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## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 of Illinois WHEREAS, The members the House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Robin Hambleton on 4 his service as Dean of the College of Urban Planning and Public 5 Affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and to extend 6 best wishes to him on his new position as Professor of City 7 Leadership at the University of the West of England in Bristol, 8 United Kingdom; and

- 9 WHEREAS, Robin Hambleton joined the faculty of the 10 University of Illinois at Chicago on April 1, 2002; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Robin Hambleton has been responsible for many 12 accomplishments during his tenure as Dean of CUPPA at UIC; he 13 is responsible for the outstanding progress made on the 14 implementation of CUPPA's 2010 Strategic Plan, 15 significant progress only halfway into the proposed timeline; 16 and

17 WHEREAS, Robin Hambleton has been instrumental in the rise
18 of the status and reputation of CUPPA within the fields of
19 urban planning and public administration, making UIC's Urban
20 Planning and Policy program the largest graduate planning
21 program and one of the top programs in the United States; a
22 recent comparative assessment of U.S. Public Administrative

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- 1 programs examining scholarly outputs and research performance
- 2 placed the program as the top public university program in the
- 3 country, and third overall; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Robin Hambleton was integral in the creation and
- 5 introduction of an innovative Undergraduate Degree in Urban and
- 6 Public Affairs; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Robin Hambleton has played a crucial role in the
- 8 strengthening of the national and international profile of
- 9 CUPPA and UIC; the International City Futures Conferences held
- in 2004 was the first step of a process that has seen CUPPA
- 11 re-position itself as both a national leader and a respected
- 12 global player in the field of urban and public affairs; in July
- 13 2008 the College will host the Joint Conference of the
- 14 Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning and the
- 15 Association of European Schools of Planning, an event that will
- 16 likely be the largest international conference ever held in the
- 17 US; in April 2009, the College will host the Annual Conference
- of the Urban Affairs Association; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Robin Hambleton's dedication to his profession
- 20 has truly been a model for the people of the State of Illinois;
- 21 therefore, be it
- 22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

- 1 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 2 congratulate Robin Hambleton on his service to the University
- 3 of Illinois at Chicago and on his new position at the
- 4 University of the West of England in Bristol, and wish him
- 5 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
- 6 further
- 7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 8 presented to Dean Robin Hambleton as a symbol of our esteem and
- 9 respect.