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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Gun violence continues to plague the United States and devastate families, schools, workplaces, and communities; in 2016, 38,658 people died by firearms in the U.S., including 1,490 in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, 4,349 people were shot in Chicago in 2016, and 3,457 were shot in 2017, 625 of who were killed; and

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WHEREAS, The recent sustained surge in mass shootings has further revealed the depth of the gun problem in the U.S.; since the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting, over 400 people have been shot in over 200 school shootings nationwide; 2017 saw the most deadly mass shooting in U.S. history when 58 people were killed at a Las Vegas music festival; and

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WHEREAS, In addition to efforts to enact gun control legislation at the local and federal levels, the private sector can also contribute to the effort to reduce gun violence in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, In the wake of the Parkland shooting, a number of companies have taken steps to restrict gun sales: Dick's Sporting Goods raised the minimum age for gun sales to 21 and ceased sale of all assault-style rifles; Walmart also raised its

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1 minimum age for gun sales to 21; and

2 WHEREAS, In New York State, the Comptroller has encouraged
3 credit card and banking companies to consider reclassifying gun
4 sales as high-risk sales, handling them as they would
5 pornography or illicit drug purchases; this is yet another way
6 that private companies can work to reduce the number of gun
7 sales in Illinois and the United States; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 urge Visa, American Express, MasterCard, Bank of America, and
11 J.P. Morgan Chase to reclassify gun sales as high-risk and
12 implement the appropriate precautions; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent
14 to the Governor, and to the CEOs of Visa, American Express,
15 MasterCard, Bank of America, and J.P. Morgan Chase.