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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States of America, as a nation, should
3 be committed to the welfare, prosperity, and resilience of all
4 of its territories, including Puerto Rico; and

5 WHEREAS, Puerto Rico currently imports approximately 85%
6 of its food, leaving it vulnerable to global market
7 fluctuations and potential supply chain disruptions; and

8 WHEREAS, Strengthening Puerto Rico's local agricultural
9 sector by reprogramming United States Department of
10 Agriculture funds toward purchasing locally grown items will
11 significantly enhance food sovereignty and resilience on the
12 island; and

13 WHEREAS, Supporting local agriculture in Puerto Rico has
14 the potential to stimulate economic growth, creating jobs and
15 encouraging entrepreneurship within the agricultural sector,
16 including increasing commerce between the island and the more
17 than 200,000-strong Illinois Puerto Rican diaspora; and

18 WHEREAS, The initiative will promote sustainable
19 agricultural practices and reduce the carbon footprint
20 associated with long-distance food transportation, thereby
21 contributing to global climate change mitigation efforts; and

1 WHEREAS, Food sovereignty can bolster Puerto Rico's
2 ability to recover from natural disasters, reducing the
3 reliance on federal aid and demonstrating a model for
4 resilience that could be replicated across the country; and

5 WHEREAS, Encouraging the production and consumption of
6 locally grown produce can foster the preservation of Puerto
7 Rico's rich culinary traditions, promote healthier eating
8 habits, and enrich our national cultural heritage; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we express our strong support for the initiative to reprogram
13 USDA funds allocated to Puerto Rico toward purchasing locally
14 grown items in Puerto Rico; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we urge the United States Congress to
16 endorse and implement this initiative in recognition of its
17 potential to foster economic growth, promote sustainability,
18 enhance resilience, and enrich cultural heritage; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.

1 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the
2 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives
3 Minority Leader, all members of the Illinois Congressional
4 Delegation, and the Governor of Puerto Rico.