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The House met pursuant to adjournment.
 Speaker Madigan in the chair.
 Prayer by Lee A. Crawford, Assistant Pastor with the Victory Temple Church in Springfield, IL.
 Representative Hassert led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Capparelli replaced Representative Turner in the Committee on Rules on June 24, 2004.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

June 25, 2004

Mark Mahoney
 Chief Clerk of the House
 402 State House
 Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Clerk Mahoney:

Please be advised that I am extending the Final Action Deadline to June 30, 2004 for the following House Bill and Senate Bills:

House Bill: 45.

Senate Bills: 1971, 1749, 2256, 2258 and 3037.

If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Tim Mapes, at 782-6360.

With kindest personal regards, I remain.

Sincerely yours,
 s/Michael J. Madigan
 Speaker of the House

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on June 24, 2004, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and be placed on the order of Second Reading: HOUSE BILL 45 and SENATE BILLS 1749, 1971, 2256 and 2258.

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

Y Currie, Barbara(D), Chairperson
 Y Hannig, Gary(D)
 Y Turner, Arthur(D) (Capparelli)

Y Black, William(R)
 Y Hassert, Brent(R), Republican Spokesperson

COMMITTEE ON RULES REFERRALS

Representative Currie, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, reported the following legislative measures and/or joint action motions have been assigned as follows:

Human Services: SENATE BILL 3037.
Executive: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to SENATE BILL 2258.
Higher Education: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to SENATE BILL 1971.
Local Government: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to SENATE BILL 2256.

MOTIONS SUBMITTED

Representative Black submitted the following written motion, which was placed in the Committee on Rules:

MOTION

I move to table Amendment 1 to HOUSE BILL 45.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1051

Offered by Representative Dunn:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to honor John Lord for his many years of service as the Naperville Municipal Band's sound engineer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lord valiantly served his country during World War II in General Patton's Third Army at the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lord went on to work for 5 years in radio and television at KGLO AM/FM/TV in Mason City, Iowa, where he met Ann Good of Naperville; they were married on August 14, 1954; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lord worked for DuKane Electronics in their Audio-Visual Division for 25 years; he acted as ringmaster for the Naperville Municipal Band Circus concerts; one memorable night with the band is when Mr. Lord impersonated Maurice Chevalier and sang "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" at a concert featuring Broadway songs; he served as the sound engineer for the Municipal Band for 45 years until he retired in 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Naperville Municipal Band was first organized in 1859 and became a municipal band in 1931; the band performs free outdoor concerts each Thursday night in Naperville's Central Park during the summer as well as several indoor concerts during the winter; the band is the proud recipient of the Sudler Silver Scroll Award and the Sudler Historic Band Award from the John Philip Sousa Foundation; in 2000, the band was chosen for the Local Legacy Award from the U.S. Library of Congress and the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, At the weekly concert on Thursday, June 24, 2004, Mr. Lord will be honored with some special presentations for his many years of service; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor John Lord for his many years of service as the Naperville Municipal Band's sound engineer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Lord as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1052

Offered by Representative Biggins:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Dr. Evelyn Ennsman, principal of Willowbrook High School, on being named Principal of the Year by the Illinois Principals Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ennsman was nominated by the DuPage regional board of the Illinois Principals Association (IPA); this year there was a nominee from nearly all of the IPA's 21 regions; a Statewide

committee made up of retired principals and past IPA presidents selected Dr. Ennsman for the award; as the State representative, she goes on to compete for the national award given by the National Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ennsman is in her third year as principal at Willowbrook High School and is the first female principal in the history of DuPage High School District 88; she believes that students need to feel good about themselves and have the tools to succeed, and she emphasizes helping parents to feel connected to the school; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ennsman participates in activities before and after school; she is constantly talking to students, interviewing individual students who are not doing well in school, and has a real passion for her school; she believes in being in constant communication with teachers, guidance and dean's office staff, and parents about the performance of their students and approaches to improve that performance; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dr. Evelyn Ennsman, principal of Willowbrook High School, on being named Principal of the Year by the Illinois Principals Association, and we are proud to have her represent Illinois in the national competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Evelyn Ennsman as an expression of our sincere respect and esteem along with our best wishes for her success in the upcoming national competition.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1053

Offered by Representative William Davis:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Chief David W. Shilling on the occasion of his retirement from the Riverdale Police Department; and

WHEREAS, David W. Shilling was born in August of 1949 and grew up in Riverdale; he attended Thornton High School and graduated in 1967; after graduation, he served in the United States Army; during his enlistment he served a tour of duty in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Following his discharge from the military, he began his career in law enforcement in 1972 with the Riverdale Police Department; he quickly rose through the ranks and made detective in 1975, was promoted to Sergeant in 1988, and appointed to the position of Commander in 1991; also in 1991, he attended and graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, he was promoted to Lieutenant; the following year he earned a bachelor's degree from Governors State University; in 1995, he was promoted to Chief of Police of the Riverdale Police Department; as Chief of Police, he has initiated a community policing program, founded the Riverdale Community Resource Center, and chaired the Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB); and

WHEREAS, In 1996, he earned a master's degree from Chicago State University and also attended the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Class Number 185; and

WHEREAS, Chief Shilling is a founding member of the Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.) Southeastern Lodge #6; he is a member and past president of the South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police; member, executive board member, and chairman of the gang committee for the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police; member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; member and executive board member of the South Suburban Emergency Response Team (SSERT); and serves on the Firearm Training System (FATS) Board; and

WHEREAS, Chief Shilling is being honored on June 18, 2004 for his lifelong commitment to the Riverdale Police Department and to the law enforcement community; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that, together with his officers, village board and its employees, friends, family, colleagues, and community, we salute the accomplishments of Chief David W. Shilling and wish him a joyful and meaningful retirement that is well deserved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Chief David W. Shilling as a token of our appreciation for his service.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1054

Offered by Representative Feigenholtz:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Lillian Lipsey on her 100th birthday on June 9, 2004, and for her lifelong contributions to the betterment of mankind and her strong support of the State of Israel and world Jewry; and

WHEREAS, She and her husband, Maurice, made their first gift of \$25 to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago in 1935; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lipsey has been giving every year since then, resulting in her being inducted as a member of the Silver Circle for 25 years of consecutive giving and then a Gold Giver for 50 years of consecutive giving; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lipsey is a member of the King David Society; and

WHEREAS, She has attended the annual Standard Club and Advance and Major Gifts events annually for many years; and

WHEREAS, She has participated in the Women's Division for many decades, attending events throughout her adult life; and

WHEREAS, She is a member of the Women's Division's Lion of Judah society; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lipsey also led and participated in fundraising efforts at Bryn Mawr Country Club and Anshe Emet Synagogue; and

WHEREAS, She is a strong supporter of the State of Israel, having supported special fundraising efforts on behalf of the Jewish State since its founding in 1948, including the recent Israel Emergency Campaign; and

WHEREAS, She is a strong supporter of world Jewry, having been among the first to contribute generously to Operation Exodus as that program airlifted Ethiopian Jews to Israel; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Lillian Lipsey on this milestone birthday and for her lifelong devotion to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, the cause of world Jewry, and other philanthropic endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Lillian Lipsey as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1055

Offered by Representative Winters:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Riverview Elementary School of South Beloit on being honored by the Illinois State Board of Education and Northern Illinois University with an Academic Improvement Award; and

WHEREAS, Four years ago, Riverview Elementary School was on the State's academic watch list with only 30% of its third graders meeting State standards in reading and 40% meeting State standards in math; this year, about 90% of third graders met the State's standards in math and 70% in reading; and

WHEREAS, To receive an Academic Improvement Award, schools must make yearly progress, and their State test results must show a trend of at least 7.5% improvement in scores between 2002 and 2003 or at least 15% improvement in scores between 2001 and 2003; and

WHEREAS, Much of the school's success can be attributed to new programs initiated by Principal Scott Fisher; the teaching curriculum was changed under his leadership, new textbooks and computers were purchased, the student-teacher ratio was lowered to 17 or 18 students in a class, 2 reading tutors and 2 paraprofessionals were hired, and the 40% to 50% yearly turnover in teachers ended; and

WHEREAS, Riverview Elementary School was among 16 schools from the State to be nominated by the State Board of Education as a Blue Ribbon School; the nomination honors schools that have made significant progress in closing achievement gaps; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Riverview Elementary School on being honored by the Illinois State Board of Education and Northern Illinois University with an Academic Improvement Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Riverview Elementary School and to Principal Scott Fisher as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1056

Offered by Representative Richard Bradley:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to honor Marianne Turk for her many years of dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, Marianne Turk was born on December 27, 1962; she has been married to Patrick Turk for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Turk has served as president of the West Walker Civic Association for 3 years and served as vice president for 10 years; she serves as the 33rd Ward Advisory Council Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Turk has been a teacher for 13 years at McPhearson Elementary School and has been an active member of the 17th District CAPS program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Turk serves on the board of directors for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry and is a member of the New Library Committee and attends other civic organizational meetings; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Turk is associated with Calvary United Methodist Church, where she is the music director and organist and is also very active in the Sunday School program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Turk has served the community for over 20 years and has proven to be a great asset in improving the community; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor Marianne Turk for her many years of dedication to the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Marianne Turk as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1057

Offered by Representative Monique Davis:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Mrs. Ann Inmon Williams of Chicago on the occasion of her retirement after 22 years of service at Olive-Harvey College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ann Inmon Williams is currently the Assistant Dean in the Adult Education Program at Olive-Harvey College; she will be retiring after 22 years of service on June 30, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams has been a significant force behind many of the accomplishments and successes of the Adult Education Program at Olive-Harvey College; she has excellent leadership abilities and helped to establish the first union that represents adult educators within the Adult Education Program; she was also the coordinator for the Pre-Credit Programs, where she supervised the instructional process; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams has helped sponsor faculty and staff development activities which include improving the criteria for the Adult Basic Education and GED Level students and coordinating a "Community Blitz" which tremendously increased enrollment; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams has continually sought out professional development activities, both for the Adult Education Program and for the entire college by encouraging participation and attendance at conferences; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams is fondly called "Saint Ann" by many of her colleagues because of her commitment to doing the right thing and her caring and compassionate attitude toward everyone she meets; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Mrs. Ann Inmon Williams on the occasion of her retirement after 22 years of service at Olive-Harvey College; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Ann Inmon Williams as an expression of our sincerest respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1058

Offered by Representative Monique Davis:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Bertha Balls of Chicago on May 27, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Balls attended J.N. Thorpe Grammar School, Bowen High School, and attended Wilson Junior College for 2 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Balls had worked at the 95th and Halsted Street McDonald's in Chicago for 13 years; the team at McDonald's was like her second family; she worked as a member of the breakfast team at McDonald's and her preparation of their grits was unforgettable by the customers to the point that she hardly ever had an off day; she also prepared salads and biscuits; and

WHEREAS, She was a member of The Senior Citizen Groups; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Ms. Bertha Balls will be deeply felt by many, especially her children, Audrey Haywood and Vance Mims; her four granddaughters; and her McDonald's family and community; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of Bertha Balls along with all who knew and loved her and extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Bertha Balls as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1059

Offered by Representative Howard:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the death of President Ronald Reagan on June 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was born on February 6, 1911, in Tampico, Illinois, the first American President born in Illinois; as a youth, he worked as a lifeguard at Lowell Park in Dixon, Illinois, and he graduated from Eureka College, located in Eureka, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was a man of humble beginnings, working as a radio announcer, entertainer, union leader, and corporate spokesman; and

WHEREAS, His marriage to actress Jayne Wyman gave him three children: Maureen, Michael, and Christine, who was born four months premature and died the day after her birth; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan later married Nancy Davis on March 4, 1952, his steadfast partner for the next 52 years, who served her country with distinction as First Lady, who would later make public appearances on behalf of her ailing husband, and who became the primary caregiver for the aging President; together, Ronald and Nancy had two children, Patti and Ronald; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was elected to two terms as Governor of California and after two previous unsuccessful bids for the Republican nomination, on November 4, 1980, Ronald Reagan was elected President of the United States of America; on January 20, 1981, at the age of 69, Ronald Reagan was sworn in as the country's 40th president, to quickly become known to the world as the "Great Communicator"; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan has a distinguished record of public service to the United States, the American people, and the international community; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was twice elected by overwhelming margins as President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's leadership was instrumental in extending freedom and democracy around the globe and uniting a world divided by the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was loved and admired by millions of Americans and by countless others around the world; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's eloquence united Americans in times of triumph and tragedy; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan worked to restore the founding principles of this country by upholding individual responsibility and personal liberty; his actions and words sent a strong message, both

domestically and globally, that the United States remained vigilant and that he, as President, would use the country's strengths to the advantage of the American people; and

WHEREAS, By rebuilding the U.S. military, the country regained a formidable position from which America could better fight the Cold War, standing against the Soviet Union, and ultimately, bringing down the Iron Curtain once and for all; his foreign policies further helped to bring about the collapse of the Berlin Wall without bloodshed or loss of life, offering the German people the support and fortitude of the American principle of freedom; and

WHEREAS, After eight years in the Oval Office, in January 1989, President Reagan returned to his California ranch, and on November 4, 1991, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California was dedicated; and

WHEREAS, On November 5, 1994, President Reagan disclosed that he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, continuing to show courage and fortitude by publicly facing the debilitating disease of age; and

WHEREAS, On October 11, 2001, President Reagan became the longest-lived president ever, besting the nation's second President, John Adams, who had lived 91 years; and

WHEREAS, On July 12, 2003, the United States Navy commissioned its newest aircraft carrier, the "USS Ronald Reagan", the first carrier to be named for a living president; and

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2004, the world was told its faithful servant, President Ronald Reagan, had passed away at his home in California; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the loss of President Ronald Reagan, while we honor and celebrate his dedication and service to the People of the United States of America and the world at large; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, to the Ronald Reagan Museum at Eureka College, and to the family of President Reagan.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1060

Offered by Representative Howard:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with great sadness of the death of Stanley Amos of Chicago on Thursday, June 3, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Amos was born on October 8, 1947, in Chicago to David and Gertrude Amos; he graduated from John M. Harlan High School in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Amos retired from the United States Postal Service where he worked as a letter carrier; he was a long-time member of Olivet Baptist Church in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Stanley Amos has been deeply felt by many, especially his aunts, Ruth Teema and Lenora Amos; his cousins, Carl Ward, Sharon Ward, Darlene Reed, and Ollie Morrisette; and his devoted friends, Walter Brown and Bessie Higginbottom; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Stanley Amos, and we extend our sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Stanley Amos as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1061

Offered by Representative Poe:

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a celebration to commemorate the abolition of slavery in the United States and its territories in 1865; and

WHEREAS, In 2003 Illinois declared the third Saturday in June of each year Juneteenth National Freedom Day and added the holiday to those listed as State Commemorative Dates; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when news was delivered to Texas (two and a half years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation) that those enslaved were now free; and

WHEREAS, People around the country celebrate Juneteenth National Freedom Day through various civic groups and reflect on the suffering endured by early African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, One In a Million Inc., a not-for-profit organization, will be hosting a Juneteenth Celebration in Springfield the weekend of June 19-20, 2004; and

WHEREAS, This year's festivities mark the 11th anniversary of the event to be held at Comer Cox Park and will include a parade, live bands, African-American cuisine, a tennis clinic, and a basketball tournament; and

WHEREAS, All contributions made at the Juneteenth Celebration are used to help the local community by providing services such as a back to school event, toy drive, and a reading program for children throughout the year; therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate One In a Million Inc. on the occasion of the 11th anniversary of its Juneteenth Celebration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to One In a Million Inc.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1063

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois would like to thank the organizers, volunteers, and participants of the 2004 Mt. Vernon Relay for Life for their hard work and contributions to the event; and

WHEREAS, Relay for Life is an annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society; between 2,800 and 3,000 new cancer cases are diagnosed in Southern Illinois every year and about 1,200 people die from cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, Last year the Mt. Vernon Relay for Life raised \$88,900; this year the goal was set for \$100,000, which has already been surpassed by \$25,000; this year's Relay for Life consisted of 11 more teams that committed to having one member walk the track during the event; the opening lap at each relay is known as the Survivor's Lap, which is walked by cancer survivors; this year 210 individuals participated in the Survivor's Lap and about 2,600 luminaries were sold for the event; and

WHEREAS, The theme for this year's event was "Our Reason To Relay"; it took place on June 4th and 5th; at the close of the event, the top fund-raisers were recognized; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize and thank the efforts of the Mt. Vernon community who helped make the 2004 Mt. Vernon Relay for Life such a success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the organizers, volunteers, and participants for their work on behalf of cancer research and awareness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mt. Vernon Relay for Life committee members as an expression of our sincere gratitude and respect.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1065

Offered by Representative Hannig:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate the City of Benld on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and centennial celebration; and

WHEREAS, In 1835, brothers Elias M. and Ben L. Dorsey received a land grant of at least 13,000 acres; Ben deeded his portion to Elias; Elias fathered 13 children, one named Benjamin L. Dorsey II after his uncle; Elias deeded 1,000 acres of land to each of the 13 children; Benjamin L. Dorsey II was deeded the ground south of the Northwestern Railroad and east of what is now Illinois Route 4; and

WHEREAS, In 1886, coal was discovered on their property; the Dorsey family continued to carry on coal transactions; one of the most active in the coal business was Benjamin L. Dorsey Jr., who was an heir to Ben L. Dorsey II; Mrs. Ethel Clarkson, grandchild, gave the ground in honor of her grandfather, thus the town received its unusual name of Benld: Ben comes from his first name, L from his middle initial, and D from the first letter of his last name; and

WHEREAS, In 1904, Benld became a village and has grown to be a city; Benld will celebrate its centennial from September 3 through September 6, 2004; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the City of Benld on the auspicious occasion of its 100th anniversary and centennial celebration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the City of Benld with our best wishes.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1066

Offered by Representative Currie:

WHEREAS, July 23, 2004 marks Bruce Sagan's 51st year as publisher of the Hyde Park Herald newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sagan's vigorous, fair, and insightful leadership has made the Herald one of Chicago's most respected newspapers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sagan's commitment to ethical journalism and editorial independence has not only reflected but also helped to shape the voice and character of Hyde Park; and

WHEREAS, For the past 50 years, Mr. Sagan's amiable and focused leadership has provided fertile ground for countless employees, colleagues, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sagan's determined and enlightened reporting on Urban Renewal made the Herald one of the most accurate historical records of that period; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sagan has provided leadership to the Hyde Park community as a businessman, journalist, and cultural visionary; and

WHEREAS, For the past 50 years, the Hyde Park Herald and the neighborhood have greatly benefited from the contributions of Bruce Sagan; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we extend our heartiest congratulations to Bruce Sagan on his 50th anniversary of ownership of the Hyde Park Herald, and we commend Mr. Sagan for his 50 years of outstanding journalism and service to the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, as a formal indication of our recognition and with a tip of our collective hats, a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Bruce Sagan and to the Hyde Park Herald.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1068

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Kenneth Collier of Salem as he proudly passes the torch of a cherished Memorial Day tradition of playing "Taps" to his grandson, Charlie Snow; and

WHEREAS, His first time playing "Taps" on his trumpet at the Memorial Day service was in 1947, when a clarinet player, Bill Hunington, and he, a seventh grader, played with the high school band; the only time Kenneth Collier has been interrupted from his mission was during the Korean Conflict in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, When Kenneth Collier was in the Navy, he was in the Drum and Bugle Corps in San Diego, even though he had never played a bugle before; he was able to attend the United States Navy School of Music and was fortunate enough to play in Washington, D.C. on several occasions; as part of the Navy band, he was selected to go on two world cruises as a musician; and

WHEREAS, He has played at funerals everywhere and sometimes played at as many as four a day; he kept a record of the funerals for which he had played "Taps" over the years, but stopped counting when he reached 2,000; and

WHEREAS, On Memorial Day 2004, Kenneth Collier listened intently as Charlie, his grandson, played those familiar notes as his grandfather had done for almost 60 years; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Kenneth Collier's lifelong devotion to the

tradition of "Taps" as he passes on the torch to his grandson; and we wish him good health and happiness in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Kenneth Collier as a token of our admiration.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1069

Offered by Representative Osterman:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary of service to its community; and

WHEREAS, It was founded as the East Edgewater Chamber of Commerce and had its roots in the North Edgewater Business Association founded by Robert Kahnweiler, Fair Hardware and Gifts, Michael Harrington, Barr Funeral Home, and David Mann of Mann Furniture; and

WHEREAS, Edgewater is a highly diverse community and the Chamber includes members from around the world; board members include persons of varied heritage including British, Chinese, Ethiopian, German, Greek, Hispanic, Irish, Jewish, Middle Eastern, Polish, and South American; and

WHEREAS, The Edgewater Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest neighborhood chambers in Chicago in size, geography, population of customers, and percentage of membership; and

WHEREAS, The Chamber will begin to administer its first Special Service Area in the 48th Ward portion of Edgewater; it includes five different Tax Increment Financing Districts and four elevated stations; a new fire station will soon be under construction in the 6000 block of North Clark Street replacing two out-of-date stations; the Chamber serves portions of three wards and two police districts; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates 20 years of outstanding contributions to its community, and we wish it continued success in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce as a token of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1070

Offered by Representative Joyce:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Alsip Chief of Police David Snooks on the occasion of his retirement on July 23, 2004 after 26 years of service to the Alsip community; and

WHEREAS, David Snooks was born and raised in Chicago's Scottsdale neighborhood; a third-generation civil servant, both his father and grandfather were Chicago firemen; and

WHEREAS, He joined the Alsip police force as a patrolman in July of 1978 after spending four years with the Naperville police; and

WHEREAS, Long before he became chief, David Snooks was making changes in the department; during the mid-1980s he coordinated an project to install on-line computers in all the department's squad cars; and

WHEREAS, Chief Snooks climbed through the ranks, and was promoted to lieutenant in charge of patrol in July 1991; and in July 2000, he took the reigns of the department from outgoing chief Ken Wood; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that together with his officers, village board and its employees, friends, family, colleagues, and community, we salute the accomplishments of Alsip Chief of Police David Snooks and wish him a joyful and meaningful retirement that is well deserved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Alsip Chief of Police David Snooks as a token of our admiration.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1071

Offered by Representative Brady:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Richard E. Davis of Bloomington on the occasion of his retirement from the Bloomington Police Department after 31 years of service in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis graduated from Pontiac Township High School in Pontiac in 1970 and attended Winston Churchill Junior College in Pontiac; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis valiantly served his country as a member of the 123rd Infantry Unit of the United States Army/Illinois National Guard, based in Pontiac; he attended basic training and advanced individual training at Ft. Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina; he participated in non-commissioned officer training at Fort Still, Oklahoma, in 1976; he was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant E-5 in 1977; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, Mr. Davis attended the University of Illinois Police Training Institute in Champaign, where he completed basic police recruit and breath alcohol analysis studies; he studied major homicide investigation at the Midwest Organized Crime Information Center in Springfield, Missouri, and undercover police operations at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia, in 1985; in 1998, he attended the School of Police Staff and Command at the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety in Evanston; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis began his career with the police force with the City of Pontiac, Illinois Police Department as a police officer in 1973; he became a Hit and Run Accident Investigator for the City of Bloomington, Illinois Police Department in 1977; he worked his way through the ranks at the Bloomington Police Department, serving as Stolen Vehicle Investigator, Crime Prevention Officer, Patrol Officer, Detective in the Criminal Investigations Unit, Patrol Sergeant, Sergeant-Pro/Active Gang Suppression Unit Supervisor, Detective Sergeant, Commander of the Vice and Narcotics Unit, and Sergeant-Administrative Training Sergeant/Quartermaster, and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Davis has been the recipient of many honors during his tenure with the police force; he received a Unit Citation from the Bloomington Police Department in 1997 and 2000, was honored by the Sons of the American Revolution as McLean County Officer of the Year in 2000 and with the Bronze Good Citizenship Award in 2001, and he received a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Bloomington Police Department in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Davis is active in many professional organizations including the American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers, the Policemen's Benevolent and Protective Association of Illinois Unit #21, the Northwestern University Traffic Institute Alumni Association, and the Mobile Unit 8 Training Board; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Richard E. Davis of Bloomington on the occasion of his retirement from the Bloomington Police Department after 31 years of service in law enforcement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sergeant Davis as an expression of our respect and esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1072

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with deep regret of the untimely death of Launa T. Thompson on Sunday, June 20, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson was a native of Detroit; she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and vocational rehabilitation from Wilberforce University in Ohio and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Cincinnati; after several years as a social worker, she began her career in sales for Dun & Bradstreet in Glen Ellyn; in 1980, she moved to WVON/WGCI Radio, where she quickly established herself as a broadcast professional by maintaining budgets, showing a strong billing performance, and creatively generating retail and agency accounts; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, she left the station and worked briefly as a newspaper marketing manager for Gannett Corporation before becoming a local sales manager for WBBM-FM; a year later, she and her husband, Abe, a broadcaster, moved to work as a team for WRIF in Southfield, Michigan; when that station was sold, she returned to WBBM-FM as national sales manager; she also worked as local sales manager for WFYR and senior account manager with Black Entertainment Television; she returned to WGCI in 1994 as national account manager and became general sales manager in 1996; and

WHEREAS, In eight years, Mrs. Thompson and her staff generated more than \$200 million in sales revenue; her unique ability to lead an aggressive professional sales staff earned WGCI-AM/FM the distinction of being the number one billing radio station in Chicago for advertising sales revenue in 1999 and the number one billing urban station in the nation; last November, she was named manager of three Clear Channel Chicago stations, WGCI-AM (now WGRB), WGCI-FM, and WVAZ-FM; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Sun-Times named her one of the ten most powerful women in Chicago media; the trade publication Radio Ink named her one of the most influential African Americans in radio; she received the Kizzy Image and Achievement Award from the Black Women's Hall of Fame Foundation and honors from Radio & Records and the Broadcast Advertising Club of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, She led numerous community outreach efforts, providing hundreds of hours of volunteer work; she served on a number of boards, including the Wilberforce Alumni Association, the League of Black Women, Black Ensemble Theatre, American Women in Radio and Television, Friends of LaRabida Hospital, Midwest Women's Center and ETA; she was an active member of Apostolic Church of God; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson is remembered as an easygoing boss who inspired loyalty; she was an accomplished public speaker and she served as a mentor for individuals aspiring to enter the broadcast sales profession; and

WHEREAS, Her passing has been deeply felt by many, especially her husband, the noted author and broadcaster, Abe Thompson; her mother, Daisy Gaines; and her son, Phoenix Gaines; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Launa T. Thompson, and we extend our deepest sympathy to her family, friends, colleagues, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Launa T. Thompson as an expression of our sincerest condolences.

At the hour of 12:51 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Monday, June 28, 2004, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

The motion prevailed.

And the House stood adjourned.