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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 582

2 AMENDMENT NO. ____ . Amend Senate Resolution 582 by replacing
3 everything after the heading with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, The United States was built upon the premise and
5 the promise of religious acceptance, a principle enshrined in
6 the First Amendment guarantee of free exercise of religion and
7 faith; and

8 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has historically welcomed
9 newcomers from all nations and of all faith traditions, and has
10 historically benefited from the diversity that newcomers
11 bring; and

12 WHEREAS, The most recent federal election campaign
13 featured rhetoric and discussion of policy proposals hostile to
14 certain nationality and religious groups, including a call for
15 registry of Americans based upon their country of origin or

1 their religious beliefs; and

2 WHEREAS, Reported physical attacks on Muslim, Sikh, Arab,
3 and South Asian Americans and other incidents of
4 discrimination, including in housing, employment, and
5 education, have increased sharply during the past two years and
6 in particular since the 2016 elections; and

7 WHEREAS, Youths among various ethnic and religious groups
8 have been targeted for discrimination and face barriers to
9 safely expressing their religion in school, with young Muslim
10 women being bullied for wearing the hijab or niqab; and

11 WHEREAS, The current federal administration has imposed a
12 series of restrictions based upon religion or ethnicity
13 currently targeting immigrants and travelers from eight
14 countries, including six Muslim majority countries along with
15 North Korea and Venezuela - restrictions that federal courts
16 had previously enjoined in part due to their discriminatory
17 intent; and

18 WHEREAS, Initiatives such as the travel restrictions and
19 the potential registry echo past discriminatory initiatives
20 such as the internment of 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent
21 during World War II, for which our nation has formally
22 apologized; and

1 WHEREAS, Our State should continue to welcome all
2 nationality and religious groups and should stand in opposition
3 to any attempts to discriminate against any group based on
4 national origin or religion; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that it is the sense of this
7 body that no State or local government agency or official
8 should expend any time, facilities, equipment, information, or
9 other resources of the agency or official to facilitate the
10 creation, publication, or maintenance of or any participation
11 in any federal program with the purpose of registering or
12 maintaining a database of individuals present in the United
13 States based on their race, color, ancestry, national origin,
14 or religion; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 delivered to the President and Vice-President of the United
17 States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States
18 Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leaders of the United States
19 House of Representatives, and all members of the Illinois
20 Congressional Delegation."