



HR0310

LRB097 11572 GRL 54566 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate and thank Dr. Alvin Goldfarb for the many years of service he has provided during his tenure at Western Illinois University; and

3

4

5

6

WHEREAS, Alvin Goldfarb was named President of Western Illinois University in March of 2002 by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2002; and

7

8

9

WHEREAS, Dr. Goldfarb oversaw the creation of the Western Illinois University Strategic Plan: Higher Values in Higher Education, the WIU-Macomb Master Plan: Campus is the Classroom, and the WIU-Quad Cities Master Plan: Vision 2020, as well as the Technology Strategic Plan; and

10

11

12

13

14

WHEREAS, Dr. Goldfarb was instrumental in the creation of Western Illinois University's first doctoral program in education, as well as new programs in liberal arts and sciences, nursing, engineering, museum studies, forensic chemistry, and emergency management; and

15

16

17

18

19

WHEREAS, During Dr. Goldfarb's tenure at Western Illinois University, the first building of the Quad Cities Riverfront Campus, the Multicultural Center, Grote Hall, and the DPS

20

21

1 building were built; in addition, a groundbreaking for the
2 Performing Arts Center and numerous renovations took place,
3 including Memorial Hall, the student side of Hanson Field, the
4 Donald S. Spencer Recreation Center, the Wright House, the
5 Union Bookstore, and the University Union entrance; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Goldfarb oversaw the successful beginning of
7 the Capital Campaign: Set the Standard: Higher Values in Higher
8 Education; and

9 WHEREAS, During Dr. Goldfarb's tenure, Western Illinois
10 University received numerous accolades for its achievements,
11 including those from The Princeton Review, U.S. News and World
12 Report, GI Jobs, Carnegie Classification, the Presidential
13 Honor Roll for Community Service, the Southern Regional
14 Education Board, and the Educational Trust; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Goldfarb was instrumental in the creation of
16 the First Year Experience Program and the expanded cost
17 guarantee and received reaffirmation of accreditation from The
18 North Central Association for Western Illinois University
19 until 2021; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Goldfarb served in leadership roles in many
21 organizations, including chairman of the Summit League
22 Presidents Council, convener of the Illinois Public University

1 Presidents and Chancellors Council, chairman of the Illinois
2 Campus Compact, and member of the executive board of The
3 Renaissance Group; he currently serves as a member of the State
4 of Illinois Serve Illinois Commission; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Goldfarb provided noteworthy and exemplary
6 cooperation, leadership, and contributions to the communities
7 of Macomb and the Quad Cities during his tenure, including the
8 formation of the Community University Partnership Program; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Goldfarb is a co-author of the textbooks
10 "Living Theater: A History" and "Theater: The Lively Art", as
11 well as numerous other scholarly writings; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Goldfarb provided outstanding service and
13 brought pride to Western Illinois University, the WIU Board of
14 Trustees, and the State of Illinois as a result of his
15 visionary leadership and contributions to higher education;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, On June 5, 2009, Dr. Goldfarb announced his
18 retirement as President of Western Illinois University,
19 effective June 29, 2011; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate and thank Dr. Alvin Goldfarb for the invaluable
2 service he has provided during his nine-year tenure to the
3 students, faculty, and staff of Western Illinois University and
4 to the people of the State of Illinois; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Dr. Alvin Goldfarb as a symbol of our esteem and
7 respect.