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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Tennessee House of Representatives failed not
3 once but twice to adopt Tennessee House Joint Resolution 583 to
4 condemn white nationalism and neo-Nazism; and

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WHEREAS, The Tennessee House of Representatives failed to
6 summon sufficient moral courage and basic decency to place
7 itself on the record against such a sinister and pernicious
8 ideology infecting the body politic of the United States; and

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10 WHEREAS, The Tennessee House of Representatives has been
11 cowed by the growing influence of white nationalists and
12 neo-Nazis; and

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13 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives has no fear
14 of white nationalists and neo-Nazis and abounds in moral
15 courage and basic decency; therefore be it

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16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the
18 Illinois House of Representatives wishes to adopt the following
19 text of the Tennessee House of Representatives in its entirety,
20 as if it were addressed to the State of Illinois, as follows:

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"WHEREAS, recent tragic events have proven that white

1 nationalism and neo-Nazism remain very real threats to
2 social and racial progress; and

3 WHEREAS, throughout the course of our nation's
4 history, white nationalism has promoted intimidation and
5 violent repression of individuals solely on the basis of
6 their race, ethnicity, religion, and immigration status;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, today, white nationalism has attempted to
9 reinvent itself, self-identifying as the "Alt-Right," yet
10 their present-day rhetoric and terrorism conjure painful
11 memories of our nation's past; and

12 WHEREAS, while free speech and assembly are bedrock
13 values for Americans, white nationalist and neo-Nazi
14 groups promote agendas that are in irreconcilable conflict
15 with our nation's foundational principles of liberty and
16 justice for all; and

17 WHEREAS, white nationalism and neo-Nazism are
18 continuing to grow as menaces to societal order that seek
19 to reignite social animosities, reverse improvements in
20 race relations, divide the nation, and foment hatred,
21 classism, anti-Semitism, and ethnic eradication; and

1 WHEREAS, the white nationalist and neo-Nazi message of
2 racial and social intolerance has led to senseless acts of
3 violence that continue to terrorize members of ethnic,
4 racial, and religious minority communities; now, therefore

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
7 TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we strongly
8 denounce and oppose the totalitarian impulses, violent
9 terrorism, xenophobic biases, and bigoted ideologies that
10 are promoted by white nationalists and neo-Nazis.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge law enforcement to
12 recognize these white nationalist and neo-Nazi groups as
13 terrorist organizations and to pursue the criminal
14 elements of these domestic terrorist organizations in the
15 same manner and with the same fervor used to protect the
16 United States from other manifestations of terrorism.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our State, the great State
18 of Tennessee, and its people will not tolerate
19 discrimination or hate in any form or manifestation and
20 that we stand united with resolve to promote and ensure
21 equality for all Tennesseans.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this

1 resolution be prepared and transmitted to the President of
2 the United States, all members of the United States Senate,
3 all members of the United States House of Representatives,
4 the Governor of the State of Tennessee, and all members of
5 the Tennessee General Assembly."; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Illinois House of Representatives
7 adopts the resolution of the Tennessee House of Representatives
8 as if it were its own; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this Illinois House of
10 Representatives resolution be prepared and delivered to the
11 President of the United States, all members of the United
12 States Senate, all members of the United States House of
13 Representatives, the Governor of the State of Illinois, all
14 members of the Illinois General Assembly, the Governor of the
15 State of Tennessee, and all members of the Tennessee General
16 Assembly.