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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Noel McNally on the
4 occasion of his retirement as principal of Jackie Vaughn
5 Occupational High School; and

6 WHEREAS, Noel McNally has served as principal of Jackie
7 Vaughn Occupational High School from August 1, 2015 until his
8 retirement in July of 2021 and has been working in the Chicago
9 Public School system for over 20 years; he served as principal
10 at Byrne Elementary School from 2013 to 2015 and as assistant
11 principal at Grimes Elementary School from 2012 to 2013; he
12 taught special education at Grimes Elementary School from 2005
13 to 2012; prior to that he worked at Mt. Vernon Elementary
14 School as dean of students and a teacher; in 2001, he joined
15 Chicago Alternative Learning Academy-North as director; and

16 WHEREAS, Noel McNally's early career was spent working at
17 Taft High School, Agassiz Elementary School, Diamond
18 Development, Summerset House, and the Association House of
19 Chicago; and

20 WHEREAS, Noel McNally was instrumental in pushing for
21 legislation that allows all high school students with
22 intellectual disabilities to gain access to junior college by

1 offering school district support for dual-enrollment; and

2 WHEREAS, Noel McNally's legacy will endure long after he
3 leaves Vaughn; he promoted a change in mindset to encompass a
4 "we can do it" attitude; he encouraged all adults to put an
5 emphasis on speaking and listening skills so students could
6 engage, to the fullest extent possible, in learning, work, and
7 life; he worked with local elected officials to develop
8 relationships with businesses in the community to introduce
9 them to the talents of the students at Vaughn, demonstrating
10 how these students could be an asset; and

11 WHEREAS, Noel McNally's education includes a Certificate
12 of Advanced Study in Administration from National Louis
13 University, a Master of Science in Special Education from
14 Northeastern Illinois University, and a Bachelor of Science in
15 Elementary Education from DePaul University; and

16 WHEREAS, Noel McNally is an avid fan of the Chicago Bears
17 and also supports the Cubs, the Blackhawks, and the Bulls; he
18 enjoys spending time with his wife, Michele, and twins,
19 Michael and Megan, boating near their home on the Chicago
20 River; he enjoys listening to live music, cooking, and taking
21 walks with the youngest family member, Cherry the Dog; he
22 cheers on Michael at all of his football and baseball games and
23 helps Megan compose and record songs; he plays the harmonica,

1 prefers wearing hats and shorts, and always looks forward to
2 going on family vacations where he can spend time in nature; he
3 prioritizes dining out and trying all types of ethnic cuisine;
4 he frequently goes on Dunkin' Donuts coffee runs but also sips
5 Starbucks "Flat White"; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Noel McNally on his retirement as principal of
9 Jackie Vaughn Occupational High School, and we wish him the
10 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Noel McNally as a symbol of our respect and
13 esteem.