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SENATE RESOLUTION

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we express our strong  
12 support for the initiative to reprogram USDA funds allocated  
13 to Puerto Rico toward purchasing locally grown items in Puerto  
14 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.