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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In an effort to do their part in addressing
homelessness, hunger, economic development, and equity
resources, retired Chicago Bears player Israel Idonije of FBRK
(fab*rik) and the FBRK Brands team developed their vision for
impact and growth through the creation of the FBRK Impact
House; it is the nation's first philanthropic hub for
foundations, grant makers, and socially responsible
corporations committed to social change; it serves and
supports the philanthropic community by providing a place
where not-for-profit grantor organizations can work together
intentionally sharing ideas and resources; the goal is for all
organizations to operate with greater efficiency; the network
is made up of well-rounded and ambitious individuals, driven
by purpose and the desire to use their gifts to contribute to
the success of underserved communities; and

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WHEREAS, The FBRK Impact House had its official grand
opening on March 1, 2020 and welcomed its long-term tenants,
including Forefront, the Woods Fund of Chicago, The Field
Foundation of Illinois, Inc., United States Artists, Inc., A
Better Chicago, the Chicago Public Library Foundation,
Pillars, the Children First Fund, the Knight Family
Foundation, The Academy Group, the Gupta Foundation (Avani
Narang), the Margot and Thomas Pritzker Family Foundation

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1 (Margot L. Pritzker Fund), Public Good Partners, and Enrich
2 Chicago; Access Members, utilizing work lounges and open
3 space, are the Baum Foundation, the Cornerstone Foundation,
4 the Comer Family Foundation, Verizon, the Healthy Communities
5 Foundation, and the Crown Foundation; and

6 WHEREAS, The philanthropically-focused FBRK Impact House
7 is the first prong of a two-prong strategy to improve the
8 quality of life of human capital; with the creation of the
9 Impact Fund, FBRK will target support towards individuals and
10 families in underserved and neglected communities; and

11 WHEREAS, The Technology, Renewable Energy Command Center
12 (TRECC), a workforce development and innovation center, is the
13 second prong of the strategy to improve and support
14 individuals, families, and communities that are underserved
15 and neglected; it will be a full-service mecca for
16 entrepreneurs, businesses, and innovators in the industries of
17 Technology, Renewable Energy, Finances, E-Commerce, and Arts;
18 the onsite innovation center will offer skills training, job
19 placement, and workforce development in cybersecurity,
20 advanced manufacturing and transportation, coding hardware and
21 software, finances, e-commerce, robotics, animation,
22 hydroponics, and automation industries and will help
23 communities in developing resiliency to economic changes,
24 while building the next generation of entrepreneurs,

1 businesses, and innovators; and

2 WHEREAS, TRECC will weave together technology, innovation,
3 business mentorship, workforce development, and wellness to
4 serve small businesses, entrepreneurs, and families in
5 underserved and neglected communities; and

6 WHEREAS, The world is changing how it trains, develops,
7 and deploys the next generation of its workforce; it is
8 important that communities faced with homelessness, hunger,
9 and a lack of economic development and without equity
10 resources are part of this change; when the FBRK Brands team
11 can fully implement the two-prong strategy of the FBRK Impact
12 House and TRECC, it will provide exponential growth in
13 addressing the social, economic, and development needs of its
14 most valuable resource of human capital; rebuilding families
15 and communities through the social and economic spheres is the
16 objective; and

17 WHEREAS, When the State of Illinois strategically invests
18 in the development and improvement of underserved and
19 neglected communities, it prepares those communities to become
20 socially and economically independent, and the State stands to
21 benefit tremendously through the efforts of the FBRK Impact
22 House and TRECC; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the members of
3 the Illinois General Assembly, state agencies, and Governor JB
4 Pritzker and his administration to partner with and support
5 the work of the FBRK Brands team, including FBRK Impact House
6 and TRECC; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 delivered to the FBRK Brands team and Governor JB Pritzker.