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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Lake Land College
4 President Robert K. Luther on the occasion of his retirement;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, President Robert K. Luther will retire on June 30,
7 2006, after 18 years of service at the college; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Luther led a community college with a divided
9 staff at a school with a declining enrollment, a large deficit,
10 and a deteriorating campus to become a respected community
11 college that is fiscally sound; the faculty and board of
12 trustees are united, the school is now known for its beauty,
13 and it is one of the fastest growing community colleges in
14 Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, During his tenure, enrollment at the college has
16 increased by approximately 118 percent; this is due in part to
17 Dr. Luther leading the charge for Lake Land to be one of the
18 first community colleges in Illinois to incorporate distance
19 learning into its offerings and to implement an online course
20 delivery system that includes more than 160 courses developed
21 by Lake Land faculty; the school is also the largest provider
22 of postsecondary education to correctional centers in the
23 State, serving inmates at eight correctional centers in
24 Illinois; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Luther provided the leadership to develop an
26 Illinois Employment and Training Center/Workforce Development
27 Center that has been hailed by Illinois officials as the State
28 model; he is the recipient of numerous awards including the
29 Agriculture Education Advocacy Award of Illinois and the Coles
30 Together Person of the Year Award, and he was named the Mattoon
31 Chamber Citizen of the Year in 2005; and

1 WHEREAS, He previously served as president of
2 Columbia-Greene Community College in New York and was acting
3 president and vice president of Carl Sandburg College in
4 Galesburg; he holds bachelor's and master's degrees from
5 Eastern Illinois University and a doctorate from the University
6 of Michigan; he and his wife, Judy, live in Mattoon and have
7 two grown daughters and four grandsons; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate Dr. Robert K. Luther on the occasion of his
11 retirement; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Dr. Luther as an expression of our esteem.