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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, As members of the General Assembly, we are
3 elected by the people of Illinois to debate and pass
4 meaningful legislation in their best interests; and

5 WHEREAS, When a tragedy occurs, it behooves us to
6 re-examine the status quo and decide how we can improve State
7 laws to prevent another tragedy from occurring; and

8 WHEREAS, When guns are used in the commission of a hate
9 crime, the tragedies are too often lethal; and

10 WHEREAS, Hate crimes have affected many minorities, such
11 as the African Americans who were shot dead as they prayed
12 during a Bible study in Charleston, South Carolina because of
13 someone who was filled with hate against African Americans,
14 the Jewish people who were murdered mercilessly at the Tree of
15 Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania by a person who
16 hated Jews, and young people at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando
17 who were hated because of their sexual orientation; and

18 WHEREAS, Anti-Asian hate has risen over the past year and
19 has reached a critical point with the gruesome shooting deaths
20 of eight people in Atlanta, Georgia on March 16, 2021, which is
21 yet another incident to be added to this long list of

1 preventable tragedies that heightens the need to address the
2 deficiencies in our State's gun policies; and

3 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, Illinois has led
4 the nation in gun sales; and

5 WHEREAS, With so many people obtaining guns, many for the
6 first time, we must address how we can maintain public safety
7 and prevent more tragedies by passing meaningful gun safety
8 legislation that will keep people safe; and

9 WHEREAS, As legislators, we cannot and shall not stand
10 idly by for the next person filled with hate to easily obtain
11 firearms because of weak gun laws; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we commit to passing meaningful legislation that will prevent
15 people filled with hate from obtaining the means by which to
16 end innocent lives.