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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Gun violence is an epidemic in America and in Illinois, touching all parts of the State; and

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WHEREAS, The legislative and executive branches of the State have lawfully regulated guns and gun trafficking; and

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WHEREAS, The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of reasonable state gun violence prevention regulations; Conservative Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito stated in the McDonald decision that state "experimentation with reasonable firearms regulations will continue under the Second Amendment"; and

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WHEREAS, President Trump's administration appears to be willfully ignoring the problem of gun violence in America, and at the same time, is attempting to coerce municipal police forces into diverting their resources towards harassing immigrant populations; some municipalities have lawfully opposed having their local law enforcement used for such purposes and have been dubbed "sanctuary cities"; and

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WHEREAS, Some counties in Illinois have erroneously tried to liken the cause of a sanctuary city with opposition to gun violence prevention measures by declaring themselves "gun

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1 sanctuary counties", thereby declaring their intention to
2 refuse to enforce any gun safety measures lawfully passed by
3 the State with which they disagree; and

4 WHEREAS, These counties are trying to use those lawful
5 sanctuary cities as an excuse to unlawfully ignore important,
6 democratically-implemented, state laws; and

7 WHEREAS, These so-called "gun sanctuary counties" are
8 nothing more than scofflaw counties, usurping the judiciary and
9 role of separation of powers in our government, while openly
10 encouraging criminal behavior; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 condemn these scofflaw counties and declare their attempts to
14 label themselves as "gun sanctuaries" as an unconstitutional
15 and shameless political stunt which undermines the rule of law
16 and threatens the safety of all Illinois citizens.