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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The United States of America is the greatest
3 country in the world; and

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WHEREAS, The President of the United States holds the most
5 powerful office in the world; he or she represents our nation
6 and should be an example of the best qualities that America has
7 to offer; he or she should always be a champion of American
8 values such as democracy, freedom of the press, and truth
9 regardless of political party; he or she should be held to the
10 highest of professional and personal standards; and

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WHEREAS, The freedom of an independent press is vital to a
12 successful democracy; the president should not refer to the
13 media as the enemy of the American people and to critical media
14 outlets or stories as fake news; he or she should not bar media
15 outlets from press briefings based on their coverage and should
16 not accuse the media of inventing sources for published stories
17 without any evidence; and

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WHEREAS, Free and fair elections are the foundation of our
19 great democracy; the president should pledge to accept the
20 outcome of all elections, not just if he or she wins; he or she
21 should not claim that free and fair elections are rigged; he or
22 she should not delegitimize democracy by claiming three to five

1 million people voted illegally in a presidential election
2 without any supporting evidence, and he or she should not
3 repeatedly misrepresent the Electoral College results; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States Constitution enshrines an
5 impartial judiciary as a critical check on the power of the
6 legislative and executive branches; the president should not
7 refer to federal judges as "so-called judges" because they
8 disagree with the legality or constitutionality of his or her
9 proposals; he or she should not suggest that judges and the
10 court system would be responsible for a possible terrorist
11 attack because of disagreement over a court ruling; he or she
12 should not suggest a judge cannot be impartial due to that
13 judges's heritage; and

14 WHEREAS, The president should not lie to or mislead the
15 American people; the term "alternative facts" should not be
16 repeatedly used by senior staff to the president because
17 alternative facts are nothing more than lies; and

18 WHEREAS, The president should not actively push conspiracy
19 theories, such as claiming a former president wiretapped him or
20 her without evidence, denying that current or former presidents
21 are American citizens, falsely claiming that thousands of
22 American citizens of a particular religion cheered the terror
23 attacks of September 11, 2001, or denying the reality of

1 climate change by claiming it is a hoax perpetrated by the
2 Chinese as these theories are beneath the office which he or
3 she holds; he or she should not repeatedly lie about the size
4 of his or her inauguration crowd, despite evidence to the
5 contrary; and

6 WHEREAS, Members of the United States Military put their
7 lives on the line every single day to keep us safe and deserve
8 nothing but the utmost gratitude for their service; the
9 president should not insult former prisoners of war for being
10 captured; he or she should not advocate for the use of torture
11 or for violations of the Geneva Convention; and

12 WHEREAS, The president should clearly represent the people
13 and not have business interests which conflict with his or her
14 decisions as president; senior staff to the president should
15 not advocate for the purchasing of particular commercial
16 products; and

17 WHEREAS, The president should represent all Americans; he
18 or she should not mock individuals with disabilities; he or she
19 should not brag about grabbing another human being by the
20 genitals; he or she should not infer that the majority of
21 immigrants are criminals and rapists; he or she should not
22 threaten to cut federal funding to a university because of
23 protests; he or she should not offer to pay the legal bills of

1 those who assault his or her opponents; he or she should not
2 advocate for banning people from the land of the free based on
3 their religious beliefs; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 believe in the highest of standards for the President of the
7 United States; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we will not impede the freedom of religion,
9 the freedom of the press, the judiciary, elections, or the
10 rights of all Americans; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we will put our county over political
12 affiliations and we will hold current and future presidents, to
13 the best of our abilities, accountable when they misrepresent
14 their office.