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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate John Duffy of Elgin on
4 the occasion of his retirement as a member of the Elgin
5 Community College District 509 Board of Trustees after 48
6 years of service; and

7 WHEREAS, John Duffy earned his Bachelor of Arts from Loras
8 College in Dubuque, Iowa in 1956 and his Master of Science in
9 Education from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska in
10 1961; he also completed post graduate coursework at the
11 University of Minnesota in Minneapolis in 1967; and

12 WHEREAS, With more than six decades of professional
13 experience and a commitment to education, John Duffy has
14 served his communities as a teacher since 1957 and as a
15 dedicated trustee since 1975; in addition to his primary role
16 as a teacher at Larkin High School in Elgin from 1962 to 1996,
17 he held a number of leadership positions at the school,
18 including student council advisor from 1965 to 1971, chair of
19 English and Foreign Languages from 1969 to 1977, and chair of
20 English and the Reading Division from 1977 to 1996; prior to
21 teaching at Larkin High School, he served as a teaching
22 assistant with the University of Iowa from 1961 to 1962, a high
23 school teacher at Clear Lake Community School District from

1 1958 to 1961, and a junior and senior high school teacher and
2 coach at Presentation Academy from 1957 to 1958; and

3 WHEREAS, John Duffy has served on the Board of Trustees of
4 Elgin Community College (ECC) since 1975, making him the most
5 senior and the longest serving trustee in the college's
6 history; during his tenure, he has held various roles and has
7 been elected chair seven times; he has also represented ECC
8 locally and nationally; at the state level, he has served as
9 ECC's representative or alternate throughout his years as a
10 trustee; in addition to numerous committee assignments, he has
11 chaired ECC's Federal Relations Committee seven times and
12 served on the Executive Committee nine times; and

13 WHEREAS, John Duffy has served ECC and community colleges
14 at large through a number of leadership roles he held in
15 national organizations; he was elected twice to the Board of
16 Directors of the Association of Community College Trustees
17 (ACCT) and appointed to the Board of Directors of the American
18 Association of Community Colleges (AACC); in addition, he
19 served on the ACCT/AACC Joint Commission on Federal Relations
20 for eight years, which he chaired in 1988 and 1989; and

21 WHEREAS, John Duffy has been a respected voice in his
22 community and affiliated with a number of professional
23 organizations, including the Illinois Association of Teachers

1 of English, the National Council of Teachers of English, the
2 Illinois Classical Conference, the American Classical League,
3 the Elgin Association of School Administrators, the Elgin
4 Teachers Association, the Illinois Education Association, and
5 the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA);
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, John Duffy has been
8 recognized for his leadership, his service to his communities,
9 and his contributions to the field of education, including
10 receiving the Outstanding Young Educator Award from the Elgin
11 Jaycees, being named the Kane County Distinguished Educator of
12 the Year, being listed among the Outstanding Young Men in
13 America, being recognized as an ACCT Outstanding Trustee for
14 the Central Region, receiving the ACCT Central Region Trustee
15 Leadership Award, and being honored as the 2002 ICCTA Trustee
16 of the Year Award; his accomplishments have led to national
17 and international recognition, and he has been featured in
18 multiple editions of Who's Who in America, Who's Who in
19 American Education, and Who's Who in the World; and

20 WHEREAS, John Duffy and his wife, Anne, are the parents of
21 four children, Jane, Paul, Sarah, and Steven; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
23 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate John Duffy on his retirement from the Elgin
2 Community College District 509 Board of Trustees after 48
3 years of service, recognize his status as the institution's
4 longest serving trustee, and thank him for his decades of hard
5 work and commitment to the college, the students, and his
6 communities; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to John Duffy as an expression of our esteem and
9 respect.