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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Representative Lyons in the chair.

Prayer by Pastor Bob Dickerson, who is with First Baptist Church in Marion, IL.

Representative Morrison led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:

112 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Daniel Burke, Chapa LaVia, Coladipietro, Nybo, Reis and Watson were excused from attendance.

REPORTS

The Clerk of the House acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:

Collection Statistics for the Attorney General's Office for Calendar Year 2011, submitted by Office of the Attorney General on January 30, 2012.

Report of Annual Capital Expenditures, 2010, submitted by Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board and the Illinois Department of Public Health on January 30, 2012.

Long-term Care Annual Report to the Illinois General Assembly - August 2011, submitted by Illinois Department of Public Health on January 30, 2012.

Annual Report on Electricity, Gas, Water and Sewer Utilities 2011, submitted by Illinois Commerce Commission on January 30, 2012.

State of Illinois Annual Report Summary for the Calendar Year 2011, pursuant to the "Illinois Procurement Code", submitted by Illinois Department of Central Management Services on January 31, 2012.

Conveyances of Real Surplus Property, submitted by Illinois Department of Central Management Services on January 31, 2012.

2012 African American Employment Plan, submitted by Illinois Department of Central Management Services on January 31, 2012.

2012 Hispanic Employment Plan, submitted by Illinois Department of Central Management Services on January 31, 2012.

LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL

January 30, 2012

Timothy D. Mapes
Clerk of the House
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
300 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

The following changes to the 97th General Assembly House Committees are effective immediately.

Cities & Villages

Representative Charles Krezwick is appointed as a member.
Membership is changed to: 9 Majority appointments; 5 Minority appointments

Transportation: Vehicles & Safety

Representative Charles Krezwick is appointed as a member.
Membership is changed to: 6 Majority appointments; 3 Minority appointments

Armed Forces and Military Affairs

Representative Charles Krezwick is appointed as a member.
Membership is changed to: 5 Majority appointments; 3 Minority appointments

Telecommunications

Representative Charles Krezwick replaces Kevin McCarthy as a member.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

s/Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Yarbrough replaced Representative Lang in the Committee on Rules on January 31, 2012.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on January 31, 2012, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:

State Government Administration: HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 58.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:
3, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson
Y Yarbrough(D) (replacing Lang)
A Mautino(D)

A Schmitz(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Leitch(R)

REQUEST FOR FISCAL NOTE

Representative Lyons requested that a Fiscal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4085.

REQUEST FOR STATE MANDATES FISCAL NOTE

Representative Lyons requested that a State Mandates Fiscal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4085.

REQUEST FOR BALANCED BUDGET NOTE

Representative Lyons requested that a Balanced Budget Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4085.

REQUEST FOR CORRECTIONAL NOTE

Representative Lyons requested that a Correctional Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4085.

REQUEST FOR HOME RULE NOTE

Representative Lyons requested that a Home Rule Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4085.

REQUEST FOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IMPACT NOTE

Representative Lyons requested that a Housing Affordability Impact Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4085.

REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTE

Representative Lyons requested that a Judicial Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4085.

REQUEST FOR LAND CONVEYANCE APPRAISAL NOTE

Representative Lyons requested that a Land Conveyance Appraisal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4085.

REQUEST FOR PENSION NOTE

Representative Lyons requested that a Pension Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4085.

REQUEST FOR STATE DEBT IMPACT NOTE

Representative Lyons requested that a State Debt Impact Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4085.

CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Feigenholtz was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Rita became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 1697.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 676

Offered by Representative Nybo:

Congratulates the Montini Catholic High School Varsity Football team, the Broncos, on winning the Class 5A State Championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 677

Offered by Representative McAsey:
Congratulates the members of the Bolingbrook High School football team on the occasion of their victory in the Illinois High School Association Class 8A championship game.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 678

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:
Mourns the death of Robert Locke of Aurora.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 679

Offered by Representative Cross:
Congratulates George Muentnich on his retirement as Troy Township Clerk.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 681

Offered by Representative Flowers:
Congratulates Orley O. Betcher, III, of Homer Glen, on his 50th birthday.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 682

Offered by Representative May:
Honors Richard Lee Kraines for his long and distinguished career in medicine.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 683

Offered by Representative D'Amico:
Congratulates the members of the Queen of All Saints junior varsity football team on the occasion of winning the Northwest Catholic Conference championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 684

Offered by Representative Monique Davis:
Congratulates Lois Nelson on the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of service in the Chicago Public Schools.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 686

Offered by Representative Daniel Burke:
Congratulates Captain Dan Roach on his retirement from the Illinois State Police.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 687

Offered by Representative Sacia:
Congratulates the members of the Dakota Indians varsity football team on the occasion of winning the IHSA Class 1A State championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 692

Offered by Representative Poe:
Mourns the death of Don Hickman of Springfield.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 693

Offered by Representative Poe:
Congratulates Darrell Tureskis of Springfield on the occasion of breaking the world record for Salvation Army bell-ringing.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 694

Offered by Representative Crespo:
Congratulates Justin Wiewiora on the occasion of attaining the coveted rank of Eagle Scout.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 695

Offered by Representative David Harris:
Congratulates the residents of the Village of Arlington Heights on the occasion of the village's 125th anniversary of incorporation in 2012.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 697

Offered by Representative Kosel:
Congratulates the staff and administration of Silver Cross Hospital as they celebrate the opening of their new facilities in New Lenox on February 26, 2012.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 698

Offered by Representative Rose:
Congratulates Eastern Illinois University head football coach Bob Spoo on his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 699

Offered by Representative Moffitt:
Thanks Kate Francis for her work as President and Managing Director of the Orpheum Theatre in Galesburg.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 700

Offered by Representative Cole:
Mourns the death of William Henry Schroeder of Long Lake.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 702

Offered by Representative Crespo:

Recognizes the Schaumburg Township District Library's many achievements and services and express congratulations on 50 years of informing, inspiring, and connecting the communities that it serves.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 704

Offered by Representative Dunkin:
Congratulates Bennie Martin on his retirement as the Cook County Executive Law Librarian.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 705

Offered by Representative Greg Harris:
Congratulates Dr. Anthony A. Kopera on the occasion of his retirement as Chief Executive of the Community Counseling Centers of Chicago.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 709

Offered by Representative Mussman:
Congratulates Friendship Village of Schaumburg on 35 years of service to the community.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 710

Offered by Representative William Davis:
Congratulates Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams on being a co-recipient of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) Joseph E. Hill "Superintendent of the Year" Award.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 712

Offered by Representative Riley:
Congratulates Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams on being a co-recipient of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) Joseph E. Hill "Superintendent of the Year" Award.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 714

Offered by Representative Osmond:
Mourns the death of Warren S. Hadad of Antioch.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 715

Offered by Representative Currie:
Mourns the death of Jay A. Miller of Evanston.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 716

Offered by Representative Cross:
Mourns the death of our friend and colleague, former Illinois State Representative and United States Representative Edward Joseph "Ed" Derwinski.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 718

Offered by Representative Connelly:
 Congratulates the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Benet Academy on the occasion of the school's 125th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 719

Offered by Representative Coladipietro:
 Congratulates Lombard Police Officer Joe Menolascino on being awarded the "Achievement of Excellence Award" by the Illinois Operation Lifesaver Enforcement Committee.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 721

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:
 Mourns the death of James L. "Jim" Crates.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 722

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:
 Mourns the death of Darlene Rosanna Perry North of Warren, Ohio.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 725

Offered by Representative Crespo:
 Congratulates James Dykstra of Elgin on the occasion of his retirement from the Streamwood Fire Department.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 726

Offered by Representative Crespo:
 Congratulates Lieutenant Gary Bober of West Dundee on the occasion of his retirement from the Streamwood Fire Department.

RESOLUTIONS

Having been reported out of the Committee on Rules on January 30, 2012, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 55 was taken up for consideration.
 Representative Currie moved the adoption of the resolution.
 The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.
 Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 676, 677, 678, 679, 681, 682, 683, 684, 686, 687, 692, 693, 694, 695, 697, 698, 699, 700, 702, 704, 705, 709, 710, 712, 714, 715, 716, 718, 719, 721, 722, 725 and 726 were taken up for consideration.
 Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.
 The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 59**

Representative Currie offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when House of Representatives adjourns on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, it stands adjourned until Friday, February 3, 2012, in perfunctory session, or until the call of the Speaker; and when it adjourns on that day it stands adjourned until Monday, February 6, 2012, in perfunctory session, or until the call of the Speaker; and when it adjourns on that day it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 12:00 o'clock noon, or until the call of the Speaker; and when the Senate adjourns on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 12:00 o'clock noon, or until the call of the President.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the resolution.
The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.
Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

At the hour of 1:36 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.
The motion prevailed.
And the House stood adjourned.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-SEVENTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

January 31, 2012

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

112 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P DeLuca	P Krezwick	E Reis
P Arroyo	P du Buclet	P Lang	P Riley
P Barickman	P Dugan	P Leitch	P Rita
P Beiser	P Dunkin	P Lilly	P Rose
P Bellock	P Durkin	P Lyons	P Rosenthal
P Berrios	P Eddy	P Mathias	P Roth
P Biss	P Evans	P Mautino	P Sacia
P Bost	P Farnham	P May	P Saviano
P Bradley	P Feigenholtz	P Mayfield	P Schmitz
P Brady	P Flowers	P McAsey	P Senger
P Brauer	P Ford	P McAuliffe	P Sente
P Brown	P Fortner	P McGuire	P Smith
E Burke, Daniel	P Franks	P Mell	P Sommer
P Burke, Kelly	P Gabel	P Mitchell, Bill	P Sosnowski
P Carli	P Gaffney	P Mitchell, Jerry	P Soto
P Cassidy	P Golar	P Moffitt	P Sullivan
P Cavaletto	P Gordon	P Morrison	P Thapedi
E Chapa LaVia	P Hammond	P Morthland	P Tracy
E Coladipietro	P Harris, David	P Mulligan	P Tryon
P Cole	P Harris, Greg	P Mussman	P Turner
P Colvin	P Hatcher	P Nekritz	P Unes
P Connelly	P Hays	E Nybo	P Verschoore
P Costello	P Hernandez	P Osmond	E Watson
P Crespo	P Howard	P Penny	P Williams
P Cross	P Jackson	P Phelps	P Winters
P Cunningham	P Jakobsson	P Pihos	P Yarbrough
P Currie	P Jefferson	P Poe	P Zalewski
P D'Amico	P Jones	P Pritchard	P Mr. Speaker
P Davis, Monique	P Kay	P Ramey	
P Davis, William	P Kosel	P Reboletti	

E - Denotes Excused Absence

95TH LEGISLATIVE DAY

Perfunctory Session

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012

At the hour of 1:40 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 680

Offered by Representative Brown:

WHEREAS, The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) establishes federal child labor standards for agricultural and non-agricultural employment; and

WHEREAS, The agricultural child labor rules have not been revised since they were first promulgated in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, The FLSA charges the United States Secretary of Labor with prohibiting employment of youth in occupations which the Secretary finds and declares to be particularly hazardous for the employment of young workers; and

WHEREAS, The Act establishes a minimum age of 18 for hazardous work in non-agricultural employment and 16 in agricultural employment; the Act also provides a complete exemption from these rules for a youth who is employed on a farm owned by his or her parent; and

WHEREAS, On September 2, 2011, the United States Department of Labor published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to update the agricultural child labor regulations based upon recommendations made by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, its own enforcement experience, and a commitment to bring these rules in line with the more stringent rules that apply to employing children in non-agricultural workplaces; and

WHEREAS, A few of the revisions proposed by the NPRM would require all tractors operated by 14 and 15-year-old student learners to be equipped with proper rollover protection structures and seatbelts and require that student-learners use the seatbelts, remove the 2 certification programs that allow 14 and 15 year-olds to operate most tractors and farm implements without supervision, revise the type of farm implements that 14 and 15 year-old student-learners may operate after successfully completing the academic units addressing each type of implement, and revise and expand the current prohibitions against working with animals; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Labor recently concluded the public comment period for the proposed regulations that would define restricted farm activities for workers under the age of 16; while these proposed regulations may not affect children working on their parents' farm, they would apply to children under the age of 16 who are hired by farming operations or are working on farms owned by other family members, such as grandparents, uncles, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Many in the agricultural community are concerned that the Department of Labor's proposed regulations could increase farm families' legal liabilities, as well as force them to change the way they operate their farms; the proposed regulations would also limit training for future farmers by reducing the exposure they have to the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, Many young people use livestock as part of 4-H, FFA, and other programs, but under the proposed rules, individuals under the age of 16 would be prohibited from being near certain animals without adult supervision; and

WHEREAS, The proposed rules would also prohibit youth from operating most power equipment, including power-driven equipment such as riding lawnmowers; and

WHEREAS, The proposed regulations would hinder the ability of some youths to earn money during the summer by limiting the number of jobs that are available to them; and

WHEREAS, Any implemented rule changes should maintain the integrity of the family farm exemption

approved by Congress; and

WHEREAS, Considerable changes should be made to the proposed regulations before they are finalized; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United States Department of Labor to carefully consider all of the comments submitted on their proposed regulations for youth in agricultural employment before finalizing any rule changes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we further urge the U.S. Department of Labor to revise the proposed regulations before they are finalized so as to not create a barrier to young people learning about the agriculture industry and entering agricultural careers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 685

Offered by Representative Yarbrough:

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service (USPS) has announced plans to study the potential closure or conversion of post offices in the City of Springfield, including the Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. (Springfield Main) post office located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield; and

WHEREAS, Springfield is the capital of the State of Illinois and the home of Abraham Lincoln, a former postmaster of New Salem from 1833 to 1836, and later the 16th President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. was a Springfield native who fought for the United States during World War I, earning the Silver Star for his gallantry; he worked for the USPS for 57 years and was the first black person to obtain the rank of Colonel in the United States Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, The post offices in Springfield under consideration for closure serve a population of approximately 150,000 residents; the main post office in Springfield is located in an area which consists of more than 75% minority population and where the median annual household income is less than \$16,000; and

WHEREAS, The USPS was established under the provisions of the United States Constitution, and is charged under the principles of universal service obligation to provide a range of products, access to services and facilities, delivery frequency, affordable and uniform pricing, service quality, and security of the mail; and

WHEREAS, Many residents of the affected neighborhoods do not have easy access to transportation and must rely upon postal service centers within walking distance or within close proximity to homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, It is anticipated that if the Springfield Processing and Distribution Center is closed, the mail processing will be transferred to and consolidated with the St. Louis Processing and Distribution Center (St. Louis P&DC); and

WHEREAS, In the Audit Report of Postal Service Performance During the 2010 Fall Mailing Season, issued September 7, 2011, the St. Louis P & DC had the second highest percentage of delayed mail as a percent of first-handled pieces, which was caused from not adjusting mail flow, sort plans, and staffing timely to meet operational requirements and from not accurately identifying and reporting delayed mail; and

WHEREAS, The Audit Report noted that the service scores for the St. Louis P & DC generally lagged behind the national service scores; and

WHEREAS, The tourism industry, which is a substantial portion of the local economy, also contributes substantial demand for postal services, including the first day issuances of a number of commemorative items celebrating the home town of Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, The closure of the Springfield Post Office will have a dramatic negative impact on mail service throughout central Illinois, including the occurrence of substantial delays for mail service by using the St. Louis P & DC instead of the Springfield Post Office, the inability to obtain metered mail from the home town of Abraham Lincoln, and the additional expense incurred for local mail to be sent for processing to and from the St. Louis P & DC; and

WHEREAS, Closure of post offices in the City of Springfield will likely result in a loss of jobs in the

inner-city at a time of economic recession that disproportionately affects the lives and livelihoods of inner-city residents; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Postmaster General and the U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission to maintain full postal services in the City of Springfield that provide all residents with uniform access to affordable, secure and dependable mail delivery, postal boxes, and related services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we further urge the USPS to provide meaningful opportunities for public input in the process of studying potential closure or conversion of post offices in the City of Springfield, including the timely scheduling of public meetings accessible to all residents; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any residents, business owners, and all others interested in maintaining and promoting access to affordable, dependable, and secure postal services in the City of Springfield are urged to express their concerns to the USPS by contacting the Postmaster General, the U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission, and the Springfield Postmaster and to attend and participate in public meetings on these matters; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the members of the Illinois congressional delegation, the United States Postmaster General, the United States Postal Regulatory Commission, and the Springfield Postmaster.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 688

Offered by Representative Sacia:

WHEREAS, The Pecatonica River enters Illinois at Stephenson County north of Winslow and continues through northern Illinois until it joins the Rock River in Winnebago County near Rockton; and

WHEREAS, Significant potential exists for recreational boat use on the Pecatonica River and other streams in Stephenson and Winnebago Counties; and

WHEREAS, Significant public investment has been made by local units of government at Tutty's Crossing Trailhead, McNeil's Damascus Landing, and McConnell's Bobtown Landing to provide access to the Pecatonica River for motorized and non-motorized recreational boat use, stewardship, and environmental education; and

WHEREAS, The waters of the Pecatonica River and other streams in Stephenson and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, are of good quality for recreational uses by boaters; and

WHEREAS, The creation of a Pecatonica River Water Trail and other potential water trails would add to local residents' quality of life, both economically and recreationally, and would encourage increased tourism to the area; and

WHEREAS, It is in the public interest of this State to encourage a cooperative effort within the local governmental units to further develop and enhance the Pecatonica River Water Trail; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the Pecatonica River from the Illinois State line to the mouth of Pecatonica River at its confluence with the Rock River in Winnebago County the Pecatonica River Water Trail; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Pecatonica River Water Trail will extend from stream bank to stream bank of the Pecatonica River at normal high water levels, not flood level, and shall not infringe on the rights of private property owners along the waterway or the authority of the Department of Natural Resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we endorse the work of neighboring jurisdictions and relevant conservation groups on design and planning issues related to coordination of river development activities when such circumstances arise; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we endorse the efforts of other governmental partners to work in an expeditious manner to achieve the development of the water trail prior to or, alternatively, in conjunction with new development as it occurs on a parcel-by-parcel basis along that waterway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Director of Natural Resources and the county boards of Stephenson County and Winnebago County.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 689

Offered by Representative Flowers:

WHEREAS, The Moorish Americans are the descendants of the ancient Moabites, Hamites, and Canaanites who were permitted by the Old Pharaohs of Kemet to traverse from East Africa and later formed themselves kingdoms extending from the northwestern and southwestern shores of Africa, the Atlantic Islands, and onto the present-day continental Americas; and

WHEREAS, The indigenous Moorish Peoples of the Americas are now united in order to again link themselves with the family of nations; and

WHEREAS, The Moorish Americans, being aboriginal to the territories of the North, Central, and South Americas, have formed a sovereign theocratic government guided by the command principles of love, truth, peace, freedom, and justice through virtue of the universal right to self-determination as well as with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples guaranteed in the Charter; and

WHEREAS, On January 8, 1886, Noble Drew Ali was born in the State of North Carolina, destined to become the first patriot of his mentally enslaved Moorish American People; in 1912, he was anointed as "El Hajj Sharif Abdul Ali" by the leaders of Egypt and the Holy City of Mecca to return to the United States as the Last Prophet and Founding Father of the newly risen Nation of Moorish Americans; as a result of the 13th Amendment, Moorish people were emancipated from slavery in 1865; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the week of January 8-15, 2012 as Moorish American Week in the State of Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 690

Offered by Representative Brady:

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has played a meaningful role in developing the American art form of barbershop singing; and

WHEREAS, The national organization known as the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS), born in 1938 as the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., enjoyed strong support from communities across Illinois as interest in the art form spread; and

WHEREAS, The Bloomington Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, also known as the Sound of Illinois, became one of the earliest to form in Illinois on April 27, 1942; and

WHEREAS, The Sound of Illinois mission is to bring Central Illinois men together in harmony and fellowship to enrich lives through singing; and

WHEREAS, The Sound of Illinois, one of the Central Illinois arts community's oldest organizations, has brought enjoyment of four-part acappella singing to thousands of Central Illinois audiences through its annual shows, singing valentines, and many performances; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Illinois high school singers have participated in annual Youth In Harmony education workshops and performances offered free by the Sound of Illinois since 1999 to support vocal music in high schools; and

WHEREAS, The Sound of Illinois chorus will again represent the State of Illinois as a contestant in Portland, Oregon, in 2012, the fifth consecutive year and eighth time overall that the Sound of Illinois has been the Illinois entry in international competition; and

WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society recognizes the Bloomington Chapter as the third best chapter among 800 in the entire organization, based on a broad measure of activities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we proclaim April 21-27, 2012 as Sound of Illinois Week in the State of Illinois, to recognize the 70th anniversary of the Bloomington Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and its passion to serve its Society, its audiences, students, and citizens across the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Bloomington Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 691

Offered by Representative May:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of Hadassah on the occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary on February 24, 2012; and

WHEREAS, In 1909, Henrietta Szold and her mother took a trip to pre-state Israel, where they witnessed the starvation and disease that afflicted the people of the region; upon returning to the United States, she soon founded Hadassah, a volunteer women's organization with the biblical mission of Aruhat Bat Ami: the Healing of the Daughter of my People; and

WHEREAS, Hadassah's first mission was to send two nurses to Palestine to provide pasteurized milk to infants and new mothers; the organization also worked to eradicate trachoma, an easily cured eye disease that was robbing thousands of their sight; by 1918, Hadassah had sent an entire medical unit, composed of 45 doctors, nurses, dentists, and sanitary workers, to bring American-style medical care to serve all, regardless of race, creed, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, By the mid-1930s, it had become clear that Jewish children needed to be saved from a Europe that was rapidly darkening with anti-Semitic and Nazi threats and actions; joining with a German colleague, Henrietta Szold helped organize the rescue of thousands such children, bringing them to safety in Palestine; these children became one of the foundations of the modern state of Israel, and many of her "children" and their children survive to this day; and

WHEREAS, As early as 1942, the U.S. State Department named Hadassah as one of the five largest contributors to overseas relief; during World War II, Hadassah chapters around the country sold a total of \$200 million in war bonds; for their efforts, Hadassah was rewarded with 100 U.S. Air Force bombers, each bearing the name of a Hadassah chapter; and

WHEREAS, Hadassah founded, owns, and supports 2 world-class medical centers in greater Jerusalem, and are rapidly expanding their campuses and facilities; Hadassah is currently concluding a \$210 million capital campaign for the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower at Hadassah Medical Center in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem; over the years, Hadassah has expanded Israeli projects to include Hadassah College Jerusalem, one of Israel's top-ranked smaller colleges, 3 Hadassah Youth Aliyah villages, where they house, feed, educate, and nurture young immigrants and Israel's underprivileged youth, and Israel's largest touring and residency program for American Jewish youth through Young Judaea, the Hadassah Zionist youth movement; Hadassah also supports major reforestation and water conservation programs to protect Israel's precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, The Hadassah-supported Youth Aliyah/Children at Risk program sets Israel's disadvantaged children on the path to a successful future; since 1934, over 300,000 young people from 80 lands have graduated from Youth Aliyah; young immigrants and "at-risk" native Israelis, many of whom are victims of abuse, receive counseling, education, and support services in Youth Aliyah day centers and youth villages; the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) is one of the world's leading institutions in healthcare, comprised of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Kerem and the Hadassah University Hospital at Mount Scopus; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Hadassah has taken firm advocacy positions on First Amendment issues, public health, support of Israel, and a vast array of social concerns, including immigration and voting rights; in recent years, Hadassah has spoken out passionately in favor of federal and state funding for stem cell research and has advocated strongly for legislation that supports medical privacy and freedom from genetic discrimination by insurance companies and employers; and

WHEREAS, With 300,000 members, Hadassah is the largest Jewish volunteer organization in America and one of the largest women's volunteer organizations in the world; and

WHEREAS, The members of Hadassah serve as models of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the members of Hadassah on the occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary and wish them continued success and happiness in the

future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the date of February 24, 2012 be designated as Hadassah Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Hadassah as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 696

Offered by Representative Bellock:

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report vaccinations are one of the best ways to put an end to the serious effects of certain diseases; and

WHEREAS, The CDC's 2010 National Immunization Survey found an increase in vaccine usage for numerous vaccine-preventable diseases, including measles, mumps, rubella, rotavirus, pneumococcal disease, hepatitis A, and Haemophilus influenza type B; and

WHEREAS, The results from the National Immunization Survey also indicate that vaccine coverage rates against poliovirus, chickenpox, and the full series of hepatitis B remained stable at or above 90%; and

WHEREAS, The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices reports that adolescents between 13 and 17 years of age routinely receive meningococcal conjugate, tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis vaccines; and

WHEREAS, Immunizing children and adolescents helps protect the health of our communities throughout the State of Illinois by slowing down or stopping disease outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, The Women in Government Foundation, Inc. is a national, non-profit, non-partisan organization of female State legislators that provides leadership opportunities, networking expert forums, and educational resources to address and resolve complex public policy issues; and

WHEREAS, The Women in Government Foundation has made it a major policy initiative to emphasize the importance of lifetime vaccinations to create a healthier population and save lives; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage the continued use of vaccines in children, adolescents, and adults to ensure the safety and health of Illinoisans; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Women in Government Foundation in recognition of their continued leadership on public health issues.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 701

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

WHEREAS, Pearl Lucrecia McCoy, "Mama Pearl", was born in Lake Village, Arkansas on January 23, 1912; and

WHEREAS, She received her lower and middle grade education in Lake Village, Arkansas, and attended Sipio Jones High School and Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, She was teaching other children by the age of 23; and

WHEREAS, She married Fred Mason on August 23, 1933, and they were married 53 years; this union was blessed with 8 children, Freddie Mae, Ozell, Joyce, Carol, Perry, Veda, Cynthia, and Joni; and

WHEREAS, She belonged to St. Matthews Parish, where her youngest 2 children attended grade school; she annually volunteered at the St. Matthews School fundraiser as well as St. Francis Cabrini Schools; and

WHEREAS, She played Bingo weekly at St. Francis Cabrini where her second eldest child, Ozell, was school principal for many years; and

WHEREAS, Her relationship working with noted interior designers and producing exquisitely detailed productions of their designs garnered the attention of one of Chicago's leading newspapers; she was a production supervisor for P. J. Gould and Flexi Mat Corporations until her retirement at 65 years of age; at that time, she was the only Black female production supervisor in the pillow and bedding industry; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, at age 96, she and her 92 year old brother, Isaac, volunteered at the Michigan

City, Indiana, Barack Obama Campaign Headquarters; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Pearl McCoy on her 100th birthday and affectionately declare the last century the Century of Pearl Mason; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Pearl McCoy as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 703

Offered by Representative Bellock:

WHEREAS, 32,909 Americans with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD) lived in 162 large, state-operated facilities - with 16 beds or more - in 42 states as of June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Persons with ID/DD have a fundamental right to be given a choice in services that provide respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Persons with ID/DD have the right to live in the least restrictive environment consistent with *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999); and

WHEREAS, Individuals with ID/DD living in integrated community settings are afforded an improved quality of life and higher level of personal independence; and

WHEREAS, It is cost effective to move persons with ID/DD from large, state-operated facilities to home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver settings; and

WHEREAS, Average costs in 2009 totaled \$196,735 per person/per year in state-operated facilities, versus \$43,969 per person/per year in HCBS waiver settings, a 77.7% cost savings; and

WHEREAS, The federal government provides funding to assist in moving persons with ID/DD from state-operated facilities to HCBS waiver settings; and

WHEREAS, 10 states, plus the District of Columbia, have already closed their large state-operated facilities for Americans with ID/DD; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that Illinois in 2012 takes action in a caring, comprehensive manner to transition State-operated facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities as appropriate, and to ensure care in the least restrictive environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Governor, to the Secretary of the Department of Human Services, and to members of the Illinois Congressional delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 708

Offered by Representative Nybo:

WHEREAS, The children of the State of Illinois should have access to the highest-quality schools possible; and

WHEREAS, Citizens throughout the State of Illinois believe that improving the quality of education in the State and expanding access to highly-effective schools should be an issue of importance to our State's leaders; and

WHEREAS, The members of this body recognize the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing the children of this State to be successful in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a multitude of high-quality public schools, public charter schools, and non-public schools; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has many high-quality teaching professionals in public, private, and charter schools who are committed to educating children; and

WHEREAS, The vital cause of education reform is one that transcends ideology and political party affiliation; and

WHEREAS, Research performed in the State of Illinois and throughout the nation demonstrates conclusively that providing children with multiple schooling options improves academic performance;

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the week of January 22-28, 2012 as Illinois School Choice Week in the State of Illinois and call this observance to the attention of the citizens of this State.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 711

Offered by Representative Cross:

WHEREAS, The General Assembly Retirement System has been providing a defined benefit pension plan to General Assembly members since 1947; and

WHEREAS, The average annuity in the General Assembly Retirement System is over \$49,000 and the System is only 20.2% funded with \$238 million in unfunded liability; and

WHEREAS, Legislators in the General Assembly Retirement System have been able to make changes to their own retirement plan through changing the law, and in some instances have created questionable benefit enhancements for specific categories of individuals; and

WHEREAS, The Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act generally allows for reasonable and limited pension portability, but some members of the General Assembly Retirement System have been able to exploit this law in a manner that dramatically increases their own pension benefits; and

WHEREAS, Recent reports in the news media have brought to light loopholes that have been exploited by former General Assembly members for their own personal gain; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General shall conduct an audit of benefits authorized under Article 2 (General Assembly Retirement System) and Article 20 (Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act) of the Illinois Pension Code to examine and report on inappropriate benefit enhancements, as well as loopholes and other benefit provisions that may allow members of the General Assembly Retirement System to exploit the law for their own benefit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly Retirement System and any other entity having information relevant to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the Office of the Auditor General in the conduct of this audit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as soon as possible and report his findings and recommendations upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Auditor General and the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly Retirement System.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 713

Offered by Representative Moffitt:

WHEREAS, During the 97th General Assembly, House Resolution 230 created a Task Force consisting of 24 members, to formulate practical, timely, and strategic guidance on how to improve equipment, funding, training, manpower, cost savings, and communications with regard to emergency medical services within the State; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force shall meet with various emergency medical service stakeholders and make recommendations concerning ways in which emergency medical service functions in this State can be assisted and improved; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force was required to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force needs additional time to complete its work; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Task Force created by House Resolution 230 of the

97th General Assembly shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before April 19, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, with this reporting extension, the Task Force shall operate pursuant to this Resolution and House Resolution 230 of the 97th General Assembly.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 717

Offered by Representative Berrios:

WHEREAS, The United States government launched the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) in 1986 to make it easier for tourists and business travelers from friendly nations to visit without a visa, as long as their homeland met stringent security and law-enforcement standards; and

WHEREAS, Poland is currently one of the few European nations to be excluded from the VWP, despite its nearly century-long diplomatic relationship with the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Polish government repealed its visa requirement for U.S. citizens traveling to Poland in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Poland has been one of the staunchest U.S. allies during the military campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan, where 2,500 Polish soldiers are currently deployed; at least 24 Polish troops have been killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, In his December 2010 meeting with Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski, President Barack Obama said he would make Poland's admission into the VWP a "priority", and pledged to complete that process expeditiously; and

WHEREAS, Expansion of the VWP would bring increased revenue to the travel industry, at a time when America's economy needs it the most; in 2008, the countries in the VWP generated more than 16 million visits to the U.S., accounting for 65% of all overseas arrivals that year; VWP travelers spent more than \$51 billion in the U.S., which generated an estimated 512,000 jobs, \$13 billion in payroll and \$7.8 billion in taxes for the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, The Secure Travel and Counterterrorism Partnership Program Act of 2011, currently under consideration in Congress, aims to update and modernize VWP requirements, ultimately making Poland and other U.S. allies eligible to participate in VWP; the Act would also enhance national security by encouraging information sharing between the United States and member countries; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Congress to pass the Secure Travel and Counterterrorism Partnership Program Act of 2011 in an effort to improve our international diplomatic relationships, create jobs, stimulate the economy, and strengthen national security; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, and the members of the Illinois congressional delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 720

Offered by Representative Kosel:

WHEREAS, Each State of the Union is a sovereign entity with a constitution and authority to issue sovereign debt; and

WHEREAS, The legislature of each State of the Union has the authority to reduce spending or raise taxes to pay the obligations to which the State has committed itself; and

WHEREAS, The officials of each State of the Union have the legal obligation to fully disclose the financial condition of the State to investors who purchase the debt of such State; and

WHEREAS, Congress has rejected prior requests from State creditors for payment of defaulted State debt; and

WHEREAS, During the financial crisis in 1842, the Senate requested that the Secretary of State report any negotiations with State creditors to assume or guaranty State debts, to ensure that no promises of

federal government support were proffered; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge (1) the federal government to take no action to redeem, assume, or guarantee State debt; and (2) the Secretary of the Treasury should report to Congress negotiations to engage in actions that would result in an outlay of Federal funds on behalf of creditors to a State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 723

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the 5 Girl Scout councils that represent Illinois on the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts; and

WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts have a long-standing commitment to the well-being of girls and serve more than 167,494 girls and adult volunteers throughout the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, For over a century, Girl Scouts have been actively engaged in the lives of girls; the Girl Scouts have been a resource and expert on their growth and development; and

WHEREAS, To advance the mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place, and ensure that all girls have the opportunity to be successful, the Girl Scouts serve as a resource for information, advice, and support; and

WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts have 4 issues of particular interest, including: healthy living and promoting girls' physical, social, and emotional health; STEM-increasing girls involvement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); girls and leadership; and financial literacy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Girl Scouts on their 100th anniversary and wish them continued success and good fortune in the future and declare 2012 as the "Year of the Girl"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois, the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana, the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, and the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 724

Offered by Representative Tracy:

WHEREAS, Parental alienation is the psychological term used to denote the unacceptable manipulative process used by one parent to alienate a child from the other parent by disparaging conduct or words to encourage the child to dislike or break communication ties with the other parent; and

WHEREAS, This process is most often used in the course of the parents' divorce or separation; and

WHEREAS, While divorce is the most common situation where parental alienation is used, it also has been known to happen during the course of unhappy marriages or relationships that do not end in divorce, as one parent seeks the exclusive companionship and alliance of the children or of a particular child in the family; and

WHEREAS, Parental alienation can be viewed as a form of child abuse because it denies a child, through cruel manipulation, a loving a supportive relationship with both parents; and is not in the best interest of the child; and

WHEREAS, The unhappiness bred by parental alienation has been known to lead to child kidnapping, murder, and suicide, or other destructive behavior as has been reported in the media; and

WHEREAS, Awareness of parental alienation and its negative consequences on family relationships, and on children caught in this unhealthy negative web between his or her parents, will help to highlight this problem and lessen its occurrence; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the month of April, 2012 as "Stop Parental Alienation Awareness Month" in Illinois.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 56

Offered by Representative Yarbrough:

WHEREAS, The United States sends hundreds of billions of dollars a year overseas for oil; a dangerous amount of this money is funneled through front groups and fake charities to terrorist groups and insurgents in Iraq and Afghanistan who attack United States troops; and

WHEREAS, U.S. military veterans, including veterans involved with Operation Free, advocate for reducing both America's oil dependence and carbon emissions in order to strengthen American security; and

WHEREAS, Countless men and women who bravely wear the uniform of our nation's armed services face threats and challenges caused by America's dependence on oil; and

WHEREAS, Investing in clean energy can both create new jobs in Illinois and make the United States more economically competitive in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. State Department, and the Central Intelligence Agency all recognize climate disruption as a threat to our national security because it destabilizes weak countries, turning them into breeding grounds for terrorism; and

WHEREAS, U.S. demand for oil drives up the price everywhere, allowing countries we refuse to buy from to profit, such as Iran, who uses its petroleum profits to fund its nuclear program; and

WHEREAS, The national and international challenges of America's oil dependence and fighting climate disruption are influenced by the energy and climate policies of individual states; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we state our intent to duly consider the ramifications for America's security when taking up issues concerning carbon emissions and oil dependence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we state our intent to consider partnerships with other states in the region on clean energy and oil-use-reduction programs where such joint ventures can efficiently and effectively address the challenges of climate change and oil dependence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we resolve to encourage the growth of the clean-energy sector in order to create jobs for Illinoisans, reduce carbon emissions, and strengthen America's security; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our deepest appreciation to America's service members, veterans, and military families for their selfless service to our country and recognizes the veterans of Operation Free for their continued work in service of our national security.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 57

Offered by Representative Hammond:

WHEREAS, Illinois State Representative Donald L. Moffitt has devoted his professional life to public service and has strived to serve the growing and changing needs of his district, including the City of Galesburg; and

WHEREAS, Donald L. Moffitt has continually adapted his legislative agenda to meet the always-evolving needs of his constituents since his election to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1993 and since first becoming an elected official in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt has diligently served the State of Illinois on various committees, including, but not limited to, the Aging, Agriculture and Conservation, Counties and Townships, Local

Government, Commerce and Business Development, Elementary and Secondary Education, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs Committees; and

WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt continuously advocates in support of public safety, emergency management, and fire protection on behalf of the people of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt uses his legislative experience and ability to consistently work hard to improve public education, promote the expansion of agricultural markets, and fund highway projects; and

WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt helped make possible the funding for the construction of the West Main Street Overpass in the City of Galesburg, which is expected to ease traffic and modernize infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The Galesburg City Council unanimously made the decision to name the West Main Street Overpass after Representative Donald L. Moffitt; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the West Main Street Overpass in the City of Galesburg as the "Donald L. Moffitt Overpass" in honor of our friend and colleague, Illinois State Representative Donald Moffitt; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State regulations, plaques or signs giving notice of the name; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Illinois Secretary of Transportation and Representative Donald L. Moffitt.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 58

Offered by Representative Kay:

WHEREAS, His Excellency Lech Walesa, Former President of the Republic of Poland, helped lead his country to a new era of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa, the son of a carpenter, rose to become the first democratically-elected President of postwar Poland and helped to usher the country into the modern era by laying the foundation for Poland's eventual admission into NATO, and, as a free nation, into the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa, Pope John Paul II, President Ronald Reagan, and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher are recognized as the Big Four, whose courage helped bring about the disintegration of the Eastern Bloc and the end of the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa's journey, from working in the massive Lenin shipyard at Gdansk, Poland to becoming the first democratically-elected President in Poland's postwar history, was an arduous one; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa was born on September 29, 1943 in Popowo, Poland; after graduating from vocational school, he worked as a car mechanic at a machine center from 1961 to 1965; he served in the army for 2 years, where he rose to the rank of corporal; in 1967, he was employed in the Gdansk shipyards as an electrician; in 1969, he married Danuta Golos; together, they have 8 children; and

WHEREAS, Working as an electrician in the shipyards in the early 1970s, Lech Walesa witnessed violent government crackdowns ordered by Poland's Communist Party leadership against its own citizens, which spurred him to take action and become recognized as a labor leader and activist; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, as a result of his activities as a shop steward, Lech Walesa was fired and was forced to earn his living by taking temporary jobs; and

WHEREAS, The Catholic Church supported the Polish workers movement; in January of 1981, Lech Walesa was cordially received by Pope John Paul II in the Vatican; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa regards his faith as a source of strength and inspiration; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his leadership, Lech Walesa was elected to serve as the first Solidarity Chairman at the First National Solidarity Congress in Gdansk in September of 1981; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa is recognized for his raw courage as "the man who stood up"; he continued to lead after he was imprisoned during the imposition of martial law in communist Poland; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 1983, Lech Walesa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his struggle to win workers' rights in Poland; and

WHEREAS, When awarded the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize, the Nobel Committee stated: "...Walesa is an exponent of the active longing for peace and freedom which exists, in spite of unequal conditions,

unconquered in all the peoples of the world. Furthermore the Committee believes that Walesa's attempt to find a peaceful solution to his country's problems will contribute to a relaxation of international tension."; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa's activities have been characterized by a determination to solve his country's problems through negotiation and cooperation, without resorting to violence; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa served as President of the Republic of Poland from 1990 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, During his presidency, Lech Walesa saw Poland through privatization and the transition to a free market economy, the nation's first completely free parliamentary elections in 1991, and a period of redefinition of Poland's foreign relations; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa successfully negotiated the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Polish soil and won a substantial reduction in Poland's foreign debts; and

WHEREAS, President Lech Walesa was an instrumental force in ushering in Polish democracy, continued reforms, and national reconciliation; and

WHEREAS, President Lech Walesa leaves a historic legacy of freedom that has changed the face of Poland, Europe and the world at large; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa was named by Time Magazine as one of the 100 most influential people of the past century; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa continues to help people that fight for freedom around the world to believe that they are not alone in their struggle and that the world is not indifferent to their aspirations for freedom; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa has been granted many honorary degrees from prestigious universities, including Harvard University and the University of Paris; he has also been the recipient of the Medal of Freedom (Philadelphia, U.S.A.), the Award of Free World (Norway), and the European Award of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa is the founder of the "Lech Walesa Institute" Foundation in Gdansk, Poland; through this organization, he wishes to honor those people and institutions who are active for the cause of freedom and who promote the values which were at the basis of Polish "Solidarity"; and

WHEREAS, President Lech Walesa is the recipient of the 2012 Lincoln Leadership Prize, awarded by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation on February 9, 2012; the Foundation celebrates Lincoln's legacy of leadership by honoring leaders of meritorious quality; the prize is awarded to exceptional men and women for a lifetime of service in the Lincoln tradition, marked by great strength of character, individual conscience, and an unwavering commitment to the defining principles of democracy; the prize recognizes those individuals who accept the responsibilities imposed by history and demanded by conscience; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the date of February 9, 2012 as "Lech Walesa Day" in the State of Illinois in honor of former Polish President Lech Walesa and his work in promoting freedom and self-determination in Poland and throughout the world; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Lech Walesa as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

At the hour of 1:41 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.

At the hour of 3:34 o'clock p.m., the House reconvened perfunctory session.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 4469. Introduced by Representative Turner, AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL 4470. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning regulation.

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- HOUSE BILL 4473. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4474. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4475. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4476. Introduced by Representative Currie, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4477. Introduced by Representative Currie, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4478. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4479. Introduced by Representative Dugan, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4480. Introduced by Representative Dugan, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4481. Introduced by Representative Dugan, AN ACT concerning regulation.
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- HOUSE BILL 4483. Introduced by Representative Dugan, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4484. Introduced by Representative Mayfield, AN ACT concerning employment.
- HOUSE BILL 4485. Introduced by Representative Burke, Kelly, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4486. Introduced by Representative Lang, AN ACT concerning finance.
- HOUSE BILL 4487. Introduced by Representatives Soto - Pritchard - Smith - Berrios - Flowers, Carli, Hernandez, Fortner, Mitchell, Jerry and Arroyo, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4488. Introduced by Representative Tryon, AN ACT concerning safety.
- HOUSE BILL 4489. Introduced by Representative Tryon, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 4490. Introduced by Representative Tryon, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4491. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4492. Introduced by Representative Poe, AN ACT concerning government.
- HOUSE BILL 4493. Introduced by Representative D'Amico, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4494. Introduced by Representative Berrios, AN ACT concerning public health.
- HOUSE BILL 4495. Introduced by Representative Farnham, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4496. Introduced by Representative Sente, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4497. Introduced by Representative Sente, AN ACT concerning employment.
- HOUSE BILL 4498. Introduced by Representative Mell, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

- HOUSE BILL 4499. Introduced by Representative Burke, Kelly, AN ACT concerning government.
- HOUSE BILL 4500. Introduced by Representative Burke, Kelly, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4501. Introduced by Representative Davis, William, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4502. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4503. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4504. Introduced by Representative Gabel, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4505. Introduced by Representative Osmond, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4506. Introduced by Representative Osmond, AN ACT concerning insurance.
- HOUSE BILL 4507. Introduced by Representative Gabel, AN ACT concerning appropriations.
- HOUSE BILL 4508. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4509. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4510. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4511. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4512. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning corrections.
- HOUSE BILL 4513. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4514. Introduced by Representative Yarbrough, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4515. Introduced by Representative Harris, Greg, AN ACT concerning elections.
- HOUSE BILL 4516. Introduced by Representative Harris, Greg, AN ACT concerning safety.
- HOUSE BILL 4517. Introduced by Representative Harris, Greg, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4518. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4519. Introduced by Representative Senger, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4520. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4521. Introduced by Representative Colvin, AN ACT concerning residential mortgages.
- HOUSE BILL 4522. Introduced by Representative Currie, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4523. Introduced by Representatives Gaffney - Morthland, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4524. Introduced by Representative Kay, AN ACT concerning civil law.

- HOUSE BILL 4525. Introduced by Representative Kay, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4526. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning safety.
- HOUSE BILL 4527. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4528. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4529. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4530. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4531. Introduced by Representative Hernandez, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4532. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning charitable trust fees.
- HOUSE BILL 4533. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4534. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4535. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 4536. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4537. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning employment.
- HOUSE BILL 4538. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4539. Introduced by Representative Cassidy, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4540. Introduced by Representative Sosnowski, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4541. Introduced by Representative Sosnowski, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4542. Introduced by Representative Sosnowski, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4543. Introduced by Representative Sosnowski, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4544. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning government.

At the hour of 3:42 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.