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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are  
3 deeply concerned about the rise of anti-Semitism throughout  
4 the United States and in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Anti-Semitism is the centuries-old bigotry faced  
6 by Jewish people simply because they are Jews; and

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are  
deeply concerned by the growing number of incidents of  
anti-Semitism at the University of Illinois that led to a  
federal complaint with the Office of Civil Rights at the U.S.  
Department of Education; and

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
Representatives stand in solidarity with Jewish students at  
the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and all Jewish  
students who encounter incidents of anti-Semitism; and

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WHEREAS, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
needs to take immediate action to protect Jewish students at  
the university and stop the scourge of anti-Semitism at our  
state's flagship public university; and

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WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of State, states, and local

1 governments across the United States have adopted the  
2 International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working  
3 definition of anti-Semitism to use as a resource in combatting  
4 the scourge of anti-Semitism at home and abroad; and

5 WHEREAS, The Governor of Illinois, as an ex-officio member  
6 of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, needs  
7 to take immediate action to press the university to protect  
8 students from anti-Semitism; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we encourage the University of Illinois Board of Trustees to  
12 utilize the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance  
13 working definition of anti-Semitism as a basis for  
14 recommending policies and actions to stop anti-Semitism at the  
15 University of Illinois; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the University of  
17 Illinois is encouraged to report to the Board of Higher  
18 Education and the Illinois General Assembly by August 1, 2021  
19 and every 180 days thereafter on steps being taken by the  
20 university to implement such policies, including mandating  
21 training to counter anti-Semitism among administrators and  
22 faculty, mandating anti-Semitism awareness for new students,  
23 and enforcing a student code of conduct that prohibits

1 intimidation and disruption of Jewish students and  
2 organizations on campus; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
4 delivered to each member of the University of Illinois Board  
5 of Trustees.