

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Dr. John J.
6 Swalec is retiring from his duties as President of Waubonsee
7 Community College; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Swalec received his bachelor's, master's and
9 doctorate degrees from Illinois State University; in
10 addition, he completed graduate courses at the University of
11 Illinois and Northern Illinois University; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Swalec began his career in education as
13 Department Chairman at Joliet Community College, and as Dean
14 of Moraine Valley Community College from 1960 until 1972;
15 from 1972 until 1977, he served as the Associate Director on
16 the Illinois Community College Board in Springfield,
17 Illinois; from 1977 until 1981, he served as vice-president
18 for Educational Affairs at the College of Lake County in
19 Grayslake, Illinois; and he has been serving Waubonsee
20 Community College as its President since 1981; and

21 WHEREAS, During his extensive career in education, Dr.
22 Swalec has accepted several professional appointments,
23 including chairman of the American Association of Community
24 Colleges Commission on Teaching, Learning, and Technology,
25 co-chair of the Higher Education Technology Task Force, chair
26 of the Technology Committee, chair of the Fox Valley
27 Educational Alliance, chair of the Illinois Community College
28 Board Telecommunications Taskforce, chair of the Skyway
29 Conference, chair of the ICCB Telecommunications Committee,
30 chair of the Board of Directors for the Valley Industrial
31 Association, chair of the Greater Aurora Chamber of Commerce,
32 chair of the Corridor Partnership for Excellence in

1 Education, chair of the Legislative Committee at Illinois
2 Community College Council of Presidents, chair of the
3 Corridor Partnership for Excellence in Education Legislative
4 Committee, chair of the National Commission on Communication
5 and Technology, chair of the AACC Special Commission for
6 Accountability and Productivity; chair of the Illinois
7 Community College President's Technology Committee, and as
8 co-chair of the Illinois Century Network Task Force; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Swalec has also been a member of the IBHE
10 Telecommunications Committee, the Economic Development
11 Committee, the Aurora Downtown Development Corporation, the
12 Capital Advisory Committee of the Illinois Community College
13 Board, the Finance Committee, the Merchants Bancorp Loan,
14 Audit and Marketing Committee, the Doctoral Advisory Council
15 at Illinois State University, the Aurora Union League, the
16 Aurora Elks, the Aurora Moose, the Aurora Rotary Club, the
17 Copley Long Range Planning Committee, the State of Illinois
18 Athletic Board, the Illinois Video Education Network Task
19 Force, the Engineering Committee for Illinois Century Network
20 the Board of American Association of Community Colleges, the
21 National Junior College Athletic Association, and the NJCAA
22 Executive Committee; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Swalec has been the recipient of several
24 awards and commendations, including the Illinois Education
25 Administrator of the year in 1996 from the Illinois
26 Association of Office Personnel and the CEO of the year in
27 1990 from the Midwest Regional, American Association of
28 Community College Trustees; he was the recipient of the
29 Distinguished Service Award in 1988 of the Illinois State
30 Alumnus Club, the Alumni Achievement Award in 1987, the Man
31 of the year in 1985, the Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee of
32 Licensure in 1979; he was inducted into the Wrestling Hall of
33 Fame at Illinois State University in 1981, and he was elected

1 American Association of Community Colleges Presidential
2 Representative to National Junior College Athletic
3 Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Swalec's is supported by his very proud and
5 loving family, which includes his wife, Margaret, and his
6 children, Martha, Karen, Jill, and Cindy; and

7 WHEREAS, The Waubensee Community College Board of
8 Trustees will honor the outstanding career of Dr. John Swalec
9 on May 1, 2001; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Dr. John Swalec on his retirement from his
13 duties as President of Waubensee Community College; and we
14 wish him well in all of his future endeavors; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
17 Dr. John J. Swalec as an expression of our esteem.