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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 Illinois WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives are pleased congratulate to the 4 administration, staff, students, and alumni of the University 5 of St. Francis (USF) on the occasion of the university's selection as a winner of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce 6 and Industry's Salute of Accomplishment award to be presented 7 8 on March 25, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The University of St. Francis was founded in 1920; the university's mission is to provide a quality education based upon the Franciscan values of Respect, Integrity, Compassion, and Service; and

WHEREAS, USF offers 38 undergraduate majors in arts and sciences, business, education, nursing and allied health, and social work programs; the university also offers 4 degree completion programs and 12 graduate programs, as well as the newly-created Doctor of Nursing Practice program; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its main campus, USF also features the Rialto City Center campus in downtown Joliet, which is currently in use by the university's Arts & Design Department, and the Health & Wellness Center in Joliet, which is the first nurse practitioner-managed center to be created in Will County;

- 1 the university also posts NAIA intercollegiate team in men's
- 2 and women's sports; and
- 3 WHEREAS, USF serves the Joliet community and beyond through
- 4 numerous cultural and educational programs through USF
- 5 Solutions: A Resource Center for Business and Community
- 6 Partnerships; and
- 7 WHEREAS, USF has been ranked in the top tier of U.S. News &
- 8 World Report's edition of "America's Best Colleges" for 5
- 9 consecutive years; the university is also noted in The
- 10 Princeton Review's "Best Colleges: Region by Region"; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The employees and students of the University of
- 12 St. Francis serves as models of hard work, integrity, and
- dedication for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore,
- 14 be it
- 15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 16 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 17 congratulate the administration, staff, students, and alumni
- 18 of the University of St. Francis (USF) on the occasion of the
- 19 university's selection as a winner of the Joliet Region Chamber
- of Commerce and Industry's Salute of Accomplishment award and
- 21 wish them continued success and happiness in the future; and be
- 22 it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 2 presented to Dr. Michael Vinciguerra, President of the
- 3 University of St. Francis, as a symbol of our esteem and
- 4 respect.