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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In late summer and the fall of 2017, sexual
3 harassment claims nationwide began to come to light with a
4 rapid pace; and

5 WHEREAS, The concerns regarding sexual harassment in
6 Illinois politics came to the forefront following a letter
7 signed by over 150 men and women that detailed sexual
8 harassment over the years; and

9 WHEREAS, Legislation began moving through the Illinois
10 Legislature that prohibited sexual harassment, increased
11 requirements in personnel policies, required mandatory
12 training, and required local governments to have sexual
13 harassment policies; and

14 WHEREAS, This culture is not limited to state government;
15 Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle learned in March
16 of 2018 that her chief of staff had been behaving
17 inappropriately towards women; and

18 WHEREAS, Toni Preckwinkle took no action until September of
19 2018 when she fired her chief of staff, alleging that she
20 learned of the allegations only a few days before; and

1 WHEREAS, Toni Preckwinkle has stated that she has made the
2 prohibition of harassment, including the prohibition of sexual
3 harassment, a priority; and

4 WHEREAS, The egregious six month delay in action by Toni
5 Preckwinkle is contrary to her statement that the prohibition
6 of sexual harassment is a priority; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we urge the Cook County Board to investigate Cook County Board
10 President Toni Preckwinkle's six month delay in firing her
11 chief of staff for inappropriate behavior; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 delivered to the Cook County Board.