



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Tommy Lee Waskom is retiring from his position as
3 professor of the School of Technology at Eastern Illinois
4 University after 38 years in education; and

5 WHEREAS, He holds a Ph.D. and an M.S. in industrial
6 education from Texas A&M University and a B.S. in Industrial
7 Education from East Texas State University; he is a Certified
8 Senior Industrial Technologist and holds several Texas teacher
9 certificates; and

10 WHEREAS, In his role at Eastern Illinois University, he has
11 been responsible for approximately three-quarters of a million
12 dollars of donations of scholarships, equipment, teaching
13 materials, and numerous funded grants; and

14 WHEREAS, He is a member of the American Welding Society,
15 the National Association of Industrial Technology, the Society
16 of Manufacturing Engineers, the Engineering Technology
17 Society, the American Society of Engineering Educators, and a
18 life member of the Texas State Teachers Association; and

19 WHEREAS, He has been the recipient of numerous honors and
20 awards; some of the highlights of his awards and honors include
21 being the recipient of the Outstanding Professor Award in 2000
22 and the Faculty Excellence Award in 1995; he was chosen as the
23 Faculty Marshall for the EIU graduation in the Spring of 2004;
24 he was Interfraternity Council Faculty Member of the Month in
25 September of 2003 and received a Certificate of Appreciation
26 from Alpha Phi Omega in 2001; and he was the Faculty Advisor
27 for the Most Outstanding NAIT Student Chapter in the nation
28 during the 1990-91 school year; he was also the recipient of
29 many honors when he taught at Texas A&M University; and

30 WHEREAS, During his career, he has been a Professor at the

1 College of Engineering at Southern Illinois University, a
2 Professor at the School of Technology at Eastern Illinois
3 University, the Acting Chair for the School of Technology at
4 Eastern Illinois University, and has also served in the role of
5 Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer,
6 Instructor, Graduate Assistant-Research, a Distributive
7 Education Coordinator, and an Instructor in Mathematics and
8 Drafting; he has served as a consultant to numerous entities,
9 has served on multiple committees, has completed several
10 research projects, and is the author of numerous publications;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Waskom has been married to Lou Ann for 39
13 years; he is the father of Rebecca A. Waskom, a graduate of
14 Texas A&M University; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Dr. Tommy Lee Waskom on the occasion of his
18 retirement from his position as professor of the School of
19 Technology at Eastern Illinois University after 38 years in
20 education; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Dr. Waskom as an expression of our sincere esteem.