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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Footwork is a dynamic, influential cultural art
3 form that was born in the neighborhoods of Illinois and shaped
4 by the creativity and resilience of Black youth on the South
5 and West Sides of Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, This unique dance form, known for its fast-paced,
7 intricate foot movement and improvisational style, has grown
8 into a global artistic movement while remaining deeply
9 connected to its roots in the communities of Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, Footwork has served as a powerful platform for
11 creative expression, youth empowerment, and community unity,
12 offering an outlet that fosters discipline, self-confidence,
13 and positive identity among young people; and

14 WHEREAS, For decades, footwork artists, musicians, and
15 educators across the State have contributed to its
16 preservation and growth through mentorship, workshops,
17 performances, and international collaborations; and

18 WHEREAS, The initiative to officially recognize and
19 celebrate this cultural legacy through Footwork Appreciation
20 Month is being led by the Creative Network, the website
21 ChicagoFootwork.com, and community leader Jeremy Young,

1 entities that continue to elevate the voices of local artists
2 and advocate for greater support of homegrown cultural
3 traditions; and

4 WHEREAS, Honoring footwork on a statewide level affirms
5 the importance of community-based art, the enduring legacy of
6 Black cultural innovation in Illinois, and the role of
7 creative expression in strengthening civic life; therefore, be
8 it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we declare August 2026 as Footwork Appreciation Month in the
12 State of Illinois; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we encourage state agencies, educational
14 institutions, community organizations, and the public at large
15 to recognize, celebrate, and support footwork as an essential
16 and vibrant part of the cultural heritage of Illinois.