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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

The regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will all Members please be at their desks? The invocation today will be given by Rabbi Barry Marks. Temple Israel. Springfield, Illinois.

RABBI BARRY MARKS: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Johnson, please lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Lisa Yuscus, Blueroomstream.com video stream. Is there any objection? Seeing no objections, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 21st, 2024.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton moves to approve -- Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Madam President. I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcripts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal pending arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Resolution 794, offered by Senator Feigenholtz and all Members. It is a celebration of life resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Senator Cervantes, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CERVANTES:

Point of announcement, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Speak your announcement, sir.

SENATOR CERVANTES:

So, thank you very much, Madam President. I would like to just welcome my District staff here today, from the 1st Senate District. I have my Chief of Staff, Erick; our District Director, Anely; and our -- our Office Director, Jackie. They're great young folks. They are all graduates and they're getting great experience of being here in the Senate. So, we're like a nice round of applause and a welcome from our Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Welcome to Springfield. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're turning to resolutions on your Calendar. Senate Resolution 703, Senator Loughran Cappel. Read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 703, offered by Senator Loughran Cappel.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Loughran Cappel.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Resolution 703 declares March 3rd, 2024, as Dyscalculia Awareness Day in the State of

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Illinois. Dyscalculia is a condition that affects one's ability to understand mathematical and quantitative concepts and tasks. Symptoms of dyscalculia are most likely to be present during childhood. The purpose of this resolution is to raise awareness for dyscalculia and help individuals to be able to recognize possible symptoms of this learning disability. Between 3 to 7 percent of all children, adolescents, and adults suffer from dyscalculia. However, many go undiagnosed due to a lack of understanding and recognition of dyscalculia. When it goes undiagnosed there is a risk of the individual developing depression and a decline in self-esteem. Treatment focuses on learning through repetition, positive reinforcement, tutoring, and teaching in a multisensory way. As a former special education teacher, this is something that we have -- I've had to deal with in the classroom to help try to find strategies for students, but many go undiagnosed. I'm just trying to bring attention to that with this resolution, and I thank you for your time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, shall Senate Resolution 703 pass. All those in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senate Joint Resolution 750. Senate Resolution 750, Halpin. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 750, offered by Senator Halpin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Halpin, explain your resolution.

SENATOR HALPIN:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Resolution 750 declares

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the month of February 2024 as Career and Technical Education Month here in the State of Illinois. As many of you know, career and technical education is a vital part of our workforce development here in the State. And most importantly, today, CTE is at the forefront of putting equity into the workplace. And in particular, I know the Members can read the resolution for themselves, but I specifically want to welcome some beneficiaries of the equity that we place in career and technical education. We have a couple of folks from my district that have completed the Black Hawk College Highway Construction Training Program: Sonya Shepard and Sabrina Duncan. And they have the privilege of being with us here in Springfield today for a conference on their program. And they're here and they're out there every day telling other women that they can be in the construction trades and be successful and have a great career, have a debt free education that provides for them and their families going forward. And so, I urge all of you, to join me in adopting this resolution, welcoming them to Springfield along with their -- the folks from their administration office, Julie and Paul, that are doing things every day to make sure that we have the folks doing -- doing these jobs in the State of Illinois. So, I would ask for your Yes vote, and I -- please welcome them to Springfield. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Halpin, to close. Thank you. The question is, shall Senate Resolution 750 pass. All those in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President,

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I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, the adoption of which I am instructed as the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Joint Resolution 59 RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two houses adjourned on Thursday, February 22nd, 2024, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, or to the call of the Speaker and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, or to the call of the President. Adopted by the House February 21st, 2024. John W. Hollman. Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 59, offered by Senator Aquino.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

On the Order of Resolution, is House Joint Resolution 59. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 59, offered by Senator Aquino.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Aquino moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of House -- House Joint Resolution 59. Those in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Aquino moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 59. All in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. We shall now proceed to the Order of Consent Calendar - Celebration

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of Life Resolutions. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have all -- have there been any objections filed to any resolutions on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries and the resolutions are adopted. There being no further business to come before the Senate pursuant to House Joint Resolution 59. The Senate stands adjourned until noon on the 5th of March, 2024, or the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.