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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The Senate of the 98th General Assembly is convened in its First Special Session. Under the practice of this Body since the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted in the 98th General Assembly and its officers and committees are in effect for the continuous period of the 98th General Assembly, including any Special Sessions. There are three organizational resolutions that will be adopted today. These resolutions inform the House that the Senate is ready to conduct business, create a Senate Committee of five to wait upon the Governor, and create a Senate Committee of three to approve Journals for the Senate for all days of the Special Session. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Harmon moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate adoption of Senate Resolution 1. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Harmon now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 2, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Harmon moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate adoption of Senate Resolution 2. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Harmon now moves the adoption of

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Senate Resolution 2. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 3, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Harmon moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate adoption of Senate Resolution 3. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Harmon now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 3. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, please read the Message from the Governor.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Proclamation from the Governor, dated June 6, 2013.

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 2013-210)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. Today I have a special guest who is visiting us from Puerto Rico - from Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico. Her name is -- her name is Perla Coralys Williams Cruz. She is in seventh grade. She just passed seventh grade with high honors and she just loves to dance, especially our beautiful music of salsa. I want

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everybody to welcome her here to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Steans, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR STEANS:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, I have a group of interns visiting me today. They're in the gallery above the Senate Democratic side. They're from -- Jun is from Northwestern. I have Alex from -- visiting from Williams College; Caleb, who's at Carleton College; and Justin, who's at DePaul University. All great interns with me this summer. So please welcome them to Springfield. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please rise and be welcomed to the Illinois Senate. Senator Duffy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUFFY:

Point of personal privilege, Mrs. -- Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR DUFFY:

You know, I'd like to introduce two of my summer interns. Today I have with me Anna Jirschele and Brian Siegel. Anna is a junior at University of Wisconsin-Madison. She's majoring in political science and legal studies. After college, she'd like to pursue the legal avenue and then also she's thinking about politics. Also, Brian Siegel is a senior at University of

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Illinois. He's majoring in broadcast journalism and has political aspirations. Please help me in giving my interns a warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Christopher Brickerhart {sic} (Brinckerhoff), Journal and Topics, requests permission to state {sic} still photos. Leave is granted. Jim Mastri, WLS-TV Chicago, requests permission to videotape. Leave is granted. Jay Levine, Marcus Richardson, WBBM-TV CBS2 Chicago, requests permission to video. Leave is granted. Josh Simon, WEEK-TV, requests permission to tape Senate Special Session. Leave is granted. Matt Groves, WREX-TV NBC, requests permission to video. Leave is granted. Senator LaHood, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR LaHOOD:

I -- I would just like the record to reflect today that Senator Kyle McCarter is in Africa on a previously scheduled charity trip and will not be with us today. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The record will so reflect. Senator Biss, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BISS:

A point of personal privilege, if I might.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Yes, you may. Please state your point.

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SENATOR BISS:

I wanted to introduce to my colleagues my legislative director from my district office, Alison Leipsiger, who's here with us for the day. Welcome, Alison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please rise and be welcomed to the Illinois Senate. Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

A point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I have with me Austin Tuttle, who'd like to be a Page of the Day. He is from Williamsville, which is about fifteen miles from here. He's a member of the Youth & Government and is interested in local government. If we can welcome him to the Senate, I'd appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please welcome Senator Muñoz's guest to the Illinois Senate. Senator Brady, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR BRADY:

I'd like to introduce my guest to the Members of the Senate. He is a senior at Illinois Wesleyan University, a Sigma Chi, working in our office, and his name is Bret Strzelczyk. If

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you'd please join me in welcoming him to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please welcome Senator Brady's guest to the Illinois Senate. The First Special Session of the Senate of the 98th General Assembly will stand in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The First Special Session of the Senate of the 98th General Assembly will now come to order. On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 Special. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, First Special Session.

(Secretary reads SJR No.1)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Harmon moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 1 Special. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Harmon moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 1 Special. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. There being no further business to come before the First Special Session, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1 Special, the First Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned to the call of the President. The Senate stands adjourned.