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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Most of the City of Chicago is divided
3 economically into rich or poor; economic segregation
4 concentrates not only the poor, but also the wealthy; the
5 growth of concentrated poverty on the City's South and West
6 sides and the decline of Chicago's middle class means that
7 other areas must, in contrast, have concentrated wealth; and

8 WHEREAS, When poverty rates and segregation are high in
9 metropolitan areas, those regions perform worse economically
10 relative to less segregated areas; regions segregated by race
11 as well as skills have slower rates of income growth and
12 property value appreciation; and

13 WHEREAS, Chicago ranks third on the list of cities with
14 isolated wealth, behind Boston and Philadelphia; and

15 WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Planning Council has been
16 working on a range of efforts to spur healthy, mixed-income
17 communities; for a decade, they have been working with 9
18 regional housing authorities through the Regional Housing
19 Initiative to provide subsidies for affordable housing in
20 low-poverty communities near transit; recent changes to the
21 Chicago's Affordable Requirements Ordinance will result in
22 more affordable housing in market-rate buildings in

1 high-income communities; and

2 WHEREAS, The Chicago Housing Authority is increasingly
3 partnering with developers in profitable real estate markets to
4 place public housing units in North Side neighborhoods; and

5 WHEREAS, Chicago TREND is embarking on an ambitious
6 strategy to bring retail to underserved communities, thus
7 better serving existing residents and increasing the
8 likelihood of attracting new services; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 urge the City of Chicago to continue to utilize all resources
12 available to it to decrease the economic segregation that
13 plagues the City and to create a strong middle class; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That Chicago will no longer be a city divided,
16 but a city connected; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel.