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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Violence and threats against the Jewish people and against individual Jews, based upon their identified status as Jews, led to one of the darkest patterns in human history; and

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WHEREAS, In recent days, the number and scale of threats and violent actions against Jewish people, offices, entities, places of worship, and places of burial, have multiplied within the United States; and

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WHEREAS, These threats and actions have taken various forms, including the spray-painting of hostile graffiti upon synagogues, anonymous telephoned bomb threats against Jewish child care centers and community centers, and activities of vandals at Jewish cemeteries; and

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WHEREAS, On Monday, February 27, 2017, the Jewish Community Center Association of North America reported that 31 separate bomb threats were called into 23 community centers and eight Jewish day schools throughout the United States; and

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WHEREAS, In recent news stories, several key synagogues in the Chicago area, including synagogues on Chicago's North Shore such as Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah in Wilmette and North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe, have been compelled

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1 to take steps to increase security in and around their places
2 of worship; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 stand with the Jewish residents of Illinois in fervent and
6 uncompromising opposition to any form of threats or violence
7 against Jewish children, families, people, buildings,
8 institutions, places of identity, and places of religious
9 observance; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we commend the local law enforcement
11 agencies with responsibility over those locations that are
12 under actual or potential threat for the increased vigilance
13 and security that they are being called upon to provide; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That we call upon the federal government of the
16 United States, and the State of Illinois, to increase the
17 active enforcement of law enforcement and security policies
18 intended to reduce and eliminate these types of threats; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
21 the Governor of Illinois, the Director of the Illinois State
22 Police, and the Director of the Federal Bureau of

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