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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Community Development Sustainable Solutions's
3 Stephanie Bush, Terrance Taylor, Tracy Johnson, and Shamika
4 Croom continue their Peace Initiative Summers; this year, they
5 are joined by the Emerson Park Development Corporation's Bill
6 Spencer and Vicky Forbe; June 19, 1865, "Juneteenth", is a
7 momentous day in American history; "To Awaken the Spirit of
8 Freedom and Hope for a New Beginning" on this fateful date, we
9 stand in remembrance, gratitude, honor, and unity; we answer
10 the "Call for Change"; and

11 WHEREAS, Community Development Sustainable Solutions
12 (CDSS) is a non-profit grassroots social advocacy community and
13 economic development agency of community organizers, human
14 service agents, and social justice agents committed to
15 advancing economic growth in surrounding communities; CDSS's
16 mission remains true to its original goals: making a positive
17 impact by creating and implementing sustainable solutions we
18 can all live with; and

19 WHEREAS, Community Development Sustainable Solutions
20 advocates for the voice and the spirit of the community; on
21 June 19, the CDSS, along with the communities of East St.
22 Louis, Cahokia, and Washington Park, proclaimed Juneteenth an
23 "American independence holiday"; June 19th is the true African

1 American Independence Day, not July 4th; this is the first step
2 towards raising awareness and understanding the national
3 legacy and journey of African Americans; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2017, Community Development Sustainable
5 Solutions celebrated Juneteenth - East St. Louis by bringing
6 surrounding communities together in unity; and

7 WHEREAS, Community Development Sustainable Solutions
8 remains true to its vision and mission towards equitable and
9 sustainable solutions to end systemic racism and crime via
10 community and economic development efforts that civically
11 engage; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 recognize the advocacy of Community Development Sustainable
15 Solutions and declare Stephanie Bush, Terrance Taylor, Tracy
16 Johnson, and Shamika Croom to be "pillars of excellence" within
17 their community; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 presented to Stephanie Bush, Terrance Taylor, Tracy Johnson,
20 and Shamika Croom as a symbol of our respect and esteem.