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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Neighborhood Housing
4 Services of Chicago, Inc. (NHS) on 49 years of serving as
5 advocates for economic inclusion and working to close the
6 racial wealth gap through homeownership; and

7 WHEREAS, NHS believes decent, safe, and affordable housing
8 is a human right, part of the American dream, and should be
9 available to all; and

10 WHEREAS, NHS has leveraged the expertise of many, working
11 with residents, community organizations, and corporate
12 partners to renew neighborhoods and rehabilitate homes
13 throughout the entire Chicago metropolitan area and Cook
14 County; and

15 WHEREAS, NHS helps first-time homebuyers through homebuyer
16 education, down payment assistance programs, and affordable
17 mortgage options; and

18 WHEREAS, NHS provides support and financial guidance to
19 those suffering under the crushing burden of student loan
20 debt; and

1 WHEREAS, NHS is committed to helping working families
2 strengthen their neighborhoods through community building,
3 real estate development, and housing policy; and

4 WHEREAS, NHS realizes that many have suffered due to
5 discriminatory practices and imbalanced lending practices,
6 particularly in some of the most challenging areas, and that
7 these practices contribute significantly to the persistent
8 racial wealth gap that NHS seeks to eliminate; and

9 WHEREAS, Housing quality serves as a visual and tangible
10 indicator of the health of a community and represents one of
11 the largest assets a neighborhood can cultivate and develop;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Homeownership brings stability to neighborhoods
14 decimated by decades of divestment; and

15 WHEREAS, NHS is at the forefront of creating the next
16 generation of affordable homes designed to accommodate the
17 ever-changing needs of today's families while being conscious
18 of the environmental responsibilities and challenges of the
19 future; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Inc.
2 (NHS) on 49 years of advocating for economic inclusion and
3 working to close the racial wealth gap through homeownership,
4 and we wish them many more successful years; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to NHS as a symbol of our respect and esteem.