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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Cheryl F. Green, Ph.D. on
4 the occasion of her retirement as president of Governors State
5 University; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Green, who originally hails from Chicago,
7 earned her master's degree and her Ph.D. in Counseling
8 Psychology from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and
9 she received her bachelor's degree in psychology from
10 Manchester College, now Manchester University, in North
11 Manchester, Indiana; she also obtained several National
12 Incident Management System certificates from the U.S. Federal
13 Emergency Management Institute, and she serves as a recognized
14 leader in grievance mediation and conflict resolution; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Green has served as the sixth president of
16 Governors State University in Chicago's Southland, University
17 Park since taking the helm on July 1, 2020; during her tenure,
18 she built a lasting legacy of academic excellence coupled with
19 successful accreditation while supporting the mission of
20 Governors State University, serving as a visionary and
21 inspiring leader who has been deeply committed to advancing
22 programs, initiatives, and scholarship across the Southland
23 and the State of Illinois, advocating for equity in funding

1 and supporting social mobility; she was instrumental in
2 fostering a campus-wide culture of inclusion and belonging,
3 dedicating significant efforts to the establishment of a
4 number of initiatives, including the Honors College, the
5 College of Graduate Studies, the Latinx Center, and the Social
6 Justice Initiative Building, while also supporting a wide
7 range of educational and community outreach activities; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Green has led a distinguished career in
9 higher education for more than 36 years, previously serving as
10 vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of
11 Wisconsin Oshkosh, interim chancellor for the University of
12 Wisconsin Whitewater, and assistant vice president for student
13 affairs at Tennessee State University (TSU); before her time
14 at TSU, she served Chicago State University in a variety of
15 administrative and academic roles, including as director/chair
16 of the counseling department, inaugural dean of first-year
17 students, acting associate director of career placement, and
18 as a tenured associate professor of counseling; she also
19 served as the statewide representative for 2,700 faculty and
20 staff for seven public universities in her role as grievance
21 officer for the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI)
22 Local 4100; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Green has remained committed to making a
24 difference through her service to the community, which spans

1 the United States and has included serving on several
2 different advisory boards or boards of directors, including
3 the Manchester University Board of Trustees, the Association
4 of Governing Boards (ABG) Council of Presidents, the inaugural
5 Presidential Ambassadors Council of the Association of
6 International Education Administrators (AIEA), the Will County
7 Center for Economic Development Board of Directors, the
8 Southland Development Authority Board of Directors, the Howard
9 Hughes Medical Institute STEM Grant Advisory Board of UW
10 Madison, the Forward 50 Advisory Board for the National
11 Association of Student and Financial Aid Administrators, and
12 the Milwaukee-based Gift of Adoption Wisconsin Board of
13 Directors; she is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
14 Inc. and the Will County Black Diamond Chapter of the Top
15 Ladies of Distinction, Inc., and she is a Silver Life member of
16 the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
17 (NAACP); and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Green has received a number of accolades,
19 including being named to Crain Chicago Business's 2021 Notable
20 Black Leaders and Executives list, a Woman of First
21 Distinction by the Illinois Black Hall of Fame, one of the 2022
22 Top 50 Women Leaders of Illinois by Women We Admire, an
23 honorary grand marshal of the 2022 Bud Billiken Parade, and a
24 2023 Business Leader of Color by Chicago United; she also
25 received the 2022 Excellence in Education Award by the Central

1 Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a
2 feature in a Newsweek profile that discussed the Governors
3 State University's 2022 ranking in U.S. News & World Report
4 for being one of the top 25 best Midwest schools for social
5 mobility, and the 2023 Outstanding Commitment in Education
6 Award by the Illinois State Treasurer; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Green is widely respected and admired by
8 Governors State University students, faculty, staff,
9 administration, the board of trustees, professional
10 colleagues, and the broader academic community for her
11 exceptional leadership, steadfast dedication, and significant
12 contributions to higher education throughout her tenure as
13 president; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Green will retire at the end of February
15 2025; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate Cheryl F. Green, Ph.D. on the occasion of her
19 retirement, recognize her extraordinary contributions to
20 Governors State University and the State of Illinois, and
21 thank her for exceptional guidance, unwavering dedication, and
22 servant leadership; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Dr. Green as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.