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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives, like all Americans, are heartbroken at the amount of senseless gun violence in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, However, we do not believe the actions taken by President Obama address the root cause of gun violence, such as illegally obtained firearms; and

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WHEREAS, Furthermore, we do not believe that the unilateral actions taken by President Obama provide an environment to begin a productive or collaborative discussion; and

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WHEREAS, We are in agreement with the United States Supreme Court's decision in the case of the District of Columbia v. Heller, which confirmed that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear firearms; we also agree with Justice Antonin Scalia that the Second Amendment ". . . elevates above all other interests the right of law-abiding, responsible citizens to use arms in defense of hearth and home"; and

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WHEREAS, On January 5, 2016, the President announced a series of gun control actions in the form of executive orders during a press conference at the White House; and

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1 WHEREAS, One executive order will increase the number of
2 vendors who are required to conduct criminal background checks
3 when they sell guns; and

4 WHEREAS, These executive orders will result in hiring more
5 federal employees to handle those reviews and require dealers
6 to inform federal authorities when a gun sold online is lost or
7 stolen during transit; these executive orders on gun control
8 will also affect many individuals by revoking licenses for
9 dealers who do not sell a sufficient number of firearms; and

10 WHEREAS, This body will take every action to protect the
11 Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens; therefore, be
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13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 pledge to uphold our oath of office to support the Constitution
16 of the United States and the Constitution of the State of
17 Illinois.