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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Dion's Chicago Dream (DCD), founded by Englewood
3 native and United States Navy veteran Dion Dawson in 2020, is a
4 non-profit social enterprise that combats food insecurity
5 through a logistics-first model, delivering fresh produce
6 directly to households across Chicagoland while centering
7 quality, dignity, and consistency in service; DCD's flagship
8 Dream Deliveries program provides five days worth of fresh
9 fruits and vegetables straight to residents' doorsteps,
10 immediately improving household food security; and

11 WHEREAS, DCD's innovative "last-mile" approach has been
12 profiled and recognized regionally and nationally for
13 reimagining the traditional, queue-based food distribution
14 model, replacing lines and limited hours with direct-to-door
15 delivery and dignified access and integrating with health and
16 Food-Is-Medicine partners to support prevention and better
17 outcomes; and

18 WHEREAS, DCD has grown from an early community fridge to a
19 county-wide engine for health equity, with program components
20 including Dream Deliveries, which are direct home deliveries,
21 and the Dream Vault, which is an Amazon-style locker that
22 allows recipients to retrieve a full produce box using a
23 unique code, extending the access and reach of last-mile

1 logistics; and

2 WHEREAS, The Dream Vault earned the 2023 Chicago
3 Innovation Award, one of the region's highest honors for
4 innovation, and it has been highlighted by civic and community
5 institutions for modernizing food access infrastructure; and

6 WHEREAS, DCD's measurable impact includes millions of
7 pounds of fresh produce delivered across the Chicago region
8 since 2020, with more than 5.1 million pounds publicly
9 documented by mid-2025, and sustained service coverage across
10 more than half of Cook County ZIP codes, in excess of 180,
11 proving that county-scale logistics capacity can meet
12 households where they are; and

13 WHEREAS, DCD's model creates local jobs alongside
14 nutrition access and living-wage roles for drivers, packers,
15 and dispatch workers, and operations have been highlighted by
16 workforce and impact investors as an example of social
17 enterprise delivering both economic mobility and health equity
18 in historically under-resourced neighborhoods; and

19 WHEREAS, In national recognition of its nutrition-forward,
20 activity-supportive community impact, DCD was selected as a
21 2024 President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition
22 Community Leadership Awardee, joining a select group of U.S.

1 organizations honored for advancing community well-being
2 through fitness and nutrition programming; and

3 WHEREAS, Dion Dawson, the chief dreamer of DCD, has been
4 recognized as a TED Fellow, an Echoing Green Fellow, and an
5 Aspen Food Leaders Fellow, honored by the Rockefeller
6 Foundation, and named as a member of Crain's Chicago Business
7 2025 40 Under 40 class of civic leaders, reflecting local,
8 national, and global acknowledgment of Chicago-born innovation
9 that blends logistics, data, and resident-informed design to
10 transform food access; he has also been tapped by leading
11 institutions for thought leadership and systems change; and

12 WHEREAS, DCD's mission and methods prioritize health
13 equity, preventative care, and economic opportunity,
14 demonstrating how modern logistics, direct-to-consumer
15 delivery, and smart access points can reduce barriers to
16 healthy food, support chronic disease prevention, and put
17 dignity and agency back into the hands of residents;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we commend Dion's Chicago Dream (DCD) for the organization's
22 pioneering leadership in last-mile, direct-to-door produce
23 delivery, its innovation in access infrastructure, including

1 the Dream Vault, its job creation and local wealth-building,
2 and its demonstrable contribution to health equity in
3 Illinois; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we commend DCD's sustained weekly service
5 to households across well over 50% of ZIP codes in the
6 organization's Cook County service area, its
7 multi-million-pound distribution since 2020, and its role as a
8 trailblazer in the Food-Is-Medicine movement, setting a
9 standard for consistency, accountability, and dignity in
10 public-interest logistics; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
12 presented to the founder and chief dreamer of DCD, Dion
13 Dawson, and the Dream Team of DCD as a symbol of our esteem and
14 respect.