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**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SUPPORT OF MANUFACTURING REINVESTMENT CORPORATION ACT HR
5124 IN CONGRESS**

“Manufacturing Education and Training Resolution”

WHEREAS, The intersection of manufacturing and education are critical components in developing a sustainable and independent green energy future for Chicago, and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing is the foundation for a broad-based middle class, safety, and security on every level, and

WHEREAS, Advanced manufacturing jobs are left unfilled due to the lack of technical and mechanical education in secondary and post-secondary education, and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing Renaissance Campaign, Manufacturing Connect, and similar programs that run an inclusive training program for students and educators that is rooted in equity and economic, social, and environmental sustainability, and

WHEREAS, There remains a crucial need for Career and Technical Education (CTE) across the Chicago Public Schools and school districts across the country to provide learning opportunities so that all Interested students, including students of color and students with disabilities, are prepared for the needs of high-skilled jobs in areas like advanced manufacturing, and

WHEREAS, diverse learners are disproportionately impacted by arbitrary enrollment criteria into CTE programs, and would be best served by greater coordination between the Office of Diverse Learners Supports & Services and the Office of Career and Technical Education in the development of these students’ transition plans and during their transition meetings, as required by IL P.A. 102-0516; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Jan Schakowsky, has filed HR 5124, a bill to expand and fund manufacturing training programs, including Manufacturing Connect, in the US House of Representatives, and the language of that bill has been included in other pieces of legislation that are moving through the Congressional legislative process, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled on this 23rd day of March, 2022, do hereby endorse HR 5124, the bill to expand inclusive and sustainable manufacturing development in communities across the country including direct support of programs and Initiatives that advance the objectives of HR 5124.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby:

- (1) Create a federal taskforce led by the Education and Child Development Committee and the Workforce Development Committee with the assistance of the Chicagoland Manufacturing Renaissance Council; and
- (2) Provide federal funding required to complete an audit by the Task Force of our public education and training system to determine the scope of the Skills Gap; and
- (3) Make recommendations informed by research and best practices to ensure more people, especially those from low-income, BIPOC communities are able to successfully pursue and participate In high-quality careers and wealth-creation opportunities in the manufacturing sector; and

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(4) Work with Chicago Public Schools, City Colleges of Chicago, and the training community to identify achievable outcomes and milestones towards implementing these recommendations, along with opportunities for dual credit programming and technical certification; and

(5) Encourage Chicago Public Schools to establish consistent, appropriate criteria for admissions into CTE programs, and expand CTE opportunities across the district.