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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Our state democracy, with policies and laws that  
3 come from the will of the people of Illinois, is under threat  
4 from a presidential administration that disregards the voice  
5 of the people and steps on our rights daily; and

6 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and its citizens cherish  
7 the fundamental liberties guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution  
8 and the Illinois Constitution, including due process, equal  
9 protection, and freedom from unlawful government intrusion;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In these last ten months of constant attacks by a  
12 presidential administration that disregards our rights, our  
13 freedoms, and our democracy in Illinois, the most effective  
14 way to safeguard our freedoms has often been in court,  
15 appealing to the judiciary; and

16 WHEREAS, The Office of the Illinois Attorney General, led  
17 by Attorney General Kwame Raoul, along with his tireless  
18 staff, has demonstrated extraordinary devotion, leadership,  
19 and perseverance in the courts to protect our democracy,  
20 freedoms, and civil liberties when threatened by federal  
21 attacks; and

1       WHEREAS, The Office of the Illinois Attorney General has  
2 taken bold legal steps to defend the interests of Illinois and  
3 its residents and has served as one of the most effective  
4 tactical instruments of the State of Illinois in securing  
5 protection of our rights; and

6       WHEREAS, Among those critical court-based actions is the  
7 lawsuit filed by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General,  
8 Illinois v. Trump, in which the State challenged the Trump  
9 administration's attempted deployment and federalization of  
10 the National Guard in Illinois without proper justification, a  
11 challenge of far-reaching and historic significance to  
12 blocking the forced invasion of our land by federal agents and  
13 preserving state sovereignty; and

14       WHEREAS, The Office of the Illinois Attorney General has  
15 pursued or joined litigation to protect Illinoisans from  
16 unlawful conditions on federal funding, to defend  
17 immigration-related safeguards, to preserve state and local  
18 authority, and, in dozens of other cases, to uphold the rule of  
19 law, not the whims of the current presidential administration;  
20 and

21       WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the Illinois House  
22 of Representatives publicly acknowledges and commends these  
23 efforts, as they have benefited all the people of Illinois and

1 strengthened the bonds of trust between our citizens and their  
2 public institutions; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we recognize and express our gratitude to the Office of the  
6 Illinois Attorney General and Attorney General Kwame Raoul for  
7 their exceptional devotion, leadership, and perseverance in  
8 defending our democracy and our freedoms through the courts;  
9 and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That we acknowledge that the most effective  
11 instrument for the protection of our democracy and our civil  
12 liberties in the last nine months has been litigation, and  
13 that the Attorney General and his team have been incredibly  
14 effective in their defense of our democracy; and be it further

15       RESOLVED, That we recognize the Office of the Illinois  
16 Attorney General's filing of a lawsuit against the Trump  
17 administration to stop the unlawful deployment of the National  
18 Guard in Illinois, challenging federal invocation of 10 U.S.C.  
19 § 12406, the Posse Comitatus Act, and the Tenth Amendment, is a  
20 case of national significance in protecting state sovereignty  
21 and civil liberties; and be it further

22       RESOLVED, That we encourage the Office of the Illinois

1 Attorney General to continue steadfastly engaging in  
2 litigation as necessary to uphold our democracy and our  
3 freedoms; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
5 delivered to Attorney General Kwame Raoul and the Office of  
6 the Illinois Attorney General.