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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence was founded in 1994 as a publicly and privately-supported not-for-profit organization; the foundation was created to significantly raise Illinois' worldwide competitiveness by improving the performance of the State's institutions and businesses; and

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WHEREAS, The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence Award process is a 3-level process, consisting of the Bronze Award for Commitment to Excellence, the Silver Award for Progress Towards Excellence, and the Gold Award for Achievement of Excellence; the award process allows organizations to measure themselves against the Lincoln Foundation's Seven Criteria for Performance Excellence, patterned after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award: Leadership, Strategic Planning, Customer Focus, Measurement, Analysis and Knowledge Management, Workforce Focus, Process Management, and Results; and

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WHEREAS, The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence has awarded the 2009 Lincoln Silver Award for Progress Towards Excellence to the Memorial Health System in Springfield; and

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WHEREAS, Memorial Health System's 6 affiliates provide a

1 full range of inpatient, outpatient, home health, hospice,  
2 behavioral health, and primary care physician services; with 3  
3 hospitals and other clinics in central Illinois, Memorial  
4 deliver high-quality, patient-centered care in support of  
5 their mission to improve the health of the people and  
6 communities they serve; and

7 WHEREAS, The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence  
8 has awarded the 2009 Bronze Award for Commitment to Excellence  
9 to Black Hawk College in Moline, the Illinois Municipal  
10 Retirement Fund in Oak Brook, and St. Mary's Hospital in  
11 Decatur; and

12 WHEREAS, Black Hawk College is a comprehensive community  
13 college serving residents of Illinois Community College  
14 District #503 through 2 campuses in Moline and Kewanee, along  
15 with numerous satellite locations throughout the district; as a  
16 recognized leader in education, Black Hawk College focuses on  
17 providing the resources and environment for life-long  
18 learning; in 1998, the college's Board of Trustees began the  
19 journey toward excellence when the college responded to its  
20 first Lincoln Performance Excellence cycle; over the past 10  
21 years, the benefits of adopting a continuous quality  
22 improvement model have continued to emerge; the use of quality  
23 tools and the Baldrige continuous improvement model has  
24 improving the use of data, rather than anecdotal information,

1 in decision-making; additionally, these tools provide  
2 assurance of institutional quality to those it serves; and

3 WHEREAS, The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) has  
4 partnered with local units of government throughout Illinois to  
5 provide death, disability, and retirement benefits for working  
6 and retired public employees since 1941; today, IMRF has more  
7 than 89,000 retired members and 182,000 active members working  
8 for nearly 3,000 different units of government, including  
9 schools districts, counties, cities, villages, parks, and  
10 libraries; and

11 WHEREAS, St. Mary's Hospital is one of 13 hospitals in the  
12 Hospital Sisters Health System and is a not-for-profit  
13 organization founded in 1878; St. Mary's Hospital is an all  
14 private room healthcare facility that combines modern  
15 technology with the caring spirit of the original founding  
16 Sisters; St. Mary's is situated on an attractive 21-acre campus  
17 overlooking Lake Decatur and offers a broad spectrum of  
18 comprehensive health services, including a Tomo Therapy  
19 radiation treatment for cancer patients, a newly-revitalized  
20 radiology department, and a wide range of neuromuscular  
21 services; St. Mary's has added a number of off-site physician  
22 offices to better help serve their patients; St. Mary's also  
23 offers a wide range of community education and screening  
24 programs to diverse groups throughout the region; therefore, be

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2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the  
4 Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence and its efforts  
5 to assist Illinois organizations to strive for performance  
6 excellence and thank each of the organizations the foundation  
7 has recognized for the devotion to excellence they have  
8 demonstrated; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 presented to the Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence  
11 and to each 2009 Performance Excellence recipient as an  
12 expression of our respect and esteem.