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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Tim McCormick who is with Kingdom Authority Ministries International in Springfield, Illinois. Pastor McCormick is the guest of Representative Butler. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor McCormick."

Pastor McCormick: "Good morning. Let us pray. Heavenly Father, in Your word it says that a fool has said in his heart that there is no God, but certainly You exist, Lord. God, I thank You that You, today, are sovereign over all of creation. You're sovereign over all of our activities. You're sovereign over all the choices of the people here who have been elected in this state. And today, Lord, I petition You to begin to open the eyes of the people of this state, Lord. This is a great State of Illinois. This is a righteous state, Lord. This is a state that shall lead this nation. And I pray today, Father, that You would begin to open their eyes. That they would be able to see Your righteous paths, Your righteous ways, and Your righteous doings. That they might lead this people, Lord, this people that You have called by Your name to the place of prosperity, to the place of freedom, and to the place of righteousness and being in right standing with You. Father, I ask that You would greatly and abundantly strengthen these who are serving. Lord, I pray that You would protect them from the... the onslaught of different voices that are speaking against them at times, Lord. I pray that You would forgive us, the people of this state, for not praying for them, for

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not interceding for them, for not supporting them in their endeavors and in their callings as elected official staffers and others. Lord, I believe that the great work is about to begin in this state. I believe that nothing is impossible with You, God. Even though things look dire in certain areas, God, I believe that You're the one who can make a change. And I believe that the shift in this state is beginning, Lord. I believe that a new time of prosperity, fruitfulness, abundance, and righteousness shall prevail in this state. Father, certainly You're the one who raises up one and seats them in authority and You're also the one who plucks them up and takes them down, who... who come against Your ways, Father. You said that You oppose the proud but You give grace to the humble. So today, God, I pray for Your mercy. I pray for Your forgiveness for the sins of this state and this people, Lord. I pray that You would grant us repentance, Lord, that we might turn from the ways that have been opposite of You, that have been opposed to You, and that we might humble ourselves before You and seek Your face and ask for Your forgiveness, Lord, and trust You to heal our land. God, You're a miracle working God. You're real. Make Yourself known to this people today, Lord. Make Yourself known to their families. Make Yourself known to the people of this great State of Illinois. And in it and through it and after we have seen it, Lord, we will give You all the praise, all the glory, and all the honor. For You certainly are God over all of creation, Lord, and we praise You for it. And I thank You for hearing our petitions today. In the name of Jesus, Amen."

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Speaker Lang: "We'll be led in the Pledge today by Representative Batinick."

Batinick - 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 Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the excused absences of Representatives Ammons, Mautino, Soto, and Zalewski."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. On our side of the aisle we have excused absences for Representative Hays, Representative Stewart, and Representative Tryon. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 110 Members present and we do have a quorum. The Chair recognizes Mr. Reis."

Reis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Reis: "If I could get the attention of the Body. As... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As everyone knows, today is Ag Day and we have a lot of FFA members and various Ag groups here today. But it is my honor to introduce to you Miss Sadie Gassmann, from Olney, Illinois, who just won the Illinois Miss County Fair Queen Pageant in January. She's joining us in the balcony in the rear. Wave. As the 56th Miss Illinois County Fair Queen, Sadie will be the official hostess of the Illinois State Fair and Du Quoin State Fairs this summer and she'll travel throughout the state promoting county fairs. She's the

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daughter of Gwen and the late Chris Gassmann from Olney, and she is majoring in education at SIUE. So, welcome again, Sadie."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to Springfield. Thanks for joining us today. Chair recognizes Mr. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to have a moment of silence."

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen. Ladies and Gentlemen. Please proceed, Mr. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you. I was saddened to hear that one of my constituents and good friend and mayor of Park Ridge, David Schmidt, unexpectedly passed away last night. Dave was a good leader and a good person in Park Ridge and he's going to be surely missed. And I'd just like to have a moment of silence from the Body."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Members. Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Franks: "I wanted, on behalf of the General Assembly, to thank all the young people from the FFA who came today and for the boxed lunches. We very much appreciate it. So, we want to thank you for coming to Springfield. I had the privilege of meeting with the Marengo Chapter that's up here today. And I'm so impressed with these young people. The future of America is going to be safe in their hands. I also want to thank Representative Lang, Speaker Lang, today, for dressing

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up as Haman in a... in regards to Purim. So, thank you for the costume today."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. By the way, FFA members, if there are any cookies left, Room 109. Mr. Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Can I have the attention of the Body for just a moment, please?"

Speaker Lang: "Members, please give your attention to Mr. Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Members. One year ago this week, the Honorable Michael Fountain was granted diplomatic accreditation by the U.S. Department of State and officially recognized as the first Honorary Consul to represent The Bahamas in Chicago for the Midwestern States. Gentleman is standing to... over my shoulder here against the pillar there. In a busy first year with many accomplishments, Consul Fountain was notably recie... was notably received his first commendation in the post for coming to the aid of Bahamian students stranded at O'Hare Airport and was also invited by Washington, D.C.-based Consular Corps College and the National Association of Foreign Consuls in the United States to sit on their Board of Chancellors. He will host their annual spring meeting in Chicago next month and Consul Fountain will host the Bahamian Ambassador to the United States in a meeting with the CEO of Morton Salt next month, as well. We'd like to thank him for his work to foster strong diplomatic relations between our two countries and we look forward to hearing about the mission to NASA trip later this year. Ladies and Gentlemen, Honorary Consul Michael Fountain."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Representative Cassidy."

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Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Cassidy: "I learned last night that, due to one of the recent Executive Orders by the Governor, all CeaseFire sites were shut down, all funding suspended for CeaseFire programming in our communities. Many of us on this side of the aisle have CeaseFire sites in our communities and depend on the work of the... the folks that work on the streets preventing shootings in our communities to help keep us safe. But this is not an issue that is limited to the city, this is not an issue that is limited to just one Party. Last year, through the work of the Public Safety Appropriations Committee, I was pleased to work with Representative Cabello to expand CeaseFire into Rockford. That work will also stop. I understand that we need shared sacrifice, but I want to know who's going to talk to the four people in a... in the hospital from shootings last week in my community about their shared sacrifice. These programs are vital to the safety our comm... of our communities. And I urge every Member in this Body, who has worked with CeaseFire in their communities or who appreciates the work that is done to make our communities safer, to stand with me and demand that this work continue. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Davidsmeyer: "I was happy today to have friends from Pike County, friends from Greene County, come and visit me. I also have FFA members, friends from Calhoun County and up here in the

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gallery, I have friends from Pittsfield FFA. And I would like to mention that their leader, Jodi Heavner, it's her birthday today. So I would like to ask if the Speaker would like to lead us in a round of 'Happy Birthday'?"

Speaker Lang: "Okay. Happy birthday."

Davidsmeyer: "Just kid.. just kidding, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to have a warm Springfield welcome for my Pittsfield FFA."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome aboard. We're happy you joined us today. Mr. Unes."

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead, Sir."

Unes: "Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to welcome everyone here to the State Capitol for Ag Day and all the FFA members. And would like to give a special shout-out, if they could stand and be recognized, the Cuba FFA group led by Mr. Doug Falk. So, if he could wave and be recognized. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for being here. Mr. Phillips is recognized."

Phillips: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Phillips: "Unfortunately, because my button wasn't pushed fast enough 'cause I'm inexperienced, Mr. Cody Morris who's from Mattoon, Illinois, who's the current FFA State President was up there with the queen, so you got to see him. He had to leave and head over to the Senate, unfortunately. But I'm going to go ahead and read his bio, it's... an excellent. Cody Morris, he's 19 from Mattoon, Illinois. He's the 2014-15 Illinois FFA President. He's the son of Rodney and Cathy

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Morris who, by the way, when... when Rodney was that age, he was also the FFA President. Cody graduated from Mattoon High School in May of 2013 and was a member of the Mattoon FFA Chapter. He served as chapter reporter, treasurer, and president. Cody also served as the 2012-13 Section 20 Treasurer and 2013-14 Section 20 President while he was attending Lake Land Community College in Mattoon, Illinois, one of my alma maters. Cody's favorite CDE's are Livestock Judging and Prepared Speaking. Some of his favorite activities include State and National Convention, FFA Leadership Camp. After serving his one-year term as State FFA President, Cody plans to return to Lake Land to finish his Associates Degree in Agriculture, and then transfer as a member of the livestock judging team before transferring to a four-year university to major in Agriculture Business. I'd like to give him a welcome and unfortunately, he's at the Senate Floor now. So, we'll just... maybe he'll come back. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "So, you introduced someone who wasn't here?"

Phillips: "Yeah, understand, this is my first year, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "All right. Well, you'll have to work on that, Sir."

Phillips: "Yeah, I got a lot to work on."

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we're privileged today to have with us on the House Floor an outstanding public official, the Senior Senator from the State of Illinois, Dick Durbin. Mr. Frese."

Frese: "Thank you... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

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Frese: "I'd like to also welcome some members from the great 94th Legislative District. FFA students from Camp Point Central High School and Payson-Seymour High School in Adams County, and also from Southeastern High School in Augusta, Illinois, in Hancock County. I thank them for being here and visiting with us today, and also their teachers, Sharon Knorre, Terri Hooper, and Bryan Shullian. Ag education is very important, as agriculture is a \$9 billion Illinois industry. And I thank them for wanting to be a... a big part of it and welcome them to Springfield. Please give them a welcome with me."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to Springfield. Thank you. Thank you, Representative. Mr. Demmer is recognized."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Demmer: "I'd like to welcome a few groups from my district here today. In the gallery we have the Amboy FFA Club who are visiting us here talking about agriculture issues. And also, we had lunch delivered today by some members of the Somonauk Leland Sandwich FFA. So, I'd like to welcome all those young people to Springfield and hope they enjoy the Capitol today."

Speaker Lang: "And we're happy you're here with us, as well. Mr. Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed, Sir."

Batinick: "I'd like to give some thanks to the Legislative Research Unit. There's an important article I would really like everybody to read in the Springfield Journal-Register today. It outlines hundreds of millions of dollars, folks. I'm hoping this gets some attention. Hundreds of millions of

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dollars that can be saved. The Leg... Legislative Research Unit has outlined hundreds of millions of dollars that could be saved to state and local governments if we merely had average workmen's compensation costs. This isn't a business issue, it's a budget issue. This is money for CPS. This is millions of dollars for CPS, HA... HA... HHS, and our local school districts and local municipalities. Please take a look at it. I have a copy of it, if you'd like to see it. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Mitchell, B.: "In the gallery someplace, I don't know which side, is my home Future Farmers of America group from Maroa-Forsyth, right here in central Illinois. If they're here, please stand. If not, welcome to the Illinois House. It's a great day. I also would like to introduce, someplace in this building, Anna Wooters who's a Future Farmer from Okaw in Shelby county, and she is the daughter of my Legislative Aide, Missy Wooters. So, Anna, if you're here, welcome."

Speaker Lang: "And welcome to you, as well. Members, we're starting on House Bills-Second Reading on page 2 of the Calendar. If your Bill is on the Calendar and it's ready to go, let us know. House Bill 108, Representative Flowers. House Bill 133, Mr. Thapedi. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 133, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. A fiscal note and state mandates

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note has been requested but not filed on this Bill at this time."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold the Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 245. Mr. Zalewski is not here. Out of the record. House Bill 1418, Representative Williams. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1418, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Page 4 of the Calendar, House Bills- Third Reading. The first Bill is House Bill 175, Mr. McSweeney. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 175, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. McSweeney."

McSweeney: "Mr. Speaker, House Bill 175 would simply reform the Open Meetings Act by allowing problems with any violations to be reported 60 days after discovery instead of 60 days after the date of the meeting. In my area, there was a power plant that was being built within 300 yards of a school. There were secret meetings and there was no recourse. I've worked with the Attorney General's Office who's in support of this legislation. We placed a two-year limit on it. I would appreciate a 'yes' vote for this legislation."

Speaker Lang: "There being no debate, those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Burke, Hoffman. Please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'.

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And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1336, Mr. Drury. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1336, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Drury."

Drury: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1336 is a lifeline Act. What it does is it allows a friend of a minor who's dying of alcohol poisoning to call the police and not... and not be arrested in order to get the person medical help. It came out of the Criminal Committee unanimously. We did this for heroin a couple years ago and it's important that we pass the same legislation for alcohol to make sure people don't die unnecessarily."

Speaker Lang: "There being no debate, those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Record yourselves, Members. Flowers, Franks, Leitch, Nekritz. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 69 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to the Order of Resolutions at the bottom of page 4, there appears House Joint Resolution 6, Mr. Anthony. Please proceed, Sir."

Anthony: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 6 would designate a section of Route 47 in Morris, Illinois, to honor firefighter James Allen, who was killed in the line of duty in 1985. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Leitch, Sente. Mr. Leitch. Please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Joint Resolution 9, Mr. Bradley. Please proceed, Sir."

Bradley: "This would name a section of Route 14 between Buckner and Christopher in honor of Kerry Bugajsky, Specialist Forth, was killed in action during the Vietnam conflict. His classmates, in his honor, brought this to my attention and they came and testified in committee today. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Joint Resolution 15, Mr. Davidsmeyer. Please proceed. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Joint Resolution 21, Mr. Cabello. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Joint Resolution 29, Mr. Moffitt. Please proceed, Sir."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 29 is a continuation of efforts we made with the Retrofit Caucus that we started last year. It is not... it's just a Resolution, nonbinding. It's asking that IDOT and CMS offer a few healthy snacks options in vending machines. And by that we mean prepackaged nonperishable. This is not a mandate. It is not requiring fruit; it's not telling you how much you can have.

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It is increasing your options. I'll just tell you, I had a retired trucker stop after he heard about this. He said this has been needed for a long time. He would stop and never have the healthy options, so it's something we need. We've talked about epidemic problems of obesity and diabetes, we're going to have to offer some healthy options. Take any questions. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Don't know why you're looking at the Chair while you're saying that, Sir. Those in favor of the Gentleman's Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Leitch. Please take the record. Please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 134, Mr. Ford. Please proceed."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Resolution 134 urges Congress to require replica guns to be designed in bright colors to prevent killings like we've noticed in the news with young people being shot by police or other people because they thought that the gun was real. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Continuing down the order of Ford, House Resolution 138, Mr. Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution simply urges the Department of Human Services in Cook County to enter into Redeploy Illinois agreement allowing juvenile justice system

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to keep young people out of detention centers and work with them with other measures. I vers... urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 163, Mr. Ford. Stand... keep standing, Sir."

Ford: "Okay. All right. House Resolution 163 urges the Governor and the Department of Corrections to discourage prosecutors and recommend judges from sentencing low level drug offenders to the Cook County Jail or the Department of Corrections. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Returning to House Joint Resolution 21, Mr. Cabello. Please proceed, Sir."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Joint Resolution 21 designates the Stuttle Road overpass over Interstate 55 in Warrensville (sic-Williamsville) as the Trooper Bernard Skeeters Memorial Overpass. Trooper Skeeter was killed in the line of duty and we feel that he served his state honorably and unfortunately, lost his life in the line of duty. And I would respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Ford, Hurley, Welch. Please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. On page 6 of the Calendar, under the Order of Motions in Writing, there are three Motions to table. We'll take them all in one vote. House

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Bill 1512, Mr. Phillips. House Bill 2672, Mr. Andrade. House Bill 3901, Representative Bryant. Each of these Members moves to table their Bill. Is there leave? Leave being granted, the Motions are adopted. Chair recognizes Representative Fine."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Fine: "March is Women's History Month, and this month, the women of COWL wish to honor Illinois women who have made history. And today we are honoring Jane Addams who lived from 1860 to 1935. And I'm going to tell you a little bit about Jane Addams. After graduating from Rockford Female Semita... Seminary in 1881, she attended the Women's Medical College in Pennsylvania. Upon leaving due to ill health, she toured Europe for several years. On a return trip in 1888 with her classmate, they visited the Toynbee Settlement Hall in London's East End where they were inspired to start an American equivalent to the Settlement House. Upon their return, they chose the Hull Mansion, which was then used as a warehouse and surrounded by an immigrant neighborhood. As Hull House became an institution known worldwide, Addams wrote articles, lectured widely, and did most of the fundraising personally and served on many social work and social welfare and settlement house boards and commissions. Jane Addams also became involved in wider efforts of social reform including housing and sanitation issues, factory inspection, rights of immigrants, women, and children, pacifism, and the eight-hour day. She served as a Vice

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President of the National Women's Suffrage Association from 1911 to 1914. She worked for the Peace Party, helped found and served as President from 1919 to 1935 of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and was a founding member of the ACLU. In 1931, Jane Addams was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, only the second woman to be awarded that honor, and from Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 229, offered by Representative Bradley. And House Resolution 230, offered by Representative Mayfield."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. They 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Returning to the Order of Resolutions, House Resolution 152, Representative Cloonen. Please proceed."

Cloonen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 152 is just what it says. It designates February 2015 as Career and Technical Education Month in the State of Illinois and it encourages youth and adults to recognize the career and educational opportunities in the technical side. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, could we have staff retire to the rear of the chamber, cease all conversation on the floor. Chair recognizes Representative... Leader Durkin for a Death

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Resolution on behalf of a Member. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution..."

Speaker Lang: "Please rise."

Clerk Bolin: "...House Resolution 76, offered by Representatives Durkin, Bellock, McAuliffe, Feigenholtz, and Nekritz.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened by the death of our friend and colleague, former State Representative Rosemary Mulligan of Des Plaines, who passed away on December 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was born and raised in Chicago; she moved with her family to Park Ridge in 1955, and then moved to Des Plaines when she married; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan earned her Associate of Arts and Science degree in Legal Technology from Harper College in Palatine in 1982; she was a recipient of a 4-year scholarship from Illinois State University in Normal, and received further education at the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was first elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1992, serving the people of northwest suburban Cook County in the 65th District (formerly the 55th District) for 20 years, retiring in January 2013; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was the first Des Plaines resident to serve in the Illinois House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure in the General Assembly, Rep. Mulligan became a respected leader on State budget issues (particularly Human Services Appropriations), family and

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women's issues, health care, and early childhood education;
and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was recognized for her expertise in prescription drug problems, compulsive gambling, health insurance coverage and reforms, welfare-to-work, and victims' rights; and

WHEREAS, Some of Rep. Mulligan's key accomplishments include passage of a bill making female genital mutilation illegal in Illinois, the establishment of the veterans' scratch-off lottery card to fund veteran's programs in Illinois, a bill to allow for an income tax check-off to help pay for prosthesis replacements for veterans, securing funding for fighting flooding issues in the Des Plaines River area, instituting programs to fight compulsive gambling and other addictions, casting a deciding vote in favor of Illinois' civil unions bill and advancing marriage equality, and addressing transportation issues, including the S-curve in Des Plaines on which she worked with the late Des Plaines Mayor Paul Jung and former State Representative Carolyn Krause; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan served as majority chair or minority spokesperson of the Illinois House Human Services Appropriations Committee for 17 of her 20 years in the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan served on many committees throughout her time in the General Assembly, including the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, the Access to Federal Funding Committee (minority spokesperson), the Appropriations for Elementary & Secondary Education Committee, the

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Appropriations for Human Services Committee (minority spokesperson), the Business & Occupational Licenses Committee, the Health Care Availability & Accessibility Committee, the Health Care Licenses Committee, and the Medicaid Reform, Family & Children Services Committee (minority spokesperson); and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan served on numerous other task forces and committees, including the Illinois Discharged Service Member Task Force, the Governor's Senior Pharmaceutical Assistance Review Committee, the Joint Task Force on Immigrant Issues, the Early Intervention Task Force, the Elder Abuse Task Force, and the Illinois Workforce Investment Board; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was selected to attend the Women's Political and Economic Leadership Conferences in Northern Ireland and London in 1999; she was also a delegate to Israel and was the program chair for the White House Women's Economic Leadership Summit in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan additionally served on the Citizens Council on Children, the Illinois Clemency Project for Battered Women, and the National Advisory Council of the Campaign for Women's Health; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan received numerous awards and honors during her legislative career and was named "One of the Top 100 Women Making A Difference" by Today's Chicago Woman; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan received countless awards for her advocacy and work in the legislature and community, including the Health Care Council of Illinois Legislator of the Year Award, the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation Certificate of Appreciation, the Lutheran Social Services of

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Illinois Legislative Champion Award, the American Cancer Society Leadership Award for the Smoke-Free Illinois Act, the Maine Center Legislative Star Award, the Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR Friend of Agriculture Award, the Illinois Health Care Association Legislator of the Year, the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence Legislative Advocacy Award, the Illinois Area Vocational Directors Council and Illinois Education Employment System Directors Leadership Certificate of Appreciation, the Illinois Primary Health Care Association Legislative Advocacy Award, the Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Certificate of Appreciation, the Civic Leadership Recognition Award of the Polish American Leadership Initiative, the Legislative Award of the Italian American Political Coalition, the Friend of Consumer Award from the Illinois Coalition for Competitive Telecommunications, the Legislator of the Year Award from The Harbour, Inc., the Youth Campus Award, the Francine M. Bernstein Make It Happen Award, the Leadership Award from the Illinois Library Association, the Outstanding Legislator Award from the Campaign for Better Health, the Certificate of Appreciation from the Illinois Immigrant Coalition, the National Pathfinder Award from the Center for Policy Alternatives, the Legislator of the Year Award from the North Suburban Library System, the Outstanding Working Woman of the Year Award from the Illinois Business & Professional Women, the Leadership Award from the Illinois Library Association, the Human Dignity Award from the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Legislator of the Year from the National Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling, the Legislator of the Year Award from

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the Illinois Association of Community Mental Health Agencies, the Courage Award from the Women's Leadership Conference, the Ida B. Wells-Barnett Award, the Heart Start Chicago Award of the National Center for Clinical Infant Programs, the Illinois Community College Trustee Association Distinguished Alumnus Award, and the Champion of Local Government Award from the Suburban Mayors Action Coalition of Cook County; and WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan served in various professional and community organizations, including the Flemming Fellow Leadership National Board, the National Conference of State Legislators Health Forum, the Illinois Conference of Women Legislators, the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women, the Advisory Board of Avenues to Independence, the Advisory Board of Have Dreams, the Illinois Republican Committeewoman's Roundtable, the Maine Township Regular Republican Organization, the Northwest Suburban Republican Women, the League of Women Voters, the National Women's Political Caucus, and the Illinois Women's Political Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was a champion of women's reproductive freedom and a passionate advocate for access to quality health care; particularly for children, the elderly, the developmentally disabled, and those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan raised 2 sons, Dan and Matt, and was the proud grandmother of Sophia and Isabelle; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Illinois House of Representatives will miss both the candor and dedication with which Rep. Mulligan tackled issues that came before the chamber and the passion with which she served her constituents; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with her family, friends, and constituents, the passing of Illinois State Representative Rosemary Mulligan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Rep. Rosemary Mulligan as a symbol of our sincere sympathy."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's an honor to present this Resolution and you heard those awards, she earned every one of them, folks. But on December 30 this past year, we lost our dear beloved friend and colleague, Rosemary. I just want to first point out, in the Speaker's Gallery today, that we are joined with Rosemary's brother, Steve, and his wife, Marilyn. Thank you for joining us. And also, in the gallery are Rosemary's former legislative aide, Barb Hague and her husband, Chaz. Also joining them in the gallery were her two longtime trusted House staffers, Mark Decker and Josh Wessell. Thank you all for coming down here and being part of this... this moment, this celebration of life of Rosemary Mulligan. I've had the pleasure of serving with Rosemary in this Body for a number of years. She was a Member for 20 years, it was stated. She was certainly her own person, and I can say that with an exclamation point. While not very tall in stature, Rosemary was and could be, very intimidating. She was never afraid to speak her mind, and I think that all of us recall, probably at one point, that she referred to a particular sitter... sitting Gover... Governor as a blithering

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idiot on the House Floor. I think all of us remember that moment, but that's the type of passion that Rosemary brought to her job. She wasn't afraid to challenge anyone on any issue. Despite her toughness, Rosemary was extremely compassionate and wanted to help others; Party affiliation did not mean anything to her.. to her with respect to that type of dedication. She was fiercely protective of women and children, women's rights. She cared deeply about the developmentally disabled and the mentally ill and those who struggled with compulsive gambling addiction. Rosemary lost her first election by five votes, and let me just tell you, if you're going to lose an election, lose big. Thank you, Senator Durbin, I learned that in 2002. But Rosemary, after losing by five votes, ran again the next time and she was successful. And she had a spectacular career here over those 20 years. Rosemary's father, a lot of us had known this, she would talk about it, lost her father in 1967; he was a... he was a murder victim. And as one might expect, that had produced a very profound impact upon her and how she shaped her position on many issues. She advocated for many, many issues, but one which was deeply, deeply, deeply personal to her was the issue of crime victims, and she was truly their champion while she was here. Not only was Rosemary smart, but she did her homework. She studied every Bill, like most of us do in Members of the House and Senate, and knew the issues inside and out. Members from both sides of the aisle would seek out Rosemary because she was such a wealth of information. Rose... Rosemary... Rose... Rosemary was our... chosen to be our chief budget negotiator in Human Services because

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she was one of the few who truly understand.. understood this portion of the budget. She loved participating in the appropriations process, she thrived on it. And trust me, folks, that takes a special person. But I'll tell you what, we could certainly use her this spring 'cause we're going to have some tough negotiations on budget. And I know that Rosemary is up there looking down on us, throwing her pen on the table saying, gosh, Lord, if you would have given me just a little bit more time. But I know she'd love to be here; we'd love to have her. She was a good friend, a great Legislator. I miss her. And Rosemary, you did make a difference. So, Steve, thank you for your family for sharing Rosemary with us for so many years. Our deepest condolences to you and to her sons, Dan, Matt, and her granddaughters, Sophia and Isabelle. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Mulligan and I entered the General Assembly in the same class, and so I've had the opportunity to work with her her entire career here. That was the class of '92; that was before our youngest Member of the House was even born that Representative Mulligan and I started here. I guess, sadly to say, I'm the last person in that class. And I just want to also comment briefly about her, she really made a contribution here. Rosemary Mulligan was here for all the right reasons: for working for people, for causes, for things that she was committed to, and it showed in her work. The office that I now have in the Stratton is the last office that she occupied. I think we were among the last four in our class because we would joke that we could

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have a class reunion in a four-door Sedan there that last Session that we were here together. I was... I had to identify... she had many characteristics are needed to describe her, but I had put down three and a couple of them have been mentioned in the Resolution. She was passionate. She was passionate about the things that she wanted to do, the people that she was standing up for, the causes that she was going to fight for. She was committed. You didn't have to wonder where she was and where she wanted to go with it. And she was prepared. And if you were with her, that was a good thing, but if she was coming in disagreement with you, you'd better be prepared because she was going to be able to really come after you. Those are three characteristics that I would say to any new Member, passionate, committed, and prepared, they'll help carry you a long way and get things done that... that you want to do here. Again, to her family, thank you for sharing Rosemary with the General Assembly, but really in a bigger sense, with the people of the State of Illinois for time served here and for champion causes to make this a better state. Rest in peace, Rosemary."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you. I have the honor and privilege of representing a major portion of Representative Mulligan's district, and when I'm going through the neighborhoods and through the towns that she used to represent, I'm often reminded of all of the great work that she did on behalf of her constituents in human services. I was able to work with Rosemary Mulligan down here for a number of years. As Representative Durkin said, she would get very serious at

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times, but I remember some of the lighter times. I remember when she would look at Representative Durkin and myself and, earlier in our career, say, what are you two Irish bachelors up to? Also then, later on in life, as I got married and had children, she also liked to hear those stories and was very, very happy. And at special moments, like when somebody would pass away, like my father-in-law, here comes a basket of food out of nowhere from Rosemary Mulligan, and that's the kind of person she was. She always cared about everybody else and always helped people, especially the underdog and people that needed it the most. And she'll surely be missed."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you. Rosemary Mulligan was one of the first people that I met when I got here. She was brazen, unfiltered, and a great ally and taught me a lot. I'm sure she taught a lot of people here a lot. She never waltzed into the General Assembly endorsed by local leaders. She ran for office at the age of 50 and kicked the door down to get in because she really believed she was running against somebody who, in her heart, she felt was hurting women, children, and families. Her elections were not races, they were battles. People threw everything they could at her and she fought back with a vengeance, which I'm sure many of us remember. When she returned to Session after her victories, she continued to fight for those who needed help. She knew her stuff. She was great on the budget. She was smart and committed and she really didn't care much what side of the aisle you were on, she worked with everybody for those causes. To say that Rosemary didn't mince words was an understatement. We served

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together for over 10 years on Human Services Appropriation and probably, were the most expert good cop bad cop duo around. She was knowledgeable, feisty, and a great wingman. But I think most important is that we want to thank her family. I think that after listening to all of the task forces that Rosemary served on and the commitment she had to people of the State of Illinois, specifically I want to thank Steve and Marilyn, who are my constituents, her brother, Matt and Dan, her sons, and her grandkids and her staff. Because when most families were together, you heard where Rosemary was after hearing that whole list being read. I'm sure that the grandkids wondered where grandma was for birthdays and holidays, but we can all stand up and tell you, she was here doing really good things. She made sure that when women gave birth, they weren't shoved out of the hospital. The same thing for women who had breast cancer surgery. There was a long list of these things that Rosemary Mulligan did when she was away from you. She was a gift to Illinois. She left quite a legacy and was never afraid to speak out for equality and justice and many times, she was the only one in her caucus to stand up. This is the Rosemary that many of us will remember, love, and most of all, respect. She made us laugh, she was never dull. I wish her Godspeed and I am certain that we will all see her in heaven. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I had the privilege of serving with Rosemary Mulligan for 14 years. During that time, I got to know her first as a colleague and a mentor, and then as a friend and ultimately, as my roommate here in

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Springfield for 14 years. I only knew her three days when she said, I'm looking for a roommate, would you like to come on over? And within five minutes, that was the deal and for 14 years, we stood together on this House Floor sharing our ideas and moving forward to help the people of Illinois. All of us who have served in this Body with Rosemary, as has been previously said, can attest to her fearless tenacity and her extraordinary compassion for the most vulnerable families in Illinois. She wasn't afraid to say anything. I remember the one day, I was a freshman, as some of the people are here, Rosemary was sitting next to me and she had disagreed with a speaker on an issue, and she stormed up to that chair with the Speaker and I thought, wow, that woman has a lot of nerve, you know. But her main goal, particularly those with developmental... helping people with developmental disabilities, mental health issues, and all various addictions. Rosemary served in the General Assembly for 20 years and throughout that time, she never, ever lost sight of why she came to Springfield. She came to be a voice and an advocate for children, the disabled, the elderly, women, for improving access to quality health care, and to strengthen public education in the State of Illinois. She accomplished all of that and much more, and she was glad when we roomed together that we started talking about health care and she wanted me to carry on, as I have, with the Human Service Approp and then with budgeting, which were two of her major expertise and how I learned so much from her. She was never afraid to stand up, as Representative Feigenholtz just said, for whatever she believed in. Even if her convictions were

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different than her own Party's Leadership, which did happen several times. She also loved her hometown of Des Plaines; she spoke about it all the time. She was proud to represent them and to be the first ever resid... Des Plaines resident elected to serve in the General Assembly. She also, as we have spoken, spoke about her family all the time. Her love for everyone here with us today and everyone who is not here, her entire family, she spoke about all the time. In fact, her two granddaughters were born, literally, within two weeks of my two granddaughters, my first two granddaughters. And I'm glad that when she retired from the Gen... General Assembly, Rosemary was able to have some time... special time to spend with her family that she had been away from on a lot of other special occasions, as we all here today have been. But what I will remember most about Rosemary is her wonderful sense of humor, her indomitable spirit, and how genuine she always was. She always told it like it was. She did not necessarily care about being popular, she just really cared about people. And to Rosemary's family and closest friends who are here with us today, I want to thank you all for sharing her with us for so many years. She lived a full and purposeful life and all of us here today, and all of us in the entire State of Illinois, we are better for knowing her and our state is better for the changes that she made in our state. May God rest her soul and continue to watch over her entire family. And I would ask, Mr. Speaker, that all of us be added to the Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "With leave of the Body, all Members will be added as cosponsors. Representative Davis."

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Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought I'd be remiss if I didn't say I, too, served with Rosemary Mulligan. She was a very feisty, spirited Legislator. She carried many books and papers and briefcases with her all the time and she was very busy. But what I loved most about Rosemary Mulligan was she realized, very early on, even if she was elected from a district, she now was a State Legislator who represented people all over the state. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "This Resolution has already been adopted. We will, however, take a moment of silence. Thank you. I'm told that we do need to adopt the Resolution. So, those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're about to adjourn, but one quick announcement. A reminder that House Floor photos will be taken on Wednesday at noon. So, Gentlemen, wear your best ties. Photos at noon on Wednesday. And with that, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'till Tuesday, March 10 at the hour of 12 noon. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4192, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 231, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 232, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 233, offered by Representative Bryant. House Resolution 234, offered by

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Representative Brady. House Joint Resolution 47, offered by Representative Flowers. House Joint Resolution 48, offered by Representative Flowers. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Committee Reports. Representative McAsey, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Charter School Policy reports the following committee action taken on March 04, 2015: do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 397. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses reports the following committee action taken on March 04, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1422. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on March 04, 2015: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 28, House Resolution 146. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on March 04, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 200, House Bill 373, House Bill 1365; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 1498; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution #2. Representative Dunkin, Chairperson from the Committee on Tourism & Conventions reports the following committee action taken on March 04, 2015: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 23. Representative Jackson, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action taken on March 05, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 417. Representative Lang, Chairperson from the Committee on Substance Abuse reports the following committee action taken on March 05,

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2015: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 136. Representative Fine, Chairperson from the Committee on Youth & Young Adults reports the following committee action taken on March 05, 2015: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 166. Representative Lilly, Chairperson from the Committee on Museums, Arts, & Cultural Enhancement reports the following committee action taken on March 05, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 208. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."