



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois College of Optometry traces its
3 origins to 1872 in Chicago; and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois College of Optometry is the oldest
5 institution of its kind in North America; and

6 WHEREAS, This venerable institution was founded by the
7 mergers of three prior institutions: the Northern Illinois
8 College of Optometry, the Monroe College of Optometry, and the
9 Chicago College of Optometry, the latter two having merged
10 their operations in 1947; and

11 WHEREAS, The single institution emerged from the historic
12 merger of Northern Illinois College of Optometry and the
13 Chicago College of Optometry on June 10, 1955; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we hail the fiftieth anniversary of the aforementioned historic
17 event in the annals of optometric education and vision care;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we salute the Board of Trustees, Dr. Arol
20 Augsburger, President, and the administration, faculty,
21 students, and alumni of the Illinois College of Optometry for
22 the spectacular contributions that they and their predecessors
23 have made to the vitality of optometric education and to the
24 historic achievement of the profession of optometry and vision
25 care in Illinois, in the nation, and throughout the world; and
26 be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
28 presented to the Board of Trustees of the Illinois College of
29 Optometry as an expression of our esteem.