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2 WHEREAS, The former Arlington Park presents itself as a  
3 fresh development opportunity for the Village of Arlington  
4 Heights and the Chicago Bears team; it is conveniently  
5 situated off a major highway, just a 20-minute drive from  
6 O'Hare International Airport, and, crucially, it has its own  
7 dedicated stop on the Metra commuter rail line; and

8 WHEREAS, The economics of major professional sport leagues  
9 have been changing dramatically in recent years; from  
10 television and streaming rights to team-sanctioned legalized  
11 sports betting, worldwide merchandising deals, and massive  
12 media empires, teams have become huge corporate conglomerates  
13 with wide-ranging interests far beyond the stadium; and

14 WHEREAS, The location of the Chicago Bears team matters  
15 much less than their name, which implies that the team is one  
16 with Chicago so long as the team keeps its namesake; and

17 WHEREAS, Moving to a stadium in Arlington Heights presents  
18 an economic opportunity for a top-of-the-line stadium  
19 featuring a higher capacity and burgeoning entertainment,  
20 restaurant, and retail industry; the Arlington Heights  
21 location also provides easier access via the State's roadways  
22 and Metra commuter rail lines; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we urge the owners of the Chicago Bears to move the team to  
4 Arlington Park; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the Chicago Bears organization should move  
6 to the Arlington Heights location without requesting  
7 incentives from local or state government that would go toward  
8 stadium construction; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 delivered to the Chicago Bears organization, Chicago Mayor  
11 Lori Lightfoot, and Arlington Heights Mayor Tom Hayes."