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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Accountability regarding the crimes of convicted  
3 sexual predator Jeffrey Epstein and his alleged accomplices is  
4 a matter of justice for survivors that transcends partisan  
5 politics; and

6 WHEREAS, The bipartisan Epstein Files Transparency Act  
7 requires the release of all records in possession of the  
8 Department of Justice, including records of Epstein's  
9 correspondence and flight logs; and

10 WHEREAS, The Act requires the Department of Justice to  
11 shield the identities of survivors and also explicitly  
12 prohibits documents from being withheld or redacted based on  
13 political considerations or to shield the identity of  
14 Epstein's companions; and

15 WHEREAS, Despite this, multiple reports indicate that the  
16 Department of Justice illegally redacted and withheld  
17 documents related to allegations against President Donald  
18 Trump, including more than 50 pages of FBI interviews and  
19 notes from conversations with a woman who accused President  
20 Trump of abuse when she was a minor; and

21 WHEREAS, The redacted documents included identifying

1 information and images of approximately 100 of Epstein's  
2 estimated 1,000 victims, retraumatizing survivors and  
3 subjecting them to public scrutiny and harassment; and

4 WHEREAS, Documents detailing allegations against President  
5 Trump have been removed from the Justice Department's public  
6 database after their initial disclosure; and

7 WHEREAS, This continues President Trump's pattern of  
8 deceit and obfuscation related to Epstein; he and Vice  
9 President JD Vance denied the existence of a birthday card  
10 sent by the President to Epstein before the card became  
11 public; and

12 WHEREAS, The identities of other alleged abusers are also  
13 being improperly shielded by President Trump's Justice  
14 Department while the identities of survivors have been left  
15 unredacted; an email to Epstein stating "Thank you for a fun  
16 night...Your littlest girl was a little naughty" was redacted to  
17 conceal the identity of the writer; and

18 WHEREAS, In February 2026, President Trump's Justice  
19 Department stated its investigation into the Epstein files was  
20 over, that no client list existed, and that no additional  
21 charges would be forthcoming; and

1           WHEREAS, The illegal redactions and the Trump  
2 Administration's resistance to transparency, along with the  
3 thousands of references to President Trump and other  
4 politically connected individuals named in the files, create  
5 the appearance of impropriety; and

6           WHEREAS, During a hearing of the House Judiciary  
7 Committee, Attorney General Bondi was found to have a "burn  
8 book" of details proving that members of Congress have been  
9 surveilled by the Justice Department during their legally  
10 guaranteed access to the unredacted files under their  
11 oversight authority; Representative Jamie Raskin reported that  
12 he found one million mentions of President Trump in the files  
13 in his review; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we call for the release of all files related to the crimes of  
17 Jeffrey Epstein and his alleged accomplices with redactions  
18 limited solely to shielding the identities of survivors as  
19 outlined in the Epstein Transparency Act; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That we call for the appointment of a special  
21 prosecutor independent of the Trump Administration's influence  
22 to review prosecution decisions stemming from the Epstein  
23 investigation to investigate whether the Trump Administration

1 illegally redacted or withheld documents to shield individuals  
2 for political purposes.