STATE OF ILLINOIS EIGHTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Resolution No. 920

Offered by Representative Johnson

WHEREAS, The Nazi Party is planning a march through the Village of Skokie; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Skokie is largely populated by Jewish-Americans, many of whom survived the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, The sight of Nazi symbols is a painful reminder to Jews, especially survivors of Hitler's death camps because of the many horrors suffered by them directly or to their relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, A march by Nazis through a largely Jewish area sets forth ideas advocating the extermination of the Jewish People; and

WHEREAS, The values held by the Nazis are incongruent with the philosophy on which this country was founded; and

WHEREAS, The Nazis in the United States have shown themselves to be destructive, and disrespectful of the rights of Jews and other minorities in the American society; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, That we believe that the march through Skokie is a harmful reminder of the pains and suffering of World War II; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, if the Nazis ever manage to put together a successful demonstration or march in Skokie, then we urge the Governor to proclaim that day as 'Holocaust Day" with all flags flown at half-staff in memory of the Jews and others who died at the hands of one of the most evil movements in the history of mankind; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and resolution be presented to the Honorable James R. Thompson, Governor of the State of Illinois, and to the Honorable Mayor of the Village of Skokie.

Adopted by the House of Representatives on June 6, 1978.

Clerk of the House

William Chedmond Speaker of the House



