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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Honorable James E. Shadid on being named president of Bradley University; and

WHEREAS, Judge Shadid, a Peoria native, graduated from Bradley University in 1979 and from John Marshall Law School, now the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Judge Shadid initially served as a private practice attorney in the Peoria area; he then served as an assistant public defender in Peoria County and a commissioner of the Illinois Court of Claims; he was appointed as a judge to the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois in 2001, a position he held for a decade; and

WHEREAS, Judge Shadid currently serves as a federal judge of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, presiding in this role since he was nominated by President Barack Obama and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 7, 2011; during his tenure, he served as chief judge from 2012 to 2019, and he assumed senior status in 2024; and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Shadid has previously served Bradley
2 University as an adjunct professor and trustee; as president,
3 he has expressed aims to preserve the university's 128-year
4 storied traditions while also moving the school forward
5 through increasing enrollment, stabilizing the university's
6 financial condition, creating a road map for the future, and
7 building relationships and cultivating trust with the student
8 body; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Shadid is the husband of Jane, and they are
10 the parents of three children, Jim, Joe, and Maggie; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Shadid will assume his duties as the 13th
12 president of Bradley University on April 1, 2025; therefore,
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate the Honorable James E. Shadid on being chosen
17 as president of Bradley University; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 delivered to Judge Shadid as a symbol of our esteem and
20 respect.