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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Jewish people have long been subjected to  
3 prejudice, hate, and violence, including the recent attack by  
4 the terrorist group Hamas on October 7, 2023, resulting in the  
5 deaths of more than 1,200 Israelis as well as widespread  
6 sexual violence and kidnappings; and

7           WHEREAS, The nation of Israel responded to the unprovoked  
8 attack by launching an anti-terrorist operation in the  
9 territory of Gaza, the place from which Hamas orchestrated the  
10 attack, a decision that has been criticized due to the  
11 unfortunate humanitarian consequences of the operation; and

12           WHEREAS, Students at colleges and universities around the  
13 country, including the University of Illinois, Northern  
14 Illinois University, Illinois State University, the University  
15 of Chicago, Northwestern University, and others, have been  
16 participating in protests supporting the terrorists that  
17 attacked innocent civilians on October 7, 2023, often chanting  
18 slogans calling for the genocide of the Jewish people; and

19           WHEREAS, Protesters at Columbia University recently  
20 stormed Hamilton Hall, an academic building on campus named  
21 after Alexander Hamilton, and occupied it for almost 24 hours  
22 before police in riot gear were called on campus and arrested

1 110 of the protesters who had barricaded themselves in the  
2 building; and

3 WHEREAS, Police breached and dismantled a pro-Palestine  
4 encampment on the campus of the University of California at  
5 Los Angeles after protesters physically attacked counter  
6 demonstrators supporting Israel; and

7 WHEREAS, School administrators have, in many cases,  
8 appeased the student protesters, tolerating their actions as  
9 they block access to facilities, harass their fellow students,  
10 and otherwise disrupt the learning environment on campus; and

11 WHEREAS, Many affected schools have been forced to hold  
12 classes virtually due to the widespread violence, and many  
13 schools have chosen to delay or otherwise alter plans for the  
14 upcoming commencement ceremonies celebrating the class of  
15 2024's graduation; and

16 WHEREAS, Northwestern University in Evanston has rewarded  
17 the agitators by offering free tuition to protesters of  
18 Palestinian descent and allowing them to continue their  
19 disruptive behavior through June 1; and

20 WHEREAS, Since the protests began, over 1,900 protesters  
21 have been arrested nationwide for charges, including

1 trespassing, vandalism, disorderly conduct, assault, and  
2 battery, among others; however, this amounts to only a small  
3 portion of the people nationwide breaking the law in  
4 solidarity with terrorists; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
6 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we condemn the violent behavior of the pro-Hamas protestors,  
8 and we encourage university officials to take immediate action  
9 against them; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we urge the General Assembly to propose  
11 legislation that would withhold public funding from  
12 institutions of higher educations that negotiate with  
13 anti-Semitic groups and for Governor JB Pritzker to sign that  
14 legislation into law; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent  
16 to House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Senate President Don  
17 Harmon, and Governor JB Pritzker.