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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate Brian W. Caputo, Ph.D. on the occasion of his retirement as president of College of DuPage; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo earned a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a Master of Science in Accountancy from DePaul University, and both a Master of Public Administration and a Ph.D. with fields of study in public administration, public policy, and government finance from Northern Illinois University (NIU); he is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO); and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 22 years, where he specialized in human resources and financial management and led numerous command assignments, before retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Before coming to College of DuPage, Dr. Caputo served as chief financial officer/city treasurer of the City of Aurora for nearly 19 years; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo's career in higher education includes positions as a full-time faculty member at Central Michigan

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1 University and an adjunct professor at NIU; he has also served
2 as a lecturer in numerous academic and professional
3 capacities, including teaching classes in accountancy at
4 College of DuPage; and

5 WHEREAS, Prior to his appointment as president of College
6 of DuPage, Dr. Caputo served as vice president for
7 administrative affairs and chief financial officer; upon
8 becoming president in July 2019, he implemented his Strategic
9 Long-Range Plan to encourage student success and to establish
10 the arts, culture, community engagement, economic development,
11 and organizational culture as essential pillars of the
12 college; and

13 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Dr. Caputo sought to advance
14 student success through the implementation of College of
15 DuPage's Guided Pathways Initiative, a framework designed to
16 help students effectively choose, enter, and complete a
17 program of study that aligns with their goals for employment
18 and further education, and was deeply involved in the
19 college's Project Hire-Ed, a workforce development program to
20 better align post-secondary education with workforce skill
21 requirements through partnerships with area employers; seeking
22 to close achievement gaps that currently exist for students of
23 color and those who are underserved by 2025, he led the
24 development of college's first equity plan in early 2020,

1 serving as presiding officer of the Equity and Access Team to
2 further aid the plan's implementation; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo has further served College of DuPage
4 and the surrounding community through supporting the creation
5 of Innovation DuPage, a business incubator-accelerator
6 designed to promote economic growth by leveraging partnerships
7 with public and private entities, and he presently serves as a
8 director of Choose DuPage, the county's economic development
9 agency; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo has previously served as a member of
11 the Commission on Structured Pathways of the American
12 Association of Community Colleges, and he has served as a
13 member on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board since
14 2015; he is a peer accreditation reviewer with the Higher
15 Learning Commission, and he also represents College of DuPage
16 on the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents and
17 chairs the council's Credential Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo has received several accolades,
19 including being named the 2014 Government CFO of the Year by
20 The Daily Herald Business Ledger, receiving the Model
21 Administrator Award from The Greater Chicago Chapter of the
22 American Society for Public Administration in 2018, and being
23 recognized as a Notable Veteran Executive by Crain's Chicago

1 Business in 2020; and

2 WHEREAS, Outside of his professional duties, Dr. Caputo
3 has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for
4 decades; an Eagle Scout himself, he recently served as the
5 president of the Three Fires Council of the BSA; for his
6 distinguished service to the community, he received the 2021
7 Outstanding Eagle Scout Award from the National Eagle Scout
8 Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Caputo and his wife, Karen, are the parents
10 of three children, Brian Jr., Gregory, and Katherine;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Brian
14 W. Caputo, Ph.D. on his retirement as president of College of
15 DuPage, and we wish him the best in all his future endeavors;
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Dr. Caputo as a symbol of our esteem and respect.