

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UIC JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague Representative DANNY K. DAVIS, to recognize the establishment of Chicago's first and only public law school, the UIC John Marshall Law School.

In July 2018, the boards of trustees of the University of Illinois and The John Marshall Law School voted to approve the acquisition of The John Marshall Law School by UIC. The inaugural class matriculated this fall.

UIC is Chicago's only public research university and one of the most diverse universities in the nation. UIC is an integral part of Chicago's educational, technological, and cultural fabric. The John Marshall Law School, founded in 1899, has been a pioneer in legal education with top-ranked programs in lawyering skills, trial advocacy, and intellectual property. It is one of the most diverse law schools in the country and has a long history of providing pro bono services. Both UIC and The John Marshall Law School have track records of excellence in research and scholarship, access for underserved students, and service to Chicago and its people.

The acquisition provides current and prospective law students with a more affordable legal education and enhanced student services, including access to health care services, recreational facilities, residence halls, and college athletics. Additionally, this acquisition will create opportunities for interdisciplinary courses and new joint and dual-degree programs.

The establishment of the UIC John Marshall Law School complements other University efforts to advance innovation and opportunity in higher education. These efforts include the recent openings of UIC's Engineering Innovation Building and Academic and Residential Complex to address UIC's continued growth and record enrollment gains.

As a 1996 graduate of the John Marshall Law School, I am excited to express my support for the UIC John Marshall Law School. My colleague, Congressman DANNY K. DAVIS, who represents UIC, shares in this excitement. We extend the best of luck to both institutions as they welcome their first class.