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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, On April 20, 2009, a United Nations World  
3 Conference against Racism was held in Geneva, Switzerland to  
4 discuss the topic of combating racism and xenophobia throughout  
5 the world; and

6           WHEREAS, During the conference, Iranian President Mahmoud  
7 Ahmadinejad made disparaging comments about the State of  
8 Israel, calling the nation a "cruel and repressive racist  
9 regime" and accusing the nation of resorting "to military  
10 aggressions to make an entire nation homeless under the pretext  
11 of Jewish suffering"; and

12           WHEREAS, The previous World Conference against Racism,  
13 held in Durban, South Africa in 2001, saw similar attacks  
14 levied against the State of Israel; and

15           WHEREAS, Such grandstanding and malignant remarks from  
16 President Ahmadinejad do not only amount to vile slander  
17 against the State of Israel, but also mock the purpose of the  
18 conference and its goal of fighting against racism and  
19 xenophobic attitudes; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we condemn Iranian

1 President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for his disparaging and  
2 incendiary remarks regarding the nation of Israel during the  
3 United Nations World Conference against Racism; and be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That we urge the citizens and governments of the  
6 world to condemn these remarks as well.