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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Larry Isaak on the
4 occasion of his retirement as President of the Midwestern
5 Higher Education Compact; and

6 WHEREAS, Larry Isaak served as president of the Midwestern
7 Higher Education Compact (MHEC) from November 2003 until
8 November 2010 and was reappointed in April 2011; during this
9 time, he has helped lead a significant expansion in MHEC
10 activities related to student access and success, policy
11 research, and cost-savings initiatives; with his collegial
12 manner and insightful leadership, he has helped MHEC
13 commissioners find common ground, appreciate shared problems,
14 and learn from the successes and challenges of the 12 state
15 members; and

16 WHEREAS, Larry Isaak's leadership highlights MHEC's
17 mission of advancing education through collaboration and
18 resource sharing through the convening of educators,
19 policymakers, and other leaders in ways that foster and promote
20 interstate and inter-sector dialogue, problem-solving, and
21 cost-savings; under his leadership, many public and private
22 schools and other public entities in Illinois have saved
23 hundreds of millions of dollars through hardware, software, and

1 service contracts; over 6,000 Illinois residents save \$40
2 million annually by participating in the Student Exchange
3 program; and

4 WHEREAS, Previously, Larry Isaak was the chancellor of the
5 North Dakota University System for nearly ten years and was
6 named chancellor emeritus upon his departure in October 2003;
7 he is credited with guiding collaborative leadership efforts
8 transforming the North Dakota University System through the
9 North Dakota Higher Education Roundtable, proclaimed as a
10 national model for collaborative leadership; prior to serving
11 the state government, he was employed with a private CPA firm;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Larry Isaak has served as chair of the State
14 Higher Education Executive Officers and as a commissioner to
15 both the Midwestern Higher Education Compact and the Western
16 Interstate Commission for Higher Education; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate Larry Isaak on the occasion of his retirement as
20 President of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, and we
21 wish him the best in all of his future endeavors; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Larry Isaak as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.