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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We ask the Members and our guests in the gallery to turn off their laptop computers, their cell phones and their pagers. And we ask the guests in the gallery to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Rise. We shall be led in prayer today by the Reverend David Gaddini of the Fellowship of Faith Lutheran Church in McHenry, Illinois. Reverend Gaddini is the guest of Representative Jack Franks."

Reverend Gaddini: "Let us pray. Gracious Lord, for the men and women who are gathered here today to represent us, for those who are here to support them, God we give You thanks and we ask Your protection. God, as they face difficult decisions, give them wisdom, give 'em courage, give 'em discernment. Lord, we pray that they act justly, act with compassion. God, that You would protect them, that You would watch over their families, that You would guide this day's proceedings and let Your presence be here. All this God, we pray, in the name of Your son. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Brady."

Brady - 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. Representative Currie."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. We have no reports of excused absences among House Democrats today."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Hultgren is excused today and has a new son that was delivered yesterday."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 117 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Millner."

Millner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Today there was an annual event on the lawn of the Capitol and that is a Law Enforcement Memorial. And they added six names to the memorial today and I'd like to ask for a brief moment of silence for that. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Hamos, Chairperson from the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 2724. Representative Mautino, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance, which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 2238. Representative Steve Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities, which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following

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recommendation/s: 'do pass Standard Debate' Senate Bill 2525. Representative McAuliffe, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans Affairs, which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 2844. Representative Joe Lyons, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions, which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 3021. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 2247. Representative Fritchey, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary Civil Law, which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 2274, Senate Bill 2499 and Senate Bill 2982. Representative Delgado, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 2926; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 2794 and Senate Bill 2880. Representative Giles, Chairperson from the Committee on

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Elementary & Secondary Education, which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 86 and Senate Bill 2349. Representative Saviano, Chairperson from the Committee on Registration and Regulation, which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 2252, Senate Bill 2254 and Senate Bill 2887. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration, which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 2401, Senate Bill 2432, Senate Bill 2559 and Senate Bill 20... Senate Bill 3207. 'Recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2215. Representative Holbrook, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy, which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 1006. Representative Delgado, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary Criminal Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 948, Senate Bill 2165, Senate Bill 2447 and Senate Bill 2653; 'do pass as amended Standard Debate'

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Senate Bill 132. Representative Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Computer Technology, which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 2517. Representative Osterman, Chairperson from the Committee on Local Government, which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 05, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5492."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly. I'd like to report that the House... as you can see, the trophy remains here in our Assembly. And so, at the annual... I now know What Coach Capparelli used to go through trying to play 118 different players here in the Chamber. But, the game was an exciting game. It was one that I think was very diverse. We played women, we played blacks, we played whites, we played Hispanics, we played old, we played young. And the long of the short is, we were able to pull it off. And so the House... the trophy remains with the House and we want to commend all of the players. We want a special recognition to Representative Hoffman, who hit the winning run and brought the... the team around and made certain that everything remained. And for all the players, it looks like they're all present and accounted for, no one is at St. John's or at Memorial's, and that's always a good thing. Thank you."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read Senate Joint Resolution 78."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Joint Resolution 78.

WHEREAS, The members of the 93rd General Assembly of the State of Illinois learned with great sadness of the death of their colleague, Senator Vince Demuzio, on Tuesday, April 27, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Senator Demuzio was born on May 7, 1941, in Gillespie; he attended Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic School and Gillespie High School; he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and human services from the University of Illinois at Springfield in 1981; he earned a Master of Arts degree in education and public policy from the same school in 1996; he received an Honorary Doctorate from Lewis & Clark Community College, and a Doctor of Laws, Honorist Causa, from Blackburn College; and

WHEREAS, Senator Demuzio was currently the Senate Majority Leader, Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, and Dean of the Illinois Senate, having served in the upper chamber since 1975; he was also a sitting member of the Education, Executive, and Executive Appointments Committees; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his election to the Illinois Senate from the 49th legislative district, he served as Executive Director of the Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation, a community action agency providing programs in job training, senior citizen nutrition, day care, sheltered workshops for the physically and mentally handicapped, and other social services; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Demuzio was appointed Assistant Senate Majority Leader in the 83rd General Assembly (1983-1984) and was reappointed in the 84th, 85th, 86th, and 87th General Assemblies; in January of 1993, he was appointed Assistant Democratic Leader of the 88th General Assembly and again reappointed in the 89th, 90th, 91st, and 92nd; In January of 2003, he was appointed Senate Majority Leader, only the second person in the last thirty years to hold that position; Senator Demuzio was one of the General Assembly's leading spokesmen for the interests of downstate Illinois; he was also a member of the Legislative Audit Commission and served on the Steering Committee to re-examine the Illinois Constitution; he served on both the 1991 and 2001 Legislative Redistricting Commissions; and

WHEREAS, Senator Demuzio was elected to the Illinois Democratic State Central Committee from the 20th Congressional District in 1982, and re-elected in 1986, 1990, 1994, and 1998; he was elected Chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party in April of 1986 and served through April of 1990; he was the first Chairman elected from downstate Illinois in more than 40 years and is credited with rebuilding the infrastructure of the Illinois Democratic Party; he also served as Chairman of the Illinois delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta in 1988 and as a member of the Democratic National Committee's Executive Committee; he often served as the emcee at the Illinois State Fair's annual Democrat Day; and

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WHEREAS, As a freshman senator in the post-Watergate era, Vince Demuzio is credited with bringing legislative and Democratic Party reforms with a like-minded group of lawmakers affectionately known as the "Crazy Eight"; he was an advocate for consumers; and

WHEREAS, The hallmark of Senator Demuzio's legislative career was education. Senator Demuzio believed that educating children well was an investment in the future. His outspoken advocacy for Illinois schools throughout the years made him one of the foremost leaders on education issues in the Senate, earning him a spot on the education committee in each of his thirty years serving in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, He fought valiantly to secure funds for the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired and the School for the Deaf, which were both in his district and held a special place in his heart; and

WHEREAS, Senator Demuzio received numerous distinguished legislative service awards during his tenure; he served as Secretary of the Blackburn College Board of Trustees in Carlinville, Vice Chair of the Carlinville Hospital Board, and he was on the Board of Directors for Kemmerer Village, a child care agency, in Assumption; he was a member of numerous fraternal and social organizations; and

WHEREAS, Among the highlights of his legislative career, Senator Demuzio played a major role in securing funding for the creation of the Orr Research Center in Pike County and the completion of the Central Illinois Expressway, Route 36



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(currently, I-72), from Jacksonville to Quincy; he received national attention as part of a fight to clean up hazardous waste in Wilsonville and has helped obtain funding for major road improvements along the Route 67 corridor from Alton to Jacksonville; in 1999, he led a coalition from Christian County that convinced the Governor to appropriate funds in the Illinois FIRST program to turn Route 29 from Rochester to Taylorville into a four-lane road; he helped numerous rural communities obtain funding for sewer and water improvements and was especially proud to sponsor legislation renaming the State's income tax check-off for breast and cervical cancer on the State income tax return in honor of the late State Senator Penny Severns; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Senator Vince Demuzio has been deeply felt by many across Illinois, especially his wife, Deanna (Clemonds); his son, Brad and his wife Lori (Hackman); his daughter, Stephanie Blair and her husband, Patrick; his mother, Catherine (Murphy) Demuzio; his mother-in-law, Virginia Clemonds; his sisters, Marlene Demuzio, Donna Burke, Catherine Visintin, and Bernadette Hasquin; and his 4 grandchildren, Blake, Brooke, Tristan, and Gillian; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn the passing of Senator Vince Demuzio, our friend and colleague, who served the people with honor and distinction and exemplified the

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highest standards, which won him unequivocal admiration;  
and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented  
to the family of Senator Vince Demuzio as an expression of  
our sincerest condolences for the loss of their loved one  
and our friend."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House.  
Vince was many things to us, and I think one of the most  
important things though that we all saw in Vince Demuzio  
was the great love that he had for his family. He traveled  
back and forth after every legislative day to Carlinville  
to be with his wife and his children as they grew up, and  
now his grandchildren. And I think that helped ground him  
as a Senator when he came back each day to fight the  
battles that we fight as Legislators. To be able to go  
home and have his children and grandchildren sit on his  
lap, to have breakfast with his wife, Deanna. And she was  
always there and she survives him today. She was always  
there to give him a nudge when perhaps he needed to move  
forward, to slow him down when perhaps he was moving too  
quickly. She was the solid rock that really helped make  
Demuzio, Vince Demuzio, the great leader that we knew here  
in Springfield. So, that was the first love that Vince  
always had and the first priority, and certainly rightly  
so. And I know that his family will miss him very greatly,  
as we all will. He also was a great Legislator, as you  
heard from the great... from the list of the things that he

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accomplished during his lifetime, from the farm land assessment Bill that he pushed forward to the hazardous waste legislation that we brought forward way back in the 1980s when he and I were both very junior Legislators. He was always at the forefront of the action. He was what we call a 'mover' and a 'shaker' here in Springfield, someone who got things done. As you travel through the 49th District there's roads, there's schools, there's fire engines, there's water towers, there's all kinds of items in the district that are there because of the hard work that Vince Demuzio did on the behalf of so many people that he represented. And I think when a man's life is over and we begin to try to judge him, ya know, sometimes we might say, well, he had a lot of money or he had a lot of material things or he accumulated a lot of power in his life. But I think Vince Demuzio, really we should judge him as we should, I believe, each of us, by the friends that he made in life. And Vince was always one to stop and talk with the lady on the corner to listen to her problems, to try to solve her problem. He was always someone who was willing to work for the betterment of our state and our nation. And over the course of his long lifetime and service in Springfield he accumulated a great deal of friends and made many friendships. And for those of you who had the opportunity to travel to Carlinville over the weekend, you saw this great outpouring of thousands and thousands of people who came to the wake and then to the funeral last Saturday. So, he was a great Gentleman,

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someone who worked very hard for each and everyone of us, someone I think we can all look to as a pattern on how we would like to lead our lives, not just as individuals, but as Legislators, and someone who will be very, very missed. Vince, we had an opportunity to walk in life with you for a short period of time, we thank you for that opportunity. We know that you made this Earth a better place because of your efforts. And you will be much missed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought about calling Rich Miller and putting an ad in the Capitol Fax. And it would've read, 'Wanted: a good friend and a political mentor; must have 30 years of experience; must have good political intelligence and share them when it serves you; must value the legislative process and the institution that that process supports; must be willing to make a stand when your region, your state and your institution needs you; education is important to you, especially the education of blind and deaf children, and you do so not because of the votes you will receive, but because it's the right thing to do; and most importantly, you must care about people and should be willing to advise a rookie/backbench Legislator, even if he's from the opposite party.' Now, I didn't place that ad because nobody would reply. They don't make 'em like that anymore. We work in what many people refer to as a somewhat cynical environment, but I think that politics is a lot like life in that you find what you're looking

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for. And I have found that the best that this Body has to offer is similar to the best that life has to offer. The shiniest stars and the brightest lights can be found in people, and my friend, Vince Demuzio, was the brightest of those lights. And when people say that there is no honor in politics and when people say that there is no loyalty in politics and if people say... well, I just tell 'em that they haven't met Vince Demuzio. He was a loving husband and father and a loyal friend and a man dedicated to this institution and the integrity of the process. And even though we were from opposite sides of the fence, he was my mentor. And many of you may be surprised to learn that I spent more time in Vince's office than in that of any other Legislator. And many of you may find it strange, even sacrilegious, that a Democrat with more than 30 years of experience would take under his wing a Republican with less than 3 years of experience. Well, why did he do that? He did it for two reasons, because he cared about people and he knew that working together we could do more for our region and our state than if we worked against each other. And I don't know why this happened or why these things ever happen, but I am comforted by the thought that God needed a couple of Bil... he had a couple of Bills stuck in Rules and needed Vince's help to get 'em out. This district was blessed, this region was blessed, this state was blessed and this institution was blessed by Vince's presence. And I only ask the Body that as we move forward, let us invoke the spirit of Vince Demuzio and work together, not only for

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the betterment of our districts or the betterment of our state, but for the betterment of each other. And to Deanna and the family, ya know, I leaned on Vince a lot and I know I won't be able to lean on you as much as I leaned on Vince, but perhaps we can lean on each other and carry that water. And to Vince, whenever I was nervous about a Bill or an election or whether I have an opponent, you would say, 'Stick with me, kid, and you'll be okay.' And I did stick with you and I was okay. Now I ask that you stick by me and guide me, give me a kick in the right direction as a I attempt to carry even a small portion of your water. Goodbye, my friend, I will miss you."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. The death of Senate Majority Leader, Vince Demuzio, was a terrible loss for his family, for the Illinois General Assembly and for the people of Illinois. Vince leaves important legacies, the hard work he's done for education for our school children will live beyond him. His commitment to good government, to open government, that will live beyond him as well. Vince Demuzio loved this institution. He knew, like the back of his hand, parliamentary procedure. He understood every intricacy, he understood every trick in the rule book. He loved working with his colleagues in the Illinois General Assembly, he loved showing newcomers the ropes. He loved giving people in this Assembly a helping hand. He wanted to make sure they knew the rules just as well as he did. Vince Demuzio

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left this institution a better place and he left Illinois a better state. We mourn his passing. We will miss him, but we are grateful to him for all he has done for so many."

Madigan: "Mr. Molaro."

Molaro: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen and the family of Vince Demuzio. When we got the word or the memo from Emo that Vince had passed, there's no question, definitely marked an end of an era. If there was any question about it, once Vince left us and passed onto a higher life and higher being, we knew the end of an era was officially over. For those of you, and I'm not one of 'em, for those of you who served 20, 25 years ago, the comradely that was in this building and the way Vince talked about people... I mean, what Mr. Watson just said. Representative, that was unbelievable. I mean, a Republican in this day of partisan age that would talk that way about a colleague. Vince somehow touched him, went inside his heart and touched him. You could see that from the minute he stood up, shaking, as we all did. As we all did in the Senate when he just had the eulogy there. He had an amazing ability to do that. He was plain spoken. He helped everyone, he was a friend to everyone. That's unheard of in these days. He continued it 'til the day he died, that's the kind of man he was. I mean, I thought Speaker Madigan loved the institution and loved the process. Well, you had an equal over there, Mike. This man loved this institution, the General Assembly, and he loved the process. Not only did he know it well, as Barbara said, he

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was a student of it everyday. He would learn more. He would... he just wanted to gather facts. His thirst for knowledge was unprecedented in this building. He just kept wanting to know more. His... his... you come and... and try to understand this institution and you walk out of here and you can't wait to leave. He stuck around because he... he just loved this place, loved it. Ya know, talk about being a teacher, that's what he probably should've done. Mr. Watson touched on it, he'd tell anybody anything. His advice and the way he would give advice always made sense. One of the things I learned from him, the best thing, was he knew how tough it was to be an elected official. Run for office one time, stand for office, have a tough primary, go through a tough November. See what it's like to be in the middle. See what it's like to have votes that you know you're gonna tek... take the next day and you stood up all night trying to figure out which way to vote, what to do. He knew how tough that was. He had absolute respect for anybody who stood for office and anybody who walked into this Chamber or that Chamber over there. When we would have a caucus in the Senate and we'd say, 'ah, that House of Representatives', he would say, 'don't say that', because he knew how hard it was for all of us to stand in this Chamber or that Chamber. That's the kind of man Vince was. Talk about respect for younger Members. I... I'll tell ya this, I say this to grandchildren when their grandparents die, you're never gonna know that man. You young staffers who are listening to this, you also lost a



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friend and a champion. He would be a champion of staffers, help 'em on their way. I mean, the man was just... we are really gonna miss him. The respect he had... he never questioned anybody's vote. He never questioned anybody's motive. When the vote was over and somebody voted, ya voted for what you stood for, ya voted for your district, and how dare anybody question somebody else's vote in front of Vince Demuzio. Everybody stood for something. You vote your way, you vote your conscience, you vote your district. And he respected everyone for that. You know, colorful characters come and go, we're... we lost a lot this year. I mean, it was a tough year for... for the General Assembly and... and for even the lobbying group. But, I mean, Vince epitomized it. I... I tried to figure out what I could say about how he touched people so dearly. How... how could he do that? The guy was pretty gruff sometimes. He had a voice, that booming voice. You know, whoa, get over here. Or whoever he would call, I'm sure he did it to Watson and... and Gary and everybody else. I mean, he would... he was such a tough guy, but you know what it was? Tried it, it's the only thing I could figure. He... he'd walked around and he would give out bits and pieces of kindness, human kindness, to people like they were candy. That's what Vince did. He was the most kind and gentle man I've ever met and we are really gonna miss him. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is on the Resolution. Those in favor of the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 78 shall say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The

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'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. I would like to thank all of the members of the Demuzio family for joining us today. Much has been said about Vince by many people over the last several days and I'm gonna be very brief and simply say two things. Number one, Vince was a very caring, sensitive person. And that's why you miss him so much. And number two, we will be like you, we shall miss him very, very much. And thank you for joining us today here in the House of Representatives. And to all of the Members, if you wish to spend some time visiting with the Demuzio family, they're all here and they're all very, very nice people. So, thank you very, very much. We can stand at ease."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, for what reason do you rise?"

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, and Members of the House. Just to report that at the Legislative Bowl-a-thon on Tuesday night, the Third Annual Strike for a Cure, we raised about \$12 thousand for the National Children's Cancer Society. We're grateful to the four legislative leaders and their secretaries and to PhRMA for organizing the event, everybody had a wonderful time. And of course, the biggest winners were the children with cancer who are benefited by that society. But I want you to know who the winners were. The winning team was called the Assessors, leg by George Havanik. Second place finisher was last year's winner, that would be my secretaries' team, this year four of her sons. And in fact, her son, John Marinelli, was the

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highest scorer of the evening. The most honest team, that would be the team with the lowest score, included one of our staffers Matt Irwin. And a new prize this year, the best dressed team, went to that one... the team that was organized by Representative JoAnn Osmond, the 'Rolling Thunder', which was composed of Leader Cross, Representatives Beaubien, Hassert and Milner. So, we had an excellent evening. We raised money for a good cause. Everybody had a terrific time and we hope you'll put the Fourth Annual Strike for the Cure on your calendars next spring. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentlemen from Cook, Representative Saviano, for what reason do you rise?"

Saviano: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to withdraw my Motion on Senate Bill 2887."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman asks leave to withdraw his Motion on Senate Bill 2887. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 844, offered by Representative McCarthy. House Resolution 869, offered by Representative Granberg. House Resolution 871, offered by Representative Joyce. House Resolution 872, offered by Representative Granberg. House Resolution 873, offered by Representative Joyce. House Resolution 874, offered by Representative Jones. House Resolution 876, offered by Representative Currie. House

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Resolution 877, offered by Representative Morrow. House Resolution 878, offered by Representative May. House Resolution 879, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Resolution 880, offered by Representative Slone. House Resolution 883, offered by Representative Monique Davis. House Resolution 884, offered by Representative Morrow. House Resolution 885, offered by Representative Black. House Resolution 886, offered by Representative Rose. House Resolution 887, offered by Representative Rose. House Resolution 888, offered by Representative Rose. House Resolution 889, offered by Representative McAuliffe. House Resolution 890, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell. House Resolution 891, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell. House Resolution 892, offered by Representative Granberg and House Resolution 893, offered by Representative Capparelli."

Speaker Turner: "The House moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor should say 'aye; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Davis, for what reason do you rise?"

Davis, W.: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. On Sunday we will recognize one of the greatest Hallmark holidays that, I think, exist. On Sunday we will celebrate Mother's Day, and I just wanted to extend a happy Mother's Day to all of the parents... mothers in the room. And even for those men who act as mothers, they may be single

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parents as well and act as mothers for their children. I just wanted to extend a happy Mother's Day to everyone."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative Boland, for what reason do you rise?"

Boland: "Resolution, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, read House Resolution 882."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Resolution 882.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death in Iraq of U.S. Army National Guard Sergeant Landis Garrison of Rapids City on Thursday, April 29, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Landis Garrison was born on January 8, 1981, in Moline to Randy and Leah Garrison; he was a 1999 graduate of Riverdale High School; and

WHEREAS, While in school, Landis was involved in Cub Scouts Den 4 Pack 304 in Port Byron; he was an East Moline Police Explorer with Post 9594 and achieved the rank of Captain; while still in high school, he joined the Port Byron Fire Department; he was a volunteer with the Department of Children and Family Services as a mentor; he was involved in the family businesses of Quality Repair Inc., Quality Snow Removal, and Quality Trucking Inc., all in Colona; he was employed part time at Grisham's Towing Service in Hampton; and he was a part time police officer for the Hampton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Garrison attended several Fire College classes while with the Port Byron Fire Department and was completing police training with the Hampton Police

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Department before departure to Iraq; he was deployed on February 9, 2003, and left for Iraq in April; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Garrison graduated boot camp and AIT at Fort Leonard Wood on March 31, 2000, Company A 795th MP Battalion; he was assigned most recently with the Army National Guard Unit, 333rd Military Police Company of Freeport; while with the 333rd, he helped with the Quad City Flood of 2001 and served airport security duty after September 11, 2001, at Chicago O'Hare and Peoria airports for several months; he completed training with the 333rd in Germany and Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Garrison loved life and a good challenge, family, friends, and flashing lights, the more the better; he was an avid WLLR country music fan, enjoyed line dancing, and was a John Deere toy collector, both big and small; he loved working at the shop, driving semis, running heavy equipment, and especially plowing snow; he was proud to serve his country, fellow officers, and help people of all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Sergeant Landis Garrison has been deeply felt by many, especially his parents, Randy and Leah Garrison; his brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and April Musser; his sister and brother-in-law, Amber and Bradley Peterson; his grandparents, Landis and Elizabeth Garrison, Lela Roselieb, and Sally Musser; his uncles and aunts, Mike and Cindy Garrison, Jeff and Pam Miller, Rick and Pat Edie, Darrell and Marilyn Roselieb, Jerry Roselieb, and David and Georgia Cooper; his many cousins; his two very special

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nephews, Hayden Musser and Brady Peterson; his secondary family, John, Trena, Tony, Jessica, and Adam DeCap; and his many other special friends; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of U.S. Army National Guard Sergeant Landis Garrison, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Sergeant Landis Garrison and his willingness to serve our country which led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Sergeant Landis Garrison as an expression of our sincere condolences.

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative Boland."

Boland: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives. Back at the time of World War I, President Woodrow Wilson called the boys who served on Europe his 'boys in khaki' and he said they were the flower of America's youth. Well, Landis Garrison of Rapids City was a flower of American youth. The ancient Athenians once had the value that being a good citizen was the highest calling in life, no matter what your profession or occupation. That was Landis Garrison. He was a very interesting young man, only 23 years old, sad to say, when he passed from us. But the State of Illinois, the United States of America, my district in particular,

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mourn his loss. His family... obviously, we cannot know the depth of that loss. All of us who've maybe lost family members can somehow relate and empathize. But that is something that we cannot fathom, that type of... of loss, the loss of a son. But the loss of a good citizen in the highest tradition that those ancient Athenians talked about, that was Landis Garrison. He served his country, the United States of America, in Iraq, with the Army National Guard. But even long before that, when he was just a child, he was involved in the Cub Scouts in Port Byron, and he touched so many of the communities of my district. He had went to East Moline, my hometown, and joined the Explorer Post, a Scout Post, it was 9594, worked his way up to the rank of captain. And even while he was in high school he joined the Port Byron Volunteer Fire Department. And he had also volunteered with DCFS as a mentor. What a fine young role model he was to youth. He worked at various jobs, some in the family business, some in other areas of the neighboring community. And my guess is he was planning to be a full-time police officer in Hampton, as he had taken training and was a part-time officer. He was kind of an all-American young man. He loved life. He loved his family. He loved his friends. He worked with all kinds of people, helping all kinds of people. He was a type of person that loved country music, line dancing, a big WLLR fan, as I happen to be as well, and a John Deere toy collector. He was kind of the person that he loved to laugh and he liked to make everyone else



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laugh, no matter what their mood was at that particular time. As I drove down here there was a sign in the town of Colona by the fire department and it said, 'God bless Sergeant Landis Garrison, American soldier.' I would only add to that, God bless Landis Garrison, good American citizen. Thank you very much for having been with us and been part of our lives."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 882. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Joint Resolution 79.

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, May 06, 2004, they stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at 12:00 noon."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman asks leave for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. The opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. The Gentleman from Williamson, Representative Bradley, for what reason do you rise?"

Bradley: "Speaker, I move to withdraw my Rule 58 Motion regarding Senate Bill 2165."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman asks leave to withdraw his Motion on Senate Bill 2165. All those in favor say 'aye';

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all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted... withdrawn. Right. Withdrawn. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative McKeon, for what reason do you rise?"

McKeon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a question, a procedural question, if I may. With the introduction of a Adjournment Resolution, I assume that that may happen fairly soon. What I would like to inquire of the Speaker and staff, how they propose to deal with matters on a current Calendar in terms of Third Reading deadline, which expires today, if it... if it's the intent to staff to extend those Third Reading, Second Reading deadlines? Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "And now, allowing Perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Currie moves that the House does stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon. Tuesday, May 11th, at 12:00 noon. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House does stand adjourned 'til Tuesday, May 11, at 12:00 noon."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will now come to Order. House Reso... referred to the House Committee on Rules. House Resolution 870, offered by Representative Coulson. House Resolution 881, offered by Representative Poe. House Joint Resolution 80, offered by Representative Slone. And House Joint Resolution 81, offered by Representative Hoffman. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session now stands adjourned."