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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Rob Widmer on the occasion of his retirement as President of Heartland Community College on June 30, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Rob Widmer has served Heartland Community College for 22 years; he was Vice President of Business Services from 1996 until 2013; he helped establish the Normal campus on Raab Road and the additions to that campus; he also worked with the Illinois Army National Guard on the addition of the Normal Readiness Center; and

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WHEREAS, In 2013, Rob Widmer became interim president of Heartland Community College, and shortly thereafter, president; and

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WHEREAS, Rob Widmer guided Heartland Community College through the Illinois state budget impasse, presided over a new strategic planning process, and enhanced the college's reputation as an essential community resource; and

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WHEREAS, Under Rob Widmer's leadership, Heartland Community College was named winner of the McLean County Chamber of Commerce Large Business Excellence Award (2017) and received

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1 a "Best Colleges to Work For" designation from The Chronicle of  
2 Higher Education (2016); and

3 WHEREAS, Rob Widmer is a graduate of Gridley High School;  
4 he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Western  
5 Illinois University with additional doctoral studies at  
6 Illinois State University and the University of Illinois at  
7 Springfield; he is the proud father of four sons and 10  
8 grandchildren (with an eleventh grandchild on the way);  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 congratulates Rob Widmer on his retirement as President of  
13 Heartland Community College, and we wish him the best in all  
14 his future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Rob Widmer as a symbol of our respect and esteem.