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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate President Michael L. Elbe
4 on the occasion of his retirement from John Wood Community
5 College, Illinois Community College District #539, at the end
6 of the Fall 2022 semester; and

7 WHEREAS, John Wood Community College was founded in 1974,
8 with its first academic year held in 1975; since then, the
9 college has had thousands of students successfully complete
10 associate degree and certificate specific course work; and

11 WHEREAS, President Elbe is the sixth president of John
12 Wood Community College, having spent eight years as president
13 and 36 years of service in higher education; and

14 WHEREAS, Under President Elbe's leadership, John Wood
15 Community College has been recognized for its leadership
16 across a wide range of key student success areas, including
17 strategic focus for workforce innovation and training programs
18 with regional business leaders; and

19 WHEREAS, Through President Elbe's guidance, John Wood
20 Community College has continued to adapt to the changing needs
21 of the community, opening a new agricultural sciences complex

1 and beginning a full expansion of the John Wood Community
2 College Development Center; and

3 WHEREAS, President Elbe's steady leadership and fiscal
4 management have guided John Wood Community College through a
5 state budget crisis and a pandemic, allowing the institution
6 to maintain a balanced budget and a healthy fund balance
7 despite these challenges; and

8 WHEREAS, In retirement, President Elbe and his wife,
9 Gerri, plan to travel as much as possible while continuing to
10 reside in Adams County and remain involved members of the
11 community; and

12 WHEREAS, President Elbe has set John Wood Community
13 College on a trajectory of success; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate President Michael L. Elbe on his retirement
17 from John Wood Community College and wish him continued
18 success in the future; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to President Elbe as an expression of our esteem and
21 respect.