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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Police use of force is among the leading causes of
3 death for young men of color; and

4 WHEREAS, Black people, including Black women and girls,
5 Native Americans, and Latinos are killed by police at
6 disproportionately higher rates than their White peers; and

7 WHEREAS, Police brutality and the use of excessive force
8 have robbed countless communities of precious lives, inflicted
9 intergenerational harm and trauma to families, and intensified
10 our nation's mental health crisis; and

11 WHEREAS, The killings of hundreds each year and the
12 demonstrations that followed have brought sustained national
13 attention to racially biased police violence against people;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The conduct of police officers who engage in
16 racial profiling and excessive force, which can include
17 shootings, brutal beatings, fatal chokings, and any other
18 excessive treatment, is a violation of federal and State
19 constitutional law; and

20 WHEREAS, The rule of law within our nation is undermined

1 when police officers engage in conduct that is inconsistent
2 with federal and State constitutional law; and

3 WHEREAS, As elected officials, we have a moral and
4 constitutional obligation to protect the civil rights and
5 liberties of all people within our State from police abuses;
6 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 support strengthening efforts to eliminate instances of
10 excessive use of force, to conduct stringent oversight and
11 independent investigations into instances of police brutality,
12 racial profiling, and excessive use of force, and to hold
13 individual law enforcement officers and police departments
14 accountable by doing the following:

15 (1) Calling on the United States Department of Justice
16 to reinstitute its role in investigating police
17 departments that violate civil rights and individual
18 instances of police brutality, violence, and racial
19 profiling and to assume a role in filing briefs urging
20 courts to reconsider decisions that permit unreasonable
21 and excessive police practices and establish meaningful
22 oversight of consent decrees; and

23 (2) Establishing independent all-civilian review
24 boards with the authority to effectively investigate

1 incidents of police misconduct to ensure meaningful
2 community-level oversight, transparency, accountability,
3 and discipline of police officers; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we call for the adoption of sound and
5 unbiased law enforcement policies at all levels of government
6 that reduce the disparate impact of police brutality and use of
7 force on Black and Brown people and other historically
8 marginalized communities; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.
11 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the
12 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives
13 Minority Leader, and all members of the Illinois Congressional
14 Delegation.