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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Chicago High School  
4 for Agriculture Sciences on the occasion of the 175th  
5 anniversary of the founding of its farm, located at 111th  
6 Street and Pulaski Road; and

7           WHEREAS, The farm, consisting of 129 acres, was purchased  
8 by the Chicago Board of Education for \$79 on December 11, 1846,  
9 as they forecasted the extension of the city limits to distant  
10 points where schools would be needed; the land was leased for  
11 farming, and although the technology used has changed over the  
12 years, some things do not; the farm, now just under 79 acres  
13 after sections were sold, still grows corn, still has a market  
14 garden, and still hosts a farm stand; and

15           WHEREAS, The land has not fundamentally changed since  
16 1846, though the community surrounding it certainly has; Mount  
17 Greenwood was first populated in 1830 but did not experience a  
18 notable influx of settlers until the 1893 World's Columbian  
19 Exposition; and

20           WHEREAS, In the early 1980s, the Chicago Board of  
21 Education was considering selling the land to real estate  
22 developers; the Citizen's Committee to Save Chicago's Last

1 Farm was formed, and in response, the board announced a new  
2 plan in 1983; and

3 WHEREAS, Based on a first of its kind successful  
4 agricultural sciences high school in Philadelphia, the Chicago  
5 High School for Agriculture Sciences was created in 1985 and  
6 received more than 500 applications for approximately 150  
7 freshmen openings; the school was designed to offer college  
8 preparatory and vocational education, with coursework devoted  
9 to horticulture, food science, landscape design, and other  
10 agriculture topics; and

11 WHEREAS, To date, the Chicago High School for Agricultural  
12 Sciences has an enrollment of approximately 800 students, and  
13 to commemorate the historic 175th anniversary of the school's  
14 farm, some of the students have created then-and-now photos  
15 for display; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we congratulate the Chicago High School for Agriculture  
19 Sciences on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the  
20 founding of its farm; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences

1 as a symbol of our respect and esteem.