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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Dorri McWhorter on being named the first woman and first Black CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Dorri McWhorter received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; she earned her Master of Business Administration from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management; she received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Lake Forest College; and

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WHEREAS, Dorri McWhorter became the CEO of YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, the oldest women-focused social service organization in Chicago, in March 2013; during her tenure, she led the agency into the digital age with the launch of the e-commerce platform YShop.org, the health insurance and information site womenshealthexchange.org, and the community engagement mobile app MPWR; she spearheaded the process of the YWCA developing an exchange traded fund (ETF) for women's empowerment (NYSE: WOMN) in partnership with Impact Shares, which is the first non-profit investment advisor to develop an ETF product; and

1 WHEREAS, Dorri McWhorter was unanimously nominated for the
2 position of CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago by an
3 eight-person committee after a national search was conducted
4 when the previous CEO stepped down in November 2020; she plans
5 to stay aligned to YMCA's mission of youth development,
6 healthy living, and social responsibility while expanding to
7 meet the needs of a population recovering from the devastating
8 COVID-19 pandemic; and

9 WHEREAS, Dorri McWhorter serves or has served on the board
10 of directors for several organizations, including the American
11 Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the
12 Illinois CPA Society, the Chicago Center for Arts and
13 Technology, 1871 (Technology Business Accelerator), the Civic
14 Consulting Alliance, the Civic Federation, Lifeway Foods,
15 William Blair Funds, and the Skyway Concession Company
16 (Chicago Skyway); she is a member of the Women in
17 Entrepreneurship Institute at DePaul University, the Women's
18 Philanthropy Institute at Indiana University, and the Illinois
19 Charitable Trust Board; and

20 WHEREAS, Dorri McWhorter has earned a number of accolades
21 during her career; she was named on the inaugural list of The
22 Blue Network, which was comprised of the top 100 innovators in
23 Chicago by the Chicago Tribune's Blue Sky Innovation; she
24 earned the Innovative Leader Award by Good City Chicago; she

1 was also inducted into the Chicago Innovation Hall of Fame in
2 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, Dorri McWhorter is widely revered in Chicago as a
4 champion for women; she is an advocate for both women and
5 marginalized people; she prides herself on being a
6 socially-conscious business leader and is committed to
7 creating an inclusive marketplace by leveraging a multi-sector
8 approach across business, civic, and community organizations;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Dorri McWhorter will step into her new role on
11 August 2, 2021; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Dorri McWhorter on being named CEO of the YMCA
15 of Metropolitan Chicago and wish her the best in her new
16 position; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Dorri McWhorter as an expression of our esteem
19 and respect.