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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Bill Epperly on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as a member of the Board of Trustees  
5 of Western Illinois University; and

6           WHEREAS, Trustee Epperly joined the Board on April 1, 2004  
7 and is currently the second-longest serving member of the  
8 Board; and

9           WHEREAS, Trustee Epperly served as an officer of the Board  
10 in numerous capacities, including July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005  
11 as Secretary; July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 as Secretary; July  
12 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 as Chair; July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008  
13 as Chair; July 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011 as Secretary;  
14 October 1, 2011 to October 24, 2011 as Vice-Chair; October 25,  
15 2011 to December 16, 2011 as Interim Chair; December 17, 2011  
16 to June 30, 2012 as Chair; July 1, 2012 to February 24, 2013 as  
17 Chair; and February 25, 2013 to June 30, 2013 as Chair; and

18           WHEREAS, Trustee Epperly Co-Chaired the presidential  
19 search that resulted in the hiring of President Thomas in  
20 January 2011; he also served as Chair of several committees,  
21 including the Finance Committee; and

1           WHEREAS, During Trustee Epperly's tenure, major building  
2 projects included the Multicultural Center, Grote Hall, the  
3 Thompson Hall renovation, the Corbin/Olson renovation, Quad  
4 Cities Campus Phases 1 & 2, the renovation/rehabilitation of  
5 the Student Side of Hanson Field, the University Union  
6 renovation, and the Sherman Hall cupola restoration; he has  
7 also advocated for environmental sustainability; and

8           WHEREAS, Trustee Epperly was instrumental in revamping  
9 meeting agendas in order to be more efficient and put in place  
10 the current model of how meetings function; and

11           WHEREAS, Trustee Epperly was instrumental in creating the  
12 Board's Statement of Mutual Expectations; he also was a  
13 contributor to the Board of Trustees Roles and  
14 Responsibilities, the Board of Trustees Committee Roles and  
15 Responsibilities, and the Board Self-Assessment Report Card;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, Trustee Epperly served 2 years as President of the  
18 Western Illinois University Alumni Association/Council, which  
19 he was a member of for 15 years; under his leadership, the WIU  
20 WIN program was initiated, which became a major source of  
21 association funding; and

22           WHEREAS, Trustee Epperly's last board meeting will be on

1 December 17, 2015; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 congratulate Bill Epperly on his retirement as a member of the  
5 Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University; and be it  
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to Trustee Epperly as an expression of our esteem and  
9 respect.