

House Resolution 845

By: Representative Taylor of the 92<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ceek to Fulfill; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, founded in the pivotal years between 2006 and 2009 by the compassionate duo  
3 Charles and Evelyn Cooksey, Ceek to Fulfill has emerged as a beacon of hope in the  
4 landscape of non-profit organizations dedicated to aiding youth aging out of the foster care  
5 system; and

6 WHEREAS, in the United States, the foster care system is a temporary refuge for more than  
7 250,000 children annually; however, as these young individuals reach the age of 18, a  
8 staggering 20 percent face the harsh reality of homelessness due to a lack of support and  
9 financial resources. This is where Ceek to Fulfill steps in as a critical lifeline; and

10 WHEREAS, from its inception, Ceek to Fulfill has been tirelessly working towards  
11 mitigating this crisis. Initially focused on providing housing for those young adults actively  
12 seeking employment, the organization recognized the immediate need for stability in these  
13 vulnerable lives; and

14 WHEREAS, the approach was both practical and compassionate: as long as these young  
15 adults were striving to find their footing in the workforce, Ceek to Fulfill ensured they had  
16 a safe place to call home; and

17 WHEREAS, recognizing the broader spectrum of needs, the organization evolved in 2009  
18 to emphasize workforce development, GED preparation classes, and assistance in high  
19 school diploma completion. This strategic shift was not just about offering immediate aid;  
20 it was about empowering these young individuals with the tools and skills needed for  
21 long-term success and independence; and

22 WHEREAS, the impact of this transition has been nothing short of remarkable. With an 80  
23 percent success rate, Ceek to Fulfill has assisted more than 500 youth, not only in crossing  
24 the threshold of education but also in stepping confidently into a future they can shape; and

25 WHEREAS, the organization's efforts in financial literacy further equip these young adults  
26 with the knowledge to manage their finances effectively, a critical skill that lays the  
27 foundation for a stable and prosperous life; and

28 WHEREAS, although it closed its doors in 2023, Ceek to Fulfill stands as a testament to  
29 what dedicated, compassionate support can achieve. In a world where many young adults  
30 aging out of foster care face uncertain futures, this organization shines as a pillar of hope and  
31 a catalyst for change. The legacy of Charles and Evelyn Cooksey, and the continued  
32 dedication of the Ceek to Fulfill team will undoubtedly echo for generations as they continue  
33 to transform lives and build brighter futures.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body recognize and commend Ceek to Fulfill for its dedicated efforts in  
36 aiding youth aging out of the foster care system.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ceek  
39 to Fulfill.