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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, February 2026 marks the 100th year that Americans  
3 have set aside time in February to honor Black history; and

4 WHEREAS, Rather than acknowledging the challenges and  
5 celebrating the accomplishments that define Black history in  
6 America, President Donald J. Trump has disgracefully chosen  
7 this time of year to advance an agenda that embraces a return  
8 to the ugliest moments of our past; and

9 WHEREAS, Late in the evening on February 5, 2026,  
10 President Trump's personal social media account shared an  
11 AI-generated video using blatantly racist caricatures of  
12 former President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, President Trump's post was widely condemned, with  
15 Tim Scott, the only Black Republican in the Senate, calling it  
16 "the most racist thing I've seen out of this White House"; and

17 WHEREAS, President Trump sent his spokesperson to lecture  
18 Black Americans on why the post rooted in imagery that is  
19 universally accepted as racist was actually some kind of joke;  
20 and

1           WHEREAS, President Trump finally deleted the post, while  
2 refusing to apologize; and

3           WHEREAS, President Trump's bigoted agenda has reached far  
4 beyond his manufactured social media echo chamber; students at  
5 Florida A&M University were told that President Trump's  
6 prohibition on any effort to promote "diversity, equity, and  
7 inclusion" meant that Black History Month recognitions could  
8 not include the word "Black"; and

9           WHEREAS, This month, the Trump administration also  
10 announced that it will use taxpayer funds to fight in court for  
11 the removal of recognizing the enslaved people held in the  
12 first presidential mansion in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

13           WHEREAS, Further, the Trump administration has replaced  
14 pamphlets at the national landmark honoring slain civil rights  
15 leader Medgar Evers with new ones that no longer refer to the  
16 Ku Klux Klan member who murdered Evers as a racist; therefore,  
17 be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we condemn President Donald J. Trump's racist social media  
21 post and his attempts to erase history; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we will continue to honor the 100th  
2 recognition of Black History Month in the State of Illinois by  
3 committing to learn from history rather than hiding from it.