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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 2011, the Office for Civil Rights under
3 President Obama issued guidelines that instructed universities
4 that they were obligated to combat sexual assault and
5 harassment under Title IX; and

6 WHEREAS, The guidelines also established a requirement
7 that college disciplinary proceedings rely on a preponderance
8 of evidence when adjudicating cases of sexual assault; and

9 WHEREAS, Recently, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos held
10 meetings with a variety of advocacy groups on the topic of
11 sexual assault; she also met with sexual assault victims who
12 urged her to keep the guidance in place; 20 state attorneys
13 general have sent her a letter also urging her to not roll back
14 the Obama-era guidelines; and

15 WHEREAS, Secretary DeVos has indicated that she felt
16 changes are necessary but gave no details regarding any
17 specific plans; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 urge Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to listen to law
21 enforcement and trust sexual assault survivors by keeping these

1 guidelines in place and putting safety first; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 delivered to Secretary DeVos.