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Speaker Hannig: "The hour of 2 o'clock having arrived, would the Members please be in their seats. And we shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Robert Rasmus of the St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Urbana, Illinois. Pastor Rasmus is the guest of Representative Jakobsson. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, to turn off your cell phone and pagers and to rise as we begin with our prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Rasmus: "Let us pray. Oh God of every time and place, we thank You that You have called us together and we pray that Your spirit would be with us in this time and in this place as we take up our work today. Lord, we ask Your blessing on our Governor and his staff, on the leaders of this Assembly, on all who serve in the public endeavor. Through these few are channeled the voices of the many. There is difficult work before them, Lord, and they will be called to make decisions that will bear on the lives of many. So be with them, Oh God, when they face the necessary choices that may not satisfy the needs of all. In those times give them the vision to do the right, the compassion to do the merciful, the courage to do the just, and the wisdom to be fair. And lead us all to a greater understanding that through these laws and this process, through these regulations, through this sometimes complex and frustrating process that we bear hope and ensure freedom and seek peace and struggle for reconciliation and strive for justice. Even as we bear this burden of public service, may we be humbled by the privilege. And so, Oh

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God, we put this day, this work and these good people in Your hands, trusting in Your grace and love and deferring to Your wisdom. Grant them today a full measure of Your grace. Hear our prayers for we lift them to You in Your holy and eternal name. Amen."

Speaker Hannig: "And we will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Connie Howard."

Howard - 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 Hannig: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie on excused absences."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Representative Burke, of course, is excused today and I know all the Members of the House would wish to join me in sending condolences to him and to his family on their recent tragic loss. Also excused are Representatives Delgado, Jones, Joyce, and Mendoza."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost, are there any excused absences on your side of the aisle?"

Bost: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have Parke and Pihos need to be excused today on the Republican side of the aisle."

Speaker Hannig: "And this record will so reflect. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 109 Members answering the Roll Call. And a quorum is present. Committee Reports."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel and Pensions, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 3, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 378. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 3, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'direct floor consideration' for House Bill House Bill 3553, which is referred to the Order of Concurrence and House Resolution 497, which is referred to the Order of Resolutions."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, would you read the Agreed Resolutions?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 630, offered by Representative Boland. House Resolution 631, offered by Representative Davis, Monique Davis. House Resolution 634, offered by Representative Kenneth Dunkin. House Resolution 637, offered by Representative Jones. House Resolution 638, offered by Representative Howard. House Resolution 639, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons. House Resolution 640, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 641, offered by Representative Jones. House Resolution 642, offered by Representative Kelly. House Resolution 644, offered by Representative Madigan. House Resolution 645, offered by Representative Krause. And House Resolution 646, offered by Representative Granberg."

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Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, there's been a request that Resolution 639 be read to the Members. Could we have the attention of the Body, please, as the Clerk prepares to read this Resolution? Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 639, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons.

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Richard "Dick" Lockhart, lobbyist and founder of Social Engineering Associates, Inc., has recently celebrated his 80th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockhart was born in Lima, Ohio, on January 20, 1924; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockhart enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943, volunteering for infantry duty; he was assigned to the European Theatre, where he was held as a prisoner of war in 1945; he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and was honorably discharged from service on December 12, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockhart continued his education at Northwestern University Evening School in 1946; he married Dorothy Phelps in 1948 and they have raised their children together, including their daughter and son, Lisa Louise and David Douglas; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Lockhart formed Social Engineering Associates, Inc. on September 15, 1958, in Chicago; he helped guide the successful referenda calling for Illinois' 3rd Constitutional Convention in 1968 and served as special consultant to the President of the Constitutional Convention; he was later retained for the successful referendum adopting the proposed Constitution in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockhart was designated by the Chicago Sun Times as being one of the "Ten Best Lobbyists in Illinois", was elected Speaker of the Illinois Third House in 1980, and was credentialed to cover every Democratic and Republican National Convention between 1964 and 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockhart has authored and published several works including "The Illinois Political Reporter", the article on Illinois for "The Encyclopedia Britannica" in 1974, "The Legislative Process and the Pursuit of Virtue", and "Words Wise and Otherwise", among others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockhart has shown benevolence and humanity through his donations to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, The Illinois State Library, and the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockhart has entered his 45th year as a professional lobbyist; therefore be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we hereby extend our best wishes to Richard "Dick" Lockhart on the occasion of his 80th birthday and commend him for his years of dedication to the people of the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Richard "Dick" Lockhart as an expression of our esteem."

Speaker Hannig: "And on the Resolution, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Speaker, I know it's our first day back here and I'm the first person to be privileged to take to the microphone on a Resolution. But, if I could just have a moment of your attention, Ladies and Gentlemen, we are... shhh, the old Chuck Hartke trick, just for one minute, two minutes of your attention. We're privileged today to honor a lobbyist here that everybody in this Assembly knows and respects and thinks the world of. Dick Lockhart, Ladies and Gentlemen, who just celebrated his 80th birthday earlier in January is celebrating 45 years as a lobbyist. Dick's up in the gallery. We'll have a reception for him tonight at the Sangamo Club. But I think I speak for all of us and, I... Mr. Speaker, I'd like all of us added as cosponsors to this Resolution to honor and to recognize somebody who does an outstanding job and we're privileged to call him friend. Congratulations, Dick Lockhart."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Daniels."

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Daniels: "There's only two people in this chamber that have been here longer than I have been. I've never met a greater man, a more competent man or a man that stands for his profession in such an honorable fashion as Dick Lockhart does. Dick Lockhart, happy birthday to you, many, many more years to come and thank you for sharing with us all your talents.

Speaker Hannig: "All those in favor of the Agreed Resolutions say, 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Could I ask all the staff from both sides of the aisle to please retire to the rear of the chamber. We're going to ask the Clerk to read a Death Resolution. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Resolution 633?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 633, offered by Representative Cross.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with deep regret of the death of their colleague, State Representative David Wirsing of Sycamore, on Sunday, November 16, 2003; and

WHEREAS, David Arnold Wirsing was born on August 5, 1937 to Wayne and Gladys (Hegberg) Wirsing; he was raised on the family farm near Sycamore and graduated from Sycamore High School; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wirsing served in the U.S. Army both on active duty and in the reserves, from 1957 to 1964; he

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married Nancy Hardesty on March 5, 1960; in 1963, he took over ownership and operation of the Wirsing Pork Finishing Farm; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wirsing was very active in promoting pork production and served as Vice-President of the Illinois Pork Producers Association in 1982 and President in 1984; in 1988, he became Chairman of the Illinois Pork PAC, a post he held until 1992; he was elected to the Sycamore School Board in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wirsing was in his sixth term representing the 70th Legislative District; he was active in working on behalf of Northern Illinois University and the people of DeKalb and Sycamore; he was the minority spokesman for the Higher Education Committee and a member of the House Elementary and Secondary Appropriations Committee; he also served on the House Executive and Labor Committees; and

WHEREAS, When entering the House Floor from the Republican side, Representative Wirsing was the first face in view, and he always had a smile; staff and other members frequently stopped by his desk on the Floor to visit and partake of his ever-present basket of orange slices; he was known as everybody's "grandpa", yet he had a youthful exuberance and a wry sense of humor; he distinguished



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himself as a fair-minded, effective, and respected legislator; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wirsing was a member of Congressman Dennis Hastert's Agricultural Advisory Committee, the organizer and Chairman of the Sycamore Youth Council on Street Gang Issues, a member of the Northern FS Board of Directors, a past 4-H leader, a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, a member of the University of Illinois China Hog Research Committee, a member of the Western Illinois University Swine Research Committee, a member of the Legislative Information Advisory Committee for the Illinois Association of School Boards, the Secretary of the Coon Creek Drainage District Board, and the past President of the DeKalb Toastmasters Club; he was a member of Sycamore United Methodist Church, a founding member of the Sycamore Education Foundation, a member of Charter Grove Grange, and a former board member of the Kane County Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wirsing was the recipient of the Friend of Agriculture award given by the Illinois Agriculture Association and the Guardian of Small Business award given by the Illinois Federation of Independent Businessmen; he received recognition from the Illinois Bankers Association in 2002, and was given the Friend of the Child award from the Children's Learning Center in DeKalb in 2000 and 2001; he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Northern Illinois University Alumni

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Association in 2001, and in 2000, he was the recipient of the Dedicated Service Award from Safe Passage, a domestic violence shelter for women and children; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wirsing was honored by the City of Sycamore in appreciation of his continuing generous support in 2001, by 4-H for his support of the 4-H Blue Ribbon Sale, and in 2003 by Waubensee Community College as a distinguished contributor; he received the Day Care Action Council of Illinois' Action for Illinois Children award in 2001; he was recognized by the Ogle County Senior Services, Inc. in June of 1999 for his outstanding service and dedication to older Americans and was given a Main Street DeKalb Certificate of Appreciation in 2003; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Representative Wirsing has been most deeply felt by those who supported him throughout both his public and private career, especially his wife, Nancy; his sons, Mark (wife Elizabeth) and Steven; his daughters, Angela Mecklenburg (husband Tom) and Susan Rankin (husband Scot); his grandchildren, Clint, Jasmine, Karly, and Melina Mecklenburg, Emma and Andrew Rankin, Scott, Jeff, and Rachel Wirsing, and Wesley and Justin Parker; his mother, Gladys Wirsing; his brother Ron (wife Marcia); his sisters, Carol Larson (husband Ray) and Kay Schrader (husband Barry); his sister-in-law, Lucille Wirsing; and his several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of State Representative David Wirsing, a progressive farm leader who served the citizens of the 70th Legislative District with honor and distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Representative David Wirsing as an expression of our deepest condolences during their time of bereavement."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Cross moves for the adoption of the Resolution and on the question, Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. You know, whenever I first came here, in my first two years I wasn't in the H-wing, but my next term I was moved to the H-wing in the Stratton Building. And every morning there was always a race to see which one of the two farmers and the one old truck driver who would get through the door first, but then whenever it was said and done, we'd go downstairs and share breakfast before anybody else got here. One of those farmers was Ron Lawfer who's up in the gallery today and the other, Dave Wirsing. You could always depend on him being there. You could always depend on the good jokes we'd have in the morning to try to lighten up the day before it started. And yeah, we'd talk about politics, too, but it was always put in perspective, with our family and our friends in our own home districts. David was

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always around to give advice and input and he always was able to also say he was one of the older guys around so he had a lot more information than the rest of us who were younger. I always loved the jokes he'd tell and the friendship that we shared. When you become wingmates and kinda friends in that aspect, you see a lot more of each other's friends and families and develop a closeness. David always had a unique way of speaking with his hands and I don't know how we can replace the friendship, all we can do is hold on to it and remember it, because in the realm of all the things that we deal with around here, David was a great friend. And to the family, I wanna say thank you for sharing him with us and thank you for sharing him with the State of Illinois. He was a lover of life and a lover of people and we all loved him very much and he'll be dearly missed."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Bost. Representative Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the district next to David's and the first political fundraiser I ever went to was Dave Wirsing's. My wife and I drove over to Sycamore and went to a kind of a western dance-like thing and Dave looked at me and smiled and talked a little bit and he says, 'Well, we'll know in the next couple weeks if you really have the fire in the belly.' I had no idea what he was talkin' about, but maybe it was heartburn from the barbecue. I learned quickly and he was always there for advice and help. He'd been down here two years before I

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ran. Dave knew education very well and we had many, many discussions about the way to fund education, the role of the state board, the role of the local boards, higher ed and how this all played together. As a former superintendent, I relished those conversations and the wisdom that Dave gave. He truly loved his job. He truly loved serving the people of his district and to those that were able to make it to the celebration of his life, you know how well he was liked. It was a tremendous, tremendous tribute to Dave. Many, many of you made that journey from both sides of the aisle and it was really heartwarming to see how many friends Dave has. We're gonna miss him, we're gonna miss his jokes, we're gonna miss the time that we shared together. I truly also wanted to join Mike in thanking the family for allowing David to share his wisdom with all of us. He can never be replaced, but we will always hold him in our hearts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Mitchell. Representative Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I reflect back on my freshman year as a State Representative, it is now obvious to me that Leader Cross recognized that I needed more than the average amount of mentoring, so he put me beside Representative Wirsing. To say that that was a privilege and an honor would be an absolute understatement. I can't begin to think of the number of times that an issue would be debated on the floor and David and I would be discussing

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the issue and he would notice me getting a little upset and I would be reaching up to push my speak button and he'd grab me and 'Now, now, just a minute, let's talk about this.', he would say. And he would share with me the wisdom of not only his many years on this earth, but his many good years as a Representative for the 70th District and he would give me the insight of his years of experience and of course, all of the things that he had accomplished through his life, but never in a boastful way and make me see things in a more proper light. I feel not only have I lost a great mentor, I have lost a great friend as every one of us in this Body has. And I truly want to join Representative Mitchell and Representative Bost in thanking Nancy and the family for allowing David to serve not only the good people of the 70th District, but to be the fondly-loved, greatly-respected man of honor, Mr. David Wirsing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative. The Majority Leader, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Dave Wirsing gave a great deal to this institution, to the people who sent him to us and to people all across the State of Illinois. As a Legislator, he was a generalist, a hardworking generalist, who won accolades from the people who care about child care and the people who care about victims of domestic violence. But he specialized, too. He knew agriculture in and out and his service on the Committee on Higher Education was without peer. Dave

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Wirsing came here not to fight the partisan battle, not to stand for regionalism, he crossed those divides. He worked well with people from other parts of the state, with people of both political parties because he understood that his job was to solve the problems that faced the citizens of this great state. Solve them, he did. Dave Wirsing was a man of gentle humor, he was a man of gentle grace. He gave a great deal to each and every one of us and we will miss him."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Currie. And now, Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It certainly is a privilege for me to be in the same class that started out together here in the General Assembly and next door to him on the H-wing of the Stratton and we continued that during our whole duration of service here. I'll certainly second all those kind comments that have been made by our other colleagues. You know, I think, one of the things I'd point out is that Dave Wirsing, Representative Wirsing, was an eloquent voice for agriculture and for education, none finer and he took those obligations extremely serious. He certainly was a friend to all. He set a standard, a very high standard, for honesty and integrity in government. If everyone approached the political process like David Wirsing, we wouldn't even need new ethics legislation because it was automatic, that was part of his character. He didn't need a law to tell you that do certain things that way. His

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sense of humor was always there and I know we all enjoyed that and we hadn't been... it was our, I think, it was the first week or two we'd been down here and he said, 'I gotta tell ya about something that happened at home.', and I thought it was probably a really good thing. He'd been down to pick up some office mail, went down to the post office and had met several other people in the community on the steps of the post office and that was before we all had cell phones and he got back to his car and he had locked himself out. After he'd said goodbye to all those people, see ya later, you know. So, he said, it's kind of embarrassing to have to walk back up and way... why you comin' back. Well, he had locked his keys in his car. Now, he could always laugh at himself and make sure that you didn't take yourself too serious, have fun, sure, but keep things in perspective. I think, as we reflect on Representative Wirsing, I think of him all these things said, a friend, a serious Legislator, but yet one that could take time and laugh. But he really became a rock, a foundation, for the rest of us. Really, a moral compass for the direction that we all should be headed. We appreciate that. We thank Representative Wirsing for his service. We thank his family for sharing him and he will truly be missed. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Moffitt. And now, Representative Slone is recognized."

Slone: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Representative Wirsing was a Legislator who came to



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my attention first, in my first term, when we were working on the hog farm legislation and he was kind enough to give me a number of lessons in the reality of what that truly involved. We worked together in subsequent years on development and smart-growth type legislation. He was very concerned about issues like farmland loss. Most recently, I had the opportunity to work with him on the Higher Education-Appropriations Committee and to be with him last fall on my first visit to Northern Illinois University which was absolutely an institution, the greatest pride for him. He was passionate about everything that the university was accomplishing and protecting the university's ability to continue to accomplish those things. So, in addition to the loss that we all experience in losing Dave's perspective here in this chamber, I know I will always remember him fondly as a great Gentleman and tremendously knowledgeable and dedicated as a Member of this chamber. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Slone. And now, we'll recognize Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen and family members of Dave. I always thought I had big feet until I was appointed to fill Dave's seat for the remainder of his term. He left some very big feet to fill and as I move around the 70th District, I find out how much people there appreciated him as you have expressed appreciation here. Dave Wirsing was a Gentleman that seemed to be a generalist, but he also answered the calling of serving in

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this House. He was a man that was very well suited to listening to his constituents and then representing them on this floor. I know from all of us back in the district, we appreciate the opportunity to have him work with you in moving major pieces of legislation and solving issues that were important to our district, as well. I think that it's important to talk about how loving he was, how kind he was, and how humorous he was. I have been a supporter of his during his six runs at this House and I think every election time he would always tell about his first days on this floor. In fact, his first days turned into a year where he says with humor, it took him almost a year to find out where the men's room was. But I think all of you know that Dave found his way around this Capitol very well and that he served his district well. And I think, on behalf of the constituents of the 70th District, we are honored that he could serve here and work with you and serve the State of Illinois. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Pritchard. And to close Representative Cross is recognized."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's, I know, a tough day for Members on our side of the aisle and I listened to our... my colleagues, our colleagues, and they said so many good and appropriate things about our friend David. Jim Sacia is a testament to his friendship and then what he said about David, to give you an idea of how much he thought of David, he's asked if he could have his seat. He wants to sit there 'cause I know that relationship that developed over

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that past year was a strong one and a real one and Jim thought the world of David and Mark and Steven and Susan are here with me, I think that's a good sign of what Jim Sacia wanted because he thought so much of your dad and so many of us did. I do have to tell ya, Mr. Speaker, just on a lighter note, I look at the... on the Resolution, he received a Friend of Agriculture award. It could probably be amended and I have to tell a quick story that... and Dave enjoyed this story. When I first came down here, I was elected from a... at that time, a largely rural area. Kendall County, at that time, didn't have all the rooftops it has now and it was primarily agricultural. Well, the members of the agricultural community were suspect of a Methodist minister's son 'cause they didn't think he knew anything about farming and they were right. And so... and I didn't know a whole lot about the Farm Bureau, but I realized I probably oughta be careful of how I vote. So, I went up to David and excuse me, guys, I never really called him David, I just said Wirsing all the time, but I go up to Dave, I said, how do I vote on a couple Bills? Well, I soon realized that all I needed to do was look up on that board and I would just follow him on every agricultural vote. Well, after the first year, we're home for the summer, I get a call from the Farm Bureau and they brought an award for me and said I won the Friend of Ag award. Well, I had no idea why I won it. They said, well, you had a hundred percent voting record. Well, I had a hundred percent voting record 'cause I voted the same way your dad

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did on every single Bill. So, he... and then I did that for the next ten years, so he always asked me when he was gonna get his award back from me because the truth is I did follow his lead and I'd follow you, occasionally, Ron Lawfer 'cause your votes are pretty good on agricultural issues. But... and Dave enjoyed that. I think that and unfortunately it takes today, days like this that we reflect. But I... the beauty of this chamber is that we have so many opportunities to learn. Certainly, we have opportunities to learn when Bills are filed and we debate and we argue public policy, but we have opportunities to learn and grow because of the relationships that develop throughout this chamber. Whether you're from downstate or you're from the City of Chicago, you're African American, you're white, you're Hispanic, these tremendous relationships develop throughout this process and they're wonderful relationships. Little did I know 12 years ago when I got here, again, as I said, the son of a Methodist minister who had lived in north Alabama and the south side of Chicago, would develop a relationship with an individual who had been in the... you know, Methodist ministers we moved around all the time. Dave Wirsing had been in DeKalb almost all his life except the times he was in the Army. All his life except the time he was in the Army. He had been a farmer. But he and I have spent some time and I have to say over the last three or four years we got to know each other better. But we had a... we developed a good friendship and I would never have had that type of

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friendship if I wasn't in this General Assembly. And I... as I got to know Dave and as I got to know him over those years and I even heard things about David at his funeral and the celebration of his life, as Jerry Mitchell talked about it. It was clear that Dave Wirsing was a guy that loved not only his community, he loved all the things about DeKalb County. He loved his church. He loved his family. And he loved this institution. He loved this institution with a great deal of... a great deal of love and he liked working with both sides of the aisle. When I talked to Speaker Madigan the night that David passed away, Speaker Madigan said, 'You know, Dave Wirsing always used to come up and talk to me.', and he said, 'I always enjoyed that. He would step up on the podium and talk to me.', and he said, 'I always enjoyed that that he was... he was someone that was willing to cross the aisle and come over to the Democrat side.' The other thing about David is that he recognized this opportunity to learn that we all should take advantage of. Here's a guy that came down to the Illinois General Assembly that was known as the pork producer and the hog farmer. And he... and he continued to have an interest in that community and he represented it very well, but he evolved himself and grew himself over these 12 years in the Illinois General Assembly where he really became one of the gurus on higher education and he was really someone that all of us looked to. And he's someone that we looked to last year, in particular, on higher education issues when the Governor's budget

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challenged the universities, challenged them on a fiscal manner of what they could do and David brought people together. And he brought people together from both sides of the aisle, he worked with the Governor's Office, he worked with the university presidents. And it says a lot about the kind of man he was that he could go from just one aspect of his life of being a pork producer to taking care of higher education needs in this state and I think that says about... just so much about David that he was willing to grow and to learn. I had an opportunity to be with David the week that he passed away. And I got to spend almost a day with him up in his district and I remember saying, 'ah, I'm gonna up and spend a... spend a day driving around DeKalb County and Sycamore and I don't know if I really want to do that.' Well, clearly, I'm glad I did it, but what was nice about it was the people in his district understood the love and the caring he had for your community as a Representative because we had an opportunity to spend some time in a group setting with people from domestic violence shelters, from the business community, from the school community, from the higher ed community, and every one of them unsolicited started talking about how much Dave Wirsing had done for their particular cause and how committed he was and how much they appreciated it. And as you know... as you knew about Dave Wirsing he wasn't a guy that was a 'rah, rah, guy', he was a guy that simply did the right thing and did what he thought was best for the state and what was best for this community... his community

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and what was best for his family. That says so much about the kind of guy and the individual and the human being that Dave Wirsing was. To all of you here from his family and to Nancy, who I know is not here today, we're gonna miss your dad and Nancy's husband and friend. He was a good guy and I... we all spent a lot of time with him and we spent ways with him and spent time with him in different ways and he has left his mark on this institution and we, as someone said earlier, will be forever grateful. And I assume, Mr. Speaker, that everyone will join us today as cosponsors on this piece of legislation and support it as it passes and thank you for your time."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Cross has asked that all Members be added to the Resolution and that will be done, Mr. Clerk. And now the question is, 'Shall House Resolution 633 be adopted?' All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang, for what reason do you rise?"

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move to recommit Senate Bill 1498 to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Hannig: "Are there any objections? There being none, then Senate Bill 1498 will be recommitted to the Rules Committee. Representative Currie, Barbara Currie on Senate Bill 1913. The Lady moves that we recommit Senate Bill 1913 to the Rules Committee. Is there any objection? There being none, then the Bill, Senate Bill 1913 is

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recommitted to the Rules Committee. Representative Hamos on... Representative Hamos.

Hamos: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an announcement and I'm also seeking leave to waive the posting requirement for a subject matter hearing this afternoon for the Committee on Housing and Urban Development. And this is for the purpose of providing a report of the affordable housing fact book which is a profile of the state, counties and municipalities. That will be at 3 p.m. The Housing and Urban Development Committee, 3 p.m. in Room D-1."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady moves for the suspension of the posting notice. Is there any objections? There being none, then leave is granted. And the committee will meet at 3 p.m. in D-1, the Housing Committee. Representative Fritchey is recognized for an announcement."

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker, for the purpose of announcement. The House Civil Judiciary Committee meeting will be moved back from 9 a.m. tomorrow until 10:30. So it will be 10:30 tomorrow morning in the same room. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "On Supplemental Calendar #1 is House Bill 378. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 378, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."



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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. On the Order of Supplemental Calendar #1, under the Order of Resolutions, is House Resolution 497. Representative Jakobbson is recognized."

Jakobbson: "Thank you very much. The University of Illinois several... I want to honor the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign for its Project 500. This was when Brown vs. Brown... Brown vs. the Board of Education was being recognized at the University of Illinois and they made a huge effort to recruit 500 minority students and the recruiting of course still goes on. And I would like to have this Resolution passed. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for the adoption of House Resolution 497. All in favor say, 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. And now allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 4th at the hour of 12 noon. All in favor of the proposal say 'aye'; opposed, 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Bolin: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. First Reading and introduction of House Bills. House Bill 4349, offered by Representative Beaubien, a Bill for an Act concerning clerks. House Bill 4350, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 4351, offered by Representative Beaubien, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 4352, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning condominiums. House Bill

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4353, offered by Representative Parke, a Bill for an Act concerning gift certificates. House Bill 4354, offered by Representative Parke, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4355, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 4356, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 4357, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act to revise the law by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections. House Bill 4358, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act to revise the law by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections. House Bill 4359, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act concerning fireworks advertising. House Bill 4360, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4361, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 4362, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning procurement. House Bill 4363, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4364, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 4365, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcohol. House Bill 4366, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act in relation to fireworks. House Bill 4367, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House

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Bill 4368, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 4369, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. House Bill 4370, offered by Representative Beaubien, a Bill for an Act concerning counties. House Bill 4371, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act in relation to human rights. House Bill 4372, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning military service. House Bill 4373, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning nursing. House Bill 4374, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act concerning labor relations. House Bill 4375, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4376, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4377, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 4378, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 4379, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act in relation to utilities. House Bill 4380, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning cable television. House Bill 4381, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning wetlands. House Bill 4382, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning wetlands. House Bill 4383, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act concerning peace officers. House Bill 4384, offered by Representative

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McKeon, a Bill for an Act concerning peace officers. House Bill 4385, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 4386, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act concerning physician assistants. House Bill 4387, offered by Representative Slone, a Bill for an Act concerning notaries public. House Bill 4388, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act concerning residential tenancies. House Bill 4389, offered by Representative Hultgren, a Bill for an Act concerning trusts. House Bill 4390, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4391, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4392, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to freedom of information. House Bill 4393, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 4394, offered by Representative Krause, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 4395, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning protective orders. House Bill 4396, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. House Bill 4397, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4398, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning State police. House Bill 4399, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 4400, offered by Representative

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Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 4401, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 4402, offered by Representative Sommer, a Bill for an Act concerning hunting. House Bill 4403, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 4404, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 4405, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 4406, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 4407, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 4408, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 4409, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 4410, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 4411, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 4412, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4413, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning cable television. House Bill 4414, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4415, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. House Bill 4416, offered by Representative

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Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 4417, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning health services. House Bill 4418, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4419, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning human services. House Bill 4420, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning community services. House Bill 4421, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4422, offered by Representative Gordon, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4423, offered by Representative Gordon, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4424, offered by Representative Gordon, a Bill for an Act concerning sexual assault. House Bill 4425, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act in relation to arson. House Bill 4426, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act in relation to arson. House Bill 4427, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 4428, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning labor. House Bill 4429, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning government buildings. House Bill 4430, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 4431, offered by Representative Munson, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4432, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning telephone

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solicitation. House Bill 4433, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act in relation to public health. House Bill 4434, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning liability. House Bill 4435, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning identity theft. House Bill 4436, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning hospital workers. House Bill 4437, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act in relation to State employees. House Bill 4438, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 4439, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act in relation to human rights. House Bill 4440, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act concerning driving offenses. House Bill 4441, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act concerning State mandates. House Bill 4442, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 4443, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer protection. House Bill 4444, offered by Representative Hultgren, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4445, offered by Representative Hultgren, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4446, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4447, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4448, offered by Representative Kosel, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4449, offered by Representative

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Schmitz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4450, offered by Representative Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 4451, offered by Representative Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning special districts. House Bill 4452, offered by Representative Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning special districts. House Bill 4453, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 4454, offered by Representative Hultgren, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4455, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act with regard to vehicles. House Bill 4456, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 4457, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 4458, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4459, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 4460, offered by Representative Meyer, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. House Bill 4461, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 4462, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4463, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 4464, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act concerning public labor relations. House Bill 4465, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes.



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House Bill 4466, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 4467, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4468, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 4469, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4470, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 4471, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 4472, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department of Insurance. House Bill 4473, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 4474, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 4475, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 4476, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4477, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 4478, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 4479, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 4480, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning procurement. House Bill 4481, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 4482, offered by Representative Giles, a Bill for an

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Act concerning taxes. House Bill 4483, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4484, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 4485, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning counties. House Bill 4486, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4487, offered by Representative Pankau, a Bill for an Act concerning toll highways. House Bill 4488, offered by Representative Pankau, a Bill for an Act concerning park districts. House Bill 4489, offered by Representative Pankau, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 4490, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning mining. House Bill 4491, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4492, offered by Representative Beaubien, a Bill for an Act concerning hospice care. House Bill 4493, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 4494, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 4495, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning the investment of public funds. House Bill 4496, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning telecommunications. House Bill 4497, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. House Bill 4498, offered by Representative Will Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning

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municipalities. House Bill 4499, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4500, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 4501, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 4502, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act in relation to persons with disabilities. House Bill 4503, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 4504, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act in relation to sex offenders. House Bill 4505, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4506, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4507, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4508, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning renewable fuels. House Bill 4509, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 4510, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning boards. House Bill 4511, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning alternate fuels. House Bill 4512, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 4513, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 4514, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act relating to public utilities. House Bill 4515, offered

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by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 4516, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 4517, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act relating to telecommunications. House Bill 4518, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 4519, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning telecommunications. House Bill 4520, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning telecommunications. House Bill 4521, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act relating to telecommunications. House Bill 4522, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4523, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to human services. House Bill 4524, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 4525, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 4526, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 4527, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning electronic filing. House Bill 4528, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning the legislature. House Bill 4529, offered by Representative Munson, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liabilities. House Bill 4530, offered by Representative Granberg, a Bill for an Act in relation to

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municipal government. House Bill 4531, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 4532, offered by Representative Granberg, a Bill for an Act creating the Southern Illinois Economic Development Authority. House Bill 4533, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act in relation to environmental safety. House Bill 4534, offered by Representative Bailey, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4535, offered by Representative Graham, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 4536, offered by Representative Graham, a Bill for an Act in relation to firearms. House Bill 4537, offered by Representative Bailey, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4538, offered by Representative Bailey, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4539, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 4540, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 4541, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning tourism. House Bill 4542, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. House Bill 4543, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. House Bill 4544, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act in relation to environmental safety. House Bill 4545, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. House Bill 4546,

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offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. House Bill 4547, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. House Bill 4548, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning rights and remedies. House Bill 4549, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 4550, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act concerning State contracts. House Bill 4551, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act in relation to employment. House Bill 4552, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act in relation to employment. House Bill 4553, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4554, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 4555, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 4556, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 4557, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4558, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 4559, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4560, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 4561, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act in

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relation to criminal law. House Bill 4562, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 4563, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 4564, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 4565, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act in relation to local governments. House Bill 4566, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning minors. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 626, offered by Representative Franks. House Resolution 627, offered by Representative Franks. House Resolution 628, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 629, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 632, offered by Representative Granberg. House Resolution 635, offered by Representative Soto. And House Resolution 643, offered by Representative Miller. These Resolutions are referred to the House Rules Committee. The First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #28, offered by Representative Cross.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article

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V of the Illinois Constitution by changing Sections 1, 3, 7, and 18 and by repealing Section 17 as follows:

ARTICLE V

THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

The Executive Branch shall include a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Treasurer elected by the electors of the State. They shall keep the public records and maintain a residence at the seat of government during their terms of office.

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to hold the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, or Treasurer, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 25 years old, and a resident of this State for the three years preceding his or her election.

SECTION 7. VACANCIES IN OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICES

If the Attorney General, Secretary of State, or Treasurer fails to qualify or if the office becomes vacant, the Governor shall fill the office by appointment. The appointee shall hold office until the elected officer qualifies or until a successor is elected and qualified as may be provided by law and shall not be subject to removal by the Governor. If the Lieutenant Governor fails to qualify or if the office becomes vacant, it shall remain vacant until the end of the term.



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SECTION 17. COMPTROLLER - DUTIES (REPEALED)

SECTION 18. TREASURER - DUTIES

The Treasurer, in accordance with law, shall (i) maintain the State's central fiscal accounts, and other payments into and out of the funds held by him or her, (ii) be responsible for the safekeeping and investment of monies and securities deposited with him or her, and for their disbursement upon his or her order, and (iii) have the duties and powers that may be prescribed by law.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This Constitutional Amendment applies upon the conclusion of the terms of the Comptroller and the Treasurer elected in 2002. This has been a First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #28. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #29, offered by Representative Cross.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article V of the Illinois Constitution by changing Sections 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 and by repealing Sections 4 and 14 as follows:

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ARTICLE V  
THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

The Executive Branch shall include a Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller and Treasurer elected by the electors of the State. They shall keep the public records and maintain a residence at the seat of government during their terms of office.

SECTION 2. TERMS

These elected officers of the Executive Branch shall hold office for four years beginning on the second Monday of January after their election and until their successors are qualified. They shall be elected at the general election in 1978 and every four years thereafter.

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to hold the office of Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller or Treasurer, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 25 years old, and a resident of this State for the three years preceding his election.

SECTION 4. JOINT ELECTION (REPEALED)

SECTION 6. GUBERNATORIAL SUCCESSION

(a) In the event of a vacancy, the order of succession to the office of Governor or to the position of Acting Governor shall be the elected Attorney General, the elected Secretary of State, and then as provided by law.

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(b) If the Governor is unable to serve because of death, conviction on impeachment, failure to qualify, resignation or other disability, the office of Governor shall be filled by the officer next in line of succession for the remainder of the term or until the disability is removed.

(c) Whenever the Governor determines that he may be seriously impeded in the exercise of his powers, he shall so notify the Secretary of State and the officer next in line of succession. The latter shall thereafter become Acting Governor with the duties and powers of Governor. When the Governor is prepared to resume office, he shall do so by notifying the Secretary of State and the Acting Governor.

(d) The General Assembly by law shall specify by whom and by what procedures the ability of the Governor to serve or to resume office may be questioned and determined. The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction to review such a law and any such determination and, in the absence of such a law, shall make the determination under such rules as it may adopt.

SECTION 7. VACANCIES IN OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICES

If the Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller or Treasurer fails to qualify or if his office becomes vacant, the Governor shall fill the office by appointment. The appointee shall hold office until the elected officer qualifies or until a successor is elected and qualified as may be provided by law and shall not be subject to removal by the Governor.

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SECTION 14. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR - DUTIES (REPEALED)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies upon the conclusion of the term of office of the Lieutenant Governor elected in 2002. This has been First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #29. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session stands adjourned."