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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Anti-Asian hate has risen over the past year and has reached a critical point with the gruesome shooting deaths of eight people in Atlanta, Georgia on March 16, 2021, which is yet another incident to be added to this long list of
preventable tragedies that heightens the need to address the
deficiencies in our State's gun policies; and

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

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

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

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