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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois take pride in the cultural, racial, ethnic and religious diversity of the people of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, It is always troubling to learn of events taking place in Illinois that do not celebrate our diversity but rather promote racism and hatred of persons with differing customs, backgrounds and beliefs; and

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WHEREAS, Such an event will take place on Saturday, May 31, 2003 in Berwyn, Illinois, when the Ku Klux Klan has scheduled a rally to take place in a local park; and

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WHEREAS, Berwyn has become a community of significant cultural and ethnic diversity and has prospered because of its diversity, with businesses that have flourished and community organizations that have been developed and church communities that have grown; and

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WHEREAS, The principles embraced by the Ku Klux Klan are not those that have made Berwyn, Illinois and the United States good and nurturing environments for our people to live, work and raise a family; therefore be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, That we reject the principles of racism and hatred promoted by the Ku Klux Klan and applaud the religions and community organizations of Berwyn that have organized a prayer service that will take place at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 31, 2003, and encourage all members of the Berwyn community to attend the prayer service in order to affirm

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1 their commitment to the principles of tolerance and  
2 diversity; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this preamble and  
4 resolution be presented to the organizers of the May 31  
5 prayer service at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church.