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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by the Reverend Sammy Hooks of the St. John's AME Church in Springfield. Reverend Hooks is the guest of Representative Curran. Would the guests in the gallery please rise and join us in prayer."

Reverend Hooks: "II Chronicles 7:14; says, 'If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land'. Our Father, we come to Thee in the name of our Savior and our blessed Lord. We pray for help. We pray for health for others who are not of this Body. But we come this day to pray for the help and health of this Body. We know that we are not worthy, but we've been chosen to administer the business at hand this day and for this state. Therefore, make us conscious of the responsibilities which are ours, and give us strength for the obligations. If we have loved power and leadership more than service, forgive us. If we've been engrossed in little things, forgive us. If we've been more concerned with the strong and the rich, forgive us. Open our eyes to our shortcomings. Help us to new attitudes that we might be servants to all people. Holy Father, we pray for the humility and love. We pray that our works might be bread to the hungry, health to the sick, and freedom to those who are entangled. We pray that this Body might be brave and bold in our day of coldness and bewilderment and yet give us personalities with radiant love and faith. Help us to remember from whence we have come that we might be faithful servants for our districts. Thank you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

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Speaker Madigan: "We'll be led in the pledge of allegiance by Representative Ropp."

Ropp - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Mr. Matijevich are there any excused absences?"

Matijevich: "...Speaker there are no excused absences on this side."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black. Mr. Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Regan is excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "The record shall reflect that excused absence. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 117 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Ladies and Gentlemen we shall administer the oath to a new Member of the House. So if the Members would please take their seats, if staff would retire to the rear of the chamber. So if the Members would please take their chairs, staff retire to the rear of the chamber. We're very pleased today to have the oath administered to Representative Frank J. Mautino. And the oath shall be administered by Justice of the Appellate Court, Mr. Justice Barry."

Justice Barry: "Frank if you will repeat after me. I Frank..."

Mautino: "...I Frank..."

Justice Barry: "...Mautino..."

Mautino: "...Mautino..."

Justice Barry: "...Do solemnly swear..."

Mautino: "...Do solemnly swear..."

Justice Barry: "...That I will support the Constitution of the United States..."

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Mautino: "...I will support the Constitution of the United States..."

Justice Barry: "...The Constitution of the State of Illinois..."

Mautino: "...The Constitution of the State of Illinois..."

Justice Barry: "...And I will faithfully discharge the duties..."

Mautino: "...And that I will faithfully discharge the duties..."

Justice Barry: "...Of the Office of State Representative..."

Mautino: "...Of the Office of State Representative..."

Justice Barry: "...To the best of my ability..."

Mautino: "...To the best of my ability."

Justice Barry: "May I be the first."

Mautino: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. On behalf of my family I'd like to thank you all for the cards and letters and especially the legislative honor guard...I'd also like to thank the county chairman who gave me the opportunity to fill my father's seat. And especially I'd like to thank Judge Toby Barry for coming down today. Judge succeeded his father in the legislative seat, and a phone call in 1973 started my father on his political career. Since I've been down here and walking among all of you, I've had a chance to hear a lot of the stories and different experiences that you've had...and...at a time right now where...some people feel that a vote doesn't matter, a voice doesn't matter, it's been refreshing to see that the...how much this one voice did make a difference. I grew up in a political family. I was the original mascot of the 'Mautino's Marauders' at age twelve. That was my father's group that we did the leafletting, the knocking on doors, all through the process. From the campaign side it's not really apparent and a lot of times you don't really see the diligence and the responsibilities involved. The terms that I've heard in all the speeches throughout the years have taken on some

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great meaning. I think probably...the term that sets in mind came from a man by the name of Butch Moran in De Pue and it was the...he said that my father had the will to serve. I'm...It's a great honor to stand here among you as a Member of the House of Representatives, and I want once again on behalf of the Mautino family to say thank you and I look forward to serving with you. I hold you all in the highest respect."

Speaker Madigan: "Message from the Governor."

Clerk O'Brien: "'To the Honorable Members of the House of Representatives, 87th General Assembly. Pursuant to the authority vested by the Governor of Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return the following House Bills with specific recommendations for change: House Bills number 175, 738, 1254 and 1499. With these specific recommendations for change these House Bills will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence. Sincerely, Jim Edgar, Governor.'"

Speaker Madigan: "The Chair would like to announce the presence of a former Member of the House and a current Judge of the Circuit Court in the State of Illinois, Clarence Darrow. Former Representative Clarence Darrow. And I did forget that at a low point in his career he served in the State Senate. Ladies and Gentlemen, our plan is to convene a meeting of the Rules Committee at 2:00 o'clock to consider the question as to whether the Governor's Amendments to Bills are in compliance with the Constitution or noncompliance. And therefore we will not go to the Order of Amendatory Vetoes until after the Rules Committee has met. In the meantime we would be in a position to consider any Motions to override the Governor...any Motions to override a total veto of the Governor's, so are there any Members that wish to move to override the Governor on any

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Bill? Introduction and First Reading of Bills."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Bill 2660, offered by Representative Curran, a Bill for an Act amend the Illinois Pension Code. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 2661, offered by Representative Curran, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. First Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 947, offered by Representative Trotter; 948, McGuire; 951, McNamara; 952, Wolf; 954, Novak; 955, Parke; 958, Black; 959, Novak; 961, Munizzi; 963, McCracken; 964, Black; 965, Stange; 967, DeJaegher; 968 through 974, DeJaegher; 975, Wyvetter Young; 976, DeJaegher; 977, Bugielski; 978, Speaker Madigan; 979, Speaker Madigan; 981, Johnson; 982, Johnson; 983, McAfee; 984, Ryder; 985, Weller; 987 and 988, Jay Hoffman; 990, Kubik; 991, DeJaegher; 992, Hartke; 994, Novak; 995, Hicks; 996, Black; 997, Black; 999, DeJaegher; 1001, Jay Hoffman; 1002, Wyvetter Young; 1003, Currie; 1004, 1005 and 1006, McNamara; 1008, Morrow; 1009, Black; 1010, Hannig; 1012, Hultgren; 1013, Novak; 1014, Novak; 1015, Speaker Madigan; 1016, Giglio; 1017, Hasara; 1019, DeJaegher; 1020, Trotter; 1021 through 1025, DeJaegher; 1026, Novak; 1027, DeJaegher; 1028 through 1034, Speaker Madigan; 1036, DeJaegher; 1039 Davis; 1040, Petka; 1041, Matijevich; 1043, '44 and '45 Weller; 1046, DeJaegher; 1047, Ronan; 1048, Currie; 1049, Granberg; 1050, Trotter; 1051, Schoenberg; 1052, Hultgren; 1053, Weller; 1054 and '5, Granberg; 1056 and '7, Woolard; 1058, McNamara; 1059, McGann; 1060, Novak; 1061, Curran; 1062 through 1066, Obrzut; 1068, Richmond; 1069, Hultgren; 1070 through 1079, DeJaegher; 1080, Parke; 1081, Martinez; 1082, Kubik; 1084, DeJaegher; 1085, Marinaro; 1086, Schoenberg; 1087, Weller; 1088, '89 and '90 DeJaegher; 1090 and '91, Weller; 1094, Black; 1095, Stange;

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1096, '97 and '98, DeJaegher; 1099, Matijevich; 1101, Matijevich and House Joint Resolution 80, by B. Pedersen."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijevich moves the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Death Resolutions. Excuse me, Mr. Clerk. Representative Deuchler, for what reason do rise?"

Deuchler: "Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of an announcement of a meeting cleared with Speaker Madigan."

Speaker McPike: "Alright, announce your meeting."

Deuchler: "Pardon me."

Speaker McPike: "Go ahead and announce your meeting."

Deuchler: "Members of the Conference of Women Legislators. Since I've been unable to reach many of you and talk to you in person, I just want you to know that a very important meeting is scheduled above Maldaner's Restaurant at Alice Phillip's apartment tonight. The purpose of the meeting is to meet with Comptroller Dawn Netsch. We want to talk to her about priorities relating to state spending. So it's a very important meeting relating to donated funds, day care checks, and all of those issues that are coming to our attention in our district offices. Please let me know if you're planning to attend. Food will be provided. Six o'clock."

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Clerk, for a Calendar correction."

Clerk O'Brien: "The House Calendar under meetings for Wednesday October 23rd, list the Legislative Audit Commission meeting at 9.00 a.m., Room D-1 in the Stratton Building. That should be corrected to be the Economic and Fiscal Commission meeting October 23, 1991, 9:00 a.m., Room D-1 Stratton Building. That's Economic and Fiscal Commission."

Speaker McPike: "Death Resolutions."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 950, offered by Representative

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LeFlore. House Resolution 953, Trotter; 956 and 957, Johnson; 960, Shaw; 962, Munizzi; 966, Laurino; 980, Johnson; 986, Johnson; 989, Balanoff; 993, Munizzi; 998, Johnson; 1000, Morrow; 1007, Balanoff; 1011, Morrow; 1018, Morrow; 1035, Balanoff; 1037 and '38, Wyvetter Younge; 1042, Anthony Young; 1067, Shaw; 1083, Shaw; 1093, Woolard; 1100, Matijevich; 1102 and 1103, Ryder."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijevich moves the adoption of the Death Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye', oppose 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, the Death Resolutions are adopted. General Resolutions."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution...House Joint Resolution 81, offered by Representative Satterthwaite."

Speaker McPike: "Committee on Assignment. Introduction and First Reading."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Bill 2662, offered by Representative McAfee, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 2663, offered by Representative Manny Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to property taxation. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 2664, offered by Representative Satterthwaite, a Bill for an Act to amend the Counties Code. First Reading of the Bill."

Speaker McPike: "Page two of the Calendar, Senate Bills Third Reading. Representative Brunsvold, Senate Bill 511. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 511, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Brunsvold. The question is, 'Shall this pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. Mr. Black."

Black: "Yes, an inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker?"

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Speaker McPike: "Yes."

Black: "...Action on this Bill will send it to a further Conference Committee?"

Speaker McPike: "...I believe it's a technical Amendment on the Bill that will send it back to the Senate for nonconcurrency and then to a Conference Committee."

Black: "Okay, thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk...Mautino votes 'aye'. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Bill there are 109 'ayes' and no 'nays'. And this Bill having received a...this Bill having received a Three-Fifths Constitutional Majority, Senate Bill 511 is hereby declared passed. Would the Members be in their seats? Would the staff please clear the House floor? All Members. Mr. Hicks. Would the staff clear the floor, would the members please be seated? It's the intent of the Chair to adjourn today on the Death Resolution of a former Member. We will adjourn until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow morning. House Resolution 1104. Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 1104, offered by Representative John Dunn, Mulcahey and others.

WHEREAS, It was with deepest sorrow that the House of Representatives learned of the passing of one of its most gifted and respected members, Representative Richard A. Mautino of Spring Valley; and

WHEREAS, First elected to the House of Representatives in 1975 to represent the citizens of the Thirty-Seventh District in the Seventy-Ninth General Assembly, he was returned successively to office and continued to ably serve the voters of the redistricted Seventy-Fourth District, during which time his devotion to public

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service enlightened colleagues on both sides of the political aisle; and

WHEREAS, Born July 7, 1938, in Spring Valley, Richard Mautino attended Bradley University in Peoria; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mautino served as chairman of the House Insurance Committee, and also served on the Committees on Appropriations I, Elections, Horse Racing, and Registration and Regulation; and

WHEREAS, Richard Mautino was an effective leader for central and downstate Illinois and fought successfully to return taxpayers' dollars to his home area, especially through the Department of Conservation for parks and recreations; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mautino was a highly successful legislator who had the courage of his convictions, never lost his concern for the needs of his constituents, pursued his hallmark one-on-one touch to the very end, and was one of the most popular members ever to serve in the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Richard Mautino took pride in serving his hometown, Spring Valley in Bureau County, where his grandparents settled in 1905, and where his family today continues its leadership in the local business community; and

WHEREAS, Dick Mautino was proud of his Italian heritage, each year attending the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans dinner in Chicago which honored prominent men and women; and

WHEREAS, Dick Mautino was known both at home and the Capital for his trademark lapel pin, consisting of two small flags, Italian and American, a lapel pin he offered to his many friends, symbolizing the honor in which he held both his old country and his new; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Mautino's outgoing nature and warm humor personified the inner man and he radiated the strength and happiness he derived from the loving family life he shared with his wife Joan and their children, Julie, Rich, and Frank, from his spiritual growth nurtured by Saint Anthony's Catholic Church of Spring Valley, and from his sincere commitment to friends and community; therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mark with profound sadness the death of one of our most esteemed brothers, Representative Richard A. Mautino and that we extend our most heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to his widow, Mrs. Joan Mautino; and be it further

RESOLVED, That as a further mark of our respect, upon the adoption of this Resolution the House does stand adjourned."

Speaker McPike: "On the Resolution Representative John Dunn."

Dunn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Back in 1972 George McGovern was running for President on the Democratic ticket, Richard Nixon on the Republican ticket. It seems like a terribly long time ago and for many of you, you're probably so young you can't remember back that far. That year Rich Mautino ran for the Illinois Senate and didn't make it. He was discouraged after that election loss and about to give up on politics so I understand. I didn't know him at the time. But then the Gentleman who swore in his son today, Appellate Judge Tobias Barry a Member of the House of Representatives at the time, decided to run for Appellate Judge, created a vacancy and Toby Barry called Rich Mautino and talked to

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him about the good job he had done in the earlier campaign and said, 'why don't you make a race of it for the House?' Rich Mautino ran for the House in the 1974 election and he was a 'watergate baby' between 1972 and 1974. Richard Nixon fell into disgrace, resigned the presidency, and in the backlash of that emotional turmoil, Democrats were elected at all levels all across this country, and there's still a number of Members of the United States Congress who came in in 1974 as 'watergate babies.' There were 101 Democrats elected to the Illinois House that year in 1974 and Rich Mautino's class was a very big class. We've had two reunions the last two years and...we got the Blue Book out and...counted heads, and I don't remember the exact number right now. I think it's 35 or 36 but someone said there were over 40 elected in 1974. There are a number who are still in the room with us today as Members from that class. Representative Richmond, Mulcahey, Helen Satterthwaite, Jesse White, Jane Barnes, Minority Leader Daniels, Wyvetter Younge and myself. And we were joined earlier today by Circuit Judge, Clarence Darrow who may still be in the room and Clarence Darrow is a classmate of ours in the General Assembly as is Joe Lucco who you see around here from time to time, a lobbyist Joe Mudd, in the Senate, Senator O'Daniel, Senator Ted Leverenz, Senator Dick Luft, Bill Marovitz, Cal Schuneman all started with us here in the House. All that seems like a long time ago but for those of us who were there it's memorable, because we walked in here in a big crowd with 101 Democrats, taking only 89 to elect the Speaker. We had plenty of extra votes and we took plenty of time to elect a Speaker. Those of us who were around remember it took three weeks and 93 ballots to elect a Speaker. We fought among ourselves. We had the House as Democrats, we had the Senate as Democrats and Dan

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Walker was Governor, a Democrat. He had a candidate he was interested in, there were other candidates. I won't bore you with the details but it was a memorable occasion and it bonded us together, and those of us who went through that battle, I think became friends and friends for life. We quickly found however, that we were learning fast about the governmental process and I know Rich learned quite quickly. There was a vote and there may be maybe someone around, perhaps the family recalls what the issue was, I don't at the moment. But there was vote a that Rich went against Governor Dan Walker on and...Walker had his patronage people fire all of the state employees in Richs' legislative district that they could find. And I was Rich's seatmate at the time and a message would come in that today three were fired, tomorrow five more were fired, the day after that six or seven were fired, and some of those who did the firing have risen to elected office and...they know who they are and they later became Rich's friends. Rich took the heat for doing that. He came from Spring Valley, his roots were in Spring Valley, and he was loyal to his people...but he didn't come here to be a whimp. He came here to stand up and take the heat and figure out a way to solve problems. Eventually, each of those employees was restored back to the payroll, and Rich Mautino learned a lesson and never to back down and he never did back down. Rich was my seatmate for I think three terms. We were sitting in the back there and we have shared a secretary and office next to each other for the past 12 years, so I have known him quite well. Those of you who aren't new probably can't visualize Rich Mautino chasing a softballs at the practice sessions we use to have, and we use to have a lot of practice sessions for the House/Senate softball game. Rich could shag a fly ball

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with the best of them. We would go out to dinner, we would have a good time, enjoy each others company, but from my standpoint I think the most pleasant and memorable times were late in the evenings because when the office closed down and you had a lot of dictation to do, you could sit there with a dictaphone and get a lot of work done, and we were prone to do that. He was stuck here overnight as many of you are. I lived close by and we would go on home later in the evening, but quite often we would put down the dictaphone and just sit and visit and reminisce and those are some of the times that I think about most kindly and look most favorably upon when I think about my good friend Rich. Rich Mautino didn't have an enemy in this room. I don't think he had an enemy in the rotunda. He played golf with a lot of you. He loved golf. He was gregarious, he was friendly, he was everybodys friend, mine and yours both. I think that the thing we need to focus on today is that we must celebrate the joy of the life of Rich Mautino. A person like him doesn't come along very often, and we're certainly going to miss him here. I didn't think that I could come into this room and look upon the score board and see the name Mautino missing, and I'm sure glad I don't have to do that today. I think we have sworn in a fine young man and Rich would be proud of Frank as he was proud of Rich, proud of Julie, proud of his grandchildren, and of course, especially proud of Joanie. We...we need to keep in mind today that life is precious. Life comes, life goes, and we should celebrate the life of Rich Mautino. I guess what's in my heart is coming out now. As much as I want to celebrate, to tell you the truth I wish with all my heart he was right here with us today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would ask that all Members be added as Sponsors on this Resolution. Thank you."

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Speaker McPike: "Representative Mulcahey."

Mulcahey: "Thank you, Mr Speaker and Members of the House. As John alluded to, Rich and I and many of us were classmates back in 1974, and we have enjoyed each other tremendously over the past seventeen years here in Springfield. I for one was...never one to have the occasion to socialize with Dick outside the Capitol City, but while we were in Springfield we certainly did a lot of it. He was probably my closest friend here in the General Assembly, and we shared many thoughts many ideas many frustrations together. And I recall just about a year and a half ago he was sitting there laid back, and we were in recess, and we started talking about a number of things as we usually do and I said...Mautino I said 'when are you going to run for the Senate?' And he sat up and he looked straight ahead and he got tears in his eyes, something you never ever saw with a big strapping guy like that. I just let him go and finally he answered. He said 'you know, Dick, if I did that, I know and Joan knows and the rest of my family know that I'd be spending every hour of every day on the campaign trail because I would have to do it right.' Shortly after that we talked and he said, 'you know, Dick, I think I've had enough down here. I'm getting tired, I've worked hard. He said, 'sometimes I think about just calling it quits and going back home and running my business and taking it easy.' Well, I shared his thoughts and we shared a lot of thoughts down here. 'M-wing, where Dunn, myself and formerly Darrow and a lot of other people, are and were, was never a dull moment. Was never a dull moment. And I think the secretaries could attest to that. There was plenty of laughter, plenty of hard work. And I can remember walking in M-wing after we adjourned to see Dick there talking, dictating letters back to his district

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long after people went home he was still answering and working for his district. He has been called a hard worker and he was. He has been called dedicated. He was. He's one of a kind, he was. He was a colleague, but more importantly, to me he was a friend."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Tom Homer."

Homer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I came here to this Body elected in 1982 and was with a large class that was sworn in in '83. I remember I sat over here to the left with Representative Brunsvold and Representative DeJaegher, and my staff person at that time was a guy named Paul Colgan who had been assigned to me during the election and was the person whose advice I valued to get. And he said to me, 'you know, have you given any thought about whose vote you might want to monitor here?', and I said 'what do you mean?' He said, 'well, I mean you're a downstater from a pretty conservative district in Central Illinois. Have you thought about what veteran in here you should watch?' And I said, 'no I hadn't really.' And he said, 'well I'll tell you, it's Dick Mautino.' And he said, 'if you have a question about a vote on a Bill that you're not sure of, check and see how Mautino voted.' And I took that advice to heart, and in fact I never gave that advice up, because through the very end my eyes glanced at the board...most often it was to see what Mautino was doing. And that's the kind of respect that I and I think most everyone here had for this man. He not only led us in that way but he used to come over oftentimes and when something was being called and huddle us together and put a group of us together and caution us, forewarn us about the pitfalls, and I don't know how many times he saved me and others from making errors here. I don't know how we're going to replace that because he...he's certainly

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a void. I remember in my first year getting a call from a former English teacher and she was kind of hysterical. I'd had her in high school. And she said, 'Tom they just cut...I have a son-in-law that lives up in the Bureau County area and they just...he's a state employee and you guys just voted, I'm told by him, to cut his salary to \$1 a year.' And I said, 'Oh, Mrs. Churchill, we...I'm sure we didn't do that.' I said...she said 'there's a Representative Mautino, he says, that had something to do with this.' And I said, 'well listen, I'll call you back, I'm sure that didn't happen.' So I went back and I talked to Dick and I said, 'Dick, this lady...this English teacher must be getting a little senile, she said we just voted to cut somebody's salary to \$1 a year.' And he mentioned the guys name, and I said, 'yeah.' I said, 'what's that about?' He said, 'We did.' And I said, 'when did we do that?' He said, 'I just put on an Amendment on Second Reading.' And I said, 'how did I vote?' He said, 'you voted for it.' And I said, 'how am I going to explain to my English teacher I just voted to cut her...you know she was a favorite English teacher, cut her son-in-law's salary to \$1 a year?' He said, 'well, you know, let me tell something.' He said, 'that guy was a state employee in my area and I have a constituent that has a very difficult problem, and I've made three phone calls to that person and he hasn't returned my call.' And I said, 'she wants to know what he can do to get his salary back.' He said, 'very simple, tell her to have him return my call.' So I went back and called Mrs. Churchill and I said I have a suggestion, I just talked to Representative Mautino and I think that your son-in-law ought to return his call. And I think the point of that story is that Dick Mautino would spend as much time here fighting for the interests of the

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individual constituent in his district as he would for any issue that might bring him any fame or publicity. That was the kind of individual that he was and he was willing to slug it out and fight for the rights of the people in his district. He'll be very much missed, and as a downstater, we have been meeting as...this last year with a downstate caucus, and although we didn't appoint anybody as our official designee or chairman, there was little doubt among us as to who our real leader was and that was Dick Mautino. He'll be gravely missed. We're happy, very much so, to have Frank with us, because we know he's of the same stock and he'll be also a valued Member of this chamber. So to Frank and to Joan and all of the Mautino family, we give our sincere and deep condolences and God's blessings on you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Pullen."

Pullen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Our new colleague said a little while ago that he had been told by many here that his father's service showed that one voice can make a difference. Representative, that wasn't people just talking, making you want to feel good, when it comes to Dick Mautino that was really true. Coming to Session this week everyone's been somewhat excited to come back although not wanting to leave home, and we come in and we are confronted with the reminder that he's not here any more. And it's just very hard to believe. Dick Mautino was a man of great talent. I think he's one of the most talented people that has ever served in this House, at least from this persons perspective. We've had many Death Resolutions of former Members during this year. I've been here quite a few years, and I don't remember any year that we've had quite as many. And several of them have been people that I have known, and each one has given each of us

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some pain but this one has to top them all, for he was just with us in July. And it's not just that his passing comes while he still served as a Member, it's that it's Dick Mautino. He was indeed a fighter, he fought for causes and for people and for principles. He fought to make this House a better place to serve in and he always came away from those fights with his self-respect and I never knew him to bear a grudge from any of those fights or anything else. He was a fine man. And I know we will all remember him with great fondness, as we welcome the opportunity to get to know the younger generation of Mautinos' better. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Bill Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Adlai Stevenson was once asked to comment about a man who had passed away most unexpectedly and his analysis was this: 'It is not the years in a life that count, it's the life in the years.' And Dick Mautino has been taken from us to our abiding sorrow, yet I'd like to speak briefly of a man who filled his years with life. Dick Mautino was the kind of a man who was comfortable wherever he went and with whomever he was with. Whatever the circumstances, whoever the people, Dick Mautino met the situation and the people with an enthusiasm, a concern, an energy, a vitality and a positive attitude that could not help but affect everyone that he was with. And his legislative record, I think you will agree, is testimony to that ability. I came to know Dick Mautino as a person of intelligence and integrity who was always eager to help and offer advice to a freshman Representative, and I shall always be grateful for his help. And if Dick gave his word, that said it all. You know, in this deliberative Body we often become slaves of words. And all too often

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they are all we have to express the wordless feelings that fill our minds and our hearts today. Yes, words are often all we have and yet at times such as this they are simply not enough. I express my profound sorrow to Dick's family. All of our lives shall be emptier for his absence because they were made more full by his presence. Dick Mautino's memory is one that I hope each of us will inscribe on and in our own minds. And it should be a memory in which the vital, intelligent, warm and humane person we all knew, will live forever. As we proceed through what could be a raucous Veto Session and a rough and tumble election year, let us resolve to keep the spirit of Dick Mautino alive, and let's try to use it as a guide as we proceed, for he represents to me what is good and what is noble about public service. He did his job, he did it well, and I shall truly miss him."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Larry Hicks."

Hicks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. You know, this morning I came in and I was, as I sometimes am, come directly to a meeting rather than going to my office, and I had to go to a JCAR meeting and then very quickly went to the downstate caucus meeting. And by whatever chance it may be, there was only one open chair sitting at the table at the downstate caucus and it was next to Frank Mautino. And it somewhat reminded me of 10 years ago when Tommy and I came to the House along with 32 others. We were picking seats out, and when we were picking seats out of course there were no seats in the back row left. But the people that who were trying to guide me at the time said, 'Larry, you know, in the back row there happens to be a place that sets next to Ted Leverenz and Dick Mautino, but the Gentleman who already is there has a lot more seniority than you do, but he's not here today.

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And so Doug Huff somehow got moved to the front and I got to sit in the back next to Dick Mautino and Ted Leverenz in my first year here. I don't quite know how that happened but it worked out. And it worked out solely to my advantage because of a development of a relationship with people that you truly care about and how many people in here I've heard mention that Dick Mautino was the best friend they had here. And what a tribute because certainly, I've said it in many meetings and many places, that Dick Mautino also was my very best friend here in Springfield. And I truly treasured that friendship and that relationship so much so, that also this morning after the downstate caucus meeting Frank and I went to my office, and I hadn't been there yet as like many of you I had stacks of mail, but also sitting in the middle of my desk was a little note from my secretary wishing me happy bosses day. And it happened to be on top of a picture of Dick Mautino and myself and her at my golf outing this year that she'd had blown up for me because she knew how important that would be to me and how much I treasured that relationship. Dick Mautino was the very best of friends to most of us in this room. You can't ask for a nicer human being and that's the way I have to say Dick Mautino truly was a human being, a wonderful human being, and I cherish that relationship the rest of my life as most of you also will. And certainly I look forward to a relationship with Frank and continued relationship with the family, but, Dick, I love you and I miss you...we all do. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Tom Ryder."

Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I join with my colleagues to offer condolences to a family who has lost a great man, to offer them a simple celebration of life that Dick Mautino meant to all of us and to say that this is a lesser place

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for his passing and a better place for his presence. Words are inadequate to express what we feel for the man that we miss. We thank the Mautino family for sharing this man with us during the time that he was here. Now with the indulgence of the Chair I would indicate that the speak light's inoperable for the Minority Leader and would ask the Chair to recognize him as well?"

Speaker McPike: "Thank you, Representative Farley."

Farley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I served 17 years with Dick Mautino and we shared a statement together, and that statement was we'd been in the hall together. The incident that Representative Dunn was referring to was an incident that Dick Mautino and I shared because we went in the hall together on a proposal offered by then the Governor, that Dick Mautino didn't agree with. And it's as Representative Dunn explained, people in Dick's district were being fired in wholesale numbers. And we went in the hall, and I said 'Dick what's the problem?' And he goes, 'well this is happening, this happening and this is happening.' I said, 'well I'm with you. This is important to you in your district, I'm not going to go into that committee and vote for this program unless it's okay with you.' Well the Majority Leader at that time came over and tried to convince us to go back in and some other people came over and convinced us to go back in, but we just kind of stayed out in the hall and went in an office and made some phone calls and people called him and after about an hour we went back in, and I could have been the deciding vote in that committee because there was a margin of two but I didn't. I said, 'Dick...' I said, 'you...' and this was his first term, his first year and I said, 'you might want to explain your vote and make it conditional', and he did and the program came out of

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committee and...and it subsequently died. But at that time it was a program that was important to the Governor. So Dick and I always shared that story that we'd been in the hall together. And I'll never forget Dick Mautino for not only being my friend but working with me on legislation throughout the years. We both had a great deal of interest in park district legislation for the State of Illinois. And Dick Mautino was a leader, a definite leader in this chamber. I don't think that there's anybody that ever had anything bad to say about Dick Mautino, nothing but praise for Dick Mautino. You could go to Dick Mautino and ask him to help you on your legislation, and he would tell you yes or if he could help you he'd say, 'and not only can I vote for it, I'm going to help you with it.' That's the kind of leader that Dick Mautino was. I, too, offer my condolences to the family, to the friends, and to all of us who are going to miss a great friend, a great leader. The people of the State of Illinois have lost a champion as we have here, and I too would like to be added to the Resolution, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "Minority Leader, Lee Daniels."

Daniels: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I started with Dick Mautino in 1974 and quickly became a friend of his. And when we were to talk about legislation at the very beginning I found out that this man really truly had an interest in good quality legislation. But more so than that, we were able to cut through the political implications of all matters and to deal with what I think to be the major quality of this institution and that's friendship, respect for each other and respect for a human being. I attended Dick's funeral and watched the many many people from his home community with the outpouring of sympathy, understanding, and care and

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compassion not only for the loss of Dick but also for his family, and watched the respect that this man had generated in his district and grew to understand that we had in our midst, yes truly, as so many have said today, a real leader amongst men and women in the General Assembly. Those of us on this side of the aisle will miss his smile, his refreshing approach and yes his many many times nonpartisan approach to good quality legislation, his strong voice for what he believed in, but above all his care and compassion for his human being. To his wife Joan and to his son Frank, our new Representative Frank Mautino, our hearts go out to you for what you are losing and have lost. Please understand for all of us that have worked with him and shared his time, we have been enriched by that as has this institution. Thank you for sharing him with us."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Jane Barnes."

Barnes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was privileged to be of the class that Dick Mautino entered this General Assembly, and after a few years I was appointed by Speaker Lee Daniels to be the first Republican woman spokesman on Appropriations, and it was the team of Leverenz and Mautino, and someone said, 'you're really going to have a tough time in there Jane.' And I said, 'don't count on it, those are my buddies.' We entered together, and I think those were the most memorable years that I have been here in the General Assembly, because those two fellows really treated me fairly. Sometimes they asked me tough questions on the House floor, but that was the fun of it. And for those of you that didn't have the privilege of going to the wake, you never saw so many people stand around a church for hours waiting to get in and pay their respects and to hear all the heartwarming things they had to say about Dick Mautino. We aren't the only ones that loved him. Spring

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Valley loved him, and they will miss him as we do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to tell you some other places that Dick Mautino's going to be missed. He's going to be missed in some duck blinds in Utica, he's going to be missed in some goose pits in Marion, and he's going to be missed in many fields hunting pheasants. I had the privilege, and I mean the absolute privilege, of spending many many hours in a duck blind with Dick Mautino, many hours in a goose pit, many hour walking fields pheasant hunting as did some of the other Members of this House, Representative Farley, Representative Brunsvold, I know the Speaker himself. He's going to be missed. I know the trips that we'll be taking this Fall, Dick was always there. A great avid outdoorsman, a sportsman, and I thank God for the privilege of having spent many hours hunting with Dick. He loved it. He loved the outdoors, and I'll tell you what, in a lot of duck blinds, in the goose pits, and in the open fields this year, I know that myself and other Members of this House will be thinking of Dick Mautino and what a wonderful man he was. And we're all going to miss him and my condolences to the family."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Ropp."

Ropp: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Thirteen years ago as a freshman sitting in the front row, Dick Mautino had a Bill that he wanted passed and truly come down to lobby for it. It was the first activity we had ever had with someone who wanted to lobby, and to think that it was someone from the other side of the aisle, that to me was a real outstanding individual. And I've always thought an awful lot of Dick because of that. There is a

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saying that goes; 'To start something so big that it will take others decades to finish is mans noblest deed.' This man fit in that category. Truly, Ladies and Gentlemen, this chamber, this state and the district in which he lived was a better place because of his existence and his activity. We express our sadness to the family. God bless them, and we'll always remember the good work of Dick Mautino."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Walsh."

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Joan, Frank. I, too, am expressing my concern and relationship to Dick. He was without a doubt a person who had total concern for his fellow man. One thing that we had talked about on numerous occasions was the fact of what a certain piece of legislation would do, and he brought out various points of concern that he had and they were just always the points as far as the legislative area was concerned. But I think again, as has been mentioned here, the fact of his concern for his constituents and his work with them was outstanding and aboveboard in every degree, and I too wish to be added to this Resolution."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Kulas."

Kulas: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I sat next to Dick Mautino since the first time I stepped foot in these chambers thirteen years ago. Dick Mautino was my friend, he was my mentor. I came in during mid Session. I had no freshman orientation. I didn't know what was going on. I didn't know how to read a Calendar, how to look at a Bill or anything else. Dick taught me everything that he knew, and I learned a lot from Dick. But the one thing, Dick Mautino was a diamond in the rough, he brought a certain sparkle to this chamber especially when he wore that great big white shirt which I use to call his 'muu muu' shirt. He really

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brought a sparkle to this chamber. He brought a sparkle to everything that he touched, and I think all the people in the State of Illinois will miss Dick Mautino."

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Clerk, add all the Members of the General Assembly as Cosponsors to the Resolution. The question is, 'Shall this Resolution be adopted?' All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted and the House stands adjourned. Representative Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Just a reminder. The Rules Committee will meet at 2:00 p.m. in Room 114."

Speaker McPike: "Thank you."

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