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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, CU One to One Mentoring was founded by Barbara Linder in 1994 at Urbana Middle School and Bottenfield Elementary School; and

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WHEREAS, CU One to One Mentoring has grown from 38 mentor pairs in 1994 to 670 pairs in 2014; and

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WHEREAS, CU One to One Mentoring meets all elements of a quality mentoring program including: 1) Screening procedures - fingerprint and DCFS check, interview, application, and reference check; 2) Commitment requirement - minimum of one year, one hour a week during the school year; 3) Training - 2 hours of initial training, plus orientation; 4) Matching - arrangement and documentation of matches; 5) Support - Mentor/mentee check-ins and evaluations, ongoing training for mentors; and 6) Closure - Formal policy and exit interview; and

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WHEREAS, CU One to One Mentoring is a cross-district program with both Champaign and Urbana public schools that is a part of the strategic plan for both districts and is fully funded by both districts; and

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WHEREAS, CU One to One Mentoring uses community-based mentors who generally begin with a mentee who is in 3rd to 7th

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1 grade and is expected to follow the child through high school
2 graduation; scholarships are awarded to all high school
3 graduates who have been with a mentor for at least 3 years; 156
4 mentees have graduated over the last 10 years with an average
5 of 7.3 years with their mentor; and

6 WHEREAS, CU One to One Mentoring brings local community
7 members and businesses into the schools, with many businesses
8 providing mentors each year; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we recognize the positive work being done by CU One to One
12 Mentoring and designate November 13, 2014 as "CU One to One
13 Mentoring Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to CU One to One Mentoring as an expression of our
16 esteem and respect.