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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Glenwood Academy was co-founded by Robert Todd
3 Lincoln, son of President Abraham Lincoln, in 1887; the academy
4 has earned a reputation of excellence for 125 years by changing
5 the lives of over 18,000 children; and

6 WHEREAS, Glenwood Academy integrates a rigorous academic
7 program with a nurturing boarding model that teaches social and
8 leadership skills in a structured environment, including
9 on-campus cottages that house students along with houseparents
10 who provide the necessary discipline, support, and nurturing in
11 a family-like community; and

12 WHEREAS, Glenwood Academy students are willing and able to
13 learn, but are constrained by difficult socio-economic
14 situations; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the course of its history, Glenwood Academy
16 has responded to the pressing needs of children and society at
17 large through its many name changes, including the Illinois
18 Training School for Boys in 1887, the Glenwood Manual Training
19 School in 1911, and the Glenwood School for Boys in 1948; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2002, the Trustees of Glenwood School for Boys
21 expanded the mission of the school to serve both at-risk boys

1 and girls, thereby becoming known as Glenwood School for Boys
2 and Girls; and

3 WHEREAS, Glenwood Academy is the only boarding school of
4 its kind that provides a safe and nurturing environment for
5 at-risk children throughout the Chicagoland area by offering a
6 holistic program for children to Live, Learn, and Succeed; and

7 WHEREAS, Children generally come to Glenwood Academy with
8 academic achievement scores 2 years below grade level; with the
9 support of teachers and staff, 85% of eighth grade students in
10 the class of 2011 scored at or above the national average
11 percentile in reading, math, and language; and

12 WHEREAS, 95% of all the students that graduate from
13 Glenwood Academy's program go on to higher education, the
14 military, or specialized training schools; and

15 WHEREAS, Glenwood Academy continues to be successful in
16 raising the academic success of at-risk boys and girls from the
17 Chicagoland area; and

18 WHEREAS, Glenwood Academy is currently celebrating its
19 125th anniversary; on May 19, 2012, the academy will celebrate
20 its 116th Flag Day and Graduation ceremonies; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we designate the date of May 19, 2012 as Glenwood Academy Day
4 in the State of Illinois and urge the citizens of this State to
5 celebrate Glenwood's success on behalf of at-risk children and
6 their families, its distinguished alumni, and the students it
7 will serve in the future; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Glenwood Academy as a symbol of our esteem and
10 respect.