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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, Illinois' elected Jewish leaders must stand up in 3 defense of Israel and the entire Jewish population throughout 4 the State at all times, not only during times of divisive and 5 hateful speech; and

6 WHEREAS, Israel stands as the singular beacon of liberal
7 democracy in a part of the world where democracy does not exist
8 and is under constant threat from attack by neighboring
9 religious zealots out to destroy Israel; and

WHEREAS, Anti-Semitism is on the rise and must be confronted with a strong voice and continued support against hateful rhetoric; in the last two years, more than half of religious attacks were committed against American Jews, and there has been an increase in anti-Semitic incidents; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we hold firm in our support for the democratic state of Israel and Illinois' Jewish population and our unwavering condemnation of hateful and divisive anti-Semitic rhetoric; and be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be 2 delivered to all Illinois Constitutional Officers, the Speaker 3 and Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives,

and the President and Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate.