

House Resolution 1738

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Schofield of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, and Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Tonya Armstrong Olusola for her outstanding leadership in  
2 agriculture, community empowerment, and service to underserved communities; and for  
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Tonya Armstrong Olusola is a visionary farmer, community advocate, and  
5 agricultural leader whose life's work reflects an unwavering commitment to using the land  
6 as a pathway for healing, education, and transformation within communities; and

7 WHEREAS, she is the founder of SugaFoot Farms (SFF) and a dedicated leader with  
8 PHP2Thrive, Inc., two mission-driven initiatives that integrate agriculture, wellness, and  
9 empowerment to support youth, families, and underserved communities through innovative  
10 and impactful programming; and

11 WHEREAS, through the work of SugaFoot Farms, Tonya Armstrong Olusola has created  
12 meaningful, hands-on farm experiences rooted in regenerative agriculture, food education,  
13 and responsible land stewardship, providing individuals with opportunities to reconnect with  
14 the land while learning sustainable agricultural practices that strengthen both families and  
15 communities; and

16 WHEREAS, her visionary leadership includes the development of a therapeutic farm  
17 environment designed to support children with special needs, offering nature-based learning  
18 opportunities, sensory engagement activities, and healing experiences that nurture  
19 confidence, connection, and personal growth, demonstrating how agriculture can serve as a  
20 powerful tool for both wellness and community development; and

21 WHEREAS, through her leadership with PHP2Thrive, she has expanded her impact by  
22 implementing programs that promote empowerment, life skills, leadership development, and  
23 holistic support for individuals and families seeking opportunities for personal advancement  
24 and community stability; and

25 WHEREAS, Tonya Armstrong Olusola's dedication to agricultural excellence and education  
26 is further demonstrated through her participation in nationally recognized leadership  
27 programs, including the 2020 Soil Health Academy, where she deepened her knowledge of  
28 regenerative soil practices and sustainable farming systems; and

29 WHEREAS, she continued to advance her expertise through the 2021 NCAT Women, Land  
30 & Livestock Program, equipping herself with the tools and training necessary to strengthen  
31 agricultural opportunities for women farmers and promote responsible land use; and

32 WHEREAS, from 2022 to 2023 she served as a National FoodCorps Service Member and  
33 a member of FOLOC, where she supported food systems education and community-based  
34 agricultural initiatives aimed at improving food access and agricultural literacy in  
35 communities across the nation; and

36 WHEREAS, her leadership continued to grow through her participation in Farm Commons  
37 programming in 2023, and most notably through her completion of the 2024 Farm Commons

38 Legal Ecosystem Fellowship, where she worked to advance knowledge and understanding  
39 of legal structures, land access, and sustainable agricultural development to support farmers  
40 and community-based organizations; and

41 WHEREAS, through her tireless work, Tonya Armstrong Olusola has demonstrated that  
42 agriculture is more than the cultivation of crops-it is the cultivation of people, hope, and  
43 opportunity, and her commitment to service has strengthened communities, inspired future  
44 generations of farmers, and expanded opportunities for individuals to experience healing and  
45 empowerment through the land; and

46 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments,  
47 leadership, and service of this remarkable woman be appropriately recognized.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
49 the members of this body commend Tonya Armstrong Olusola for her exceptional leadership  
50 in agriculture, community empowerment, and educational outreach, and extend their sincere  
51 appreciation for her dedication to improving the lives of others through innovation, service,  
52 and stewardship of the land.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
54 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
55 Tonya Armstrong Olusola.