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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 2013, free trade agreements with the United
3 States benefited the State of Illinois by accounting for nearly
4 54% of goods exported from the State, totaling approximately
5 \$35.7 billion; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2015, the City of Chicago lost nearly 2,000
7 manufacturing jobs and the State of Illinois lost more than
8 7,000; and

9 WHEREAS, Mondelez International has almost 3,000 employees
10 in the State of Illinois, who work at one of three different
11 manufacturing facilities, its global headquarters office, or
12 in sales/distribution at sites throughout the State; and

13 WHEREAS, The National Biscuit Company, which formally
14 changed its corporate name to Nabisco, operates a bakery on
15 Chicago's Southwest side at 7300 S. Kedzie Avenue, where some
16 of the most popular food brands in America are made, such as
17 Oreo and Chips Ahoy cookies and Ritz and Premium crackers; and

18 WHEREAS, Philip Morris Companies, Inc. acquired Nabisco
19 and merged it with Kraft Foods in 2001; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2012, Kraft Foods split from Nabisco, creating

1 a separate parent company called Mondelez International for its
2 snack food business, including the Nabisco operations at 7300
3 S. Kedzie Avenue; and

4 WHEREAS, Mondelez International announced in July of 2015
5 that it would be removing older, inefficient manufacturing
6 lines from its plant on Kedzie Avenue, impacting almost 600 of
7 1,200 jobs; and

8 WHEREAS, Over 20 years ago in 1993, Nabisco, Inc., the
9 previous owner of the Kedzie Avenue plant, cited much-needed
10 upgrades as the reason for proposing an outsourcing of its
11 plant; local authorities responded to Nabisco's concerns and
12 provided support for the plant upgrades; the Department of
13 Commerce and Community Affairs extended an enterprise zone to
14 accommodate Nabisco with a multi-million dollar tax incentive
15 package over the course of 10 years if the company invested in
16 itself; the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and
17 Development established a tax increment financing district to
18 support investment in modernization of the plant within three
19 years, and the acquisition and development of an adjacent
20 property at 7600 S. Kedzie Avenue that could result in \$35
21 million dollars in tax savings; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2012, the City of Chicago's Department of
23 Housing and Economic Development prematurely terminated the

1 designation of the 73rd and Kedzie Avenue tax increment
2 financing district; and

3 WHEREAS, In July of 2015, Mondelez International announced
4 plans to move the production lines currently at the Kedzie
5 Avenue plant to the newly built state of the art facility in
6 Salinas, Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, The union workers at the Chicago Nabisco bakery
8 have been producing high-quality baked goods for more than 50
9 years and have dedicated decades of their lives to fuel the
10 company's financial success; and

11 WHEREAS, Manufacturing jobs are needed to provide for
12 adequate income for families, support for public services to
13 keep our communities safe, effective education of our children,
14 and additional employment opportunities; and

15 WHEREAS, A sound economic base, tied to good paying jobs,
16 is necessary to create opportunities within our communities;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Work created by companies doing business the State
19 of Illinois are essential for the well-being of communities;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois expects corporate partners
2 to make an earnest effort to retain and promote future capital
3 investment in the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 urge Mondelez International to identify ways to invest in its
7 plants across the State; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we encourage Mondelez International and the
9 members of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain
10 Millers Local 300, International Association of Machinists and
11 Aerospace Workers District 8, and the International Union of
12 Operating Engineers Local 399 to find ways to maintain their
13 relationship and maintain jobs within the State of Illinois and
14 engage in discussions with the immediate communities that they
15 operate in; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 delivered to Mondelez International; Bakery, Confectionery,
18 Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Local 300; International
19 Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District 8; and
20 the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399.