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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has repeatedly promoted false, disproven claims linking childhood vaccines and common medications to autism; and

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WHEREAS, These reckless statements directly contradict decades of peer-reviewed research and scientific consensus showing no connection between vaccines or Tylenol and autism or autism spectrum disorder; and

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WHEREAS, Secretary Kennedy's rhetoric undermines public trust in science, dismisses the expertise of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Institute of Health (NIH), and spreads misinformation that has fueled a resurgence of preventable diseases like measles; and

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WHEREAS, Secretary Kennedy has advised pregnant women and parents to withhold safe medications such as Tylenol, endangering maternal and fetal health by increasing the risk of miscarriage, preterm birth, and complications from untreated fever; and

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WHEREAS, Secretary Kennedy's public comments describing children with autism as those who "will never pay taxes, never hold a job, never play baseball, never write a poem, never go

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1 out on a date, and may never use a toilet unassisted" are
2 deeply cruel and dehumanizing and disregard the lived
3 experiences of millions of neurodiverse individuals and their
4 families; and

5 WHEREAS, Autism is not a disease to be cured but a complex
6 neurodevelopmental condition influenced by genetics and
7 environmental factors, not vaccines or medications, as
8 confirmed by decades of scientific research; and

9 WHEREAS, Secretary Kennedy's embrace of divisive and
10 anti-scientific rhetoric mirrors the dangerous misinformation
11 that flourished under the Trump Administration during the
12 COVID-19 pandemic, misinformation that politicized science,
13 eroded public trust, and contributed to more than 39,000
14 deaths in Illinois alone; and

15 WHEREAS, Both President Trump and Secretary Kennedy's
16 deliberate weaponization of public health for political gain
17 replaces fact with fear, exploits vulnerable families, and
18 ultimately jeopardizes the health and safety of American
19 children, families, and communities nationwide; therefore, be
20 it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we condemn the dangerous, false, and demeaning statements of
2 Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and reaffirm Illinois' commitment to
3 defending science, truth, and respect for all individuals with
4 developmental differences; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we urge Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to
6 immediately resign as Secretary of Health and Human Services;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That if Secretary Kennedy fails to resign, we
9 urge President Trump to immediately remove him as Secretary of
10 Health and Human Services.