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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On December 20, 2019, the Trump Administration announced the Migrant Protection Protocols, a policy that denies entry into the United States to refugees coming to the Southern border seeking protection from persecution, harm, and torture in their home countries; and

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WHEREAS, Since that date, more than 52,000 persons, including adults and children, have been denied entry and forced to remain in Mexico, in very dangerous conditions, to await their court hearings that are sometimes many months away; and

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WHEREAS, Refugees are being forced into squalid and inhumane conditions where they are living without clean or running water, without food or shelter, and without access to health care, diapers, and basic needs; and

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WHEREAS, The Trump Administration's racist and inhumane actions, denying entry to the most vulnerable, have tragic life or death consequences; and

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WHEREAS, Tent courts have been set up along the border, and refugees have no meaningful access to a fair hearing, due process, or legal counsel when forced to remain in Mexico; and

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1 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is a welcoming state and has
2 taken important steps to ensure that immigrants are safe,
3 protected, and able to live with dignity and respect; and

4 WHEREAS, History has shown that executive decisions about
5 immigration, refugees, and asylum seekers have life or death
6 consequences that may go unrecognized for far too long; and

7 WHEREAS, Most of the refugees forced to wait in Mexico have
8 family in the United States, including in Illinois, where they
9 can live safely as they undergo their court proceedings; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States and the State of Illinois in
11 particular have welcomed, supported, and protected people of
12 all races, ethnicities, religions, and nationality, in
13 compliance with human rights principles and domestic and
14 international law; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we condemn President Donald J. Trump's Migrant Protection
18 Protocols denying entry to refugees at the Southern border and
19 call on him to immediately rescind this abhorrent policy that
20 is placing vulnerable people at further risk of harm, and we
21 call on the U.S. Congress to put an end to the Migrant

1 Protection Protocols by defunding the program in its upcoming
2 budget vote before the end of this calendar year; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.
6 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the
7 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives
8 Minority Leader, and all members of the Illinois Congressional
9 Delegation.