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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Honorable John J. Cullerton, President of the Senate, presiding.
Prayer by Pastor Blake Carter, Hope Evangelical Free Church, Springfield, Illinois.
Senator Jacobs led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Wednesday, January 28, 2009, was being read when on motion of Senator Hunter, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Charles E. "Chuck" Crumbacher, Jr., of Glen Carbon.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Mary Ann Schmitzer of Alton.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of John J. "Jack" Maloney of Godfrey.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Roger Sullivan Murphy of Holiday Shores.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Helen Rose Kessler of Bethalto.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

Offered by Senator Viverito and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Harry J. Lesniak of Burbank.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

Offered by Senator Viverito and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Bernadette J. Uram.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

Offered by Senator Viverito and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Anthony M. "Tony" Cirella.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Mary Murphy Bitto of Wildwood.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

Offered by Senator Hunter and all Senators:
Mourns the death of James Webb Wagner.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Geraldine (Hamilton) McCullough of Oak Park.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Lillian Murrell Sharp Reed.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Stephen M. "The Irishman" O'Donnell of Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

Offered by Senator Demuzio and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Roderick L. "Rod" Webel of Baylis.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

Offered by Senator Demuzio and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Mary Ellen Geminatti of Carlinville.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of James Franklin Quetsch of Geneva.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Marine Lieutenant General Victor "Brute" Krulak.

By unanimous consent, the foregoing resolutions were referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

In fulfillment of his responsibilities in accordance with Article IV, Section 14, of the Illinois Constitution, Chief Justice Fitzgerald joined with the Senate in the trial of the impeachment of Rod. R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois.

At the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., the Honorable Chief Justice Thomas Fitzgerald, presiding.

IMPEACHMENT TRIBUNAL

10:00 o'clock a.m.

The Journal of the Impeachment Tribunal of Wednesday, January 28, 2009, was being read when on motion of Senator Hunter, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

(Transcripts available at <http://ilga.gov/senate/ImpeachTranscripts.asp>)

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Senator John J. Cullerton, President of the Senate; Senator Radogno, Minority Leader of the Senate; and all Senators, offered the following Senate Resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 14, of the Illinois Constitution provides that, when the Governor of the State of Illinois is tried on impeachment, the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court shall preside over the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Senate Impeachment Rules, on January 14, 2009, the Senate notified Thomas R. Fitzgerald, Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, of the time and place fixed for consideration of the article of impeachment against Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of

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Illinois, and requested the Chief Justice to attend; and

WHEREAS, In the intervening days since January 14, 2009, Chief Justice Fitzgerald has presided over the Senate, when sitting as an impeachment tribunal for the purpose of trying the article of impeachment, for long hours over many days; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Fitzgerald, in presiding over the Senate, has exhibited extraordinary qualities of fairness, patience, equanimity, and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, By his manner of presiding over the Senate, Chief Justice Fitzgerald has contributed greatly to the Senate's decorum and has ensured that the impeachment trial proceedings were in all respects consistent with the Senate's Impeachment Rules and fair, impartial, and dignified to both the House Prosecutor and Governor; and

WHEREAS, The Senate and the State of Illinois are indebted to Chief Justice Fitzgerald for his distinguished and valued service in fulfilling his constitutional duty to preside over the Senate in the trial of the article of impeachment; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Senate expresses its profound gratitude to Thomas R. Fitzgerald, Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, for his distinguished service in presiding over the Senate, while sitting as an impeachment tribunal for the purpose of trying the article of impeachment against Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court as a symbol of our appreciation for his distinguished service to the People of Illinois.

Senator Cullerton, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution, moved its adoption.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

At the hour of 5:06 o'clock p.m., Senator Cullerton moved that the Regular Session of the Senate be granted leave to approve the final Journals of the Impeachment Tribunal, where such Journals have not, prior to adjournment sine die, been approved by the Impeachment Tribunal.

The motion carried.

At the hour of 5:08 o'clock p.m., Senator Cullerton moved the Senate arise from sitting as an Impeachment Tribunal.

The Chair announced the Senate has arisen from sitting as an Impeachment Tribunal, and the Impeachment Tribunal is adjourned SINE DIE.

Whereupon the Senate resumed consideration of regular business.

The Honorable President John J. Cullerton, presiding.

The Chair appointed the following members to escort Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Thomas Fitzgerald from the Senate Chamber: Senators Silverstein, Kotowski, Koehler, Lauzen, Dillard, and Cronin.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair announced the Senate will be in perfunctory session tomorrow, Friday, January 30, 2009, and that session has been cancelled for January 31 through February 3, 2009. The Senate will return on February 4, 2009 at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

At the hour of 5:10 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Friday, January 30, 2009, in perfunctory session.

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