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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Reverend Christopher
4 J. Devron as he leaves Christ the King Jesuit College Prep; and

5 WHEREAS, A Chicago native, Rev. Christopher Devron is the
6 founding president of Christ the King Jesuit College Prep.; and

7 WHEREAS, Rev. Christopher Devron earned a bachelors of arts
8 in philosophy and government from the University of Notre Dame
9 in 1989 and entered the Society of Jesus in 1991; he earned a
10 masters of arts in the history of philosophy from Loyola
11 University in Chicago, a masters of divinity from the Weston
12 Jesuit School of Theology, and a masters of arts in theology
13 with a concentration in African-American religious experience
14 through coursework at Harvard Divinity School and the Institute
15 for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, From 1995 to 1996, Rev. Christopher Devron was
18 executive director of the Inner-City Teaching Corps in Chicago,
19 which recruits recent college graduates to teach in inner-city
20 schools throughout the city; he taught for a year at the
21 Gonzaga Middle School program in Harlem, and created a
22 scholarship program to assist Gonzaga graduates attend private

1 high schools; afterwards he was assigned as director of the
2 Loyola Youth Center in Crown Heights, Brooklyn; and

3 WHEREAS, Following his ordination in 2001, Rev.
4 Christopher Devron worked as the founding director of
5 Recruiting Excellence for Academics in Catholic High Schools
6 (REACH), to identify, recruit, and financially assist
7 academically gifted middle school boys to attend Regis and
8 other top Jesuit high schools in New York; he has also taught
9 theology and worked as a campus minister and chair of the
10 committee on diversity at Regis, served as a weekend associate
11 at the Church of St. Joseph in Harlem, and published articles
12 in America, The Tablet, the Journal of Popular Culture, and
13 BustedHalo.com; and

14 WHEREAS, Rev. Christopher Devron is listed in Who's Who of
15 American Teachers and Educators; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we recognize Reverend Christopher J. Devron founding president
19 of Christ the King Jesuit College Prep as he leaves the school;
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Rev. Christopher Devron as an expression of our

1 esteem and respect.