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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Andrade, Harris*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating R. Louie  
2           Gonzalez on his retirement.

3           *Whereas, R. Louie Gonzalez has spent a lifetime serving the*  
4           *community of Northwest Indiana, where he has spent most of*  
5           *his 42-year professional career working in higher education;*

6           *Whereas, He graduated from Calumet College of St. Joseph,*  
7           *earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Business*  
8           *Administration, and received a Master's Degree in Public*  
9           *Administration from Indiana University Northwest;*

10          *Whereas, His career began as a recruiter for both Calumet*  
11          *College and Indiana University Northwest, and that work is*  
12          *how he discovered his calling to serve in higher education;*

13          *Whereas, In 2023, after more than 35 years of service, Louie*

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1     *retired from Ivy Tech Community College, the largest singly*  
2     *accredited community college in the country;*

3             *Whereas, During his time at Ivy Tech, he served in many*  
4     *roles, including as President of the East Chicago Campus for*  
5     *10 years, and as Chancellor of the newly formed Lake County*  
6     *Campus overseeing the Gary, East Chicago, and Crown Point*  
7     *locations from 2017 to 2023;*

8             *Whereas, As Chancellor, he successfully organized the three*  
9     *locations, Gary, East Chicago, and Crown Point, into one*  
10    *cohesive campus operation, which now serves from 3,700 to*  
11    *4,100 students, with 250 employees and a budget of*  
12    *approximately \$20 million;*

13            *Whereas, Under his leadership, Ivy Tech's Lake County*  
14    *campuses have launched the largest welding lab out of all 19*  
15    *Ivy Tech campuses and a new cybersecurity program through*  
16    *Calumet College of St. Joseph;*

17            *Whereas, Although he has retired from Ivy Tech, Louie*  
18    *Gonzalez continues his life of faith, service, and dedication*  
19    *through his work in ministry and by serving on the boards of*  
20    *the Urban League of Northwest Indiana, Community*  
21    *Foundation of Northwest Indiana, St. Catherine Hospital,*  
22    *Calumet College of Saint Joseph, and Valparaiso University;*  
23    *and*

24            *Whereas, R. Louie Gonzalez has shown a passion for higher*  
25    *education and ensuring that all Hoosiers have access to a*  
26    *strong and enriching education: Therefore,*

27                    *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
28                    *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

29            SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
30    congratulates R. Louie Gonzalez on his retirement.

31            SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
32    Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to State  
33    Representative Mike Andrade for distribution.

