

By: Representative Vaught

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS VETERANS HEALTHCARE  
SYSTEM WOOD LATHE PEN TURNING PROGRAM.

### Subtitle

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VETERANS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM WOOD LATHE PEN  
TURNING PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System Wood Lathe Pen Turning Program ("CAVHS wood turning program") officially began in April 2015, but the idea for the program actually began in November 2014; and

WHEREAS, the CAVHS wood turning program was developed to benefit the veterans in the CAVHS Community Living Center; has specific objectives including community integration, sensory stimulation, increased balance, accomplishment, and skill development; and has interventions related to memory, attention, sequencing, and gross and fine motor skills; and

WHEREAS, benefits that veterans receive from this program include increased self-esteem and self-confidence, improved gross and fine motor control in the arms and hands, increased attention span, better ability to follow simple and complex instructions, and a sense of purpose through creating a useful item; and

WHEREAS, the program has grown under the leadership of Alyssa Welch, and now has 9 lathes, adaptive lathe stands, an abundance of equipment, modified tools, and the needed supplies that have aided veterans in



completing over 1000 pens from April 2015 to now; and the equipment are thanks to a community partnership with businesses, the Ozark Woodturners club, the Central Arkansas Pen Turners, and over 20 dedicated volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the CAVHS wood turning program is 100% donor supported; has had 750 veterans participate in the program; has turned out 3000 items, including pens, key rings, key fobs, bottle stoppers, Christmas ornaments, and spinning tops; averages about 15 completed items per week; and trained 25 veterans to become woodturning hobbyists,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System Wood Lathe Pen Turning Program and applaud its efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, Voluntary Service, 2200 Fort Roots Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114, by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.