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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States and the State of Illinois should
3 strive to foster inclusion, opportunity, and equality for all
4 individuals regardless of race, gender, nationality, sexual
5 orientation, or religion; and

6 WHEREAS, We are a nation built on an American dream, which
7 has flourished due to hope, unity, and the acceptance and
8 inclusion of immigrants in our society; and

9 WHEREAS, The greatest strength of our people and our
10 society is our diversity; out of many, we are one; and

11 WHEREAS, Stephen Bannon is a known white supremacist who
12 has fanned the flames of hatred and intolerance while
13 editor-in-chief at Breitbart News; as a top advisor, he has
14 brought the same hateful tactics to President-elect Donald
15 Trump's campaign; and

16 WHEREAS, The deplorable headlines published during Mr.
17 Bannon's tenure at Breitbart including: "Would you rather your
18 child had feminism or cancer", "Hoist it high and proud: The
19 Confederate flag proclaims a glorious heritage", "Gay rights
20 have made us dumber, it's time to get back in the closet",
21 "Bill Kristol: Republican spoiler, renegade Jew", reflect the

1 frightening world view of the white-nationalist group, known as
2 the "alt-right"; and

3 WHEREAS, An individual heralded by the "alt-right" and
4 pushing a strong white-nationalistic, anti-Semitic,
5 Islamophobic, and misogynistic agenda, who has used racial
6 divisiveness for his own personal advancement has no place
7 working in American government, much less in a leadership role
8 within the White House; and

9 WHEREAS, Since the November 8, 2016 election, the Southern
10 Poverty Law Center and the American Council on American-Islamic
11 Relations have both documented an alarming surge in the number
12 of reported hate crimes against marginalized Americans; and

13 WHEREAS, Since the November 8, 2016 election, calls to the
14 suicide hotline in Illinois have increased by 200%, with
15 experts attributing the alarming increase in part to
16 marginalized communities fearing for their safety after the
17 results of the election; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters of
21 marginalized communities including women, people of color,
22 immigrants, the LGBTQ community, and the disabled by condemning

1 the appointment of Stephen Bannon as Chief Strategist to
2 President-elect Trump and demand President-elect Trump to
3 rescind the appointment and focus on uniting our country and
4 serving as Commander-in-Chief for all Americans; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That we urge Governor Rauner to stand with
7 marginalized communities in Illinois and call for the rejection
8 of hate speech and the immediate dismissal of Mr. Bannon; and
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 delivered to Governor Rauner and President-elect Trump.