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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On February 14, 2018, 17 people lost their lives
3 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida in
4 the 9th deadliest mass shooting in modern United States'
5 history; and

6 WHEREAS, In the aftermath of the shooting, survivors banded
7 together to exercise their first amendment rights and call for
8 action to prevent similar tragedies from occurring; and

9 WHEREAS, In response to Parkland survivors exercising
10 their first amendment rights, some have gone beyond policy
11 disagreements with the survivors and resorted to ad hominem
12 attacks; and

13 WHEREAS, Breitbart collected and published memes comparing
14 survivor and activist David Hogg to Hitler; and

15 WHEREAS, National Rifle Association board member Ted
16 Nugent claimed Parkland survivors are liars, poor mush-brained
17 children, and soulless; and

18 WHEREAS, Conspiracy theorist Alex Jones created a video of
19 survivor David Hogg's March for Our Lives Speech dubbed with an
20 Adolf Hitler speech as well as another video comparing Emma

1 Gonzalez and other March for Our Lives attendees as Hitler
2 Youth; he has pushed theories that March for Our Lives
3 organizers are being given scripts, insinuating that they are
4 actors; and

5 WHEREAS, Congressman Steve King of Iowa posted a meme
6 mocking survivor Emma Gonzalez for her Cuban heritage; and

7 WHEREAS, A photo-shopped image of Emma Gonzalez ripping up
8 the constitution has gone viral on the fringe websites of the
9 internet; and

10 WHEREAS, There have been countless other attacks on
11 Parkland survivors including, but not limited to, calling them
12 crisis actors or skinheads; and

13 WHEREAS, Fox News host Laura Ingraham mocked David Hogg for
14 getting rejected by universities; and

15 WHEREAS, Parkland is not the first time conspiratorial and
16 character attacks have been directed towards victims of mass
17 shootings which is reflected by a defamation lawsuit filed by
18 parents of Sandy Hook victims against Alex Jones; and

19 WHEREAS, These attacks on victims and survivors of mass
20 shootings not only inflict psychological pain, but also may

1 compromise the safety of those involved; and

2 WHEREAS, Conversations regarding policy disagreements
3 strengthen public discourse, and ad hominem attacks on victims
4 of mass shootings have no place in civilized discourse; and

5 WHEREAS, As a nation we should support victims and
6 survivors of mass shootings in their time of suffering;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 express our deepest condolences to the victims and survivors of
11 the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting and their
12 families; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we condemn those who inflict undue suffering
14 on them through ad hominem attacks which go beyond the realm of
15 reasonable policy disagreements; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the Illinois House of
17 Representatives that this type of discourse has no place in
18 civilized society.