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The House met pursuant to adjournment.
 Speaker Madigan in the chair.
 Prayer by Bishop James C. Austin with St. Luke Church of God in Christ in Chicago, IL.
 Representative Hoffman 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:
 117 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representative Tenhouse was excused from attendance.

REQUEST TO BE SHOWN ON QUORUM

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Brosnahan, should be recorded as present at the hour of 2:45 o'clock p.m.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, 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: SENATE BILL 520.

That the Floor Amendment be reported "recommends be adopted":
 Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL 3367.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:
 4, Yeas; 1, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie, Barbara(D), Chairperson

Y Hannig, Gary(D)

Y Turner, Arthur(D) (Lang)

N 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:

Appropriations-General Services: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to SENATE BILL 3368.

Elementary and Secondary Education: SENATE BILL 3090.

State Government Administration: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to SENATE BILL 2234.

Executive: Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments Numbered 1 and 2 to HOUSE BILL 6654.

Housing and Urban Development: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 2 to SENATE BILL 520.

VETO MOTIONS SUBMITTED

Representative Lang submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to HOUSE BILL 2220 in manner and form as follows:

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2220 IN ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 2220 in manner and form as follows:

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2220
IN ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Amend House Bill 2220 on page 5, line 6, by replacing "July 1, 2004" with "January 1, 2005".

Representative Lang submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #2

I move that HOUSE BILL 2220 do pass, the Governor's Specific Recommendations for Change notwithstanding.

Representative Reitz submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that HOUSE BILL 826 do pass, the Governor's Specific Recommendations for Change notwithstanding.

Representative Reitz submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #2

I move that HOUSE BILL 826 do pass, the Governor's Specific Recommendations for Change notwithstanding.

Representative Flowers submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION

I move that HOUSE BILL 7029 do pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative McAuliffe, Chairperson, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "do pass as amended" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: SENATE BILL 1641.

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 1641 is as follows:

13, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

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| Y McAuliffe,Michael(R), Chairperson | Y Mautino, Frank(D), Vice-Chairperson |
| Y Acevedo,Edward(D) | Y Bost,Mike(R) |
| Y Chapa LaVia,Linda(D) | Y Dugan,Lisa(D) |
| Y Flider,Robert(D) | Y Fritchey,John(D) |
| Y Grunloh,William(D) | A Meyer,James(R) |
| Y Moffitt,Donald(R) | Y Phelps,Brandon(D) |
| A Sacia,Jim(R) | A Sommer,Keith(R), Republican Spokesperson |
| Y Stephens,Ron(R) | Y Watson,Jim(R) |

Representative Monique Davis, Chairperson, from the Committee on Appropriations-General Services to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the Floor Amendment be reported "recommends be adopted":

Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL 3368.

The committee roll call vote on Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3368 is as follows:

6, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Davis, Monique(D), Chairperson	Y Boland, Mike(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Biggins, Bob(R), Republican Spokesperson	A Burke, Daniel(D)
Y Dunn, Joe(R)	Y Sommer, Keith(R)
Y Verschoore, Patrick(D)	

Representative Hamos, Chairperson, from the Committee on Housing and Urban Development to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the Floor Amendment be reported "recommends be adopted":

Amendment No. 2 to SENATE BILL 520.

The committee roll call vote on Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 520 is as follows:

14, Yeas; 4, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Hamos, Julie(D), Chairperson	Y McKeon, Larry(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Bailey, Patricia(D)	A Biggins, Bob(R)
Y Feigenholtz, Sara(D)	Y Froehlich, Paul(R)
Y Graham, Deborah(D)	Y Jefferson, Charles(D)
Y Kelly, Robin(D) (Yarbrough)	Y Leitch, David(R), Republican Spokesperson
N Munson, Ruth(R)	Y Nekritz, Elaine(D)
Y Osterman, Harry(D)	Y Poe, Raymond(R)
N Pritchard, Robert(R)	N Rose, Chapin(R)
Y Ryg, Kathleen(D)	Y Slone, Ricca(D)
A Sommer, Keith(R)	N Stephens, Ron(R)

Representative Washington, Chairperson, from the Committee on State Government Administration to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the Floor Amendment be reported "recommends be adopted":

Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL 2234.

The committee roll call vote on Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2234 is as follows:

8, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Franks, Jack(D), Chairperson	A Smith, Michael(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Brady, Dan(R)	Y Brauer, Rich(R)
Y Chapa LaVia, Linda(D)	Y Jakobsson, Naomi(D)
A Lindner, Patricia(R)	Y Myers, Richard(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Rose, Chapin(R)	A Verschoore, Patrick(D)
Y Washington, Eddie(D)	

Representative Burke, Chairperson, from the Committee on Executive to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the Motion be reported "recommends be adopted" and placed on the House Calendar:

Motion to concur with Senate Amendments numbered 1 and 2 to HOUSE BILL 6654.

The committee roll call vote on Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments numbered 1 and 2 to House Bill 6654 is as follows:

7, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Burke, Daniel(D), Chairperson	Y Bradley, Richard(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Acevedo, Edward(D)	Y Biggins, Bob(R)
A Capparelli, Ralph(D)	A Hassert, Brent(R)

A Jones,Lovana(D)
A Molaro,Robert(D)
Y Saviano,Angelo(R)

Y McKeon,Larry(D)
A Pankau,Carole(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Winters,Dave(R)

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

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

- HOUSE BILL 7346. Introduced by Representative Eddy, AN ACT concerning procurement.
- HOUSE BILL 7347. Introduced by Representative Millner, AN ACT concerning municipalities.
- HOUSE BILL 7348. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 7349. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning transportation.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1196

Offered by Representative Churchill:

WHEREAS, Approximately 1 in 7 women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime; and
WHEREAS, The incidence rate of women with breast cancer in Illinois has continued to increase throughout the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, The amount of research and development of new breast cancer treatments for women has worked to exponentially increase the number of breast cancer survivors in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, When diagnosed at early stages (Stage 1), the 5-year breast cancer survival rate for women is 97%; and

WHEREAS, Recent data indicate that nearly one out of every five enrollees in the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, which specializes in providing critical breast and cervical cancer screening services to underserved women, do not adhere to recommended mammography rescreening schedules; and

WHEREAS, Lower-income breast cancer patients are more likely to be diagnosed with advanced stages of the disease and have lower 5-year survival rates; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' FY 2005 appropriation of \$10 million for tobacco use prevention from the 1998 tobacco Master Settlement Agreement entered in the case of People of the State of Illinois v. Philip Morris, et al. in the Circuit Court of Cook County falls well short of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's suggested appropriation of \$63 million for tobacco use prevention; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Susan G. Komen Foundation is annually recognized on October 14th for its vigorous efforts to eradicate breast cancer through research, education, screening, and treatment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage the continued citizen participation in the Penny Severns Breast and Cervical Cancer Research Fund Income Tax check-off, which raised more than \$100,000 in FY 2004 alone; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we strongly encourage women age 40 and older to have mammogram screenings every 1-2 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the General Assembly to appropriate additional funding for breast cancer awareness and prevention from the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the Congress of the United States to pass an FY 2005 appropriation for the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program in the amount of \$250 million; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the State of Illinois to continue maximizing its federal funding allocation from the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program by continuing to appropriate the

maximum annual matching dollars to this vital program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the Director of the Illinois State Fair to annually designate one day at the State Fair as a day of recognition for Breast Cancer Awareness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this Resolution be forwarded to each member of the Illinois Congressional delegation and to the Director of the Illinois State Fair.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1139

Offered by Representative Joyce:

WHEREAS, Eight years ago, Springfield began hosting the world championship of wiffle ball; and

WHEREAS, The original co-founders, Speaker Madigan's Chief Issues Operative Mike Thomson and Labor Representative Sean Stott, along with their wives, have hosted this tournament in Springfield at Stott International Backyard Park for the last eight years; and

WHEREAS, Teams of Stott/Thomson were able to win the tournament in the early days over a small and weak field of contestants; and

WHEREAS, Recent tournaments have increased in size including two young athletic dynamos who joined forces to begin a new wiffle ball dynasty; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, current House Republican staffer Beth Bear and former House Republican staffer Ed Peck brought the honor of athletic glory and a World Championship to the common folk of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Beth Bear and Ed Peck, to no shock of the sporting world, demonstrated superior talent and athletic prowess in winning the title again this past weekend; and

WHEREAS, Beth Bear and Ed Peck are now two time Wiffle Ball World Champions, having won 2 of the last 3 world championships; and

WHEREAS, This indomitable force has reached the summit of athletic glory and has been coined by ESPN as a "dynasty" and one of the top 25 teams of all time, ranking with the likes of the Chicago Bulls and New York Yankees; and

WHEREAS, It is doubtful that teams of Stott/Thomson will ever again reach the pinnacle of the sport; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that, along with the citizens of the great State of Illinois, we congratulate Beth Bear and Ed Peck on their accomplishments and their contribution to wiffle ball in particular and athletics in general as witnessed by their two, and counting, Backyard Wiffle Ball Classic Championships; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Beth Bear and Ed Peck as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1146

Offered by Representative Molaro:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Ray Sibille on the occasion of his retirement as a jockey after an illustrious career spanning 3 and a half decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sibille was born in Sunset, Louisiana; he grew up around horses and rode in match races as a youngster; he took out his jockey's license at the age of 16 and scored the first win of his career with Joe Sada at Evangeline Downs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sibille began riding in Chicago in 1973, winning titles at Arlington, Hawthorne, and Sportsman's Park; he collected six wins on a program at Arlington on June 23, 1980; his 105 wins at Sportsman's Park in 1981 stood as a record until 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sibille moved his tack to California in 1981 and returned to the Chicago scene in 1993; his greatest racing thrill occurred in 1988, when he won the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Turf with 12-1 long shot Great Communicator at Churchill Downs; he also won the San Juan Capistrano and Hollywood Derby with the same horse; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sibille earned career win number 4,000 at Sportsman's Park on April 18, 2000 aboard Beware The Ides; his career totals from Equibase Company list him with 4,264 wins from 36,858 mounts as of Wednesday, July 21, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sibille had his final mount on Wednesday, July 21, 2004 at Arlington Park, where going into the race he was the fourth leading jockey in Park history with 981 wins; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Ray Sibille on the occasion of his retirement after a distinguished career spanning over 3 and a half decades; and be it further

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1147

Offered by Representative Howard:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Riley Franklin Bridgers; and

WHEREAS, Riley Franklin Bridgers was born to the union of Ophelia Franklin Bridgers and Hardy Bridgers on December 6, 1937, in Chicago; he was the second of four children; he graduated from the John Farren Elementary and Parker High Schools, and enjoyed playing football at Parker; he accepted Christ at a young age; he spent many years as a boy scout at the old St. Mark Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Illinois at Champaign in Physical Education; he joined the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Beta Chapter; this lifelong commitment continued with the Chicago Heights Chapter and then with the Chicago Chapter; after graduation, he worked for the Illinois Department of Public Aid for a couple of years; he was then employed by the Chicago Public School System as a teacher; he returned to school and earned a Masters Degree in Social Studies and Political Science at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, and an Administrative Certificate from Chicago State University; and

WHEREAS, He worked at a number of elementary schools for 38 years before retiring from the Wendell Smith Elementary School in 2001; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Riley Franklin Bridgers will be deeply felt by many, especially his brother, Maurice (Alma); his sisters, Ruth Bridgers and Ophelia Pirtle; his favorite niece, Shalanna Pirtle; his special cousins, Lee Wade, Emma McClennon, Emmitt J. Wade (Angie), and E. James Wade (Crystal); and many other cousins and friends; 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 Riley Franklin Bridgers along with all who knew and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and be it further

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1148

Offered by Representative Turner:

WHEREAS, On Monday, July 19, 2004, national best-selling mystery author Vincent Alexandria will embark on a 560-mile bicycle ride from Kansas City, Missouri to Chicago's Harpo Studios, home of the Oprah Winfrey Show, to help raise funds and awareness to support literacy and reading; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Alexandria is the author of: "If Walls Could Talk," "Postal Blues," "Black Rain," and "Poetry from the Bottom of My Heart"; he is also an actor, producer, director, composer, lyricist, vocalist, screenwriter, and musician; he holds a Masters degree in Literature from Baker University and

holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Rockhurst College; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Alexandria is the founder and Chairman of The Brother 2 Brother Literary Symposium, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, whose primary goal is to improve reading and literacy across the nation; his vision for The Brother 2 Brother Symposium is to enlighten men and women in reading and comprehension and to enhance their quality of life, as well as having nationally published authors show a commitment to their communities and give back to their readers in gratitude of what they have done for them and their careers; he will ride 80 miles per day, in his effort to reach Chicago by July 30th, 2004; the organization is raising funds for its third annual Symposium to be held this November in New York City; and

WHEREAS, It is only fitting that Vincent Alexandria's 560-mile ride takes him to the doorstep of Harpo Studios; one of the most respected names in the literary world, Oprah Winfrey, whose book club, "Oprah's Book Club" the largest book club in the world with over 300,000 members, is responsible for many published works becoming New York Times Bestsellers, with some selling over a million copies; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend the efforts of Vincent Alexandria in helping to raise awareness about the importance of reading and literacy to the citizens of this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Vincent Alexandria as an token of our admiration.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1149

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Vivian C. Smith of Chicago on July 22, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Colbert Smith was born in Longview, Texas on April 23, 1918; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Smith was a retired employee of the federal government, and was actively involved in retiree's rights through the National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chicago Chapter 6; and

WHEREAS, She was involved in court advocacy and in supporting political candidates that she believed in; she was involved with her community through her work with the Neighbors of Fuller Park and the 9th Police District in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Smith was an expert seamstress, a wonderful mother, and a very strong matriarch for her entire family; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Vivian C. Smith will be deeply felt by many, especially her son, Kenneth Smith, Jr.; her nieces and nephews, Diane (Samuels) Brooks, Barbara Samuels, Gregory Samuels, Sr., and Dwight Samuels; her many grandnieces and grandnephews; and her many dear friends; and

WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Bertha (Fowler) Colbert; her sister, Bernice (Colbert) Samuels; and her nephew, William H. Samuels; 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 Vivian C. Smith 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 Vivian C. Smith as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1150

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize milestone events that occur in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that the Village of Patoka is celebrating its sesquicentennial during the weekend of September 3, 2004 through September 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Patoka is a small town in Southern Illinois with an interesting history and a promising

future; the number of settlers in this area grew steadily due to the abundance of rich farmland, and businesses began to thrive; some historians indicate that this community was named in honor of an Illinois Native American, Patoka, Chief of the Cahokias; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Patoka was established on July 4, 1854 and officially laid out by Brigham and James Clark; within a year, C.F. Jones made an addition to the territory with the building of the Illinois Central Railroad; shortly after the building of the railroad, Cyrus Walker built the first home and started the first store in Patoka, as well as handling the duties of station agent; in 1856, Mr. Walker built the first business house and was also the town's first postmaster; other businesses that came to town were a produce store, a blacksmith shop, and a gristmill; during the late 1800s, farmers depended on tomatoes as a main crop, and they would bring their harvest to the town cannery for processing; the Patoka Register, a weekly newspaper was started around 1906; and

WHEREAS, Churches were a vital part of the early life of Patoka; there were six churches originally established and four of the congregations are still active today; and

WHEREAS, In 1921, all-weather roads came to Patoka with the building of Highway 51; in 1936, the first oil well was drilled, and this marked the beginning of the oil boom; and

WHEREAS, At one time, there were 11 one-room school houses in the area; the schools were consolidated into a schoolhouse in Patoka, which was later replaced by a brick schoolhouse after fire destroyed it; and

WHEREAS, Today, the population of Patoka is approximately 633; the residents are celebrating the 150th anniversary of Patoka at the Fall Festival in September; the Festival will include music, fireworks, a parade, a Patoka History Museum display, food, crafts, bingo, a cake walk, an antique tractor display, water wars, a pedal pull, a petting zoo, jumps, a rock climbing wall, pony rides, face painting, sand volleyball, the Terrapin Hill Muzzleloaders, a history presentation, and a veteran's memorial; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Village of Patoka on the distinction of reaching its sesquicentennial; and be it further

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1151

Offered by Representative Bill Mitchell:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize milestone events in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that on Thursday, August 5, 2004 the Mt. Auburn Fire Department will be honored for its 50th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Mt. Auburn Fire Department showed great bravery in offering assistance following the explosion at the Formosa plant in Illiopolis; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Mt. Auburn Fire Department go above and beyond the call of duty, risking their lives to assist the citizens of Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor the Mt. Auburn Fire Department on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, and we thank the members of the department, past and present, for their many years of dedicated service to the safety of the citizens of this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Mt. Auburn Fire Department as an expression of our deep gratitude for their devotion to the protection of others.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1152

Offered by Representative Madigan:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to honor Jane O'Connor Kerr for her many contributions to the Ravinia Festival and the arts in Illinois and to honor the Life Trustees of the Ravinia Festival; and

WHEREAS, The Ravinia Festival is North America's oldest music festival and celebrates its centennial during the summer of 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kerr has held many positions of distinction within the Ravinia Festival; she was the first woman member of the Ravinia Festival Board, was the president and a founding member of the Ravinia Festival Women's Board, and she has served as curator of three art exhibitions at the Ravinia Festival; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kerr has contributed to the arts in Illinois in many other ways; she was appointed to the Illinois Arts Council by Governor Ogilvie in 1969 and was one of the longest serving members until 1994, a period of 25 years; she is a member of the Board of the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art and the Education Committee of the Art Institute of Chicago; she chaired a committee of the Lyric Opera, was the founding president of the Chicago City Ballet, President of Ruth Pate's Ballet, a member of the City of Chicago Arts Council, a member of the Board of the Museum of Science and Industry, chairman of Young People for the Arts, chairman and first president of the Catholic Interracial Council, chairman of the Library of International Relations, and was a friend of the artists Copeland Berg, Ray Telasco, and Georges Roualt; and

WHEREAS, At a special dinner on August 3, 2004, the youngest members of the Ravinia family, The Associates, will salute the senior members, the Life Trustees and former chairmen of the Women's Board; and

WHEREAS, Life Trustee designation is given to those members who have served Ravinia for many years as a trustee or chairman; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor Jane O'Connor Kerr for her many contributions to the Ravinia Festival and the arts in Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we honor the Life Trustees of the Ravinia Festival; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Jane O'Connor Kerr and to the Life Trustees of the Ravinia Festival.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1153

Offered by Representative Monique Davis:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Barbara Ann Laffoon Sizemore of Chicago on July 24, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Ann was born in December 1927 to the union of Sylvester Walter Laffoon and Delila Mae Alexander Stewart; she was raised in Terre Haute, Indiana where she graduated high school at age 16; she earned a B.A. and an M.A. both from Northwestern University; she received a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, She was a teacher and administrator with the Chicago public schools for 25 years from 1947 to 1972; she was the first black woman to head a big city school system when she was tapped as superintendent of schools for Washington, D.C., from 1973 to 1975; she was professor and interim chairman of the Department of Black Community, Research and Education at the University of Pittsburgh from 1977 to 1992; in 1992, she returned to Chicago, where she began her tenure as dean of the School of Education at DePaul University; at DePaul, she founded the School Achievement Structure, an organization that used the "Structured Ten Routines," a model that accelerates achievement and educational excellence in underachieving schools and districts; she retired in 1999 and lectured to thousands of educators and organizations about the model and other educational issues; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sizemore was involved with numerous organizations where she worked diligently to bring equal access to educational opportunities for underserved and black children; she worked to desegregate the Pittsburg Public Schools, and was an instrumental member of Pittsburghers Against Apartheid, an organization that struggled to end apartheid in South Africa; and

WHEREAS, She was the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions and was a well-recognized scholar and author who penned over 20 chapters in books and 20 articles in journals; she authored, "The Ruptured Diamond: The Politics of the Decentralization of the District of Columbia Public Schools," and was completing a second book, which will be published posthumously; and

WHEREAS, She was an educator, public speaker, and scholar whose philosophy was that all children can learn and who throughout her career worked to close the achievement gap between black and white

students; she encouraged educators to spend more time teaching vocabulary and grammar to black students and supported teaching traditional methods of phonics for children who cannot read, rather than using the newer methods that allowed children to write without regard to correct spelling; she will be remembered as a strong, independent, loving and giving woman; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Barbara Ann Laffoon Sizemore will be deeply felt by many, especially her children, Furman Sizemore, Jake Millions, Kymara Chase, Furman Sizemore, Beateana Nance (LaRon), Dubois Millions, Momar Millions, and Marimba Millions; her grandchildren; her godchildren; and her countless other family and friends; 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 Dr. Barbara Ann Laffoon Sizemore 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 Dr. Barbara Ann Laffoon Sizemore as a token of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1154

Offered by Representative Flider:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Raymond Richard Purdeu of Sullivan on July 23, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purdeu was born August 31, 1928, in Lovington, the son of Milton M. and Donna L. Waters Purdeu; he graduated from Lovington High School and the Central Illinois Barber College in Decatur; he served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and for 21 years in the Illinois Army National Guard 33rd Admin. Co., retiring with the rank of Captain; he married Marilyn Louise Campbell on June 24, 1949; she preceded him in death in 1982; he married Beatrice (Bea) Daubs on December 29, 1984 in Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, Richard and his family moved from Decatur to Sullivan where he worked as a full-time barber in Jimmie Campbell's shop, and working full-time at Staley's in Decatur; he also became the Illinois Masonic Home barber which he enjoyed for over 35 years; in 1974, he began a dedicated life commitment to the Moultrie County Democrats when he was elected County Tax Assessor, then Township Supervisor; in 1982, he was elected Moultrie County Clerk and Recorder, was re-elected in 1986, and again in 1990; he officially stepped down in 1994, and was elected to the Moultrie County Board where he served for 6 years; he also had served as the Democrat Central Committee Chairman since 1992; and

WHEREAS, He loved helping people so it was only natural that he became an active member of the Sullivan Chapter of the American Businessmen's Club, AmBucs; he was awarded AmBuc of the Year twice, one of the only two in the local chapter to earn the award twice; he served as local President, District Mr. AmBuc, District Director of Region 4, District Governor, Big Hat President, and won the National Big Hat Award for recruiting the most new members; he received a certificate of recognition for contributions to the William L. White Living Endowment Fund, for development of America's Physical Therapists, and the Ambility Ambassador Award for outstanding support of the Big Heart Fund which provides AmTrykes for handicapped children; most recently, he accepted four awards at the National Convention in Breckenridge, Colorado, on behalf of the Sullivan Chapter; he was also a 3rd Degree and Past Master of the George A. Sentel Lodge #764 and a 49 Year Member of the American Legion Post #68; and

WHEREAS, The great joy in Richard's life was his blended family, children, and grandchildren; his passing will be deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Beatrice (Bea); his son, James R. Purdeu and wife Rebecca A.; his daughters, Pamela L. Johnson and husband Ronald A., Janet L. Purdeu, and Janine L. Matthews and husband Rick; his step-sons, David L. Brick, Chris L. Brick and wife Ruth, and Robert L. Brick and wife Tammy M.; his step-daughter, Stephanie J. Hensley; his brother, Ervin F. Purdeu and Ann; his sister, Barbara Jean Nally and husband Rick; his grandchildren, Matthew Purdeu, Lindsey Johnson, Jessie Hensley, Dylan Hensley, Elizabeth Purdeu, Aaron Wilhelm, Morgan Brick, Maggie Hensley, Andrew Brick, Brandon Wilhelm, and Creek Brick; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by a daughter, Amy Jo; 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 Raymond Richard Purdeu along with all who knew and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and be it

further

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1155

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society consists of more than two million Americans united to conquer cancer through balanced programs of research, education, advocacy, and service; the dollars raised from the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life are used to provide hope for the future, progress toward a cure, and answers to cancer questions and concerns; and

WHEREAS, The 2004 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Clinton County is set for August 13th, 2004; all cancer survivors are invited to celebrate life and the hope for a cure by walking the first lap at the relay; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend the Relay for Life and this unique community event that allows individuals from all over to join in the fight against cancer and celebrate life for survivors, mourn the loss of loved ones, and rally for their community to fight cancer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Relay for Life organizers Derrick Husmann, Dana Timmermann, and Jeannie Pollmann as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1156

Offered by Representative Miller:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Donald "Red" Danewicz of Burnham on Tuesday, August 3, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Danewicz spent nearly his entire life in the Burnham community; he attended Burnham Grade School before graduating from Thornton Fractional North High School; he earned a college degree from Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, For the past 11 years, Mr. Danewicz had served as village president of Burnham; he had been a village trustee since the 1950s until he was elected president in 1993; among the issues that marked Mr. Danewicz's tenure as president was his staunch and successful opposition to a proposed airport on the east side of the village; he also converted the old Village Hall into a senior citizens center and signed off on the expansion of the police department; he was known to be frugal with the budget, constantly fighting to keep taxes low; and

WHEREAS, He was retired from Balmoral Race Track in Crete, where he was an accountant; he was a member of Amvets Post #43 in Burnham and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Donald "Red" Danewicz has been deeply felt by many, especially his brother John Danewicz; his wife, Dorothy, preceded him in death; 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 Donald "Red" Danewicz, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, community, 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 Donald "Red" Danewicz as an expression of our sincere condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1157

Offered by Representative Capparelli:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Judge Marjan Peter Staniec of Chicago who recently celebrated his 90th birthday on August 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Marjan Peter Staniec was born in Chicago in 1914 to Hipolit and Mary Rulikowski Staniec; after graduating from Crane Junior College, he studied law at Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. (formerly Columbus University) where he received his Bachelor of Laws, LL.B and LL.M., and his Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree;

WHEREAS, In 1976, Mr. Staniec was appointed to the bench and reappointed in 1983; in July of 1993, he was reassigned to the bench after he retired; his most recent term of office expired in December 1996, but was extended through 1997 by Supreme Court Order; he is the founder of the Ad Hoc Committee on Agency Court Related Senior Citizen Issues; and he was instrumental in the first-ever passage of Illinois legislative resolution "Senior Citizens Bill of Rights" in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Judge Staniec has held government posts in several states and the District of Columbia; before his judicial experience, he held positions with the United States Patent Office; the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce; he was a Social Security Administrator for Milwaukee, Dearborn, Port Huron, Covington, and Chicago; was a Special Assistant, Assistant Regional Director, and Regional Executive Officer HEW Region Five; delegate of the White House Conference on Aging; and was an Adjunct Professor at Loyola University School of Law in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Judge Staniec is happily married to Mary Mildred Hobbs and has five children, Wayne P., Carol Ann (Hamilton), William T. Wilson, Joyce (Stark), and Joseph G. Wilson; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Judge Marjan Peter Staniec on the occasion of his 90th birthday; that we commend him for achieving a long and fulfilling career, and we wish him happiness and good health in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Judge Marjan Peter Staniec as a token of our respect.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1158

Offered by Representative Watson:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize and thank Barbara J. Gross for more than 30 years of dedicated public service to Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gross serves as Morgan County Clerk and Recorder; she was elected to her first term in 1974 and ran unopposed until 1994; and

WHEREAS, She has been extremely active as a member of the Democrat Party, serving three times as a delegate to the Democrat National Convention; she has served as President of the Illinois Democrat Women's Club and on the Morgan County Democrat Women's Board; she is also a member of the League of Women Voters, American Legion Auxiliary, NAACP, and the Morgan County Heritage Cultural Organization; she serves on the Advisory Board of the State Board of Elections and as a deacon in the Central Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gross has been an extremely active member of the Illinois Association of County Clerks and Recorders; she is a past president of the association, a past president of Zone II, and served as Legislative Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Barbara J. Gross is a well-respected member of her community and has assumed many roles in her lifetime; she exemplifies the true meaning of a public servant; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize and honor Barbara J. Gross for her many years of conscientious devotion to the citizens of Morgan County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Barbara J. Gross as a token of our respect.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1159

Offered by Representative Flider:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of George R. Dixon of Findlay on Thursday, July 29, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dixon was born in Duval on August 6, 1924 to Madison and Jessie Coventry Dixon; he married Juanita Jones on July 14, 1946 in Dorans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dixon proudly served in combat operations in both World War II and the Korean Conflict as a member of the U.S. Navy; he was a member of the committee for formation and financing the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.; he served his country in two wars and his community during his entire life, always being the "go-to" guy for volunteering or being volunteered for anything to do with his precious Findlay; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dixon was involved in many business opportunities, including building and loan associations, income taxes, and having a large oil filter business in his basement; he took volunteer jobs on temporary bases that lasted 40 or 50 years; he was a certified tax consultant, a licensed real estate salesman, a financial investment broker, keeper of the Findlay Cemeteries books and records, and more; during his regular working years he worked as the manager of the Livergood Grain Elevator in Findlay for 39 years; and

WHEREAS, After his retirement from the grain business George picked up on all the other jobs he had during his life and continued them full time; he traveled extensively with his friends and family and truly enjoyed his time with his grandson; and

WHEREAS, The passing of George R. Dixon has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Juanita; his daughter, Sue Booker (Steve); his grandsons, Corey and Logan; and his nephew, Gene Dixon; 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 George R. Dixon, and we extend our deepest sympathy 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 George R. Dixon as an expression of our sincere condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1160

Offered by Representative McGuire:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Ronald H. Dodd on the occasion of his retirement after over 40 years in the parks and recreation field; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodd has served as the Executive Director for the Joliet Park District since 1988, where his responsibilities include reporting to the Board of Commissioners; management of revenue-based facilities, regional airport, conservatory, neighborhood and regional parks; and a comprehensive recreation activity delivery system; he assisted with the formation of the Joliet Alliance for Youth which brought 35 youth service organizations together to coordinate year-round youth program schedules and a summer lunch program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodd has served as the Deputy General Superintendent at the Chicago Park District, where he was responsible for establishing a decentralized service delivery format and the initiation of citizen advisory councils at 150 recreation centers; he assisted in the success of one of the first plastic recycling programs implemented by a municipal agency; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in the parks and recreation field, Mr. Dodd's organizations have been recognized; in 1993, the Joliet Park District was the National Gold Medal Award winner, and while serving as the Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Dallas, the organization was the winner of the 1985 Gold Medal Award; he also received two Innovative Project awards from the City of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Mr. Dodd was serving as the Superintendent of Recreation for the Arlington Heights Park District, when he and colleagues from six other park districts formed the Northwest Special Recreation Association, which had the responsibility of providing leisure services to the disabled population; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodd received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and a Master of Science degree in Park and Recreation Management from the University of Illinois at Champaign; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodd has been active in several professional organizations, and has served as president, chairman, or as a member of the Board of Directors for many of them, including the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the American Park and Recreation Society, the Great Lakes Regional Council, the NRPA Council of State Presidents, the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, the At-Risk-Youth Colloquium and Forum on Contemporary Issues, the Illinois Park and Recreation Association, the James Foundation National Symposium series, and the Illinois-Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission; he has served on several Council on Accreditation University visitation teams; he served as chairman of the Board of Regents for the nationally recognized Revenue Sources Management School, Sports Management School, and the National Institute of Golf Management held at Oglebay Park in Wheeling, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodd has written many articles and researched monographs for various recreation publications and has been invited to lecture at universities and professional training institutes; his studies and leadership have taken him to England, Japan, China, and Korea; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodd is the recipient of the prestigious Charles K. Brighbill Award and Joseph J. Bannon Practitioner Award from the University of Illinois; the National Park Foundation awarded him the Cornelius A. Pugsley Medal for outstanding contributions to local parks, recreation, and conservation; the Illinois Park and Recreation Association elected him to a lifetime membership and selected him for the Robert Artz Award for his commitment to establishing citizen advisory councils; he received the NRPA's highest honor, the Distinguished Professional Award, Luther College awarded him the Distinguished Alumni Award, and the University of Northern Iowa selected him for the E.J. McElroy Scholar Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodd has been an adjunct faculty member at the University of St. Francis in Joliet for the past 12 years; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Ronald H. Dodd on the occasion of his retirement after over 40 years in the parks and recreation field; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Ronald H. Dodd as an expression of our respect and esteem for his many contributions to the parks and recreation field and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1161

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

WHEREAS, The faculty, staff, students, parents, and alumni of Wendell Phillips High School, the oldest African-American high school in Chicago, are celebrating the school's 100th anniversary in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Phillips High School, which opened on September 5, 1904, received its name from the great abolitionist who openly criticized Abraham Lincoln for delaying the emancipation of slaves; born in 1811, Wendell Phillips spent nearly fifty years of his life championing the fight against slavery, the ill-treatment of Native Americans, equal pay and wages for women, and better working conditions for all employed persons; and

WHEREAS, As a culmination of the Diamond Jubilee celebration of 1979, Mr. Raymond McCants, Sr. led a committee to dedicate and designate the school's main corridor as the Hall of Fame; the photographs of many role models appear in the Wendell Phillips Hall of Fame, including: Nettie Hayden Baldwin; Alderman William Barnett; Timuel D. Black, Jr., educator, historian, and noted author; Honorable Archibald Carey, Jr.; Nat "King" Cole; Sam Cooke; Thomas A. Dorsey, musical composer of the famous spiritual, "Precious Lord"; The Duster Family, descendants of Ida B. Wells; Alderman Wilson Frost; Marla "Florence" Gibbs; George Johnson; John H. Johnson; David W. Kellum, long known as "Bud Billiken" who served as head cheerleader for all teams; Annie Lee, noted artist; Dr. Loretta Hall Martin, former student, teacher, and current Hall of Fame Chairperson; James D. Montgomery, Sr.; boxing champion, Lee Roy Murphy; Silas Parnell, who for many years assisted generations of students in obtaining scholarships to colleges around the country; Dr. Annabelle Carey Prescott, former student and teacher at Phillips; Honorable Albert S. Porter; Roebuck "Pop" Staples; Dinah Washington; Dr. Irvin B. Watkins; and Claude "Buddy" Young; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Maudell Brown Bousfield simultaneously became Chicago's first African-American public school principal and served as principal of Wendell Phillips from 1939 to 1950; and

WHEREAS, The school's championship basketball team was drafted by Mr. Abe Saperstein to form the

"original" nucleus of the world renowned Harlem Globetrotters; and

WHEREAS, Major repairs and improvements to the school began in the middle and late 1990s; the administration, community leaders, parents, and political representatives all worked together to lobby for major repairs and, as a result, major external repairs and improvements were completed; a Phillips-Mayo campus project added green space and additional sports facilities; and

WHEREAS, The school received landmark status on May 7, 2003, from Chicago's City Council; and

WHEREAS, The Wendell Phillips High School Committee was formed in December of 2003 to plan and execute a centennial celebration to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the school and affirmed its commitment to: development of an endowment fund to support students in achieving academic excellence and scholarships; preservation of the cultural artifacts and oral and written history of the school; establishment of a tutoring/mentoring core comprised of Phillipsites and others; retention of the school as a viable educational institution; and supporting community based school activities; and

WHEREAS, The present administration and community leaders have worked diligently to update computer facilities, improve the library, and provide Internet access to the students; more improvements are in the planning stage; Wendell Phillips High School (designated Wendell Phillips Academy High School effective the 1997-98 school year) is striding into the new millennium to meet the needs of its students; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we hereby commemorate Wendell Phillips High School's 100th anniversary, we recognize the school's many contributions to the education and development of the children of Chicago, and we extend to all those connected with the school our sincere best wishes for continued success in the years to come; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Wendell Phillips High School and the Wendell Phillips High School Centennial Committee as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1162

Offered by Representative Washington:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Elbert "Al" Coleman on Saturday, July 24, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coleman was born on February 15, 1942, in Memphis, Tennessee, to Susie and Nathaniel Coleman; he completed his formal education in Memphis, Tennessee, and went on to valiantly serve his country as a member of the U.S. Navy, where he worked as an aircraft mechanic and was honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coleman moved to Chicago and started his career with the railroad; he held the position of switchman with the Old Milwaukee Line and later served as Yardmaster with the Metra Line; until his death, he maintained his title as Yardmaster and took great pride in those duties; he is remembered as "The General"; and

WHEREAS, He met and married Ozella Jones in 1971; he was very family-oriented and gave all of himself to his family; he was an avid reader and knowledgeable on many issues; with his many cameras, he enjoyed capturing memories of the good times he shared and treasured with his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, The General was a man of political views which he would willingly share with anyone at any time; he stood up for the "little guy" and fought against injustice; he is remembered as one-of-a-kind, with no equal; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Elbert "Al" Coleman has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Ozella; his sons, Maurice, Kenneth, Konota, and Jabari; his daughters, Keisha, Ashika, and Kanika; his grandchildren, Shonari, Chloe, Brandon, Ayanna, Alayah, and Germon; his brother, Lamon; his aunt, Ruby; and his many other relatives and friends; 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 Elbert "Al" Coleman, and we extend our deepest sympathy 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 Mr. Coleman as an expression of our sincere condolences and respect for the great life that "The General" lived.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1163

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate the Woodlawn 16-and-under Pony League Softball Team, the Lady Cardinals, on finishing third at the Pony National Championships in Harlingen, Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Cardinals are based in Woodlawn; the team consists of 8 members from Woodlawn and 3 from Waltonville; they competed mostly against all-star teams at the national event that featured 60 teams in 5 age divisions; and

WHEREAS, In the quarterfinals, the Lady Cardinals beat a team from San Antonio, but in the semifinals they lost to a team from Mansfield, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, The team is coached by Allen Patterson and Marty Douthit; the members of the Lady Cardinals are Vanessa Newell, Kayla Sutton, Courtney Vincent, Allison Douthit, Katie Edwards, Kristina Draege, Kelsie Boldt, Samantha Graziani, Veronica Newell, Morgan Patterson, and Alicia Barnes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the members and coaches of the Lady Cardinals on placing third at the Pony National Championships, and we honor them for proudly representing our great State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the members and coaches of the Lady Cardinals as an expression of our respect and esteem and with our best wishes for the team's future success.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1164

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the Aurora Public Library on its 100th anniversary of service to the Aurora community; and

WHEREAS, The Aurora Public Library first opened its doors on June 1, 1882; it was established by city ordinance as a service-oriented, tax-supported library, which is responsive to the needs of individuals and groups that are a part of its community; and

WHEREAS, The current main library building was erected in 1904 through a gift from Andrew Carnegie; the library was housed in the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) building at 23 East Downer in Aurora for twenty-two years; in 1953, Bookmobile service was added to extend the library services to sites underserved by the main library building; in 1969, the building was completely remodeled and refurbished, two three-story wings and a completely new facade were added; in 1977, two vehicles traveled the city with a collection of 3,000-4,000 items each; in 1980, the Young People's Department was expanded and refurbished; in 1992, service was scaled back to one vehicle; and in 1993, the Eola Road Branch opened to the public on the east side of the city; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, the Cataloging and Extension Services Department were moved to a leased facility on Church Road in order to create additional space at the main library for a growing staff and collections; also in 2002, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donated several thousands of dollars for computer technology to the library; the Gates donation included an eleven-seat computer training facility for the public at the main library as well as additional PCs for the branch locations; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, the library purchased a new bookmobile to replace the one in use to continue serving patrons at over 28 stops throughout the city and the building was expanded from 14,000 square feet to 27,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, The current head librarian and executive director of the library is Janet Pillifant Plaza, the sixth librarian in the library's 114 year history; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the Aurora Public Library on its centennial celebration and its dedicated service to the citizens of Aurora; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to head librarian Janet Pillifant Plaza as an expression of our respect.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1165

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 Naomi Grant on August 3, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Naomi Grant was born on December 2, 1911, in Grenada, Mississippi; she was the eleventh of fifteen children born to the union of Thomas and Mender Moore; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grant came to Chicago in her youth and was educated in the Chicago Public Schools and graduated from Wendell Phillips High School in 1930; she married Henry Grant in 1932 and they had four sons, Henry Jr., Raymond, Donald, and Jamus; and

WHEREAS, She was employed by the historic South Center/Fuller Department Store; while at South Center, she was an active member of the AFL-CIO Labor Union and was outspoken against wage and discrimination issues; she later was employed at Evans Furriers, where she earned recognition for "Outstanding Salesperson" for more than ten consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grant was an active member of the Grant Memorial AME Church, where she served on a number of auxiliaries, and was a Bible class leader and a matron; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Naomi Grant will be deeply felt by many including her devoted sons, Henry Jr. (Jean), Raymond (Lynn), and Jamus Grant; her "play daughter", Ethel Lawrence; her special friend, William Fuller; her 15 grandchildren; her 30 great-grandchildren; her 10 great-great-grandchildren; her 10 first generation nieces and nephews; and a host of relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents, and all of her siblings; 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 Naomi Grant 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 Naomi Grant as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1166

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House were saddened to learn of the death of Ralph H. Sprehe of Centralia on August 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Ralph H. Sprehe was born on June 25, 1914 in Hoffman to Ben and Flora (Doel) Sprehe; he married Bernice Mueller on May 17, 1941; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sprehe was a resident of Hoffman and Centralia and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centralia; he graduated from Centralia Township High School in 1931; he founded Sprehe Truck Service in 1931 in Hoffman; he founded Centralia Cartage Co. in 1940, which grew to serve Southern Illinois, St. Louis, Evansville, and Chicago and merged with Associated Truck Lines in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sprehe was chairman of the board of Old National Bank from 1985 to 1995, and also served on the board of directors of the First National Bank and Centralia Savings and Loan; he was a charter member of the Central Industrial Commission; he served as a member of the St. Mary's Hospital Lay Advisory Board, Centralia Chamber of Commerce, Kaskaskia College Foundation, and Centralia Rotary Church; he was a chairman of Centralia United Fund Drive; he also served for several years in many capacities in statewide and national truck transportation organizations, most notably as president of the Illinois Trucking Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sprehe received the Jaycees Outstanding Service Award in 1973, the Centralia Chamber of Commerce Industrial Appreciation Award in 1978, the American Truck Historical Society Founder Award in 1980, the Centralia Chamber of Commerce Award in 1987, the Madonna Club Humanitarian Award in 1991, and the Kaskaskia College Foundation Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sprehe was a major contributor to many charitable causes in the Centralia area; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Ralph H. Sprehe will be deeply felt by many, especially his son and

daughter-in-law, Bill and Jeanne Ann Sprehe; his daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Tom Ballagh; his two sisters, Dorothy Sprehe and Anita Lenzini; his four grandchildren, Molly Harlan, Chelsey Sprehe, Jill Turnage, and Michael Ballagh; and his great-grandchild, Brooks Harlan; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; two brothers, Howard Sprehe and Forrest Sprehe; one sister, Alice Westerbeck; two brothers-in-law, Harvey Westerbeck and Arnold Lenzini; and one sister-in-law, June Sprehe; 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 Ralph H. Sprehe along with all who knew and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his friends and family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Ralph H. Sprehe as a token of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1167

Offered by Representative Howard:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Charles Edward Clifton of Chicago on Sunday, August 15, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clifton was born on February 11, 1959 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; he earned a B.A. in U.S. history at San Francisco State University in 1993 and master's degrees from Dartmouth College in 1995 and the University of Chicago in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clifton began his career with Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN) in Chicago in 1995; in 2000, he assumed the duties of editor of "Positively Aware", a leading HIV treatment journal; in July of 2002, Mr. Clifton was appointed executive director of TPAN; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clifton worked with the Chicago Department of Public Health's STD/HIV/AIDS Public Policy and Program division on numerous important initiatives, including serving as a member of the HIV Prevention Planning Group; he had served as co-chair of the Policy Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee for the AIDS Foundation Chicago's Service Providers Council for the past several years; he served on the Editorial Advisory Board of PositiveWords.com, was a member of the Steering Committee of the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition (ATAC), chaired the Community Advisory Board of the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, and chaired the Executive Committee of the North American Treatment Action Forum; he was frequently asked to serve as keynote speaker or presenter at AIDS seminars, advocacy symposiums, and health clinic events; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Charles E. Clifton has been deeply felt by many, especially his partner, Kurt Kausch, Ph.D.; his mother, Claudell Clifton Weaver; his sisters, Charlotte Renee Jones and Carmen Elizabeth Cole-Crawford (Angelo); his grandmother, Betsy Eichelberger; his nieces, Chanda Clifton (Navy), Rosland Jones, Chadena Jones, and Claudia Cole; his nephew, Jahson Jones; his daughter, La Tosha; his grandson and granddaughter; his numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends, including James Moore, Selena Bretl, Lori King, and Patricia Williams-Lessane; and his other friends all over the world who mourn his untimely death and cherish his zest for savoring the "moments" of life; he was preceded in death by his stepfather, Donald Robert Weaver, and his father, Charles Edward Clifton, Sr.; 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 Charles Edward Clifton who was a well-respected and passionate advocate for people living with HIV, and we extend our deepest sympathy 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 Mr. Clifton as an expression of our sincere condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1169

Offered by Representative Stephens:

WHEREAS, September 25, 2004 is recognized as Responsible Dog Ownership Day in Bond County, and "Paws in the Park" is the event to be held in recognition of this day; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this event is to raise funds to ultimately construct or buy a building as a shelter to provide temporary housing for stray, abandoned, and unwanted animals until suitable loving permanent homes can be found; and

WHEREAS, In honor of this day and its purpose, there will be various dog activities including an agility course and dog contests; a low cost microchipping clinic will also be available and staffed by a veterinarian donating his/her services; the event will take place at Patriot's Park in Greenville; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the date of September 25, 2004 as Responsible Dog Ownership Day in Bond County and support the efforts of the Bond County Humane Society.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1170

Offered by Representative Miller:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mary Sue Conwell on August 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sue Conwell, also known as "Nook", was born to Willie P. Wilson and Dan Wilson on May 3, 1948 in Macon, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, One of her goals was to obtain her G.E.D.; she was a dedicated volunteer and a leader who encourage others that "anything is possible"; and

WHEREAS, She was respected and loved by family, friends, and any other person she came into contact with; along with cooking Sunday dinner, she also enjoyed attending Sunday service with the True Spirit Congregation accompanied by her niece, Jeanice Wilson; she made the life decision to devote her life to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and became a new member of True Spirit International Ministry on July 11, 2004; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Mary Sue "Nook" Conwell will be deeply felt by many, especially her mother, Willie P. Wilson; her children, Mary Rosetta Conwell and Rodney Conwell; her three grandchildren, Tiffany (Duke) Conwell, Brandon (D-man) Conwell, and Jermail (Mailbox) Conwell; and her brothers and sisters, Lula Wilson, Patricia Wilson, Tina Wilson, Tammy Wilson, Vicky Wilson, Danny Wilson, and Timmy Wilson; and

WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her father, Dan Wilson; her sister, Irma Sue Tucker, and her niece, Erica Wilson; 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 Mary Sue "Nook" Conwell 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 Mary Sue Conwell as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1173

Offered by Representative Washington:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Waukegan and Pastor Arthur J. Gass Sr. on the occasion of their 17th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Arthur J. Gass Sr. was born on October 18, 1951 in Sylvester, Georgia to Mr. Ulysses & Mrs. Tannie L. Gass Sr.; he has been married to Anne V. Gass for 26 years, and they have 2 children, CaRita Anne Gass and Arthur James Gass Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gass became a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church as a young child; his church ministry experiences include serving as Junior Usher, Church Clerk, Youth Director, a Junior Deacon, a Deacon, the Chairman of the Board of Deacons, an Associate Minister, Assistant to the Pastor, and Pastor; he accepted his calling into ministry on November 23, 1978, was licensed on December 10, 1978, and was ordained on May 4, 1981; and

WHEREAS, He served as Pastor of the New St. Stephen Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia and as Associate Minister of the Christian Valley Baptist Church; as a religious leader, he organized the Christian Ministers Fellowship Organization and served as president of the organization in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gass has served as Pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Waukegan since June of 1987; under his leadership, the church has grown to over 300 members, and the new church was built and dedicated in March of 1993; under his guidance, the church has purchased real estate consisting of two residential houses, and has added annually to the church's income, and converted vacant land to accommodate approximately 28 additional parking spaces for the church; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gass is more than a pastor; he also serves as a teacher, community leader, and scholar; he is a past president of the North Shore Baptist Ministers Alliance, secretary of the North Shore Pastor's Conference, the first Vice-Moderator of the New Era District Association, and the former Financial Secretary/Budget Director and 3rd Vice President of Finance for the Young Pastors & Ministers Department of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; he is an accountant for The People's Voice Newspaper, a member of the NAACP, a member of the Board of Directors of Daisy's Resource Center, a former member of the Board of Directors of Lake County Community Action Project (CAP), and a former member of the Board of Directors of Neighborhood Housing Service; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as president of the North Shore Baptist Ministers Alliance, he was instrumental in the renaming of Utica Street to Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, effective in January of 2002; he organized the Financial Planning Conference, Christian Family Conference, and the Singles and Teen Conferences at Mt. Zion that are aimed at strengthening the family financially and teaching family values from a Biblical perspective; he is credited with helping three church families in purchasing new residential homes and four sister churches in purchasing new edifices; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Pastor Gass was presented with the Leadership Award from the Christian Ministers Fellowship Organization; in 1998, he was presented with the Publisher's Award - Most Influential African-Americans of Lake County; from 1975 to 2001, he received several Outstanding Service Awards, both from his employer and the community; and in 2004, the City of Waukegan dedicated and named Wainlow Avenue in his honor in recognition of his religious and community activities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Waukegan and Pastor Arthur J. Gass Sr. on the occasion of their 17th anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Waukegan and to Pastor Arthur J. Gass Sr. as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1174

Offered by Representative Yarbrough:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Alghia (June) Griffin, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Alghia Griffin, Jr. was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi on July 22, 1931; he was the third child born to Rev. Alghia Griffin, Sr. and Maria Bozeman; his primary and elementary school years were completed at Cherry Street School and Bowman High school, in Vicksburg; and

WHEREAS, He was gifted with an unusual musical ability that can be traced back in his family tree to the 1800s; he was able to play a wide range of instruments, including every wind and string instrument, the complete percussion section, organ, and piano; he was presented the highest outstanding music award for all four years of high school; he was then employed by his uncle, the first black man to organize a band in the Vicksburg area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffin was called to the Ministry while a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Vicksburg, the place for all of his Christian training from childhood to manhood; and

WHEREAS, He served his country with dignity and pride as Spec. 4th Class Radio Operator for four years in the U.S. Army, during the Korean War; he then relocated to Chicago in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffin was employed by Jefferson Electric, the Chicago Transit Authority, the Village of Maywood, and the Federal Government for many years; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Alghia (June) Griffin, Jr. will be deeply felt by many, especially his wife,

Diana Griffin; his children, Terry (Bryant), Emanuel, Carl (Kim), and Algeana (Felix); his sisters, Willie Mae Griffin Strong, Bettie Griffin Barry, and Irene Griffin Harvey; his brothers, Herbert (Lydia) Griffin and James (Dorothy) Griffin; his cousin, State Representative Constance Howard; his four grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary; and a daughter, Winnie; 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 Alghia (June) Griffin, Jr. along with all who knew and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Alghia (June) Griffin, Jr. as a token of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1175

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish to congratulate the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago on the occasion of the dedication of Fred C. Matthews III Senior Housing Center; and

WHEREAS, The building, dedicated on September 10, 2004, is named for the Association's Senior Vice President of Company Relations and is a tribute to Fred C. Matthews III's 38 years of service to the YMCA and Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The Fred C. Matthews III building will provide 60 accessible, affordable apartments for persons over 62 years of age; each apartment will consist of a living-dining room area, a bedroom with closets, a kitchen, and a private bath; all apartments will be fully accessible for persons with disabilities, and the first floor of each building will have meeting rooms with warming kitchens, a lounge area with an entertainment center, a craft room, a library, and a computer room with four computers; full-time social service coordinators will assist residents on site, and free YMCA membership will be provided to each resident; and

WHEREAS, Fred C. Matthews III began his YMCA career in 1966 in the JOBS Program (Job Opportunity through Better Skills); in 1971, at the age of 29, he became the youngest District Director in the history of YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, with responsibility for 16 YMCA centers in the south district; he is a co-founder of West Side Future, YMCA, the Association's infant mortality reduction initiative, which has contributed to dramatic decreases in infant mortality since its inception more than 20 years ago; he became Executive Director of the Duncan YMCA in 1985 and became Vice President and a member of the corporate staff of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews has been a long-time patron of the arts, and his work has led to the creation and growth of the first YMCA in the country dedicated to the performing arts, Duncan YMCA Chernin Center for the Arts; he also co-created the Chicago YMCA's Black and Hispanic Achievers Program to foster leadership and mentoring among area teens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews' involvement in the life of Chicago has stretched beyond the YMCA; in addition to his service as an assistant treasurer of the Illinois Arts Alliance's Board of Directors, he is a member of the Chicago Department of Human Services' Committee on Urban Opportunity Advisory Board, 100 Black Men, Inc., The Chicago Urban League, the NAACP, Rainbow PUSH, and the Original Forty Club; he is also a trustee of Grant Memorial AME Church in Chicago and a member of the Grant Men's Club; he teaches Sunday school, and in 1999, he chaired the church's 85th Anniversary Celebration; his leadership as Secretary of Grant Memorial Housing and Economic Development Corporation and President of the Grant Village Corporation has led to the development of Grant Village, an 80-unit senior housing complex on South Drexel Boulevard, as well as the rehabilitation of 66 housing units in the community surrounding the church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews graduated from Southern University in 1962 with a B.A. in sociology; while there, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army and was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities; he served one year of his military duty in Korea and completed his military service as an Army Captain in 1965; he is a lifetime member of the Southern University Alumni Association and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and is active in the Chicago chapter of the Southern University Alumni Association and the Chicago Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha

Psi fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews and his wife of 41 years, the former Roslyn Nix, have two daughters, Genease Dionne Matthews and Rhonda Matthews McMillan; they have one grandchild, Rayne Alexa McMillan; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago on the occasion of the dedication of the Fred C. Matthews III Senior Housing Center, and we thank Mr. Matthews for his extensive work at the YMCA and in Chicago; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and to Mr. Fred C. Matthews III.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1176

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

WHEREAS, The faculty, staff, and students of Perspectives Charter School are celebrating the School's opening at its new location at 1930 South Archer in Chicago; designed by the world-renowned architect Ralph Johnson of Perkins and Will, the bright angular building exemplifies the soaring vision of Perspectives; and

WHEREAS, Perspectives Charter School was designed in the small school tradition by teachers Kim Day and Diana Shulla-Cose; after teaching for many years in the Chicago Public Schools, both shared the desire to create a better learning environment for the urban student; their vision for Perspectives was grounded in basic beliefs about what students in Chicago deserve from a public education system; Kim and Diana wanted to create a school of high expectations, a school where students are challenged, a school where students feel safe, a school with a family-like atmosphere, and a school that students, parents, and faculty could call their own; and

WHEREAS, The Perspectives Charter School is an agent of social change and progress for urban students in Chicago; the vision is to create a school of choice that satisfies the needs of parents who wish to educate their children to meet the challenges of a changing world through academic rigor and a disciplined life; Perspectives will help students further become intellectually reflective, caring, and ethical people en route to a lifetime of meaningful work; and

WHEREAS, Perspectives' vision is to have the entire senior class graduate and to have all of their students attend college or technical school; the faculty and staff believes that they can educate their students to be knowledgeable workers for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, This vision began to take shape in 1993 as a "school within a school" serving 45 students; the co-founders believed strongly in the advantages of a small school; a small school environment would offer students more personal attention and give them a sense of individual importance and belonging; it would afford teachers a greater opportunity to provide guidance, resources, and one-on-one time to students; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, the school found a new home just south of the Loop and working with Chicago Public Schools, Perspectives had secured a lease at 1915 S. Federal for two years while a permanent facility was built next door; and

WHEREAS, Perspectives is achieving great success; for the past three years, more than 95% of the senior class has graduated and continued on to college; in the past two years, four students have been awarded the prestigious Posse Foundation scholarship, in which students received \$100,000 to attend college; Perspectives students continue to be accepted at more competitive schools including Sara Lawrence University, Penn State, University of Michigan, and the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Perspectives has received both national and local attention as a model of successful public urban education; both Mayor Richard M. Daley and Chicago Public School's CEO Arne Duncan have publicly acknowledged Perspectives; most recently, Perspectives was featured in Chicago Magazine, The Chicago Tribune, The Chicago Sun-Times, Crain's Chicago Business, on National Public Radio, and on Channel 5 news for its academic success and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Perspectives has become a model for urban education, given new meaning to quality education in public schools, and is proving that public education works and works well; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Perspectives Charter School in the

opening of its new location, and we wish the faculty and staff continued success in their endeavor of providing quality education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Perspectives Charter School as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1177

Offered by Representative Currie:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Dr. Stanley Yachnin on Monday, August 30, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Yachnin was born on June 28, 1930 and raised in Brooklyn, New York in a devout Jewish household; he attended Midwood High School as well as the Yeshiva in the borough's Flatbush district; and

WHEREAS, From 1947 to 1950, he studied at Cornell University, but without earning a degree; instead of graduating from Cornell, Dr. Yachnin opted to go straight to medical school at New York University, where he earned his medical degree in 1954 and was first in his class; and

WHEREAS, His residency training was interrupted when he served two years as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps; he was stationed in a small town outside of Paris, where he cared for ailing soldiers, learned French, and cultivated a lifelong interest in wines and food; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Yachnin met and married his wife, Irene, during his residency; she preceded him in death 1972; and

WHEREAS, He resumed medical training in 1958, completing his residency and a fellowship in hematology in 1961 at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, part of the Harvard system; he became an assistant professor at the University of Chicago in 1961 and spent his entire career there, helping to build a small hematology-oncology section into one of the world's leading clinical cancer research groups; he became section chief of hematology in 1966, a full professor in 1969, and chief of the combined section of hematology and oncology from 1972 to 1982; he retired in 1996, having recruited many physicians and scientists to the section; he also served as a member and chairman of the university committee that approves faculty appointments and promotions, and from 1988 to 1996 directed the Pew program, one of the earliest interdisciplinary graduate programs for students interested in completing both an M.D. and a Ph.D.; and

WHEREAS, Much of Dr. Yachnin's work concentrated on blood cells and related disorders; during the 1960s, he explored paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria, a rare disease that leads to anemia, bleeding in urine while asleep, and potentially deadly blood clots; his 1970s research took him into the biochemistry of lymphocyte transformation, how white blood cells respond to infections; and

WHEREAS, Inside the laboratory, Dr. Yachnin demanded not only high standards and thorough research from his students and assistants, but also a reverence and exactitude in their use of English in their science; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Yachnin has been deeply felt by many, especially his children, Benson (Melinda) Yachnin and Catherine (Addison) Braendel; and his grandchildren Noah, Clea, William Braendel, and Emma Yachnin; 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 Dr. Stanley Yachnin, and we are grateful for the many contributions he made to the medical community and cancer research; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Yachnin as an expression of our sincerest condolences for their loss.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1178

Offered by Representative Jones:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with great sadness of the death of noted journalist and community activist Lutrelle "Lu" Palmer on Sunday, September

12, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer was born in Newport News, Virginia; he graduated from Virginia Union University in 1942, received his master's degree from Syracuse University in 1947, and his Ph.D. in Mass Media Communications from Iowa State University in 1955; he is the recipient of an honorary degree from St. Martin's College and Seminary, which bestowed upon him a Doctor of Human Letters in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer worked as a reporter for several Chicago papers including the Chicago Defender, the Chicago Courier, the Chicago American, and the Chicago Daily News, where he was also a syndicated columnist; he served as the editor of the Tri-State Defender, based in Nashville, Tennessee; he also worked as a recruiter, organizer, and preceptor for the Associated Colleges of the Midwest from 1970 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work in newspapers, Mr. Palmer became famous through his radio broadcasts of "Lu's Notebook", which at one time was aired on four radio stations; at the end of his broadcast career, he hosted a night on WVON's "On Target" show; he was a writer and editorial director for Congressman Ralph Metcalfe in the 1970s and the 1980s, and he worked in public relations for Michael Reese Hospital in the 1960s and 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer was the founder of Chicago Black United Communities (CBUC) and served as chairman of the organization from 1979 until 1987; through his work at CBUC, he spear-headed the move to elect Chicago's first African-American mayor, Harold Washington, through the "We Shall See in '83" campaign; he also founded the Black Independent Political Organization (BIPO) and the Black Business Network, and he founded, edited, and published the Black X-Press Info-Paper in Chicago from 1971 to 1974; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer's final position was chairman of United Services of Chicago, Inc., where he was chairman of the Board of Directors of this State-funded program, a group living facility on Chicago's south side; and

WHEREAS, All over the country, Mr. Palmer conducted seminars and participated in workshops where his expertise and his messages have been that of imparting valuable information and providing direction for untold masses of people regarding the enrichment and lifting up of African Americans; in Chicago, he led such fights as the removal of asbestos from Chicago schools and the fight against the wrongful draft of African Americans in the armed services; behind the scenes, he helped in the mobilization to unseat Edward Hanrahan after the murders of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark of the Black Panther Party and also provided assistance in the mobilization against police brutality in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer provided vital research to the groups that fought over-crowding of schools in African-American neighborhoods and did the same for groups that coalesced to have the first African American selected as Superintendent of the Chicago School Board; and

WHEREAS, During his years of journalistic activism in the Chicago area, Mr. Palmer received several notable honors for his work; he was inducted into the Black Press Hall of Fame on October 22, 1989; in addition to his numerous awards and honors, he was a recipient of the Journalistic Excellence Award given by the National Conference of Black Lawyers in 1977, the Frederick Douglas Award in 1998, the Jomo Kenyatta Award for Political Activism in 1994, and a Thank You Picture Plaque from Nelson Mandela and the ANC in 1990; and

WHEREAS, It was Lu Palmer who solidified KWANZAA as an African-American observance; on his radio program, he presented the Seven Principles of Nguzo Saba on a daily basis in an effort to help listeners understand, absorb, and seek more clarity and participation in African-based cultural rhythms; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Mr. Palmer has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Jorja Palmer; his three daughters; his two sons; his five grandchildren; and his two great-grandchildren; 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 Lutrelle "Lu" Palmer, who leaves behind a legacy of impeccable integrity and an intense desire to correct injustice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mr. Palmer as an expression of our deepest sympathy during their time of bereavement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1179

Offered by Representative Howard:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Georgie "Gigi" Nicks of Maywood on August 19, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nicks, who was diagnosed with HIV in 1990 and with AIDS four years later, selflessly devoted the last 13 years of her life to educating, empowering, and advocating on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS, both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, She was the Consumer Advocacy Director for the CORE Center of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services; she served on the boards of the Family and Children's AIDS Network in Chicago, the AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families, and the National Women's AIDS Project in Washington, D.C.; she was also Vice President of the HIV Positive Action Coalition in Chicago and a member of the Illinois HIV Prevention Community Planning Group, the Chicago Area Title I Planning Council, and numerous other advisory and planning bodies, both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nicks contributed to several publications relating to AIDS; she was a national trainer for consumers of HIV services; and she was a nationally known speaker on women's health issues, especially women living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nicks viewed her activism as a journey and not as a job, because she thought the purpose of life was to be useful, to be responsible, to be honorable, and to be compassionate; and

WHEREAS, Her passing will be deeply felt by her family and friends, especially her daughter, Sophia; her son, Jabari Nicks; her three sisters, Irene Gandy, Juanita Tipton, and Debra Porter; and her four brothers, George Whitehead, Dean Whitehead, Tommie Jones, and LeMar Jones; 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 Georgie "Gigi" Nicks 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 Georgie "Gigi" Nicks.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1180

Offered by Representative Daniels:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives offer our sincere appreciation to Jill Garrett for her tenure as Chairperson of the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Jill worked with the Council on Developmental Disabilities for approximately 9 years prior to being appointed Chairperson in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Her tireless efforts have lead to countless improvements within the Council and in the developmental disability community; and

WHEREAS, Jill's guidance lead to the restructuring of committees within the Council so that committees would be used more effectively and would be better able to function; and

WHEREAS, Under Jill's leadership the Council released the "Gettings Report" that examined Illinois' services and care for the developmentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, Jill has proudly championed the creation and implementation of the Illinois Life Span which is the Statewide information and advocacy coordination system for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, Individuals can now receive all the information needed about services for the disabled by calling one phone number for Illinois Life Span; and

WHEREAS, Jill's commitment to the disabled community is so strong that she will continue to serve on several committees with the Council; and

WHEREAS, She skillfully organized a seamless transition for the new leadership by working with the new Chairperson and the Council to insure that there would be no disruption in carrying out the mission of organization; and

WHEREAS, Jill's passion for helping those with disabilities has led to the development of landmark reforms aimed at helping those with disabilities live full and happy lives; and

WHEREAS, The developmental disability community, Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the entire State sincerely appreciate the countless hours she has devoted to reforming the services and care provided to the disabled; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we do hereby offer our appreciation to Jill Garrett; and

be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Jill Garrett and her family.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1181

Offered by Representative Hultgren:

WHEREAS, Wheaton Bible Church, at Main Street and Franklin in Wheaton, will celebrate its 75th anniversary on the weekend of September 24 through 26, 2004; and

WHEREAS, In 1929, Wheaton Bible Church was founded as an interdenominational church on the campus of Wheaton College; in 1936, the 200 parishioners moved into their first church building at Cross and Union Streets on the southeast corner of the lot where the present sanctuary stands; over the next 20 years, the church built an additional educational building and purchased additional lots; and

WHEREAS, In 1958, the church began construction of the current sanctuary, which sits on the northeast corner of the block and seats approximately 1100 people; in 1981, all facilities on the main campus, with the exception of the sanctuary, were razed to allow construction of a new educational wing, including classrooms, a chapel, an atrium, meeting rooms, and a gym; in 1987, the church purchased a facility located south of the main campus which is used by approximately 600 junior high, senior high and college students on Sundays and throughout the week; and

WHEREAS, Over 2400 people from all parts of DuPage County worship in four Sunday services, and the church also offers a variety of worship services and educational activities for children and adults; and

WHEREAS, The church meets the diverse needs of its members and the communities it serves in many ways, including Hispanic, Men's, Women's, and Singles' Ministries, Stephen Ministry, support groups, Student Ministries, nurseries, Sunday School, Children's Choir, Awana Club, "The Herd" and "Student Body" for junior high and high school students, special events, community service, and contributions to ministries and relief efforts around the world; and

WHEREAS, Wheaton Bible Church plans to move to a new site that will enable the church to expand to meet the growing needs of DuPage County; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Wheaton Bible Church on the occasion of its 75th anniversary and we convey our appreciation for its invaluable contributions to the diverse communities it serves; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Wheaton Bible Church with our best wishes on this historic occasion.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1182

Offered by Representative Lang:

WHEREAS, Louis C. Cairo has been named Man of the Year by the Italian American Labor Council of Greater Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Louis was born on September 20, 1958 in Chicago; his parents are Louis F. Cairo, who immigrated from Calabria, Italy in 1948, and Rosemary Cairo, whose grandparents immigrated from Sicily in 1890; he credits much of his success to the strong work ethic, drive, and determination that he inherited from his parents; and

WHEREAS, Louis is married to Gloria, whom he met twenty-two years ago; they have three beautiful children, Deanna Marie, Louis Anthony, and Kristina Marie; and

WHEREAS, He attended Catholic schools from grade school through law school; his tenure at Goldberg, Weisman and Cairo, Ltd., the law firm that now bears his name, began two years before he graduated from Loyola University School of Law in Chicago in 1983, when he was hired as a clerk; his firm has grown to be one of the largest personal injury and workers' compensation firms in the country; the firm has generously contributed to charitable organizations and union affiliated functions with gifts, prizes, financial contributions, and a tireless support staff; and

WHEREAS, Louis has established many record settlements in Illinois on behalf of clients of his firm; over the last 5 years, the firm has amassed settlements and verdicts in excess of \$250,000,000 on behalf of

clients who have suffered catastrophic losses, death of a loved one, or less serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, Louis is a member of numerous legal associations that endeavor to improve the quality of our legal system, including the Justinian Society of Italian Lawyers, National Italian American Bar Association, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (Board of Managers), Society of Trial Lawyers, Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, and Trial Lawyers for Public Justice; he is the first attorney to be asked to sit on the prestigious Board of Directors of the Italian American Labor Council; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Louis C. Cairo on being named Man of the Year by the Italian American Labor Council of Greater Chicago; and be it further

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1183

Offered by Representative Kelly:

WHEREAS, Chief of Police Francis G. DioGuardi is retiring after 33 years of dedicated service in the Police Department of the Village of Park Forest; and

WHEREAS, Francis G. DioGuardi has been in the Park Forest area since 1970; on September 16, 1971, he was sworn in as a patrol officer for the Park Forest Police Department; in the patrol division, he distinguished himself by establishing several community outreach programs fostering positive police/youth interaction and he was a department spokesman in the local school systems on child safety, stranger danger, and sexual assault prevention; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, he was assigned to the Detective/Juvenile Division where he investigated serious crimes and established a close working relationship with the Juvenile Justice System; in 1982, he was appointed Director of Crime Prevention and Youth Services within the Police Department; during his eight years in this position, he established several meaningful community policing programs; and

WHEREAS, He was one of the first 30 DARE officers in the State of Illinois in 1985 and taught the curriculum in three school districts in the Village; he served as Executive Director of Region II Operation Snowball and worked on the Rich Township High School District Operation Snowball; as a founding member of the South Suburban Council on Sexual Assault, he was instrumental in rewriting the sexual assault statutes of Illinois and helped create the Domestic Violence Act of 1986; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, he served as President of the South Suburban Juvenile Officers Association; in 1990, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and assumed the duties of first-line supervisor in the Patrol Division and served as a department hostage negotiator; in 1995, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and served as a shift Watch Commander; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, he was designated a Commander and provided input and direction to the Police Department Administration as part of the management team; he also served on the policy board of the Dating Violence Prevention Education Program at Rich Township High School District 227; in 2000, he was promoted to the rank of Captain and served as head of operations for the Police Department; he assumed the duties of Chief of Police in the absence of the Chief; and

WHEREAS, In July 2003, Chief DioGuardi was appointed Interim Chief of Police, assuming overall management of the Park Forest Police Department; he was appointed permanent Chief of Police for the Park Forest Police Department in 2003; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Chief of Police Francis G. DioGuardi on the occasion of his retirement from the Park Forest Police Department after 33 years of service; we thank him for his exemplary service and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1184

Offered by Representative Berrios:

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to honor organizations that provide valuable services to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Hispanocare, Inc., was founded in 1988 by Illinois Masonic Medical Center as a not-for-profit network of nearly 300 bilingual healthcare providers in order to offer the Latino community in the Chicago metropolitan area quality, cost-effective healthcare in a culturally sensitive manner; and

WHEREAS, Hispanocare, Inc., offers free or discounted membership in a comprehensive program that includes access to bilingual healthcare providers in a wide range of specialties, discounts on out-of-pocket medical expenses, discounts on healthcare needs not traditionally covered by insurance, and the "La Edad de Oro" program, which provides discounts on prescriptions and optometry, podiatry, and dental care services to senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Hispanocare's importance in the community is evidenced by a significant growth in its membership in recent years and the expansion of its service area to include not only the City of Chicago but also surrounding suburbs; and

WHEREAS, Hispanocare demonstrates its mission of community outreach by participating in community health fairs, offering free preventive services and screenings and vaccinations, hosting public symposia, publishing an editorial column in La Raza newspaper, and providing a scholarship program for Latino students entering the healthcare field; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend Hispanocare, Inc., for its strong commitment and dedication to providing access to quality bilingual healthcare for the Latino community in the Chicago metropolitan area; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Hispanocare, Inc., with our best wishes for its continued success.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1185

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Rock on Aurora, a community impact event in the city of Aurora; and

WHEREAS, The first Saturday in October for the past two years, Progressive Baptist Church and other local congregations have gathered volunteers to meet the needs of the community in the greater Aurora area; and

WHEREAS, Teams are formed to serve in a variety of ways including cleaning city streets, beautifying public schools, visiting nursing home residents, minor home repairs for senior citizens, holding basketball and soccer clinics for area youth, and delivering food baskets to families in need; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Rock on Aurora and the Progressive Baptist Church for their combined efforts toward the betterment of the Aurora community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Rev. Roy R. Brown, Senior Pastor of Progressive Baptist Church, as a token of our respect.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1186

Offered by Representative Lang:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate The Decalogue Society of Lawyers on the occasion of its 70th birthday; and

WHEREAS, The Decalogue Society of Lawyers was established in 1934 in Chicago to combat discrimination and anti-Semitism; and

WHEREAS, Members of The Decalogue Society of Lawyers continue to act to maintain vigilance against public and private practices which are anti-social, discriminatory, anti-Semitic or oppressive and to join with other groups and minorities to protect legal rights and privileges; and

WHEREAS, Members of The Decalogue Society of Lawyers seek to combine those aspects of their lives that are unique to being both an attorney and Jewish through involvement in the Society's activities, goals and missions; and

WHEREAS, Members actively participate in social action and community service for public welfare, including providing pro-bono or reduced-fee legal aid to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Members seek to bring increased dignity and honor to the legal profession and their Jewish heritage, which serve as driving inspirations for their actions; and

WHEREAS, The Decalogue Society of Lawyers promises a future of continuing devotion on the community's behalf of worthy goals and principles; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate The Decalogue Society of Lawyers as it celebrates its 70th birthday, 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 Decalogue Society of Lawyers as a token of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1187

Offered by Representative Kurtz:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Mae M. Stinespring, who passed away on Monday, August 23, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stinespring was born on February 17, 1912 in Chicago to John F. and Goldie Belle (Patterson) Marty; she married Harry P. Stinespring on August 18, 1936; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stinespring graduated from Carl Schurz High School in Chicago in 1930 where she served as class vice president while her husband, Harry was class president; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stinespring was a piano soloist at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra when she was 17 and 18 years old; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stinespring graduated from Northwestern University in 1934 with a bachelor of science from the school of speech and a minor in education and Latin; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stinespring taught at Evanston Grade School and the Croatian Children's Home in Niles; in 1985, she was inducted into the Carol Schurz Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stinespring dedicated her life to community service through life long activities as a leader and founder of numerous organizations; she was founder of NIMC Auxillary Board and served as president from 1956 to 1958; she served as chairman of the NIMC Foundation Board from 1984 through 1987; during her leadership on the Foundation Board, she guided the first NIMC capital campaign to build the new McHenry Hospital/NIMC which opened at its present site in 1984; she served on the NIMC board of directors from 1982 to 1985; she also served as an ex-officio member of the Northern Illinois Human Services (parent) Board from 1984 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stinespring was a founding member of Family Services and Community Mental Health Center of McHenry in 1959; she served on the board of directors from 1959 to 1979, and was honored as the "Woman of the Year" in 1984 on its 25th anniversary; she was a founding member of hospice services in McHenry County and served on their board of directors from 1982 to 1983; in 1979 she was awarded the "Woman of the Year" by the McHenry Business and Professional Women's Club; she also served as a director of the First National Bank of McHenry and of Chicago Manufacturing Company and was a long-standing member of the Union League of Chicago; she was a member of PEO International Women's Organization, member and former officer of Questers International, member, former leader and sponsor of Job's Daughters of McHenry, member of the League of Women Voters, founder of THEOS (To Help Each Other To Smile), a support group for widows and widowers, and she was also on the board of directors of Conference Point Camp; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, "The Tree of Life" a bronze sculpture was donated to NIMC by Mrs. Stinespring in honor of her husband; The Tree of Life program is a vital part of the ongoing donor commemorative and memorial programs at Centegra; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stinespring also had the idea for McHenry County Meals on Wheels; she began the process through the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in the early 1970s in the McHenry and Wonder Lake area; she also delivered meals to the aged and infirmed; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stinespring was a member of First United Church in McHenry, where she was

involved in the women's circle activities, the scholarship program and she was a church conference delegate; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stinespring was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a daughter, Sue Cain, a son, John W. Stinespring, a grandson, Gregory Cain, and a brother, Matthew "Pete" Marty; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Mrs. Stinespring has been deeply felt by all who knew her, especially her three children, Harry P. (Janice) Stinespring III, Donald C. (Susan) Stinespring, and Leota Belle "Libby" (James) Britton; six grandchildren, M. David (Donna) Cain Jr., Harry P. "Hal" Stinespring IV, John R. (Susie) Stinespring, Donald C. (Kari) Stinespring Jr., Brenton C. (Ali) Stinespring, Carissa G. Belle Stinespring; eight great-grandchildren, Theresa, Rachel, and Deborah Cain, Rachael, Kelsey, and Caleb Stinespring, Keegan Stinespring, Lucas Holub; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews; 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 Mae M. Stinespring, along with all who knew and loved her, and offer her family and friends our deepest sympathy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mae M. Stinespring with our sincerest condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1188

Offered by Representative Rose:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Charles Johnson Collins of Arthur on Thursday, July 22, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins was born on August 24, 1913 near Lovington, the son of Clifton C. and Harriet E. Johnson Collins; he married Margaret Pyle in Rockford on December 12, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins attended the University of Illinois for one year in 1934, but a lack of money during the Great Depression forced him to leave school; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins was employed as General Manager of West Chevrolet in Lovington; in January, 1950, the dealership moved to Arthur where he was General Manager until the summer of 1953; he was then employed as a Service Equipment Manager for National Petro Chemical Corp. in Tuscola until the fall of 1954; he returned to Arthur as an employee of Ivan Trulock Chevrolet; in 1955, he and Gayle Daugherty purchased the Chevrolet dealership from Mr. Trulock and formed Collins and Daugherty Chevrolet, which they operated until 1976, at which time Mr. Collins retired; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins served on the Dealers Council Peoria Zone during 1973 and 1974; he was an election judge starting in 1994; he was affiliated with the Lovington Christian Church and was a member of the Lovington AF & AM Masonic Lodge; he enjoyed fishing, golf, gardening, trap shooting, and music; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Charles Johnson Collins has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Margaret; his daughters, Betty Walthall and her husband Louis, and Susan Starkey and her husband Darrell; his stepsons, Kerry Fitzjarrald and his wife Mary Jo, and Kevin Fitzjarrald and his wife Sheryl; his stepdaughter, Cheryl Blackwell and her husband Bill; his brother, Jack Collins; his grandsons, Gale Starkey and his wife Christine, and Chris Starkey; his granddaughters, Jill Stahl and her husband Rev. Jeff, and Suzanne Walthall; his step-grandsons, Jared Blackwell, Jeremy Blackwell, Joshua Blackwell, Jason Fitzjarrald, and Alex Fitzjarrald; his step-granddaughters, Sami Gollither and Rhendy Fitzjarrald; his great-grandson, Michael Starkey; his great-granddaughters, Sarah Stahl, Cati Walthall, and Emily Starkey; and his step-great-grandson, Caleb Fitzjarrald; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters; 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 Charles Johnson Collins along with all who knew and loved him and we extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and be it further

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1189

Offered by Representative Rose:

WHEREAS, The sports talk program Saturday Morning Sports Line, hosted by Jim Turpin and Loren Tate, is in its 25th year on radio station WDWS in Champaign; and

WHEREAS, Jim Turpin is a broadcasting legend who was the Voice of the Illini for 35 years; he has been with WDWS since 1980; he has brought many memorable University of Illinois football and basketball moments to his listeners and has been recognized as one of the nation's top collegiate sports broadcasters; and

WHEREAS, Loren Tate, a journalist whose coverage of Illinois athletics since the late 1950s is unparalleled, joined the News-Gazette as sports editor in 1966; he was the sports director at television station WICD for 11 years and the longtime analyst for Illini broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, Jim Turpin and Loren Tate bring Saturday Morning Sports Line listeners the latest sports news on the Illini; the program has drawn listeners, phone calls, and e-mails from virtually all over the world; and

WHEREAS, In the ever-changing world of radio, the 25th anniversary of a program is an outstanding achievement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commemorate the 25th anniversary of Saturday Morning Sports Line on radio station WDWS; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Jim Turpin and Loren Tate as an expression of our thanks for their many years of dedication to University of Illinois sports and with our best wishes for their continued success.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1190

Offered by Representative Rose:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Brody Walworth on attending the American Legion Boys Nation leadership conference in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walworth is a resident of Mattoon; he is a senior at Mattoon High School; and

WHEREAS, The conference was held on July 23-31; participants acted as delegates to the conference's mock Senate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walworth was one of two delegates from Illinois to attend the conference; he was chosen to be a representative during the Premier Boys State event held at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston in June; and

WHEREAS, Each delegate drafted a "bill" prior to the conference, and four committees decided which proposed laws would make it to the Senate's floor; Mr. Walworth was elected chairman of his committee; and

WHEREAS, During the conference, Mr. Walworth and the other ninety-six delegates visited the new World War II memorial, the Vietnam memorial, the Korean memorial, the Lincoln memorial, the Armed Forces Court of Appeals, the United States Supreme Court, the State Department, and the Capitol Building; he also visited Arlington National Cemetery and was one of two of the delegates chosen at random to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walworth listened to several speakers during the conference, including Holocaust survivor, Messe Godin, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Bill Suter, and Undersecretary of Political Affairs, Marc Grossman; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Brody Walworth on serving as a delegate to the American Legion Boys Nation leadership conference; and be it further

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1191

Offered by Representative Scully:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Park Forest Chief of Police, Francis DioGuardi, on the occasion of his retirement from the Park Forest Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Francis DioGuardi was sworn in as a police officer for the Village of Park Forest in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DioGuardi is responsible for establishing the Park Forest Police Department's first public information program; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Mr. DioGuardi was promoted to detective and juvenile officer; he formerly served as president of the Cook County Juvenile Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, From 1982 to 1990, Mr. DioGuardi served as the director of the crime prevention and youth services division; programs established under the division evolved into the Village's current community policing and neighborhood watch programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DioGuardi was one of the first D.A.R.E. officers in the State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DioGuardi was named Watch Commander in 1995; he was promoted to Captain of Operations five years later; he was named Park Forest Chief of Police in 2003; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Mr. DioGuardi was selected Park Forest's Officer of the Year; he was also named Citizen of the Year by the Park Forest Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DioGuardi assisted legislators in the creation of the State's first Domestic Violence Act; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Mr. Francis DioGuardi on the occasion of his retirement from the Park Forest Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Francis DioGuardi as an expression of our sincere respect and esteem for his many years of devoted service to the Park Forest Police Department.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1192

Offered by Representative Joyce:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are honored to recognize significant milestones in the lives of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Stella Rose Crocetti is celebrating the 80th anniversary of her birth; and

WHEREAS, Stella Rose Crocetti was born October 6, 1924, in Gallitzin, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, She was married to Daniel Anthony Petta on February 23, 1946; they were married for 55 years; and

WHEREAS, Stella Rose Crocetti is the proud mother of 3 children, Mary Jo (William Aukstik), Donna (Ronald Dockus), and Daniel; the proud grandmother of 6 grandchildren, Nicole, Danielle, Kristin, Michelle, Matthew, and Jeffrey; and the proud great-grandmother of 2 great-grandchildren, Emily Rose and Audrey Nicole; and

WHEREAS, Stella Rose Crocetti is a loving mother and grandmother and an upstanding citizen of this State; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Stella Rose Crocetti on the occasion of her 80th birthday and extend to her our sincere best wishes for the future; and be it further

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1193

Offered by Representative Yarbrough:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Hezekiah Davis at the age of 93 on September 23, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was born in Alabama, but when his parents' farm stopped producing, his family moved to Parkdale, Arkansas to farm; it was there that he met Mazzie Glass, whom he married in 1934; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Davis raised their 11 children on a farm in southeast Arkansas; he was very proud that 7 of his 11 children attended college; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis took his civic responsibility seriously; before the Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawed the poll tax, he and his wife eagerly paid the fee to vote; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was very active in his community; when he retired from farming, he joined a nearby social service agency; he was in charge of maintaining the 16 vans used by its day-care program and of purchasing food for its cafeteria; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis moved to Illinois when he was 87 to live with one of his daughters in Hazel Crest; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis became an active member of the Hazel Crest community; he participated in a local day program and attended political meetings and banquets; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his first wife, Mazzie, who passed away in 1981, and by his second wife, Armetha Stenerette; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Hezekiah Davis will be felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his daughters, Ceola Barnes, Barbara Nelson, and Floretta Davis; his sons, Bennie, Danny, Jesse, and Willie Davis; his stepson, Cedric Stenerette; his 40 grandchildren; his 10 great-grandchildren; and his numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with all who knew and loved him, the death of Hezekiah Davis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Hezekiah Davis.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1194

Offered by Representative Monique Davis:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Delores Cooper on the occasion of her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Delores Cooper has contributed thirty-nine years of service to the Chicago Public School System; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cooper worked at Esmond Elementary School for thirty-four years; she was employed as a teacher at the school for twenty-six years, and then as an assistant principal for eight more years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cooper was PTA secretary for two years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cooper served as Chairperson of the Professional Problem Committee (PPC) for eighteen years and as the Chair of the Professional Personnel Advisory Committee (PPAC) for fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cooper was an Elective Teacher Representative on the first Local School Council, where she also served as secretary; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Ms. Cooper served as a union delegate for the Chicago Teachers Union; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cooper remains steadfast in her involvement with the community and participates in many on-going community activities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Delores Cooper on the occasion of her retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Delores Cooper as an expression of our respect and esteem for her devoted service within the Chicago Public School System.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1195

Offered by Representative Howard:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Dwain Phillip Lubin on Sunday, September 12, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lubin was born on August 9, 1960 in Chicago to Peggy and Benjamin Lubin; he attended St. Clotilde Elementary School and De La Salle High School; he went on to graduate from Prairie View University in Prairie View, Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering in May of 1983; while a student at Prairie View, he was listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges"; and

WHEREAS, While growing up, Mr. Lubin loved to fix things, especially things with an engine or motor; he was often found dismantling objects around the house to see how they worked, and putting them back together to see whether he could get them to work even better; one of his proudest moments as a child was making and riding his go-cart; he created it from scratch and then challenged others in the neighborhood to races; from go-carts, he moved on to motorcycles, and in his late teens, he joined a motorcycle club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lubin then turned his attention to cars; he quickly became knowledgeable about cars and was proud of his memory as he could tell you the specifications of most cars on the road today; and

WHEREAS, On July 21, 1984, Dwain fulfilled a life-long dream by becoming a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; he pledged at Xi Lambda chapter in Chicago and quickly went on to become a life member; in 1991, he was a charter member and founding deacon of New Hope Community Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Following college, Mr. Lubin pursued a career as a mechanical engineer working at Sargent and Lundy Engineers, and then he moved on to Nicor Gas, where he spent 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lubin loved to travel and enjoyed taking cruises; it was on his first trip to Bermuda in February of 2000, that he met his wife, Aderonke; they were married on August 5, 2000; on January 21, 2001, he moved to Bermuda, where he and Aderonke became members of Marsden First United Methodist Church; he was a member of Epsilon Theta Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in Bermuda; he worked at King Edward Memorial Hospital Facilities Department, and just before making the decision to return to Chicago, he worked briefly at the West End Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lubin was a good friend and confidante to many; he enjoyed the friendships that he had made in his lifetime; he loved to talk on the phone and spent hours staying in touch with people from around the country and the world; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Mr. Lubin has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Aderonke; his parents, Benjamin and Peggy Lubin; his sister, Niva Lubin-Johnson and her husband, Joseph Johnson; his grandmother, Johnnie Jackson; his mother-in-law and fathers-in-law, Cynthia Bademosi and Denny Richardson and Rufus Bademosi; his brothers-in-law, Oluremi and Abimbola Bademosi and their wives, Sydonnie and Omonike; his nieces, Tamia and Oreoluwa Bademosi; his godsons, Christopher Jelkes and Matthew Marchbanks; and his numerous relatives and friends; 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 Dwain Phillip Lubin, and we extend our deepest sympathy 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 Mr. Lubin as an expression of our sincerest condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1198

Offered by Representative Jakobsson:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate and thank Teri E. Becker of the Illinois National Guard on obtaining the rank of command sergeant major; and

WHEREAS, Teri E. Becker was born in Danville and is currently a resident of Champaign; she is married to John Becker; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Becker joined the National Guard in 1987 and served in the 47th Adjutant General Company, 623rd Personnel Services Detachment, until her recent promotion to command sergeant major for the 634th Personnel Services Battalion; and

WHEREAS, Command sergeant major is the second highest enlisted rank in the Illinois National Guard;

Teri E. Becker is the first woman in the Illinois National Guard to achieve the rank of command sergeant major; in her new position, she is responsible for 550 Illinois National Guard soldiers; she has served her country in the Illinois National Guard for half of her life, and by doing so, she has shown her courage, dedication, and selflessness; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Teri E. Becker on her recent promotion to command sergeant major and encourage the other young, motivated citizens of Illinois to follow the example set by her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Teri E. Becker as a token of our deepest and most sincere thanks to a woman who has selflessly served her country and community.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1199

Offered by Representatives Meyer, Dunn, Biggins, Bellock, Pankau, Hultgren, Daniels, Millner, Saviano, Froehlich, Eileen Lyons and Cross:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives offer our sincere appreciation to Joel A. Kagann for his many years of service as DuPage County Circuit Court Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kagann started his distinguished public service career as a suburban police officer in 1957; he was appointed Chief of Police of Woodridge, Illinois in 1962 and served as Chief until November 1971; he was instrumental in promoting many innovative programs, including the Illinois Governmental Police Training Board and the Illinois State Police Emergency Radio Network (ISPERN), which links every police department in the State of Illinois on a common radio frequency for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, the citizens of Woodridge elected Mr. Kagann as Mayor on a "write-in" ballot, and he served in that capacity until 1977; while serving as Mayor of Woodridge, Mr. Kagann was appointed Administrative Assistant to DuPage County Circuit Court Clerk John Cockrell where he was instrumental in the ongoing implementation of computer-based technology in that office; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Mr. Kagann was appointed as Acting Clerk of the Village of Woodridge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kagann became Senior Executive Assistant to the Circuit Clerk in 1983; in 1988, he was appointed Chief Deputy Circuit Court Clerk; upon the retirement of Mr. Cockrell in 1991, the judges of the DuPage County Circuit Court appointed Mr. Kagann to the office of Clerk of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court, DuPage County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kagann was elected as Circuit Court Clerk in 1992, and has announced his retirement from that position at the end of his term on November 30, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kagann's inspiration, leadership, and diligence has lead to the advancement of the DuPage County Circuit Court Clerk's office; he undertook the responsibility of moving the entire operation of the clerk's office from a location it had occupied since 1896 to the newly-built DuPage County Judicial Center; under his leadership, the clerk's office started implementing the latest technology in electronic recordkeeping and became the first large-size court in the United States of America to operate an optical disk "image system"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kagann was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court's Judicial Management Advisory Council, which developed communication networks between all sectors of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kagann is a member of numerous statewide associations, including the Illinois Association of Circuit Clerks, the Illinois Family Support Enforcement Council, the International, Illinois and DuPage County Chiefs of Police Associations, the Illinois and DuPage County Police Associations, the Illinois Association of County Officials, the Northeast Illinois Association of Court Clerks, and the National Child Support Enforcement Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kagann has volunteered his time for several community organizations, including the Lions Club, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of Columbus, the Boy Scouts, and the Woodridge Special Events Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kagann was a founding member of Saint Scholastica Roman Catholic Church in Woodridge, where he has served as an usher for over 25 years and as a Eucharist Minister for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, In appreciation of Mr. Kagann's commitment and hard work, the Village of Woodridge recognized him as "Citizen of the Year" in 1987; he and his wife were the recipients of the "Building on our Dream" award from the Village of Woodridge in 2000; and

WHEREAS, The County of Dupage, the Village of Woodridge, and the State of Illinois are proud to call Mr. Kagann our mentor and friend; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Joel A. Kagann on his retirement and express our gratitude for his many years of public service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Kagann.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1200

Offered by Representative Watson:

WHEREAS, The members of the General Assembly are happy to note that Karilyn Elizabeth Lipcamon is about to receive the Youth Community-Certificate of Merit; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lipcamon is a talented musician, a student leader, and an excellent student at Pittsfield High School; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her scholastic activities, Ms. Lipcamon volunteers to tutor students four days per week at school and she volunteers her time with children and the elderly as well as with religious organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lipcamon was selected to attend a National Youth Conference in Washington, D.C. and she is a leader in the Students Against Destructive Decisions organization at Pittsfield High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lipcamon is a member of the National Honor Society at Pittsfield High School; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that that we congratulate Karilyn Elizabeth Lipcamon on her receipt of the Youth Community-Certificate of Merit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to Ms. Lipcamon along with our congratulations and our sincere best wishes for a promising future.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1201

Offered by Representative Currie:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois congratulate Richard and Polly Boyajian of Chicago on their retirement and salute Mr. Boyajian's store, Boyajian's Bazaar, a small Gandhi-inspired shop in the Hyde Park area of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyajian created Boyajian's Bazaar following a 1968 teaching mission in India, where he was influenced by Mahatma Gandhi to do what he could to improve the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, For nearly 24 years, Boyajian's Bazaar has been not only a Hyde Park tradition, but also an outlet for people from around the world who make and sell handcrafted items like Indian bedspreads, stone and wood carvings, Mexican dishes, papier mache and wood boxes, dolls, jewelry, and beads; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyajian's dedication to helping others is demonstrated by his contributions to many different charities and organizations and his annual benefit for UNICEF; and

WHEREAS, Even after he closes his store and retires, Mr. Boyajian plans to participate in the art and handcraft fairs that have become a part of his life; he plans to set up shop in retirement homes, churches, and schools for jewelry repair and instruction; and

WHEREAS, Polly Boyajian is also retiring from her position as Program Director of the Adult Day Center, Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, where she has used her skills as an administrator for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, Polly and Dick Boyajian plan to retire in Olympia, Washington in order to be nearer to their three loving children; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we wish Polly and Dick Boyajian well in their retirement and commend them for their generosity of spirit, their charitable ways, and their long and notable presence in the Hyde Park area of Chicago; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Richard and Polly Boyajian.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1202

Offered by Representatives Meyer and Dunn:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Army Sergeant Jack Hennessy on October 1, 2004 in Baghdad, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy was assigned to the Army's 1st Cavalry Division; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy was killed during a gun battle while monitoring a traffic checkpoint; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy moved to Naperville with his family in 1991 and attended Maplebrook Elementary School and Lincoln Junior High; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy played soccer and competed in gymnastics and wrestling, qualifying in his junior year for the Illinois High School Association boys gymnastics state championships; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy was known to be funny, outgoing, and a class-clown who liked 80's music, foam trucker hats, goofy t-shirts and funny movies; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy enlisted in the Army as a senior in high school and began service after graduating from Naperville Central High School in Naperville in 2001; and

WHEREAS, After Sergeant Hennessy enlisted in the military, his family watched as the young man evolved from an active, precocious child into a mature, determined leader whose first priority was to serve his country; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy was proud to serve his country and showed his commitment to restoring peace by volunteering for duties in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy strived to be a good soldier and, at the young age of 21, embodied the true spirit of a soldier, being faithful and loyal always to his family, friends, and country; and

WHEREAS, We recognize Sergeant Hennessy for his unwavering bravery and service to his country; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Army Sergeant Jack Hennessy will be deeply felt by many, especially his father, Bernie and devoted mother, Cindy; his brother, Eric; his sister, Anna; and dozens of family members and friends; 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 Army Sergeant Jack Hennessy along with all who knew and loved him and extend our sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Army Sergeant Jack Hennessy as a token of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1203

Offered by Representative Black:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Harold 'Sparky' Songer on being chosen as a 2004 Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award recipient; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Humanities Council chose Harold Songer as a 2004 award recipient for his efforts in turning the former library in the Carnegie Building in Danville into the Vermilion County War Museum; the museum opened on Veterans Day in 1999; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Humanities Council established the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Awards to celebrate unsung "humanities heroes" throughout Illinois; the award is named after the prize-winning oral historian and author, Studs Terkel, a prominent son of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Scott Eisenhauer of Danville nominated Harold Songer for the award because of his efforts in leading a group of volunteers to create the war museum to honor local and national heroes, and to recognize Mr. Songer and the other volunteers not only for the tourism impact they have generated for the city by the creation of the museum, but more for providing a place of learning so that all may realize the price paid for our freedom; and

WHEREAS, Since the opening of the museum, thousands of school children, adults and military personnel have visited the site, and it is now widely known as one of the premier war museums in the Midwest; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that along with the citizens of this great state, we congratulate Harold 'Sparky' Songer on his award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Harold 'Sparky' Songer as an expression of our respect and esteem and our thanks for his continuing love and devotion to the museum.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1204

Offered by Representative Black:

WHEREAS, Illustrious Brother Walter E. Webber, 33°, Chairman of the Board and President of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc., overseeing 53 learning centers throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction dealing primarily with children with dyslexia, will be visiting Danville from October 21 through October 24, 2004; and

WHEREAS, He was born July 31, 1943 and was educated in the public schools of North Kingston, Rhode Island; he graduated from Marietta College and earned a Juris Doctor degree from Boston University School of Law; he and his wife Leslie have three children and live in Yarmouth, Maine; and

WHEREAS, He was the senior director of the law firm of Jensen, Baird, Gardner & Henry in Portland, Maine; he became "of counsel" to the firm in 2003; he is a member of the First Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in Yarmouth, Maine; he also serves as a church trustee and is involved in a number of professional and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, He was crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council, 33°, in 1994; in 2001, he was elected Deputy for Maine and also became the vice-president of the board of directors of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc.; in 2002, he was named the Grand Lieutenant Commander of the Supreme Council; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, he was elected the 13th Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we extend a warm welcome to Illustrious Brother Walter E. Webber upon the occasion of his visit to Danville; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Illustrious Brother Walter E. Webber as an expression of our admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1206

Offered by Representatives McCarthy, Scully, Kelly, Brosnahan and Joyce:

WHEREAS, The Infant Jesus of Prague School in Flossmoor has been selected for a second time as a 2004 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon is awarded to the highest achieving schools in the nation, schools which provide evidence of a challenging and innovative curriculum, creative staff, motivated students and committed parents; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Education cited Infant Jesus of Prague School for its commitment to provide a Christian atmosphere in which growth and learning can take place; and

WHEREAS, The Infant Jesus of Prague School is committed to educating the whole person, acknowledging the moral, physical, intellectual, emotional and social dimensions of learning; and

WHEREAS, The Infant Jesus of Prague School is indeed worthy of our highest praise; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Infant Jesus of Prague School for being selected as a 2004 Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Thomas Sedor and

Assistant Principal Angela Gehm.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1207

Offered by Representative Cross:

WHEREAS, The Oswego High Schools Marching Band last year was invited to march in the 116th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California on January 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The Oswego High School Bands are now in the home stretch of a yearlong effort that will culminate in the band's marching down Colorado Avenue in Pasadena on New Year's Day; and

WHEREAS, The Oswego High Schools Marching Band is the only band from Illinois marching in the 2005 Tournament of Roses Parade; and

WHEREAS, The Tournament of Roses Parade will be the experience of a lifetime for the students and a source of great pride to the entire community and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The band's performance in the parade is the result of a great program with exceptional leadership; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Oswego High Schools Marching Band on its invitation to march in the 2005 Tournament of Roses Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the directors, assistant directors, and members of the Oswego High Schools Marching Band.

DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR

Supplemental Calendar No. 1 was distributed to the Members at 1:14 o'clock p.m.

RESOLUTION

Having been reported out of the Committee on Rules on October 29, 2004, HOUSE RESOLUTION 1197 was taken up for consideration.

Representative McCarthy moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the Resolution was adopted.

ACTION ON VETO MOTIONS

Pursuant to the Motion submitted previously, Representative Reitz moved that HOUSE BILL 826 do pass, the Governor's Specific Recommendations for Change notwithstanding. A three-fifths vote is required.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

66, Yeas; 50, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 2)

Having failed to receive the votes of three-fifths of the Members elected, the motion was declared lost.

Pursuant to the Motion submitted previously, Representative Joseph Lyons moved that HOUSE BILL 4651 do pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding. A three-fifths vote is required.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

72, Yeas; 44, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 3)

The Motion, having received the votes of three-fifths of the Members elected, prevailed and the bill was declared passed, the veto of the Governor notwithstanding.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Motion submitted previously, Representative Flowers moved that HOUSE BILL 7029 do pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding. A three-fifths vote is required.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

113, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 4)

The Motion, having received the votes of three-fifths of the Members elected, prevailed and the bill was declared passed, the veto of the Governor notwithstanding.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

SUSPEND POSTING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the motion submitted previously, Representative Saviano moved to suspend the posting requirements in Rule 25 in relation to Senate Bill 3090.

The motion prevailed.

RESOLUTIONS

Having been reported out of the Committee on Rules on October 29, 2004, HOUSE RESOLUTION 1205 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Madigan moved the adoption of the resolution.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

98, Yeas; 18, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 5)

The motion prevailed and the Resolution was adopted.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Rules on October 29, 2004, HOUSE RESOLUTION 1208 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Mautino moved the adoption of the resolution.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

116, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 6)

The motion prevailed and the Resolution was adopted.

SENATE BILL ON SECOND READING

SENATE BILL 1641. Having been printed, was taken up and read by title a second time.

The following amendment was offered in the Committee on Veterans Affairs, adopted and printed:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 . Amend Senate Bill 1641 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:

"Section 5. The Line of Duty Compensation Act is amended by changing Sections 2 and 3 as follows:
(820 ILCS 315/2) (from Ch. 48, par. 282)

Sec. 2. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Law enforcement officer" or "officer" means any person employed by the State or a local governmental entity as a policeman, peace officer, auxiliary policeman or in some like position involving the enforcement of the law and protection of the public interest at the risk of that person's life. This includes supervisors, wardens, superintendents and their assistants, guards and keepers, correctional officers, youth supervisors, parole agents, school teachers and correctional counsellors in all facilities of both the Juvenile and Adult Divisions of the Department of Corrections, while within the facilities under the control of the Department of Corrections or in the act of transporting inmates or wards from one location to another or

while performing their official duties, and all other Department of Correction employees who have daily contact with inmates.

The death of the foregoing employees of the Department of Corrections in order to be included herein must be by the direct or indirect willful act of an inmate, ward, work-releasee, parolee, parole violator, person under conditional release, or any person sentenced or committed, or otherwise subject to confinement in or to the Department of Corrections.

(b) "Fireman" means any person employed by the State or a local governmental entity as, or otherwise serving as, a member or officer of a fire department either for the purpose of the prevention or control of fire or the underwater recovery of drowning victims, including volunteer firemen.

(c) "Local governmental entity" includes counties, municipalities and municipal corporations.

(d) "State" means the State of Illinois and its departments, divisions, boards, bureaus, commissions, authorities and colleges and universities.

(e) "Killed in the line of duty" means losing one's life as a result of injury received in the active performance of duties as a law enforcement officer, civil defense worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman, or chaplain if the death occurs within one year from the date the injury was received and if that injury arose from violence or other accidental cause. In the case of a State employee, "killed in the line of duty" means losing one's life as a result of injury received in the active performance of one's duties as a State employee, if the death occurs within one year from the date the injury was received and if that injury arose from a willful act of violence by another State employee committed during such other employee's course of employment and after January 1, 1988. The term excludes death resulting from the willful misconduct or intoxication of the officer, civil defense worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman, chaplain, or State employee. However, the burden of proof of such willful misconduct or intoxication of the officer, civil defense worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman, chaplain, or State employee is on the Attorney General. Subject to the conditions set forth in subsection (a) with respect to inclusion under this Act of Department of Corrections employees described in that subsection, for the purposes of this Act, instances in which a law enforcement officer receives an injury in the active performance of duties as a law enforcement officer include but are not limited to instances when:

(1) the injury is received as a result of a wilful act of violence committed other than by the officer and a relationship exists between the commission of such act and the officer's performance of his duties as a law enforcement officer, whether or not the injury is received while the officer is on duty as a law enforcement officer;

(2) the injury is received by the officer while the officer is attempting to prevent the commission of a criminal act by another or attempting to apprehend an individual the officer suspects has committed a crime, whether or not the injury is received while the officer is on duty as a law enforcement officer;

(3) the injury is received by the officer while the officer is travelling to or from his employment as a law enforcement officer or during any meal break, or other break, which takes place during the period in which the officer is on duty as a law enforcement officer.

In the case of an Armed Forces member, "killed in the line of duty" means losing one's life while on active duty in connection with the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, Operation Enduring Freedom, or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(f) "Volunteer fireman" means a person having principal employment other than as a fireman, but who is carried on the rolls of a regularly constituted fire department either for the purpose of the prevention or control of fire or the underwater recovery of drowning victims, the members of which are under the jurisdiction of the corporate authorities of a city, village, incorporated town, or fire protection district, and includes a volunteer member of a fire department organized under the "General Not for Profit Corporation Act", approved July 17, 1943, as now or hereafter amended, which is under contract with any city, village, incorporated town, fire protection district, or persons residing therein, for fire fighting services. "Volunteer fireman" does not mean an individual who volunteers assistance without being regularly enrolled as a fireman.

(g) "Civil defense worker" means any person employed by the State or a local governmental entity as, or otherwise serving as, a member of a civil defense work force, including volunteer civil defense work forces engaged in serving the public interest during periods of disaster, whether natural or man-made.

(h) "Civil air patrol member" means any person employed by the State or a local governmental entity as, or otherwise serving as, a member of the organization commonly known as the "Civil Air Patrol", including volunteer members of the organization commonly known as the "Civil Air Patrol".

(i) "Paramedic" means an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic certified by the Illinois Department

of Public Health under the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act, and all other emergency medical personnel certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health who are members of an organized body or not-for-profit corporation under the jurisdiction of a city, village, incorporated town, fire protection district or county, that provides emergency medical treatment to persons of a defined geographical area.

(j) "State employee" means any employee as defined in Section 14-103.05 of the Illinois Pension Code, as now or hereafter amended.

(k) "Chaplain" means an individual who:

(1) is a chaplain of (i) a fire department or (ii) a police department or other agency consisting of law enforcement officers; and

(2) has been designated a chaplain by (i) the fire department, police department, or other agency or an officer or body having jurisdiction over the department or agency or (ii) a labor organization representing the firemen or law enforcement officers.

(l) "Armed Forces member" means an Illinois resident who is: a member of the Armed Forces of the United States; a member of the Illinois National Guard while on active military service pursuant to an order of the President of the United States; or a member of any reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States while on active military service pursuant to an order of the President of the United States.

(Source: P.A. 93-1047, eff. 10-18-04.)

(820 ILCS 315/3) (from Ch. 48, par. 283)

Sec. 3. Duty death benefit.

(a) If a claim therefor is made within one year of the date of death of a law enforcement officer, civil defense worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman, chaplain, State employee, or Armed Forces member killed in the line of duty, compensation shall be paid to the person designated by the law enforcement officer, civil defense worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman, chaplain, State employee, or Armed Forces member. However, if the Armed Forces member was killed in the line of duty before October 18, 2004 ~~the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly~~, the claim must be made within one year of October 18, 2004 ~~the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly~~.

(b) The amount of compensation, except for an Armed Forces member, shall be \$10,000 if the death in the line of duty occurred prior to January 1, 1974; \$20,000 if such death occurred after December 31, 1973 and before July 1, 1983; \$50,000 if such death occurred on or after July 1, 1983 and before January 1, 1996; \$100,000 if the death occurred on or after January 1, 1996 and before May 18, 2001; \$118,000 if the death occurred on or after May 18, 2001 and before July 1, 2002 ~~the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly~~; and \$259,038 if the death ~~occurred~~ occurs on or after July 1, 2002 ~~the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly~~ and before January 1, 2003. For an Armed Forces member killed in the line of duty (i) at any time before January 1, 2005, the compensation is \$259,038 plus amounts equal to the increases for 2003 and 2004 determined under subsection (c) and (ii) on or after January 1, 2005, the compensation is the amount determined under item (i) plus the applicable increases for 2005 and thereafter determined under subsection (c).

(c) Except as provided in subsection (b), ~~for~~ deaths occurring on or after January 1, 2003, the death compensation rate for death in the line of duty occurring in a particular calendar year shall be the death compensation rate for death occurring in the previous calendar year (or in the case of deaths occurring in 2003, the rate in effect on December 31, 2002) increased by a percentage thereof equal to the percentage increase, if any, in the index known as the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: U.S. city average, unadjusted, for all items, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the 12 months ending with the month of June of that previous calendar year.

(d) If no beneficiary is designated or surviving at the death of the law enforcement officer, civil defense worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman, chaplain, State employee, or Armed Forces member killed in the line of duty, the compensation shall be paid as follows:

(1) ~~(a)~~ when there is a surviving spouse, the entire sum shall be paid to the spouse;

(2) ~~(b)~~ when there is no surviving spouse, but a surviving descendant of the decedent, the entire sum shall be paid to the decedent's descendants per stirpes;

(3) ~~(c)~~ when there is neither a surviving spouse nor a surviving descendant, the entire sum shall be paid to the parents of the decedent in equal parts, allowing to the surviving parent, if one is dead, the entire sum; and

(4) ~~(d)~~ when there is no surviving spouse, descendant or parent of the decedent, but there are surviving brothers or sisters, or descendants of a brother or sister, who were receiving their principal support from the decedent at his death, the entire sum shall be paid, in equal parts, to the dependent

brothers or sisters or dependent descendant of a brother or sister. Dependency shall be determined by the Court of Claims based upon the investigation and report of the Attorney General.

(e) When there is no beneficiary designated or surviving at the death of the law enforcement officer, civil defense worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman, chaplain, State employee, or Armed Forces member killed in the line of duty and no surviving spouse, descendant, parent, dependent brother or sister, or dependent descendant of a brother or sister, no compensation shall be payable under this Act.

(f) No part of such compensation may be paid to any other person for any efforts in securing such compensation.

(g) This amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly applies to claims made on or after October 18, 2004 with respect to an Armed Forces member killed in the line of duty.

(Source: P.A. 92-3, eff. 5-18-01; 92-609, eff. 7-1-02; 93-1047, eff. 10-18-04.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law."

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was adopted and the bill, as amended, was advanced to the order of Third Reading.

SENATE BILL 3367. Having been read by title a second time on May 20, 2004, and held on the order of Second Reading, the same was again taken up.

Representative Hannig offered the following amendments and moved their adoption.

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Amend Senate Bill 3367, by deleting everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. "AN ACT making appropriations", Public Act 93-842, approved July 30, 2004, is amended by changing Section 43 of Article 33 as follows:

(P.A. 93-842, Art. 33, Sec. 43)

Sec. 43. The amount of \$250,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for a grant for the establishment of ~~the Vernon Jarret Museum of Civil Rights~~ a civil rights museum.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law."

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted and ordered printed.

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was adopted and the bill, as amended, was advanced to the order of Third Reading.

SENATE BILL ON THIRD READING

The following bill and any amendments adopted thereto were printed and laid upon the Members' desks. Any amendments pending were tabled pursuant to Rule 40(a).

On motion of Representative Madigan, SENATE BILL 3367 was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote: 116, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 7)

This bill, as amended, having received the votes of a constitutional majority of the Members elected, was declared passed.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence in the House amendment/s adopted.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 1139, 1146, 1147, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158, 1159, 1160, 1161, 1162, 1163, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 1169, 1170, 1173, 1174, 1175, 1176,

1177, 1178, 1179, 1180, 1181, 1182, 1183, 1184, 1185, 1186, 1187, 1188, 1189, 1190, 1191, 1192, 1193, 1194, 1195, 1198, 1199, 1200, 1201, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1206 and 1207 were taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.

The motion prevailed and the Agreed Resolutions were adopted.

At the hour of 2:36 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Tuesday, November 9, 2004, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

The motion prevailed.

And the House stood adjourned.

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

November 08, 2004

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

117 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P Delgado	P Kurtz	P Phelps
P Aguilar	P Dugan	P Lang	P Pihos
P Bailey	P Dunkin	P Leitch	P Poe
P Bassi	P Dunn	P Lindner	P Pritchard
P Beaubien	P Eddy	P Lyons, Eileen	P Reitz
P Bellock	P Feigenholtz	P Lyons, Joseph	P Rita
P Berrios	P Flider	P Mathias	P Rose
P Biggins	P Flowers	P Mautino	P Ryg
P Black	P Franks	P May	P Sacia
P Boland	P Fritchey	P McAuliffe	P Saviano
P Bost	P Froehlich	P McCarthy	P Schmitz
P Bradley, John	P Giles	P McGuire	P Scully
P Bradley, Richard	P Gordon	P McKeon	P Slone
P Brady	P Graham	P Mendoza	P Smith
P Brauer	P Granberg	P Meyer	P Sommer
P Brosnahan	P Grunloh	P Miller	P Soto
P Burke	P Hamos	P Millner	P Stephens
P Chapa LaVia	P Hannig	P Mitchell, Bill	P Sullivan
P Churchill	P Hassert	P Mitchell, Jerry	E Tenhouse
P Collins	P Hoffman	P Moffitt	P Turner
P Colvin	P Holbrook	P Molaro	P Verschoore
P Coulson	P Howard	P Morrow	P Wait
P Cross	P Hultgren	P Mulligan	P Washington
P Cultra	P Jakobsson	P Munson	P Watson
P Currie	P Jefferson	P Myers	P Winters
P D'Amico	P Jones	P Nekritz	P Yarbrough
P Daniels	P Joyce	P Osmond	P Younge
P Davis, Monique	P Kelly	P Osterman	P Mr. Speaker
P Davis, Steve	P Kosel	P Pankau	
P Davis, William	P Krause	P Parke	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-THIRD
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 HOUSE BILL 826
 MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT-TECH
 MOTION TO OVERRIDE AMENDATORY VETO
 LOST
 3/5 VOTE REQUIRED

November 08, 2004

66 YEAS

50 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Delgado	Y Kurtz	Y Phelps
Y Aguilar	N Dugan	Y Lang	N Pihos
Y Bailey	Y Dunkin	Y Leitch	Y Poe
N Bassi	N Dunn	Y Lindner	N Pritchard
N Beaubien	N Eddy	Y Lyons, Eileen	Y Reitz
N Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	Y Lyons, Joseph	Y Rita
Y Berrios	N Flider	N Mathias	N Rose
N Biggins	Y Flowers	Y Mautino	N Ryg
N Black	N Franks	N May	Y Sacia
N Boland	N Fritchey	Y McAuliffe	Y Saviano
Y Bost	N Froehlich	Y McCarthy	Y Schmitz
N Bradley, John	Y Giles	Y McGuire	Y Scully
Y Bradley, Richard	N Gordon	Y McKeon	N Slone
N Brady	Y Graham	Y Mendoza	Y Smith
Y Brauer	Y Granberg	N Meyer	N Sommer
A Brosnahan	N Grunloh	Y Miller	Y Soto
Y Burke	Y Hamos	Y Millner	Y Stephens
N Chapa LaVia	Y Hannig	N Mitchell, Bill	N Sullivan
N Churchill	Y Hassert	Y Mitchell, Jerry	E Tenhouse
Y Collins	Y Hoffman	N Moffitt	Y Turner
Y Colvin	Y Holbrook	Y Molaro	Y Verschoore
N Coulson	Y Howard	Y Morrow	Y Wait
Y Cross	N Hultgren	N Mulligan	N Washington
N Cultra	N Jakobsson	N Munson	N Watson
Y Currie	N Jefferson	N Myers	N Winters
N D'Amico	Y Jones	N Nekritz	Y Yarbrough
N Daniels	N Joyce	N Osmond	Y Younge
Y Davis, Monique	Y Kelly	Y Osterman	Y Mr. Speaker
Y Davis, Steve	N Kosel	N Pankau	
Y Davis, William	Y Krause	N Parke	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-THIRD
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 HOUSE BILL 4651
 MOBL HOME PARK-SITE SEPARATION
 MOTION TO OVERRIDE TOTAL VETO
 PREVAILED
 3/5 VOTE REQUIRED

November 08, 2004

72 YEAS	44 NAYS	0 PRESENT	
Y Acevedo	Y Delgado	Y Kurtz	Y Phelps
Y Aguilar	N Dugan	Y Lang	N Pihos
Y Bailey	Y Dunkin	Y Leitch	Y Poe
N Bassi	N Dunn	N Lindner	N Pritchard
N Beaubien	N Eddy	N Lyons, Eileen	Y Reitz
N Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	Y Lyons, Joseph	Y Rita
Y Berrios	Y Flider	N Mathias	Y Rose
Y Biggins	Y Flowers	Y Mautino	N Ryg
Y Black	Y Franks	N May	Y Sacia
N Boland	Y Fritchey	Y McAuliffe	Y Saviano
N Bost	N Froehlich	Y McCarthy	N Schmitz
N Bradley, John	Y Giles	Y McGuire	Y Scully
Y Bradley, Richard	N Gordon	Y McKeon	Y Slone
N Brady	Y Graham	Y Mendoza	Y Smith
Y Brauer	Y Granberg	Y Meyer	Y Sommer
A Brosnahan	Y Grunloh	Y Miller	Y Soto
Y Burke	Y Hamos	N Millner	N Stephens
N Chapa LaVia	Y Hannig	Y Mitchell, Bill	Y Sullivan
N Churchill	Y Hassert	Y Mitchell, Jerry	E Tenhouse
Y Collins	Y Hoffman	N Moffitt	Y Turner
Y Colvin	N Holbrook	Y Molaro	Y Verschoore
N Coulson	Y Howard	Y Morrow	Y Wait
Y Cross	N Hultgren	N Mulligan	N Washington
N Cultra	N Jakobsson	N Munson	Y Watson
N Currie	Y Jefferson	N Myers	N Winters
Y D'Amico	Y Jones	N Nekritz	Y Yarbrough
N Daniels	Y Joyce	N Osmond	Y Younge
Y Davis, Monique	N Kelly	Y Osterman	Y Mr. Speaker
Y Davis, Steve	N Kosel	N Pankau	
Y Davis, William	N Krause	N Parke	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-THIRD
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE BILL 7029
NURSING-SCHOLARSHIP APPROP
MOTION TO OVERRIDE TOTAL VETO
PREVAILED
3/5 VOTE REQUIRED

November 08, 2004

113 YEAS

0 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Delgado	Y Kurtz	Y Phelps
Y Aguilar	Y Dugan	Y Lang	Y Pihos
A Bailey	Y Dunkin	Y Leitch	Y Poe
Y Bassi	Y Dunn	Y Lindner	Y Pritchard
Y Beaubien	Y Eddy	Y Lyons, Eileen	Y Reitz
Y Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	Y Lyons, Joseph	Y Rita
Y Berrios	Y Flider	Y Mathias	Y Rose
Y Biggins	Y Flowers	Y Mautino	Y Ryg
Y Black	Y Franks	Y May	Y Sacia
Y Boland	Y Fritchey	Y McAuliffe	Y Saviano
Y Bost	Y Froehlich	Y McCarthy	Y Schmitz
Y Bradley, John	A Giles	Y McGuire	Y Scully
Y Bradley, Richard	Y Gordon	Y McKeon	Y Slone
Y Brady	Y Graham	Y Mendoza	Y Smith
Y Brauer	Y Granberg	Y Meyer	Y Sommer
A Brosnahan	Y Grunloh	Y Miller	A Soto
Y Burke	Y Hamos	Y Millner	Y Stephens
Y Chapa LaVia	Y Hannig	Y Mitchell, Bill	Y Sullivan
Y Churchill	Y Hassert	Y Mitchell, Jerry	E Tenhouse
Y Collins	Y Hoffman	Y Moffitt	Y Turner
Y Colvin	Y Holbrook	Y Molaro	Y Verschoore
Y Coulson	Y Howard	Y Morrow	Y Wait
Y Cross	Y Hultgren	Y Mulligan	Y Washington
Y Cultra	Y Jakobsson	Y Munson	Y Watson
Y Currie	Y Jefferson	Y Myers	Y Winters
Y D'Amico	Y Jones	Y Nekritz	Y Yarbrough
Y Daniels	Y Joyce	Y Osmond	Y Younge
Y Davis, Monique	Y Kelly	Y Osterman	Y Mr. Speaker
Y Davis, Steve	Y Kosel	Y Pankau	
Y Davis, William	Y Krause	Y Parke	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-THIRD
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE RESOLUTION 1205
UNIFORM BUILDING CODE TSK FRCE
ADOPTED

November 08, 2004

98 YEAS

18 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Delgado	Y Kurtz	Y Phelps
Y Aguilar	Y Dugan	Y Lang	N Pihos
Y Bailey	Y Dunkin	N Leitch	N Poe
Y Bassi	N Dunn	Y Lindner	Y Pritchard
Y Beaubien	N Eddy	Y Lyons, Eileen	Y Reitz
N Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	Y Lyons, Joseph	Y Rita
Y Berrios	Y Flider	Y Mathias	Y Rose
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N Black	Y Franks	Y May	Y Sacia
Y Boland	Y Fritchey	Y McAuliffe	Y Saviano
N Bost	Y Froehlich	Y McCarthy	N Schmitz
Y Bradley, John	Y Giles	Y McGuire	Y Scully
Y Bradley, Richard	Y Gordon	Y McKeon	Y Slone
Y Brady	Y Graham	Y Mendoza	Y Smith
N Brauer	Y Granberg	Y Meyer	N Sommer
A Brosnahan	Y Grunloh	Y Miller	Y Soto
Y Burke	Y Hamos	Y Millner	Y Stephens
Y Chapa LaVia	Y Hannig	N Mitchell, Bill	N Sullivan
Y Churchill	Y Hassert	Y Mitchell, Jerry	E Tenhouse
Y Collins	Y Hoffman	Y Moffitt	Y Turner
Y Colvin	Y Holbrook	Y Molaro	Y Verschoore
Y Coulson	Y Howard	Y Morrow	Y Wait
Y Cross	N Hultgren	Y Mulligan	Y Washington
N Cultra	Y Jakobsson	Y Munson	Y Watson
Y Currie	Y Jefferson	Y Myers	Y Winters
Y D'Amico	Y Jones	Y Nekritz	Y Yarbrough
Y Daniels	Y Joyce	N Osmond	Y Younge
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Y Davis, William	Y Krause	N Parke	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-THIRD
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE RESOLUTION 1208
SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMM-REPORT
ADOPTED

November 08, 2004

116 YEAS

0 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Delgado	Y Kurtz	Y Phelps
Y Aguilar	Y Dugan	Y Lang	Y Pihos
Y Bailey	Y Dunkin	Y Leitch	Y Poe
Y Bassi	Y Dunn	Y Lindner	Y Pritchard
Y Beaubien	Y Eddy	Y Lyons, Eileen	Y Reitz
Y Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	Y Lyons, Joseph	Y Rita
Y Berrios	Y Flider	Y Mathias	Y Rose
Y Biggins	Y Flowers	Y Mautino	Y Ryg
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Y Bost	Y Froehlich	Y McCarthy	Y Schmitz
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Y Bradley, Richard	Y Gordon	Y McKeon	Y Slone
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Y Brauer	Y Granberg	Y Meyer	Y Sommer
A Brosnahan	Y Grunloh	Y Miller	Y Soto
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Y Chapa LaVia	Y Hannig	Y Mitchell, Bill	Y Sullivan
Y Churchill	Y Hassert	Y Mitchell, Jerry	E Tenhouse
Y Collins	Y Hoffman	Y Moffitt	Y Turner
Y Colvin	Y Holbrook	Y Molaro	Y Verschoore
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-THIRD
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 SENATE BILL 3367
 \$OCE-HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 THIRD READING
 PASSED

November 08, 2004

116 YEAS

0 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Delgado	Y Kurtz	Y Phelps
Y Aguilar	Y Dugan	Y Lang	Y Pihos
Y Bailey	Y Dunkin	Y Leitch	Y Poe
Y Bassi	Y Dunn	Y Lindner	Y Pritchard
Y Beaubien	Y Eddy	Y Lyons, Eileen	Y Reitz
Y Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	Y Lyons, Joseph	Y Rita
Y Berrios	Y Flider	Y Mathias	Y Rose
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