16 unnecessary expenses in pursuit of a 4-year degree; therefore,
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 respectfully urge all public and private colleges and
21 universities in the State to work together to strengthen the
22 Illinois Articulation Initiative to allow greater uniformity

1 in community college transferable credit allowances; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That we call upon the Illinois Board of Higher
4 Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and the
5 Illinois State Board of Education to work together to make
6 changes to the Illinois Articulation Initiative to create a more
7 uniform set of transfer credit allowances between community
8 colleges and public and private 4-year colleges and
9 universities; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 delivered to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the
12 Illinois Community College Board, and the Illinois State Board
13 of Education.