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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence establishes one
3 of the bedrock principles of our democracy, "that all men are
4 created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with
5 certain unalienable rights, that among those are life, liberty
6 and the pursuit of happiness."; and

7 WHEREAS, One of the foundational principles of America and
8 the strengths of our great democracy is our diversity of
9 thought, ideas, and people; we are a country where men and
10 women of different races, faiths, sexual orientations, and
11 political beliefs are united under the banner of the greatest
12 country in the world, the United States of America; and

13 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives and the
14 people of the State of Illinois mourn the victims of the tragic
15 events in Charlottesville, Virginia and stand unified in our
16 condemnation of the hatred espoused by the hundreds of white
17 supremacists in Charlottesville; and

18 WHEREAS, While the House of Representatives is resolute in
19 its support for the free speech rights of Americans, it will
20 not ignore or condone hate speech or violence committed by hate
21 groups or anyone seeking to commit acts of domestic terrorism
22 against racial, ethnic, and religious minorities or other

1 classes of protected individuals as was the case in
2 Charlottesville; and

3 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives mourns the death of
4 Heather Heyer and wishes a speedy recovery to the dozens who
5 were injured by an individual who sought to silence different
6 voices who chose to stand up to show that hate will never win
7 out over love and the true American spirit; and

8 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives mourns the death of
9 the two Virginia State Police Officers, Lt. H. Jay Cullen and
10 Trooper Berke M. M. Bates, who lost their lives in the line of
11 duty defending the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 repudiate and condemn white supremacists, neo-Nazis, the Ku
16 Klux Klan, and any other group that espouses hate and seeks to
17 undermine the very ideals of who we are as Americans; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That we condemn the acts of violence in
20 Charlottesville as domestic terrorism; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we celebrate the diversity of our State and

1 nation; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That we condemn those who seek to spread hate and
3 division while attacking the foundational values of our State
4 and nation.