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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Unacceptable acts of violence have scarred our
3 democratic process; and

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WHEREAS, This violence has touched a campus political
5 rally in Utah, the quiet suburban streets of Minnesota, a
6 synagogue in Pittsburgh, the oldest Black church in
7 Charleston, South Carolina, a Wal-Mart in El Paso, Texas, and
8 so many communities in between; and

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WHEREAS, The toxic combination of violent political
rhetoric and racial hatred led to an appalling crime here in
Illinois, when a 73-year-old man brutally murdered 6-year-old
Wadee Alfayoumi and attempted to murder the boy's mother after
racially profiling the Muslim family and falsely linking them
to international events in which they had no involvement; and

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WHEREAS, While stated and speculated motivations of
perpetrators vary, some radicalized on the darkest corners of
the internet, some driven by hateful racist ideology, and some
lost in the apocalyptic rhetoric that pervades our political
discourse, their common goal is to inflict violence on someone
they view as different and to instill fear; and

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WHEREAS, Even as people from all sides of the ideological

1 spectrum stand united in condemning these violent acts, we
2 cannot truly condemn politically motivated violence while
3 condoning the politically motivated violence Donald Trump is
4 inflicting on people across Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Donald Trump's agents are profiling people simply
6 because of how they look and deploying chemical munitions in
7 communities where people just want to live in peace; acting on
8 Trump's orders, they are inflicting violence on people they
9 view as different and are instilling fear; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we recognize that politically motivated violence, whether in
13 the form of a mass shooting or a mass deployment of masked
14 troops empowered to instill fear, is a threat to our
15 democracy; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we condemn politically motivated violence
17 in all of its forms, whether caused by individuals radicalized
18 by extreme rhetoric or by extremists who use political
19 violence to advance their own agendas.