



HR0732

LRB099 13997 GRL 38013 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are pleased to recognize the Illinois Community College System on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and

3

4

5

WHEREAS, The 48 community colleges within 39 districts in Illinois serve nearly one million students taking credit, non-credit, and community education courses each year; and

6

7

8

WHEREAS, The Illinois Community College System is the third largest in the nation; and

9

10

WHEREAS, Nine out of 10 Illinois community college graduates remain in Illinois after graduation to live, work, pay taxes, and raise their families; and

11

12

13

WHEREAS, The benefits of earning an associate's degree or long-term certificate from an Illinois community college translates to an average of more than \$570,000 in lifetime earnings; and

14

15

16

17

WHEREAS, Nearly 74% of Illinois employers have hired a community college student; and

18

19

WHEREAS, Illinois community colleges have partnered with

1 local school districts to offer 8,780 dual credit courses to
2 82,895 high school students; and

3 WHEREAS, The colleges within the Illinois Community
4 College System share a common mission to prepare people for
5 college and the workforce, to transfer to other colleges and
6 universities, and to continually respond to the communities
7 they serve through adult literacy and continuing education
8 services; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 commend Governor Rauner for his proclamation of July 15, 2015
12 through July 15, 2016 as The Year of the Community College,
13 recognize the Illinois Community College System on its rich 50
14 years of history, and wish it success and prosperity in the
15 future; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the Illinois Community College Board as a symbol
18 of our esteem and respect.