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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, On February 15, 2019, a disgruntled former  
3 employee of the Henry Pratt Company in Aurora opened fire  
4 inside the company warehouse, killing five fellow employees and  
5 wounding another; five police officers were also shot and  
6 wounded while responding to the incident, before the gunman was  
7 killed in a shootout with law enforcement; and

8           WHEREAS, The gunman responsible for this heinous act of  
9 terror was able to obtain the gun he used to wound and kill  
10 innocent victims through a loophole in our Firearm Owners  
11 Identification (FOID) system; despite being convicted of a  
12 felony aggravated assault in 1995 in the state of Mississippi,  
13 the gunman obtained a FOID card in January 2014, and when the  
14 gunman applied for a concealed carry license in March 2014,  
15 only then did State Police revoke his FOID card and send him a  
16 notice to surrender his firearms and submit a Firearm  
17 Disposition Record; the gunman failed to surrender his weapons  
18 and submit the Firearm Disposition Record, and the State Police  
19 did not follow up; this tragic shooting brought to light  
20 dangerous gaps in State law that allowed the shooter easy  
21 access to guns; and

22           WHEREAS, We must remember the victims of this senseless act  
23 of violence: Clayton Parks of Elgin, age 32, Trevor Wehner of

1 DeKalb, age 21, Russell Beyer of Yorkville, age 47, Vicente  
2 Juarez of Oswego, age 54, and Josh Pinkard of Oswego, age 37,  
3 and Timothy Williams, who was wounded by the gunman while  
4 running to warn other employees of the shooting; and

5 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1966 would address many of these gaps,  
6 strengthen the FOID system, and help ensure that people with  
7 violent criminal histories who are prohibited from gun  
8 possession are not able to easily evade the law and arm  
9 themselves; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we recognize the one year anniversary of the mass shooting that  
13 took place at the Henry Pratt Company in Aurora on February 15,  
14 2019, and we honor the victims of this senseless act of  
15 violence; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we urge the passage of Senate Bill 1966 to  
17 close the loopholes that have allowed violent criminals to  
18 obtain a FOID card and to streamline the revocation process for  
19 law enforcement to remove firearms from dangerous individuals.