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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize the 75th anniversary of the  
4 founding of the Chicago Vocational Career Academy; and

5           WHEREAS, Chicago Vocational Career Academy or Chicago  
6 Vocational High School is commonly known as CVCA or CVS;  
7 CVCA/CSV is a public four-year vocational high school located  
8 in the Avalon Park neighborhood on the south side of Chicago;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, CVCA/CSV opened in 1941, but the outbreak of World  
11 War II caused a change in plan; the school would be a  
12 vocational school, but under the control of the United States  
13 Navy, where many mechanics would build and repair aircraft;  
14 after the war, the school was instrumental in helping returning  
15 veterans to earn their diploma; and

16           WHEREAS, In February of 1946, the academic classes returned  
17 with the Navy officially "handing back the keys" to the school  
18 on April 30, 1946; 1946 also saw the admittance of the first  
19 women to the school; CVCA/CSV started offering night courses to  
20 help returning veterans; and

21           WHEREAS, The Navy left behind an aircraft hangar, and a

1 small number of aircraft; the school continued to teach  
2 aviation maintenance until 1995; and

3 WHEREAS, Notable alumni of CVCA/CVS include author and  
4 radio host, Michael Baisden; rap artist, Yung Berg; former  
5 Chicago Bears linebacker, Dick Butkus; CEO of LM Capital  
6 Corporation, Leslie M. Corley; former MLB player, Lou Collier;  
7 former MLB player, Marvin Freeman; court reporter, Teri C.  
8 Gibson; comedian, Robert L. Hines; former minor league baseball  
9 player, DeMarlo Hale; former NBA player, Juwan Howard;  
10 comedian, Bernie Mac; former NFL player, Keena Turner; former  
11 Chicago Bears linebacker, Chris Zorich; Director of White House  
12 Political Affairs and Director of White House Office of Public  
13 Liaison under President Clinton, Minyon Moore; and former  
14 Illinois State Representative for the 75th District, John  
15 Anthony; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 recognize the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Chicago  
19 Vocational Career Academy; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we declare December 15, 2016 as CVCA/CVS Day  
21 in the State of Illinois; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to CVCA/CVS as an expression of our esteem and  
2 respect.