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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The appalling rise of hate speech and  
3 anti-Semitism across the country calls on all who value  
4 diversity, respect, and civility as the heart of a functioning  
5 democracy to stand united against bigotry and hate of all  
6 kinds; and

7           WHEREAS, Illinois Family Action distributed multiple  
8 anti-Semitic, homophobic, threatening, and hateful posts on  
9 their official social media page, callously belittling the most  
10 appalling tragedies of the Holocaust and recklessly comparing  
11 those who disagree with their extreme agenda to Nazis; and

12           WHEREAS, There was a 37% increase in anti-Jewish incidents  
13 reported to the FBI between 2016-2017; and

14           WHEREAS, There were 1,564 religious-based incidents  
15 reported to the FBI in 2017, the second highest level since  
16 statistics have been gathered; and

17           WHEREAS, In 2004, a deadly shooting at our capitol building  
18 led to changes to the security procedures in the Capitol  
19 Complex; and

20           WHEREAS, A lobby day sponsored by Illinois Family Action in

1 March 2019 overtaxed Capitol security, resulting in at least  
2 three members requiring State Police escorts and multiple calls  
3 for assistance from Capitol Police by members and legislative  
4 aides; and

5 WHEREAS, The Southern Poverty Law Center has frequently  
6 cited the Illinois Family Institute and Illinois Family Action  
7 in their monitoring of hate groups; and

8 WHEREAS, A group truly driven by faith would realize the  
9 pain their rhetoric causes for members of the Jewish community,  
10 for whom the horrors of Nazi Germany are all too real; and

11 WHEREAS, Our legislative body must rise together against  
12 this bigoted language collectively and refuse to accept it as  
13 the new normal; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we, along with the Jewish Caucus and allied legislators,  
17 condemn the extreme rhetoric of Illinois Family Action, call  
18 for a formal investigation into the group's hate speech and  
19 threats, and ask that the Secretary of State's office suspend  
20 the lobbying credentials of any individual working on behalf of  
21 Illinois Family Action or its parent organization, the Illinois  
22 Family Institute, until an investigation is complete; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That we call for a review of security procedures  
3 in the Capitol Complex, including, but not limited to, the  
4 Secretary of State and the Illinois State Police, with the goal  
5 of review and implementation of needed updates; and be it  
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That we stand in solidarity against hateful,  
8 racist, anti-Semitic, and homophobic rhetoric of all kinds and  
9 call for decent, respectful debate, especially when we  
10 disagree; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 delivered to the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the  
13 Director of State Police.