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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deepest sympathy
3 that the members of the Illinois House of Representatives
4 acknowledge the death of Wadee Alfayoumi, whose life was
5 unjustly taken due to hatred and bigotry targeting his
6 Palestinian identity; and

7 WHEREAS, Wadee Alfayoumi, the child of Hanan Shaheen and
8 Odai Alfayoumi, was a 6-year-old Palestinian Muslim-American
9 boy who was an angelic and beloved son, family member,
10 classmate, and friend; he was regarded as an energetic and
11 radiant light whose heart was full of love, his spirit was
12 bright, and his kindness knew no bounds; and

13 WHEREAS, Wadee Alfayoumi found joy in joining his parents
14 in prayer, embracing faith with a devotion that defined his
15 character, and he carried a deep care for the world around him,
16 nurturing a love for the planet and all those he encountered;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, On October 14, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., Wadee
19 Alfayoumi was brutally stabbed 26 times by a hate-driven
20 perpetrator and tragically succumbed to his injuries; and

21 WHEREAS, With a future full of promise, Wadee Alfayoumi's

1 laughter, warmth, and boundless love left an indelible mark on
2 everyone he met, and his untimely death represents a profound
3 loss not only to his family and loved ones but also to the
4 entire community; and

5 WHEREAS, Though his time with us was far too brief, Wadee
6 Alfayoumi's love and light continue to touch our hearts every
7 day, and his memory will forever be a guiding force and a
8 reminder of innocence, compassion, and the enduring power of a
9 responsibility toward justice that our world needs; and

10 WHEREAS, Wadee Alfayoumi's tragic passing serves as a
11 stark reminder of the urgent need to confront and combat all
12 forms of prejudice, discrimination, and violence and to strive
13 tirelessly for a world where every individual is valued,
14 respected, and embraced for who they are; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we mourn the passing of Wadee Alfayoumi and extend our sincere
18 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
19 him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Wadee Alfayoumi,
21 celebrate his remarkable life, and reaffirm our commitment to
22 building a more inclusive, equitable, and compassionate

1 society where every individual can live free from fear,
2 discrimination, and violence; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we stand in solidarity with the family and
4 friends of Wadee Alfayoumi in their grief and mourning; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Wadee Alfayoumi as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.