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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Representative Turner in the chair.

Prayer by Dr. Michael Fogerson, who is the minister from Chester First Baptist Church in Chester, Illinois.

Representative Scherer 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:  
115 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Arroyo, McAsey and Phillips were excused from attendance.

### **REPORTS**

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

Quarterly Report January 1, 2016, submitted by the Illinois Department of Corrections January 27, 2016.

### **CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP**

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Andrade was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Hoffman became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 3755.

### **AGREED RESOLUTIONS**

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

#### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 887**

Offered by Representative Bryant:

Congratulates John Kabat, Mt. Vernon Township High School agriculture teacher, on receiving the National Agriculture Service Citation Award.

#### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 888**

Offered by Representative Bryant:

Congratulates Adrian Austin, a senior at Mt. Vernon Township High School, on earning top marks at the National Future Farmers of America Convention.

#### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 891**

Offered by Representative Rita:

Congratulates Pearl Place Myers on her 100th birthday.

#### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 893**

Offered by Representative Bellock:

Congratulates Marty Voelker of Downers Grove North High School on receiving the Secondary Art Educator of the Year award for 2015.

#### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 894**

Offered by Representative Franks:

Congratulates the Marian Central Catholic High School volleyball team, the Hurricanes, on winning the 2015 Illinois High School Association Class 3A State Championship.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 895

Offered by Representative Verschoore:

Commends Rock Island Blood Center Arsenal employees for their enthusiasm, self-less service and commitment to the community and wish them continued success with their blood collection efforts.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 896

Offered by Representative Batinick:

Mourns the death of Dr. James A. Waldorf.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 899

Offered by Representative Nekritz:

Congratulates Cindy Barbera-Brelle on her retirement as Executive Director of the Northwest Central Dispatch System.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 900

Offered by Representative Turner:

Mourns the death of Reginald D. Adams of Calumet Park.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 901

Offered by Representative Beiser:

Congratulates John Keller on his retirement as Regional President of Carrollton Bank.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 903

Offered by Representative Durkin:

Congratulates Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park on winning the 2015 Illinois High School Association Class 5A Football Championship.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 904

Offered by Representative William Davis:

Congratulates James Thomas Pioth of Oak Forest on being inducted into the Senior Illinois Hall of Fame.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 905

Offered by Representative Evans:

Congratulates Robert A. Saddler, M.Ed., Ed.D., of Chicago on being inducted into the Senior Illinois Hall of Fame.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 906

Offered by Representative Bradley:  
Mourns the death of Pete Micheletto.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 907

Offered by Representative Jones:  
Mourns the death of Loretta H. Griffin.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 908

Offered by Representative Gordon-Booth:  
Congratulates Dr. Martin Hickman on his retirement as IHSA Executive Director.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 909

Offered by Representative Hoffman:  
Mourns the death of Janet K. Schmidt of Belleville.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 910

Offered by Representative Hoffman:  
Recognizes Stephen R. Wigginton on his career as United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 911

Offered by Representative Fine:  
Congratulates Taylor Fusinatto on being nominated for the 2015 iCon Knowledge Builder Award.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 912

Offered by Representative Brown:  
Congratulates the Arcola High School Purple Riders on winning the IHSA Class 1A State Championship in football.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 913

Offered by Representative Jimenez:  
Recognizes Rep. Raymond Poe and thanks him for his service to the Illinois House of Representatives.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 915

Offered by Representative Bourne:  
Thanks the members of the Raymond-Harvel Fire Department for educating students on Fire Prevention Safety and for responding to what could have been a deadly situation on December 11, 2015.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 916

Offered by Representative Bourne:

Commends Kenneth Hobson for his quick thinking and heroic actions that firefighters believe saved his family from perishing in a house fire.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 918

Offered by Representative Unes:

Mourns the death of Antoine D. "Tony" Haddad of Peoria.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 919

Offered by Representative Unes:

Congratulates the members of the Lewistown Central girls seventh grade and eighth grade basketball teams on their Illinois Elementary School Association Class 2A State titles.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 920

Offered by Representative Barbara Wheeler:

Honors the life and service of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kevin M. Weiss of McHenry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 921

Offered by Representative Hoffman:

Congratulates Mayor Mark. W. Eckert on his 60th birthday.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 923

Offered by Representative Bradley:

Mourns the death of Larry Allen Douglas of Massac County.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 924

Offered by Representative Bradley:

Mourns the death of Taffie Helleny of Herrin.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 925

Offered by Representative Butler:

Congratulates the members of the Springfield-Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for their 40 years of uncompromising commitment to our communities through their service, leadership, and empowerment of those they serve.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 928

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:

Congratulates Chief Kristen Ziman on being appointed as the next Chief of Police for the City of Aurora.



## HOUSE RESOLUTION 929

Offered by Representative Phelps:  
Congratulates Martin Duffy of Gallatin County on being inducted into the Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 930

Offered by Representative Jimenez:  
Congratulates the Auburn High School Football Trojans on their 2nd place finish in the 2015 Class 2A State Championship.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 933

Offered by Representative Hammond:  
Congratulates Frank Orlin and Hollie Joy Hutchins on their 40th wedding anniversary.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 934

Offered by Representative Ford:  
Mourns the death of Vanessa Ann Rich of Chicago.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 935

Offered by Representative Moeller:  
Recognizes the 50th anniversary of the death of Pfc. Florentino John Santana in Vietnam.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 936

Offered by Representative Bradley:  
Mourns the death of James L. Hooten of Marion.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 937

Offered by Representative Bradley:  
Mourns the death of Joyce Elaine Gunter of Sesser.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 938

Offered by Representative Yingling:  
Mourns the death of Carl Schrimpf of Round Lake Beach.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 939

Offered by Representative Jesiel:  
Congratulates and celebrates 19th Circuit Court Judge John T. Phillips on the occasion of his retirement.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 940

Offered by Representative Jesiel:  
Congratulates and celebrates 19th Circuit Court Judge George Bridges on the occasion of his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 941

Offered by Representative Jesiel:  
Congratulates and celebrates 19th Circuit Court Judge Christopher Starck on the occasion of his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 942

Offered by Representative Phelps:  
Congratulates Richard Martin on his retirement from the Murphysboro Fire Department.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 943

Offered by Representative Phelps:  
Congratulates Union County Conservation Police Officer Steve Vasicek on being named Conservation Police Officer of the Year by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 946

Offered by Representative Riley:  
Mourns the death of Mark Zielinski, Sr.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 947

Offered by Representative Durkin:  
Congratulates Taylor Campos of Lemont on being named one of the 2015 Wendy's High School Heisman Award winners.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 948

Offered by Representative Brady:  
Congratulates the staff of WGLT Public Radio on the occasion of the station's 50th anniversary in 2016.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 949

Offered by Representative Brady:  
Congratulates the members of the Central Catholic High School Girls' Volleyball Team, the Lady Saints, on winning the 2015 Illinois High School Association Class 2A State Championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 950

Offered by Representative Bill Mitchell:  
Congratulates Ken Bjelland on the occasion of his retirement as Manager of the DeWitt County Farm Bureau.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 951

Offered by Representative D'Amico:  
Congratulates the owners of Duraclean International, Inc. on the occasion of the organization's 85th anniversary.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 952

Offered by Representative Jimenez:  
Congratulates the Pleasant Plains High School boys basketball team on winning the Sangamon County Boys Basketball Tournament. Congratulates Coach Cliff Cameron on his retirement after 18 seasons.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 953

Offered by Representative Hernandez:  
Congratulates Edward Anton Karasek on his retirement from the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners after 50 years.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 954

Offered by Representative Winger:  
Congratulates Child's Voice on its 20th anniversary.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 955

Offered by Representative Phelps:  
Congratulates Laurie Glass on being named the IHSA Illinois Girls Golf Coach of the Year.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 956

Offered by Representative Bill Mitchell:  
Congratulates Our Lady of Lourdes 7th grade girls basketball team on finishing second in the 2015 IESA Class 1A state championship game.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 957

Offered by Representative Bill Mitchell:  
Recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Mahomet Public Library.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 958

Offered by Representative Crespo:  
Congratulates Eira Corral Sepulveda of Hanover Park on being named Citizen of the Year.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 959

Offered by Representative Dunkin:  
Mourns the death of Jay Michael.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 108

Offered by Representative Hernandez:  
Mourns the death of Henry "Hank" Martinez.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 111

Offered by Representative Brady:  
Congratulates the members of the Central Catholic High School Girls' Volleyball Team, the Lady Saints, on winning the 2015 Illinois High School Association Class 2A State Championship.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 112

Offered by Representative Brady:  
Congratulates the staff of WGLT Public Radio on the occasion of the station's 50th anniversary in 2016.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Having been reported out of the Committee on Rules on January 27, 2016, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate.

**RECESS**

At the hour of 11:58 o'clock a.m., Representative Madigan moved that the House do now take a recess for the Governor to address the Joint Session.

The motion prevailed.

**JOINT SESSION  
11:59 O'CLOCK A.M.**

The hour having arrived, the time heretofore fixed by Senate Joint Resolution 37 adopted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Joint Session convened for the purpose of receiving the Governor to deliver his State of the State Address in person to the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly.

The Senate, preceded by the Honorable President Cullerton, and Members of the Senate, appeared in the Hall of the House of Representatives and, by direction of the Speaker, took the seats assigned to them.

The two Houses being convened in Joint Session, President Cullerton of the Senate announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

Speaker of the House Madigan, announced that a quorum of the House of Representatives was present.

A majority of each house of the General Assembly being present, the Speaker of the House announced the Joint Session duly formed.

Representative Currie offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

**JOINT SESSION RESOLUTION 3**

**RESOLVED**, That a committee of ten be appointed, five from the House, by the Speaker of the House, and five from the Senate, by the President of the Senate, to wait upon his Governor Bruce Rauner and invite him to address the Joint Assembly.

Representative Mary Flowers  
Representative Jerry Costello  
Representative Anna Moeller  
Representative David Leitch  
Representative Adam Brown  
Senator Jacqueline Collins  
Senator Bill Cunningham  
Senator Iris Martinez  
Senator Sue Rezin  
Senator Chuck Weaver

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

**GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER  
STATE OF THE STATE**

President Cullerton

Speaker Madigan

Leader Radogno

Leader Durkin

Lieutenant Governor Sanguinetti

Attorney General Madigan

Secretary White

Comptroller Munger

Treasurer Frerichs,

Members of the General Assembly,

Thank you for your service.

To our distinguished guests, and to the media, thank you for attending today.

To the members of our National Guard, our service men and women, and our veterans - thank you on behalf of a most grateful state.

A unit of our Guard will soon deploy to Afghanistan. Let's keep them in our prayers.

To our fire fighters, first responders, corrections officers, and all those who keep us safe and protect us – thank you.

To our state troopers and all our local police officers from our smallest towns to our biggest city: THANK YOU.

The Illinois State Police do so many wonderful things to build relationships between our police and our communities.

From midnight basketball leagues, to citizen police academies, to statewide Holiday toy drives, our state police officers are giving back.

Among many of their community initiatives, Illinois State Police officers participate annually at the American Legion Youth Camp, and they sponsor the Team Illinois Youth Police Camp in Metro East, which they hope to replicate in the Chicago area this year.

I want to recognize Master Sergeant John Merrifield, who leads the Illinois Youth Police Camp, and is with us today.

Thank you again to all our officers for your service and your sacrifice.

This past year, we've seen major storms, deadly tornados and, recently, record flooding. In every instance, our emergency management team has been there with timely assistance, working hand-in-hand with the impacted communities and local officials. I am constantly in awe of the way our communities come together in times of trouble. This spirit of Illinois is what inspires me every day.

James Joseph, our IEMA director, is with us today: For the work you and all our first responders and emergency personnel do, please accept our deepest appreciation.

Today we are gathered to discuss our great state of Illinois: our opportunities, our challenges, our goals for the future. We were all elected to do a job. Our job is to improve the quality of life for ALL the people of Illinois.

That means more economic opportunity, to increase real incomes for all families: higher pay and lower cost of living for everyone.

The KEY to that is excellent education and vocational training, combined with multiple career opportunities made available by companies competing to hire workers.

Illinois is a wonderful place. Our people, our work ethic, our sense of community, our dedication to helping each other, our commitment to giving back, are absolutely extraordinary. It's what makes our state a great place to live.

We have the hardest working people in America; we have the best strategic location of any state. The most fertile fields and best agriculture. We are the transportation hub of America. We have the commercial capital of the Midwest – the heart of America - in Chicago.

We were the manufacturing center of America, and we had much of the best infrastructure in the country.

We have the ability to lead the nation in growth and opportunity.

And yet, jobs and people are leaving our state. And we watch other states emerge from the Great Recession, while our employment and growth stagnates. We have fewer jobs today than we had at the turn of this century. Our average working family is making less than they were 8 years ago. We are virtually tied for the highest property taxes in America, and we have far more layers of government and mountains of debt at every level.

Unfortunately, Illinois' economy has been split in two, one part with modest growth, the other in decline. There are areas within 90 minutes of O'Hare Airport that compete with other expensive mega-cities around the world. Thanks to access to global transportation infrastructure, first class universities, and world class cultural amenities, white-collar communities in the Chicago area have mostly been able to overcome the financial mismanagement that is now strangling Chicago and Cook County.

But it's difficult in the rest of the state: Harvey, Blue Island, Kankakee, Rockford, East Moline, Peoria, Decatur, Danville, Mt. Vernon, and Marion. Those communities have to compete with other states like Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Tennessee, Texas and South Carolina. And too often, we've been losing.

In recent years, we've lost more than 300,000 manufacturing jobs.

Many of you have argued that we shouldn't try to compete with other states, because that would be a race to the bottom.

Well, the numbers prove otherwise.

Factory workers in Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Tennessee, and South Carolina, when you adjust for the cost of living, now make more than workers in Illinois. That's unacceptable!

Factory workers in Texas are now making more than Illinois folks, even without adjusting for the cost of living.

That's outrageous! We should be kicking Texas' tail!

But the numbers don't lie. We are losing the race for good paying jobs.

And as jobs have moved to other states, we have a smaller tax base and less money to invest in education, infrastructure and quality of life here.

Instead of letting Indiana and Texas take our workers, let's go compete and take their jobs!

Illinois' existing policies were meant to help working people and the middle class, but are now having just the opposite effect.

To see more people employed at high pay, we need to stop crushing employers. To create good jobs, we need more job creators.

I understand that union leaders and trial lawyers are putting pressure on you to keep the status quo-- but if we don't offer a competitive environment for businesses, pretty soon the unions won't have any more jobs to unionize and the trial lawyers won't have any more businesses to sue.

All I'm asking for is a return to balance in this state -- 'cause right now, we don't have competitive balance and jobs are leaving.

To bring good jobs to Illinois, we have to make Illinois a place where it is good to do business. We must fix our workers comp system, labor regulations, liability costs, and property taxes that make us uncompetitive, and push job creators out.

The cost of worker's comp is the biggest factor driving our job losses. If we simply aligned our workers' comp costs with those of a state like Massachusetts -- which is hardly a bastion of conservatism -- we can save state and local taxpayers over \$300 million per year, while protecting those who suffer workplace injuries, and grow more careers at higher wages.

Let's get it done!

One of the most critical ways to lower our cost of living and compete for more good jobs is to reduce our property tax burden. We have the second-highest property taxes in the country. They are crushing homeowners and small business owners from one end of the state to the other.

In many cases, people are paying more in property taxes over the course of living in their home than the original purchase price. That is ridiculous. The government should not be making more off a home than its owner!

Last year, Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti led a bi-partisan task force that identified 27 ways to streamline and reduce costs on local governments. It is a groundbreaking report and a roadmap for reform -- thank you Evelyn, for your leadership.

Now, I know some items in the report are easier to pass than others, so let's pass the easier ones first. We don't have to pass them all day one. We DO need to get started on consolidation and mandate reduction right now. The families of Illinois are tired of waiting!

To create true long term property tax relief for our taxpayers, we've got to give local governments a way to control costs.

Some have said local control is impossible, and yet many in this Chamber have embraced it before, voting repeatedly to give Chicago more control in its contracting and collective bargaining rules.

We should not force other mayors and school boards to come to Springfield to beg for more control.

Let's give local control now, so homeowners can afford their houses and our communities can compete for jobs with neighboring states that have far lower property tax burdens.

Reducing our tax burden is not only about taxpayers and their property taxes – it's also about citizens and their government.

Like it or not, there's a serious deficit in public trust when it comes to government in Illinois.

Citizens don't trust their government, and businesses don't either.

We pay for this trust deficit in lost economic growth – victims of a widely held perception that everything in Illinois is lobbyist tested, special interest approved.

We need to regain public trust. We need to restore employer confidence that Illinois is a safe place to do business, so they will invest more here, growing more high paying jobs, and expanding our tax base.

That starts with fundamental changes – term limits and redistricting reform.

The people of Illinois deserve the chance to vote on term limits. The state Supreme Court made it clear that it takes legislative action to put term limits on the ballot. This is the year to make that happen.

I was told last year that the legislature only takes up Constitutional issues in years when we hold statewide elections... well, I look forward to a vote on term limits this session!

President Obama has come out strongly in favor of both term limits and redistricting reform.

Just two weeks ago at his State of the Union Address, President Obama pressed for non-partisan redistricting reform, saying "We have to end the practice of drawing our... districts so that politicians can pick their voters, and not the other way around."

I agree, and the people of Illinois agree.

The only reasons not to do this are pure partisan politics, and a desire to cling to power.

The vast majority of all Illinois voters, both Democrats and Republicans, are in overwhelming support of both term limits and redistricting reform.

The time for excuses and blame is over. The time for action is now. Let's get it done.

Change is hard. Reform is difficult. But we can't just raise taxes again. We know that doesn't work. While the 2011 tax hike was in place, our credit rating was downgraded five times, we barely made a dent in our bill backlog, state support for schools was cut, our unfunded pension liabilities went up \$28 billion, and our economic growth fell to almost half the national average. Raising taxes without improving our ability to compete will not help the people of Illinois, and in fact, it will make things worse.

While all of us are continuing to negotiate over reforms to grow jobs and lower taxes, our administration is not waiting to take action. We are moving ahead to make government more effective, and provide our taxpayers with major long term savings. Let's review some of our actions.

Over the past year:

We eliminated more than half a billion in state spending through department action, and began the process of getting out from under our 80 consent decrees that have accumulated from decades of mismanagement.

We reformed the EDGE program to eliminate "special" deals, and now only provide credits for job creation.

We banned the revolving door of state officials turning lobbyist to make money off the programs they designed.

We began a comprehensive review of Illinois police procedures, and other states' best practices, for handling use of deadly force between officers and community residents.

We began the process to sell the Thompson Center.

We implemented fraud reduction efforts that prevented \$188 million in improper unemployment insurance claims.

Under Director Felicia Norwood, we took action at HFS that will net state taxpayers more than \$250 million, improving redetermination and rightsizing the entities providing care coordination.



Thanks to the leadership of Director George Sheldon, DCFS is producing better outcomes for children while saving taxpayer money, by moving more children from shelters to foster homes.

These efforts by Directors Sheldon and Norwood are only the beginning, of a complete transformation of the way we provide health and human services here in Illinois.

Historically, the state has spent most of its resources—tens of billions of dollars—on a broken patchwork of reactive, expensive, and ineffective interventions.

After decades of such uncoordinated spending, Illinois residents are sicker and no better educated, while some of our most vulnerable communities suffer from unconscionable levels of unemployment, violence and incarceration.

Our transformation puts a strong new focus on prevention and public health; pays for value and outcomes rather than volume and services; makes evidence-based and data driven decisions; and moves individuals from institutions to community care, to keep them more closely connected with their families and communities.

I know many of you have been working on these issues for years, and I ask for your support. Together, we can finally bring Illinois up to par with the best run states, helping make us far more compassionate without dramatically increasing costs, and, in some cases, reducing costs.

One of our biggest taxpayer protection initiatives is to take on the compensation costs of our state government. Most of our state employees are terrific, hardworking public servants. They deserve to be well paid, and receive higher compensation in the future. But it should be based in part upon higher productivity, and shared benefits in taxpayer savings, rather than just seniority.

Unfortunately, the compensation demands being made by AFSCME leaders are out-of-touch with reality. Adjusted for the cost of living, we already have the highest paid state employees in America. Undeterred and unashamed, AFSCME is demanding \$3 billion more in overall compensation. That \$3 billion should go into our schools and human services, not into government bureaucracy.

Our state employees are paid almost 30% more than Illinois taxpayers are in their own jobs for the same work. That is just not fair – and it's time we restore balance between taxpayers and state government.

It's not just the eye-popping price tag on these easy-to-see costs that's hurting us, taxpayers are also losing from the hidden costs of work rules buried in previous contracts.

Because of these work rules, state government has seen AFSCME file grievances against volunteer campground hosts for educating visitors about a state park; against volunteers at a Veterans home who answered calls in the reception area; against a supervisor who pitched in to eliminate a backlog of tax returns. That's not right.

And unfair work rules have allowed state workers to manipulate overtime policies to boost their pay, costing taxpayers tens of millions.

We've paid \$22 million in overtime for the 15-minute roll call that occurs at the beginning of shifts. Our former Auditor General also highlighted, as ripe for abuse, the practice of so-called shift-swapping, where workers use sick time for a regular shift, but then get paid overtime to work a later shift that same day.

We need to install common-sense into our union contracts!

One of the most critical actions we can take to save taxpayers' billions of dollars, while offering state workers a fair deal that protects their retirement, is to enact Constitutional pension reform.

Nearly everyone in this Chamber today understands the need for it. We have the worst unfunded pension liability in the nation and because of that nearly one in four dollars we spend in the state budget goes towards making pension payments. Over the last 10 years, we've gone from contributing \$1.4 billion per year to a scheduled \$7.6 billion payment this year.

Over the summer, our administration developed a pension plan that would provide more than \$2 billion in relief to cities, counties, universities and school districts, in addition to the state. And while it remains my hope that the General Assembly is interested in providing more comprehensive help to every community, we cannot wait any longer to help the state.

So as a first step toward bipartisan compromise, President Cullerton and I have agreed to support his pension proposal that will save \$1 billion/year from four of the state pension plans.

I have instructed Administration attorneys to work with the Senate President's staff to finalize language as soon as possible. When they do, I urge both chambers to pass it without delay.

One of the biggest impediments holding back our efforts to lower taxpayer costs, and improve services, is our antiquated information technology system.

We are a model of inefficiency and ineffectiveness.

Right now, Illinois ranks among the three highest spending states on IT, but we are one of the worst states for digital services delivered to the public.

Too many of our agencies' systems can't communicate with each other, they are vulnerable to cyberattacks, and are extremely expensive to maintain.

Illinois state government needs a digital revolution, and this week I created a secretary-level position to see this mission through.

The Department of Innovation and Technology will allow us to consolidate, modernize and streamline our IT systems, to better serve taxpayers and businesses, while fostering innovation among employees.

Current state CIO, Hardik Bhatt, with us today, will lead our transformation to improve service and productivity, and allow Illinois to be more proactive in the quickly changing world of IT.

It is not just in IT where we need to make Illinois government faster and more responsive. Our Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is hampered by red-tape, and a slow bureaucracy that make business development and job recruitment more difficult.

Other states have moved to public-private partnerships to boost economic development efforts, while Illinois has stood still. Last year, we introduced legislation to create a P3. But it stalled in the legislature. This year, we will move forward with a revised version that will laser focus on sales, marketing and customer service, to increase our competitiveness for job creation and investment.

This morning the Illinois Business and Economic Development Corporation filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State, the first step towards bringing our economic development efforts into the 21st century. In the days ahead, I will be signing an Executive Order to formally establish our collaboration.

To save taxpayers money, we must also change the way we buy our goods and services.

In order to counter the procurement system abuses of prior governors, the General Assembly passed the 2009 procurement reform law.

Unfortunately, that law is creating far more problems than those it was designed to correct.

The law more than tripled the time it takes to complete an RFP process, taking the process from 2-3 months to 9-12 months.

The solution is comprehensive procurement reform – both legislative and administrative – that maintains necessary ethics and transparency safeguards, streamlines bureaucracy, offers greater flexibility to agencies, and follows best practices from other states.

Done properly, we believe this can save Illinois taxpayers more than \$500 million per year. We look forward to working with the legislature to get it done.

Now, let's talk about one of the most significant transformations underway in our Administration.

Last year we created a bipartisan commission, led by our Director of Public Safety, Rodger Heaton, to propose reforms to our criminal justice system.

The Commission earlier this month recommended 14 reforms that can help us achieve our goal of SAFELY reducing the State's prison population by 25 percent by 2025.

They recommended we enhance rehabilitation programming in our corrections system, and implement risk/needs assessments and evidence-based programs, that target underlying issues that contribute to criminal behavior, particularly cognitive behavioral therapy, and substance abuse treatment.

These and other reforms will lead to fewer victims of crimes, a better pathway back for ex-offenders, and safer communities for all.

State Senators Michael Connelly, Karen McConaughay, Michael Noland, and Kwame Raoul, and Representatives John Cabello, Scott Drury, Elgie Sims, and Brian Stewart, served on the Criminal Justice Reform Commission. Thank you all for your hard work on this critical issue. With your help, let's pass your recommendations into law this year.

Finally, let's talk about the single most important thing we do together as a community, and that is educate our young people. I know each of you in this Chamber share my passion to make Illinois schools the best in the nation. I'm excited to work together to make that a reality.

We in Illinois are blessed with wonderful teachers. I want to thank the thousands of educators across our state for the excellent work they do each and every day for our sons and daughters.

The key to rising family incomes, more high paying jobs, and a better life for everyone in Illinois, is to have a high quality, fully-integrated education system from cradle to career, from early education, to K-12 public schools, to outstanding community colleges and universities, all the way to coordinated job training and technical training later in life.

To drive that result, we are committed to eliminating wasteful bureaucracy, putting more money into our classrooms, freeing up our teachers to teach, and holding our schools truly accountable for results.

We have ten long-term goals. This legislative session we will begin to:

1. Work closely with President Cullerton to significantly increase state support for education, focusing our additional resources more on low income and rural school districts so we can provide high quality classrooms in every community, without taking money away from any other districts.
2. Provide proper funding for early childhood education while setting rigorous benchmarks for program performance, so we can continue to be national leaders in this important work.
3. Give school districts more flexibility when it comes to bargaining, contracting, and bidding, to save taxpayers money, while enabling districts to pay higher teacher salaries.
4. Empower our universities and community colleges to reduce their administrative costs, work rules, pension liabilities and unfunded mandates, and then offer additional financial support to those schools that show real progress in putting more resources in the classroom.
5. Support more partnerships between high schools, community colleges, and local employers so that our young people who are not going to university, can receive the training to step into good paying careers beginning in their teenage years.
6. Develop a comprehensive, consistent, objective student growth measure, not necessarily based on the PARCC system, so we can track our students' progress in each grade towards college or career, holding our schools accountable for results while eliminating unnecessary testing and bureaucratic mandates.
7. Support programs that create more quality school choice options for low income children stuck in failing schools.
8. Create new quality schools of choice for our disconnected youth as a way to get them back in school.
9. Consolidate the majority of our councils and task forces under the P20 and Early Learning Councils, in order to decrease bureaucracy, increase high-quality outcomes for our learners, and improve the coordination of these working groups.
10. Create a Cabinet on Children and Youth so we can better align our health and human services with our cradle to career education initiatives, in order to provide higher quality, fully integrated services for our young people.

This education agenda is bold and transformative. Change is difficult. But by working together, we can make it a reality. The people of Illinois deserve nothing less than the best education system in America. All of us in this Chamber had a difficult year together in 2015, as we debated a budget with structural reform. But it is not too late for this General Assembly to make historic progress for the people of Illinois. We came together to solve a budget crisis early in 2015. We came together to improve our Unemployment Insurance system, benefiting employers and workers alike. We came together to pass historic criminal justice reforms and much needed police reforms.

If each of us commits to serious negotiation based on mutual respect for our co-equal branches of government, there's not a doubt in my mind we can come together to pass a balanced budget alongside reforms. If we work together, Illinois can be both compassionate and competitive.

I am convinced there is a way we can blend the economic growth of states like Texas, with the heart and compassion of states like Massachusetts. In fact, in deep-blue Massachusetts, Democrats passed collective bargaining reform for local governments, to save their taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. They figured out how to make worker's compensation costs half of ours. And they put in rigorous student growth measures, based only partially on PARCC, to hold their schools accountable for results.

Our job in this Capitol is to improve the lives of all the people of Illinois, through more economic opportunity, better educational opportunity, and more value for their hard-earned tax dollars. To achieve a grand compromise, we must cast partisanship and ideology aside. We must break from the politics of the past and do what is right for the long term future of our state. I'm ready – and it's my genuine hope that you are too. Let's continue this journey together. Illinois can't wait any longer.

Thank you. God bless you. God bless the United States of America, and God bless our great State of Illinois.

At the hour of 12:39 o'clock p.m., President Cullerton moved that the Joint Assembly do now arise.  
The motion prevailed.

The Senate having withdrawn, the House resumed its session.  
Speaker of the House Madigan in the Chair.

#### **AGREED RESOLUTIONS**

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 887, 888, 891, 893, 894, 895, 896, 899, 900, 901, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 915, 916, 918, 920, 921, 923, 924, 925, 928, 929, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 953, 954, 955, 957, 958 and 959; HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS 108, 111 and 112 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 12:47 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.

The motion prevailed.

And the House stood adjourned.

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

January 27, 2016

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115 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P Davis, Monique	P Jones	P Scherer
P Ammons	P Davis, William	P Kay	P Sente
P Andersson	P DeLuca	P Kifowit	P Sims
P Andrade	P Demmer	P Lang	P Skoog
P Anthony	P Drury	P Leitch	P Smiddy
E Arroyo	P Dunkin	P Lilly	P Sommer
P Batinick	P Durkin	P Manley	P Sosnowski
P Beiser	P Evans	P Martwick	P Soto
P Bellock	P Feigenholtz	P Mayfield	P Stewart
P Bennett	P Fine	E McAsey	P Sullivan
P Bourne	P Flowers	P McAuliffe	P Tabares
P Bradley	P Ford	P McDermed	P Thapedi
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P Breen	P Franks	P Meier	P Turner
P Brown	P Frese	P Mitchell, Bill	P Unes
P Bryant	P Gabel	P Mitchell, Christian	P Verschoore
P Burke, Daniel	P Gordon-Booth	P Moeller	P Wallace
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P Butler	P Hammond	P Morrison	P Wehrli
P Cabello	P Harper	P Moylan	P Welch
P Cassidy	P Harris, David	P Mussman	P Wheeler, Barbara
P Cavaletto	P Harris, Greg	P Nekritz	P Wheeler, Keith
P Chapa LaVia	P Hays	P Phelps	P Williams
P Cloonen	P Hernandez	E Phillips	P Willis
P Conroy	P Hoffman	P Pritchard	P Winger
P Costello	P Hurley	P Reaves-Harris	P Yingling
P Crespo	P Ives	P Reis	P Zalewski
P Currie	P Jackson	P Riley	P Mr. Speaker
P D'Amico	P Jesiel	P Rita	
P Davidsmeyer	P Jimenez	P Sandack	

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**96TH LEGISLATIVE DAY**

**Perfunctory Session**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016**

At the hour of 3:13 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

**SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

The following Senate Joint Resolution, received from the Senate, was read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Rules: SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 33 and 34.

**HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 889**

Offered by Representative McSweeney:

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is currently experiencing a fiscal crisis and is considering a multitude of options to solve the State's economic concerns; and

WHEREAS, A proposed tax on advertising and advertising-related services to generate revenue to balance the State's budget has been contemplated by some in the State's leadership; and

WHEREAS, A tax on advertising has proven to slow economic growth; no other state in the nation specifically applies a sales tax to advertising; and

WHEREAS, The State of Florida previously imposed a tax on advertising and advertising-related services, only to see a loss of jobs and personal income due to lost advertising revenue; Florida also saw ad purchases decrease by 12% and go to neighboring states, ultimately resulting in a loss of \$100 million in advertising revenue and a repeal of the tax 6 months later; and

WHEREAS, A tax on advertising in Illinois would cripple the ability of business owners, both large and small, to market goods and services and cause the businesses to inevitably lose customers; and

WHEREAS, A tax on advertising would devastate the advertising industry in Illinois, driving revenue and jobs to neighboring states and hurting Illinois' already fragile economy; and

WHEREAS, The advertising industry in Illinois helps generate 17.3% of Illinois' economic activity and produces over 900,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, An additional tax on advertising is counterintuitive and goes against the pro-business, pro-jobs, pro-growth policies that should be under careful consideration as Illinois seeks to regain sound financial footing; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we state our firm opposition to any additional taxes on advertising or advertising-related services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we state our belief that Illinois' present fiscal crisis must be managed in other ways besides a new tax on business owners throughout the State.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 890**

Offered by Representative McSweeney:

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois exempts State taxation of retirement income; and

WHEREAS, Retirees living on a fixed income have limited ability to rejoin the workforce, face high health care costs, and have little ability to save money; and

WHEREAS, Retirees could not have anticipated in their lifetime of planning that their retirement income would suddenly be taxed by the State, forcing them to cut already strained household budgets; and

WHEREAS, Retirees do pay many other taxes, such as federal income taxes, property taxes, and sales taxes; and

WHEREAS, The exclusion of taxing retirement income encourages residents to remain living throughout their retirement in Illinois and encourages newly retired Americans to relocate to the State; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we state our belief that the Illinois Income Tax Act should not be amended to permit taxing retirement income; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to all Illinois constitutional officers, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives, and the President and Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 892

Offered by Representative Cabello:

WHEREAS, Studies have shown the need for continued assistance for children who have aged out of foster care; and

WHEREAS, Studies have also shown that former foster care youth are more likely than their peers to have higher unemployment and lower levels of higher education; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Children and Family Services has committed to assisting youth that age out of foster care with programs that ensure continued success of the child and are cost-effective for the State; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has implemented programs and laws to assist various populations for employment and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to further examine existing laws and programs of other populations that may be applicable to youth that have aged out of foster care; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the Supporting Aged Out Foster Care Children Task Force under the Department of Children and Family Services to identify and recommend cost-effective ways to further assist foster care children as they age out of care and into independent living; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall research, analyze, and consider existing laws, programs, and benefits that could be used to assist wards of the State in a cost-effective manner to live independently as they age out of foster care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of following members: 3 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of which shall serve as a Co-Chairperson of the Task Force; 3 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, one of which shall serve as a Co-Chairperson of the Task Force; the Secretary of Human Services or his or her designee; the Director of Children and Family Services or his or her designee; the Director of Healthcare and Family Services or his or her designee; the Director of Corrections or his or her designee; a representative of the Governor's Office, appointed by the Governor; 2 members who are licensed social workers who work with children in at-risk groups, appointed by the Governor; 2 representatives from the Children and Family Services Advisory Council, appointed by the Director of Children and Family Services; and 2 former youth-in-care, appointed by the Director of Children and Family Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall receive the cooperation of any State agencies it deems appropriate to assist the Task Force in carrying out its duties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall be considered members with voting rights; a quorum of the Task Force shall consist of a majority of the members of the Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall present its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in a report to the General Assembly and the Director of Children and Family Services on or before December 31, 2016.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 897

Offered by Representative Guzzardi:

WHEREAS, The economic competitiveness of the United States and Illinois in the global economy requires a well-educated workforce; and

WHEREAS, Students in Illinois currently average \$28,984 in student debt upon graduation, which significantly hinders their ability to participate in the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Current and future young people in the United States and across Illinois should have the same opportunity offered to those who went to college in previous generations, including the ability to attend State colleges and universities without taking on burdensome debt; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, higher education is more important than ever because it is an essential step to entering and remaining in the middle class; and

WHEREAS, Because of the importance of higher education, the United States and local governments should expand the opportunity to pursue and attain higher education to more people than had that opportunity in the past; and

WHEREAS, Public investment in higher education pays off, as evidenced by the fact the G.I. Bill resulted in a 7-to-1 return on investment for our national economy; workers with college degrees also earn more money, pay more taxes, and rely less on government services; and

WHEREAS, Student loan debt saddles the very students who most depend on a college degree to level the economic playing field with a burden that constrains career choices and hurts the credit rating of students, prevents people from fully participating in the economy by purchasing goods and services, and threatens essential milestones of the American dream, including the purchase of a home or car, starting a family, and saving for retirement; and

WHEREAS, The Schatz-Schumer-Warren United States Senate debt-free college resolution and the Grijalva-Ellison-Clark United States House of Representatives debt-free college resolution have gained national momentum in recent months and has become central in the national dialogue around higher education; and

WHEREAS, A national goal of debt-free college would include significant federal aid to states, including Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we show our support for any and all efforts to enact legislation that ensures that all students have access to debt-free higher education, defined to mean having no debt upon graduation from any public institutions of higher education; increases support to states so that those states can increase investments in higher education and bring down costs for students; increases aid to students to help them cover the total cost of college attendance without taking on debt; encourages innovation by states and institutions of higher education to increase efficiency, lower costs, and enable speedy and less-costly degree completion; and reduces the burden of existing student loan debt.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 898

Offered by Representative Evans:

WHEREAS, There have recently been a rash of police officer shootings across this nation that have resulted in the death of suspects, especially of young black males, many of which have been determined to be unjustified shootings; and

WHEREAS, In many instances these suspects could have been subdued without the use of lethal force; and

WHEREAS, New technologies exist that employ non-lethal force in subduing suspects; and

WHEREAS, To avoid these incidents in the future, each police department in this State should develop a plan or strategy for the use of non-lethal force on a person suspected of committing or having committed a criminal offense, or resisting arrest; and

WHEREAS, The plan or strategy should include the use of new technologies and alternatives to the use of firearms in both apprehending a suspect and in protecting a police officer from harm by a suspect; therefore, be it



RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge each police department in this State to develop a plan or strategy for the use of non-lethal force on a person suspected of committing or having committed a criminal offense, or resisting arrest, including the use of new technologies and alternatives to the use of firearms in both apprehending a suspect and in protecting a police officer from harm by a suspect; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of State Police, the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, the Cook County Sheriff, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 902

Offered by Representative Thapedi:

WHEREAS, According to the United States Energy Information Administration, Illinois is a key transportation hub for crude oil and natural gas moving throughout North America, with more than a dozen interstate natural gas pipelines, 2 natural gas market centers, several petroleum and petroleum product pipelines, and an oil port; and

WHEREAS, Illinois ranks fifth in the United States with respect to population (12.8 million), GDP (\$730 billion), and jobs related to exports (340,000); and

WHEREAS, Illinois' top exports, per the United States Department of Commerce, are petroleum products (#1) and crude oil (#5); in 2014, Illinois exported \$1.1 billion in crude oil, a 425% increase from 2013; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has the most oil refineries in the Midwestern United States (4), with an aggregate crude oil processing capacity of approximately one million barrels per day; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is ranked fourth in oil refining capacity in the United States, as of January of 2014; and

WHEREAS, In December of 2015, due to an unexpected increase in United States crude oil stockpiles combined with a decision from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to maintain high levels of production, oil prices fell to below \$38 per barrel, a decline of more than \$25 per barrel since December of 2014; and

WHEREAS, The United States is currently a party to 14 free trade agreements with 20 partner countries, which account for \$37.4 billion of Illinois' exports in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Under current United States law, there is a vague ban on the export of United States crude stemming from the 1920 Mineral Leasing Act, the 1975 Energy Policy Conservation Act, and the 1979 Export Administration Act; and

WHEREAS, There is currently an effort in the United States Congress to lift the export ban of United States crude oil; and

WHEREAS, Proponents of the ban assert that, among other things, such legislation is not needed at this time and Congress should instead, among other things, end the multi-billion dollar subsidies provided yearly to oil companies; opponents of the ban assert that, among other things, such legislation will, among other things, lower gasoline prices across the country, give the United States greater foreign policy influence, and bolster United States trade competitiveness and market access; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage a uniform, transparent, and modern process among the U.S. State Department, the United States Department of Commerce, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the United States Department of Energy for licensing the exportation of crude oil produced in the United States and the approval of cross-border pipelines; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to U.S. State Department, the United States Department of Commerce, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the United States Department of Energy, the United States Congressional Budget Office, and the United States Government Accountability Office.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 914

Offered by Representative Mayfield:

WHEREAS, Many schools in the State of Illinois are facing critical funding shortages, which has negatively impacted their ability to provide quality education to their students; and

WHEREAS, The members of the General Assembly believe that all educational institutions throughout the State should be funded as equally as possible in order to provide every student with the best education possible; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the School Poverty Task Force to study sources of funding for poverty-stricken schools throughout the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study possible solutions and new methods for State funding, including general State aid and poverty grant funding, in order to give advice on how school funding can be more equally distributed to schools in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Board of Education shall provide administrative support to the Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the following members:

- (1) one member appointed by the Governor;
- (2) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (3) one member appointed by the Illinois State Board of Education;
- (4) one member appointed by the Illinois Department of Human Services;
- (5) one member with expertise in poverty, appointed by a non-profit group involved in poverty-stricken schools in the State; and
- (6) one member to serve as a representative of teacher unions in the State, appointed by election from all major teacher unions in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet initially at the call of the Speaker of the House, submit a report to the General Assembly no later than October 31, 2016, and, upon submission, be dissolved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor, the Illinois State Board of Education, and the Illinois Department of Human Services.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 917

Offered by Representative Flowers:

WHEREAS, 2014 marked the 60th anniversary of the 1954 landmark United States Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, which found that "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal" and banned separate public schools for black and white students; and

WHEREAS, Despite this landmark ruling, many schools and districts throughout the United States have been alleged to still be "separate" due, in part, to racially and economically isolated housing patterns in many areas; and

WHEREAS, According to a 2013 Economic Policy Institute report entitled "For Public Schools, Segregation Then, Segregation Since", "[t]oday, African American students are more isolated than they were 40 years ago, while most education policymakers and reformers have abandoned integration as a cause"; and

WHEREAS, A considerable body of research indicates that racial and economic diversity in schools is one of the few education reforms that is proven to improve the educational achievement and life opportunities of minority and low-income children systemically; and

WHEREAS, The best way to ensure that public educational resources are equitably distributed among all children is to allow all children access to the same resources in the same schools; and

WHEREAS, Diverse schools promote better educational outcomes and provide benefits for all students; research has confirmed that African-American and Hispanic students perform better on tests in schools that are diverse, while school diversity has no negative impact on the test scores of white students; in addition, studies have found that prolonged contact with racially diverse students may have significant effects on students' complex thinking, and a more diverse classroom environment encourages critical thinking in all students, as well as improves high school graduation and college matriculation rates for minority students at those schools; and

WHEREAS, Beyond educational benefits, diverse schools provide other societal advantages, including improving cross-racial understanding and reducing racial prejudice; diverse schools also improve the potential for reducing residential lack of diversity; and

WHEREAS, Diverse schools are linked to a host of positive learning outcomes for white students as well, including the promotion of critical thinking and problem-solving skills and higher academic achievement; attending diverse schools is also linked to social and psychological advantages for white students, including more friendships across racial lines and higher levels of cultural competence, a critical advantage in the modern workplace and today's global economy; and

WHEREAS, Diverse schools are essential to prepare all children to live and work together in a nation in which African-Americans, Latinos, Asians, Native Americans, Pacific Islanders, and other non-whites will collectively comprise the majority of the United States population by 2042; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois State Board of Education to officially recognize the importance and benefits of school diversity and to set it as a priority when making decisions regarding admissions policies and practices, creation of new schools, school rezoning, and other pertinent decisions and to commit to having a strategy in each district for overcoming impediments to school diversity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Illinois State Board of Education.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 922

Offered by Representative Christian Mitchell:

WHEREAS, During the Great Recession, the needs of Illinois children, families, and communities grew at the same time that our State was losing the necessary resources to help them; and

WHEREAS, Since 2009, the State of Illinois has consistently disinvested in working families and communities, cutting funding for vital services that strengthen low-and middle-income working families; and

WHEREAS, Relying on funding cuts to shore up our State's finances hurts children and families who are struggling to remain afloat and destabilizes programs like home care for seniors and people with disabilities, child care, and other critical support for middle class families; and

WHEREAS, Instead of cuts to funding, we must secure the revenue we need for a responsible budget that invests in programs that meet the needs of children, families, communities, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Failing to pass a fully funded year-long budget for Fiscal Year 2016 has meant cutting programs that stabilize children, families, local governments, and businesses, including, but not limited to, social services for children, care for people who suffer from mental illness, programs to assist homebound seniors and people with disabilities, infant mortality prevention programs, environmental protection and conservation police, services for victims of sexual violence, breast and cervical cancer screenings, supportive housing programs, afterschool programs for kids, immigrant services, community colleges and universities, financial aid and scholarship for college students, and job training; and

WHEREAS, At the same time, every day that goes by without a Fiscal Year 2016 budget means that Illinois continues to add to its unpaid bills, further harming our economy and making Illinois a less desirable place to live and do business; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' outdated tax system has painted us into a box, preventing us from moving forward to invest in shared priorities; Illinois must modernize and reform the tax code to reflect our changing economy and ensure fairness in raising revenue to fund current and future investments; a modern tax code ensures that corporations and millionaires join low and middle-income families in paying their fair share; and

WHEREAS, When we modernize and reform our tax code, commit to fairness in raising revenue, and commit to investing in shared priorities, our children, families, communities, and small businesses will finally experience economic growth and prosperity; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the members of the General Assembly to work together to modernize and reform the tax code and to immediately pass a Fiscal Year 2016 budget that will stabilize the lives of Illinois' children, families, communities, and businesses.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 926

Offered by Representative Davidsmeyer:

WHEREAS, Lymphedema is swelling that occurs in the arms and legs of an individual, often caused by the removal of or damage to lymph nodes as part of a cancer treatment or other infection; and

WHEREAS, The factors that increase the risk of lymphedema include cancer treatment, age, excess weight or obesity, or rheumatoid or psoriatic arthritis; and

WHEREAS, Undiagnosed lymphedema can lead to serious complications, such as bacterial infections of the skin and lymph vessels or lymphangiosarcoma, which is a rare form of soft tissue cancer that results from severe cases of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Lymphedema cannot be cured, but the symptoms can be managed through a variety of treatment options, such as exercise, massage, therapy, and compression garments; and

WHEREAS, The necessary compression garments and therapy treatment options can cost between \$200-\$3,000 for a patient and are often not covered by insurance plans; and

WHEREAS, Lymphedema is not well-known and is often underdiagnosed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage increased public awareness of lymphedema; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor of Illinois, the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, all constitutional officers, and all members of the Illinois General Assembly in order to raise awareness of lymphedema.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 927

Offered by Representative Winger:

WHEREAS, School District U-46 (Elgin) conducted routine water sampling and found abnormally high levels of Legionella; and

WHEREAS, The school district closed its facilities in an effort to protect school children; and

WHEREAS, Legionella is a bacteria that is found naturally in the environment, usually in warm water; and

WHEREAS, In situations where environmental factors are favorable to the growth of Legionella in large numbers and the bacteria is aerosolized, human illness can occur; and

WHEREAS, Legionnaires' disease is transmitted by the inhalation of a mist or vapor that has been contaminated with Legionella bacteria; and

WHEREAS, The most vulnerable population for contracting Legionnaires' disease is individuals 49 or older, smokers, and people with chronic lung disease or weakened immune systems; and

WHEREAS, Legionnaires' disease is not transmitted person to person; and

WHEREAS, The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends, when Legionella is identified, to treat the water; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Public Health has encouraged school districts, prior to testing for Legionella, to implement and develop plans for the testing if a positive result were to occur; and

WHEREAS, School districts are following the testing recommendations as outlined by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers Standards; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health to work in collaboration with school districts to develop and implement plans for the testing of Legionella; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health update the General Assembly with a report on their progress by December 31, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be provided to the State Superintendent of Education and Director of Public Health.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 931

Offered by Representative Bill Mitchell:

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois Child Care Assistance Program provides low-income, working families with access to quality, affordable child care that allows them to continue working; and

WHEREAS, Quality child care contributes to the health and emotional and social development of a child; and

WHEREAS, Families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families assistance and participate in education and training, teen parents that seek a high school degree, and families who do not receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families assistance but pursue higher education are eligible for assistance under the program; and

WHEREAS, Families in the program are required to cost-share on a sliding scale, based on factors such as family size, income, and number of children in care; and

WHEREAS, Children in the program must be cared for by a qualified child care provider, such as, but not limited to, a licensed day care facility, a licensed day care home, or a licensed group day care home; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 173,000 children that are cared for and approximately 38,000 child care providers in the State of Illinois that receive funding to provide child care under the program; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we direct the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the Child Care Assistance Program to ensure that child care providers being funded by the State of Illinois are properly managing the State funding provided to them and that only eligible families receive assistance of the program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Secretary of Human Services and the Auditor General.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 932

Offered by Representative Moffitt:

WHEREAS, The health and welfare of Illinois' citizens is a primary concern of this State; and

WHEREAS, Senior citizens have often been the targets of financial fraud; and

WHEREAS, Being defrauded out of their life savings can cause undue hardship on our senior citizens, their families, and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Discontinued State toll-free telephone numbers have been reassigned to private individuals or companies that fraudulently use the phone numbers' former status to illegally obtain financial information from senior callers who believe they are calling a phone number still assigned to the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Other vulnerable citizens may also be at risk to fall prey to these types of financial fraud schemes involving discontinued State toll-free telephone numbers; and

WHEREAS, This problem is beyond the purview of the State of Illinois since toll-free telephone numbers are regulated by the federal government; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the federal government to place a temporary embargo or increase any current ban on discontinued toll-free telephone numbers for 2 years after the federal or state government no longer uses the phone number; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Federal Commerce Commission.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 944

Offered by Representative Zalewski:

WHEREAS, A gap exists in Illinois in communication from health care providers to pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, When medications are discontinued, changed, or replaced by a prescriber, rarely is the change communicated to the pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacies often continue to dispense medications that should have been stopped; and

WHEREAS, These practices expose patients to increased risk and cost; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois maintains very little data on this issue; the only available studies are extremely limited in scope and pertain only to high-risk medications within a connected health care system; and

WHEREAS, Each day in Illinois, thousands of prescriptions are discontinued by prescribers; and

WHEREAS, When a prescriber discontinues a medication, the medication appears as inactive in that patient's electronic health records; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacies encourage "auto-refill" programs, wherein refills are automatically processed without the patient's request; and

WHEREAS, Many patients have limited knowledge of the exact names or doses of all of their medications; and

WHEREAS, No mechanisms to enable the transmission of "discontinue", "cancel", or "stop" orders through e-prescribing systems have been adopted by the relevant stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, There are high indirect costs to health care payers who have to refill expensive prescriptions unnecessarily; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to undertake a study to determine the appropriateness of mandating a mechanism for electronically-prescribed prescription orders to electronically transmit "discontinuation", "cancel", or "stop" orders from health care providers to pharmacies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to examine the effects of auto-refill programs on the unnecessary filling of discontinued medications no longer endorsed by the prescriber; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to complete its study and submit its findings to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation by December 31, 2016.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 945

Offered by Representative Kifowit:

WHEREAS, During World War II, under a special program known as Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), female pilots flew noncombat missions to free up male pilots for combat; and

WHEREAS, WASPs were considered civilians; 38 women died in crashes, but neither they nor their families received military benefits; and

WHEREAS, WASP pilots were granted veteran status in 1977, making them eligible to have their ashes placed at Arlington National Cemetery with military honors; since 2002, this has gone on without controversy; and

WHEREAS, Recently, the United States Army, which oversees Arlington National Cemetery, has stated that in 2002, the superintendent of the cemetery had no authority to begin allowing the remains of WASP pilots to be buried there, and under federal law, WASP pilots are only eligible for burial at cemeteries run by the Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS, The WASPs were a distinct group of women; they test-flew repaired military aircraft, trained combat pilots, and towed airborne targets that other pilots fired at with live ammunition during training; and

WHEREAS, The WASPs are not asking for anything beyond what they earned; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United States Army to reverse its decision and once again allow the Women Airforce Service Pilots to be buried in their rightful place at Arlington National Cemetery; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the United States Secretary of the Army.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 107

Offered by Representative Hammond:

WHEREAS, Cholesterol is essential to the human body's functioning; however, high LDL-C (bad cholesterol) can lead to heart disease; and

WHEREAS, There are no warning signs of high cholesterol, and the only way to find out one's total blood cholesterol is through a lipoprotein profile blood test; and

WHEREAS, Hyperlipidemia occurs when there are too many lipids in the blood, therefore causing high cholesterol and high triglycerides; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association recommends consulting a doctor to understand one's condition and then determining a treatment that may include healthy diet choices and exercise along with medication, depending on one's overall risk; and

WHEREAS, Cholesterol Counts is an awareness program that aims to have individuals take an active role in understanding that there is more to be done to control high cholesterol and encourages the conversation between patients and their healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, Encouraging Illinois residents to participate in Cholesterol Counts can help monitor the overall cholesterol statistics for Illinois and provide awareness for treatment; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Public Health already encourages residents to get their blood cholesterol checked during September, which is designated as National Cholesterol Education Month; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize the importance of encouraging Illinois residents to understand their cholesterol testing results and coordinate treatment with their healthcare provider; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Department of Public Health to post a link providing access to [www.cholesterolcounts.com](http://www.cholesterolcounts.com) on its website under the Resources section on its Cholesterol page; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Department of Public Health to designate September 1, 2016 as Hyperlipidemia Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 109

Offered by Representative Bourne:

WHEREAS, It is appropriate for us to remember the many sacrifices and contributions to the cause of freedom made by the outstanding men and women who served in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Larry D. Claybrook was born on April 21, 1944 in Hillsboro; he was the son of the late Frank and Sarah Lucille (Hayes) Claybrook, the brother of Shiela Marie, Rita Evaughn, Paulette Janice, Teresa Joyce, Michael Allen, Bille May Wideman, Mary Alice (Norman Lee), Frank Joseph Claybrook, Beatrice McQuary, Terry Lee, and Patricia Ann; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Larry D. Claybrook was a member of the St. James Baptist Church in Hillsboro; he was a lifelong resident of Hillsboro and attended Hillsboro High School; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Larry D. Claybrook was a member of the United States Marine Corps for a year, serving in the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Larry D. Claybrook gave his life defending America's freedom on January 27, 1967 from injuries sustained in a landmine explosion while on patrol duty in South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly would like to dedicate Illinois Route 16 from its junction with Illinois Route 127 at School Street to its junction with Illinois Route 185 in Hillsboro in honor of the sacrifice of Lance Corporal Larry D. Claybrook and all Vietnam veterans; and

WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General Assembly pays honor and respect to the truly great individuals who have served our country and, in doing so, have gone above and beyond the call of duty to take part in truly heroic tasks; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 16 from its junction with Illinois Route 127 at School Street to its junction with Illinois Route 185 in Hillsboro as the Marine Lance Corporal Larry D. Claybrook Memorial Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name of the Marine Lance Corporal Larry D. Claybrook Memorial Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented the family of Lance Corporal Larry D. Claybrook, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Montgomery County Veterans Assistance Commission, and the City of Hillsboro.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 110

Offered by Representative Bourne:

WHEREAS, It is appropriate for us to remember the many sacrifices and contributions to the cause of freedom made by the outstanding men and women who served in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Charles Irby was born on June 25, 1948 in Hillsboro; he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Irby and the brother of Rosemary Fletcher, Marvin L. Irby Jr., and Larry Gene Irby; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Charles Irby was a lifelong resident of Hillsboro and graduated from Hillsboro High School; he began serving our nation in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Charles Irby was a member of the United States Army for a year, serving in Company B, 3rd Battalion of the 25th Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Charles Irby gave his life defending America's freedom on January 15, 1968 after taking enemy small arms fire; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish to dedicate Illinois Route 16 along School Street from South Main Street to the corner of 22nd Street in Hillsboro, Illinois as the Army SP4 Charles Irby Memorial Highway to honor the sacrifice of Specialist Charles Irby and all Vietnam veterans; and

WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General Assembly pays honor and respect to the truly great individuals who have served our country and, in doing so, have gone above and beyond the call of duty to take part in truly heroic tasks; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 16 along School Street from South Main Street to the corner of 22nd Street in Hillsboro as the Army SP4 Charles Irby Memorial Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name of the Army SP4 Charles Irby Memorial Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Charles Irby, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Montgomery County Veterans Assistance Commission, and the City of Hillsboro.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 113

Offered by Representative Currie:

**BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN,** that the two Houses shall convene in Joint Session on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon for the purpose of hearing Governor Bruce Rauner present to the General Assembly his Report on the Condition of the State, as required by Article V Section 13 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 114

Offered by Representative Willis:



WHEREAS, During the 99th General Assembly, House Joint Resolution 1 created the Emergency Responder Roadway Safety Task Force to identify and recommend ways that the State of Illinois can increase the safety of emergency responders while they perform their duties; and

WHEREAS, The Emergency Responder Roadway Safety Task Force was to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2016; and

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

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Emergency Responder Roadway Safety Task Force shall submit a report, as required in House Joint Resolution 1 of the 99th General Assembly, no later than January 1, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That with this reporting extension, the Emergency Responder Roadway Safety Task Force shall continue to operate pursuant to House Joint Resolution 1 of the 99th General Assembly.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 115

Offered by Representative Pritchard:

WHEREAS, The Founders of our country empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people - particularly for the generations to come - by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a Convention of the States under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the State of Illinois hereby makes application to Congress under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Senate and House of Representatives from this State; copies shall also be transmitted to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Secretary of State.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 116

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:

WHEREAS, It is important to recognize those who contributed to the betterment of the State of Illinois through public service; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Deuchler is a 60-year member of the Aurora branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and credits the organization with helping her accomplish many things in her

life; she held 2 portfolios while with the AAUW: (1) Global Interdependence and International Relations; and (2) State Board of AAUW for Global Interdependence; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Deuchler was a member of the Kane County Board from 1976 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Deuchler was elected to the Illinois General Assembly in 1980 and served for 18 years; during that time, she co-founded the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy; promoted the Orchard Road/Toll Road Interchange; organized the Northeast Flood Project; supported water wells in surrounding towns; participated in the White House Conference on Small Businesses; co-chaired the General Assembly's Conference of Women Legislators; championed the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; received the Golden Apple Award from the Illinois Education Association; supported a business-friendly environment in Illinois; backed environmental legislation that promoted clean air and clean water; and spearheaded Kane County's establishment of the Nelson Lake Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Deuchler served on the boards of the following organizations: the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the Aurora Coordinating Council of Community Organizations, the Aurora Historical Society, the Kane-Kendall Mental Health Association, the Sci-Tech Museum, and the Rush-Copley Medical Center; she also served as President of the League of Women Voters; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Deuchler graduated with honors in 1951 from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts with a major in Spanish and a minor in speech; she received an honorary doctorate from Aurora University on June 6, 1999; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the Orchard Road interchange on Interstate 88 as the "Suzanne Deuchler Honorary Interchange"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name "Suzanne Deuchler Honorary Interchange"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Chairman of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and Suzanne Deuchler.

### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS**

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

HOUSE BILL 4516. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning liquor.

HOUSE BILL 4517. Introduced by Representative Davis, William, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4518. Introduced by Representative Davis, William, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4519. Introduced by Representative Davis, William, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4520. Introduced by Representative Davis, William, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4521. Introduced by Representative Durkin, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 4522. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4523. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4524. Introduced by Representative Conroy, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4525. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 4526. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL 4527. Introduced by Representative Burke, Daniel, AN ACT concerning regulation.

- HOUSE BILL 4528. Introduced by Representative McAsey, AN ACT concerning safety.
- HOUSE BILL 4529. Introduced by Representatives Sandack - Zalewski, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4530. Introduced by Representative Cavaletto, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 4531. Introduced by Representative Cavaletto, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 4532. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4533. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning liquor.
- HOUSE BILL 4534. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning safety.
- HOUSE BILL 4535. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4536. Introduced by Representative Walsh, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4537. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4538. Introduced by Representatives Bryant - Hammond, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4539. Introduced by Representatives Brady - Bryant - Hammond - Hays - Pritchard, Meier, Bennett, Anthony, Butler, Kay and Moffitt, AN ACT concerning appropriations.
- HOUSE BILL 4540. Introduced by Representative Evans, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4541. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4542. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4543. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning correctional officers.
- HOUSE BILL 4544. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4545. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4546. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4547. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning wildlife.
- HOUSE BILL 4548. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4549. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning elections.
- HOUSE BILL 4550. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning correctional officers.
- HOUSE BILL 4551. Introduced by Representative Bradley, AN ACT concerning safety.
- HOUSE BILL 4552. Introduced by Representative Andersson, AN ACT concerning aging.
- HOUSE BILL 4553. Introduced by Representative Burke, Daniel, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4554. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4555. Introduced by Representative Bennett, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4556. Introduced by Representative Bennett, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 4557. Introduced by Representative Bennett, AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL 4558. Introduced by Representative Bennett, AN ACT concerning wildlife.

HOUSE BILL 4559. Introduced by Representative Bennett, AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL 4560. Introduced by Representative Currie, AN ACT concerning local government.

At the hour of 3:18 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.