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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Neighborhood Housing
4 Services of Chicago (NHS) on its 50th anniversary to be
5 celebrated at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry on
6 Saturday, March 15, 2025; and

7 WHEREAS, For five decades, NHS has been a champion for
8 economic inclusion and a tireless advocate for closing the
9 racial wealth gap through the transformative power of
10 homeownership; and

11 WHEREAS, Under the visionary leadership of current
12 President and CEO Anthony Simpkins, NHS continues to build on
13 its legacy of empowering communities, addressing systemic
14 inequities, and fostering long-term economic stability for
15 families across the Chicago metropolitan area; and

16 WHEREAS, NHS firmly believes that decent, safe, and
17 affordable housing is a fundamental human right, an integral
18 part of the American dream, and should be accessible to all;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, NHS has harnessed the expertise and collaboration
21 of residents, community organizations, and corporate partners

1 to revitalize neighborhoods and rehabilitate homes across the
2 Chicago metropolitan area and Cook County; and

3 WHEREAS, NHS has empowered first-time home buyers through
4 home buyer education, down payment assistance programs, and
5 affordable mortgage options, opening doors to homeownership
6 for countless families; and

7 WHEREAS, NHS remains deeply committed to assisting working
8 families in strengthening their communities through community
9 building, real estate development, and advocacy for equitable
10 housing policies; and

11 WHEREAS, NHS has been at the forefront of addressing the
12 impacts of discriminatory lending practices and systemic
13 inequities that have disproportionately affected communities
14 of color, contributing to the persistent racial wealth gap it
15 seeks to eliminate; and

16 WHEREAS, High-quality housing serves as a powerful
17 indicator of a community's overall health and prosperity and
18 represents one of the largest assets a neighborhood can
19 cultivate and grow; and

20 WHEREAS, Homeownership fosters stability and
21 revitalization in neighborhoods that have suffered from

1 decades of divestment and neglect; and

2 WHEREAS, NHS is leading the way in creating the next
3 generation of affordable housing, designed to meet the
4 evolving needs of modern families while addressing critical
5 environmental responsibilities and challenges of the future;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago (NHS)
10 on its remarkable 50 years of service and its unwavering
11 commitment to economic inclusion and racial equity through
12 homeownership; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we commend NHS President and CEO Anthony
14 Simpkins for his outstanding leadership in advancing the
15 organization's mission; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to NHS as an expression of our admiration and deep
18 respect for their impactful work and enduring legacy.