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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The massacre at the Tree of Life Synagogue in
3 Pittsburgh shocked the world; and

4 WHEREAS, A peaceful sabbath service turned into a massacre
5 of Jewish life; families were gathered for weekly Shabbat
6 prayer and to welcome a child into the Jewish community when an
7 armed intruder opened fire inside the synagogue with an assault
8 rifle, slaughtering 11 Jewish congregants and wounding six
9 brave law enforcement officers; and

10 WHEREAS, The Jewish Caucus of the Illinois Legislature
11 condemns this anti-Semitic act and will continue to fight
12 against the hatred and violence directed at their community;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, This is not only a Jewish issue; it also affects
15 the African-American, Latino, LGBTQ, Muslim, and immigrant
16 communities, and everyone who has been the victim of white
17 nationalist violence; and

18 WHEREAS, Children must know that evil begets evil, and that
19 violence begets violence; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
2 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we stand in solidarity with the Jewish
3 community in Pittsburgh, and we condemn these acts of terror,
4 whether they take place in a house of worship in Pittsburgh, a
5 parking lot in Kentucky, a nightclub, a schoolyard, or a
6 playground; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we must seek to build a safe and inclusive
8 community, we must reject terrorism in all its forms, and we
9 must pass laws to protect our communities from violence and
10 fear; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the Tree of Life Synagogue as a symbol of our
13 solidarity.