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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is recognized for its strong
3 and diverse economic assets in medical and agricultural
4 biotechnology; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2001, the Illinois Biotechnology Industry
6 Organization was created to support and provide advocacy for
7 sound public policy involving the biomedical, bioindustrial,
8 and bioprocessing communities, including agriculture; that
9 same year, David Miller was selected as the first President and
10 CEO of the Illinois Biotechnology Industry Organization by its
11 Board of Directors; and

12 WHEREAS, Under David Miller's leadership, the Illinois
13 Biotechnology Industry Organization grew to 1,500 members; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2003, the iBIO Institute was created and added
15 to the Illinois Biotechnology Industry Organization to promote
16 entrepreneurship training for early stage biotechnology
17 companies (PROPEL) and to address deficiencies in STEM
18 education in elementary and secondary education (EDUCATE); and

19 WHEREAS, The work and activities of PROPEL and EDUCATE
20 flourished and expanded, warranting the creation of a separate
21 Governance Board for the iBIO Institute in 2013 also under

1 David Miller's leadership; and

2 WHEREAS, In each year since 2003, the Illinois
3 Biotechnology Industry Organization has collectively
4 recognized 21 government officials who have been leaders in
5 advancing life science issues through the presentation of the
6 John W. Maitland Jr. Biotechnology Leadership Award, which
7 originated during David Miller's tenure; and

8 WHEREAS, David Miller was instrumental in working with the
9 vast Illinois agricultural industry to recognize its potential
10 and vital connection to biotechnology industry in Illinois and
11 the Midwest; and

12 WHEREAS, David Miller was a co-creator of the Vision for
13 Illinois Agriculture in 2006-07, a co-chair of the Farm
14 Illinois Food and Agriculture Roadmap in 2014-15, and a 2014
15 recipient of the Illinois Farm Bureau's highest honor, the
16 Eagle Award for Excellence; and

17 WHEREAS, David Miller heavily contributed to the
18 successful attraction of the international Biotechnology
19 Industrial Organization convention to Chicago and the Midwest
20 in 2006, and again in 2010 and 2013; and

21 WHEREAS, A 2012 industry analysis conducted by Ernst &

1 Young found that 81,000 individuals in Illinois were employed
2 in 3,500 biotechnology firms, which added \$98 billion to the
3 Illinois economy, making the biotechnology industry a key
4 driver to economic growth; and

5 WHEREAS, The analysis demonstrated that biotechnology in
6 the Midwest ranked and competed aggressively with all other
7 regions in the United States, with Chicago and Illinois
8 providing the leading center of the Midwest biotechnology
9 sector; and

10 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is now recognized for its
11 leading Midwest and national presence and dominance in
12 biotechnology; and

13 WHEREAS, In February of 2015, David Miller retired as
14 President and CEO after presiding over 13 years of incredible
15 growth in biotechnology in Illinois; he was bestowed with the
16 title of President Emeritus by its Board of Directors;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 recognize and commend David Miller for his leadership in the
21 growth of the biotechnology industry in the State of Illinois;
22 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we show our great appreciation for the vast
2 contributions that the biotechnology industry makes to the
3 Illinois economy; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to David Miller as a symbol of our respect and
6 esteem.