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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Representative Hannig in the chair.

Prayer by Pastor Robert Rasmus of the St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Urbana, IL.

Representative Howard led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:

109 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Burke, Delgado, Jones, Joyce, Mendoza, Parke and Pihos were excused from attendance.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Capparelli will replace Representative Turner in the Committee on Rules for today only.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and be referred to the Order of Concurrence: HOUSE BILL 3553.

That the resolution be reported "recommends be adopted" and be placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE RESOLUTION 497.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:

4, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie,Barbara(D), Chairperson

Y Black,William(R)

Y Hannig,Gary(D)

A Hassert,Brent(R), Republican Spokesperson

Y Turner,Arthur(D)

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: SENATE BILLS 1498 and 1913.

The committee roll call vote on foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:

3, Yeas; 2, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie,Barbara(D), Chairperson

N Black,William(R)

Y Hannig,Gary(D)

N Hassert,Brent(R), Republican Spokesperson

Y Turner,Arthur(D) (Capparelli)

COMMITTEE ON RULES REFERRALS

Representative Currie, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, reported the following legislative measures and/or joint action motions have been assigned as follows:

Commerce & Business Development: HOUSE BILLS 3865 and 4090.

Environment & Energy: Motion to Concur in SENATE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 3553.

Executive: HOUSE BILL 4031.

Health Care Availability & Access: HOUSE BILL 3857.

Insurance: HOUSE BILLS 2575 and 4104.

Judiciary I - Civil Law: HOUSE BILLS 4025 and 4106.

Registration & Regulation: HOUSE BILL 4157.

State Government Administration: HOUSE BILL 4194 and SENATE BILL 1913; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to SENATE BILL 1913.

MOTIONS SUBMITTED

Representative Holbrook submitted the following written motion, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

MOTION

I move to concur with Senate Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 900.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Richard Bradley, Chairperson, from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass as amended” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 378.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 378 is as follows:

8, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Bradley, Richard(D), Chairperson
 Y Colvin, Marlow(D)
 A McCarthy, Kevin(D)
 Y Reitz, Dan(D), Vice-Chairperson
 Y Smith, Michael(D) (Capparelli)

Y Brauer, Rich(R)
 Y Leitch, David(R)
 Y Poe, Raymond(R), Republican Spokesperson
 Y Schmitz, Timothy(R)

CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP

Representative Madigan asked and obtained unanimous consent to be removed as chief sponsor and Representative Hannig asked and obtained unanimous consent to be shown as chief sponsor of SENATE BILL 1913.

Representative Madigan asked and obtained unanimous consent to be removed as chief sponsor and Representative Holbrook asked and obtained unanimous consent to be shown as chief sponsor of HOUSE BILL 900.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered printed and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 4349. Introduced by Representative Beaubien, AN ACT concerning clerks.

HOUSE BILL 4350. Introduced by Representative Jefferson, AN ACT concerning business transactions.

HOUSE BILL 4351. Introduced by Representative Beaubien, AN ACT concerning taxes.

HOUSE BILL 4352. Introduced by Representative Osmond, AN ACT concerning condominiums.

HOUSE BILL 4353. Introduced by Representative Parke, AN ACT concerning gift certificates.

HOUSE BILL 4354. Introduced by Representative Parke, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4355. Introduced by Representative Boland, AN ACT concerning vehicles.

HOUSE BILL 4356. Introduced by Representative Lyons, Joseph, AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

HOUSE BILL 4357. Introduced by Representative Scully, AN ACT to revise the law by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections.

HOUSE BILL 4358. Introduced by Representative Scully, AN ACT to revise the law by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections.

HOUSE BILL 4359. Introduced by Representative Scully, AN ACT concerning fireworks advertising.

- HOUSE BILL 4360. Introduced by Representative Sullivan, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4361. Introduced by Representatives Burke - Moffitt - Smith - Slone, AN ACT concerning higher education.
- HOUSE BILL 4362. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning procurement.
- HOUSE BILL 4363. Introduced by Representative Jakobsson, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4364. Introduced by Representative Jakobsson, AN ACT concerning higher education.
- HOUSE BILL 4365. Introduced by Representative Capparelli, AN ACT in relation to alcohol.
- HOUSE BILL 4366. Introduced by Representative Capparelli, AN ACT in relation to fireworks.
- HOUSE BILL 4367. Introduced by Representative Capparelli, AN ACT in relation to financial regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4368. Introduced by Representative Capparelli, AN ACT in relation to the regulation of professions.
- HOUSE BILL 4369. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning civil procedure.
- HOUSE BILL 4370. Introduced by Representative Beaubien, AN ACT concerning counties.
- HOUSE BILL 4371. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT in relation to human rights.
- HOUSE BILL 4372. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning military service.
- HOUSE BILL 4373. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning nursing.
- HOUSE BILL 4374. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT concerning labor relations.
- HOUSE BILL 4375. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT concerning employment.
- HOUSE BILL 4376. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4377. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT in relation to public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 4378. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT concerning property.
- HOUSE BILL 4379. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT in relation to utilities.
- HOUSE BILL 4380. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning cable television.
- HOUSE BILL 4381. Introduced by Representative May, AN ACT concerning wetlands.
- HOUSE BILL 4382. Introduced by Representative May, AN ACT concerning wetlands.
- HOUSE BILL 4383. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT concerning peace officers.
- HOUSE BILL 4384. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT concerning peace officers.
- HOUSE BILL 4385. Introduced by Representative Hannig, AN ACT concerning health facilities.
- HOUSE BILL 4386. Introduced by Representative Hannig, AN ACT concerning physician assistants.
- HOUSE BILL 4387. Introduced by Representative Slone, AN ACT concerning notaries public.
- HOUSE BILL 4388. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT concerning residential tenancies.
- HOUSE BILL 4389. Introduced by Representative Hultgren, AN ACT concerning trusts.
- HOUSE BILL 4390. Introduced by Representative Brady, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4391. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4392. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT in relation to freedom of information.
- HOUSE BILL 4393. Introduced by Representative Bellock, AN ACT concerning professional regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4394. Introduced by Representative Krause, AN ACT concerning schools.
- HOUSE BILL 4395. Introduced by Representative Fritchey, AN ACT concerning protective orders.
- HOUSE BILL 4396. Introduced by Representative Schmitz, AN ACT concerning public safety.
- HOUSE BILL 4397. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4398. Introduced by Representative Millner, AN ACT concerning State police.
- HOUSE BILL 4399. Introduced by Representative Poe, AN ACT in relation to elections.
- HOUSE BILL 4400. Introduced by Representative Brauer, AN ACT concerning taxes.
- HOUSE BILL 4401. Introduced by Representative Leitch, AN ACT concerning insurance.
- HOUSE BILL 4402. Introduced by Representative Sommer, AN ACT concerning hunting.
- HOUSE BILL 4403. Introduced by Representative Jefferson, AN ACT concerning vehicles.
- HOUSE BILL 4404. Introduced by Representative Eddy, AN ACT concerning taxation.
- HOUSE BILL 4405. Introduced by Representative Eddy, AN ACT concerning schools.
- HOUSE BILL 4406. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4407. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4408. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4409. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4410. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4411. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4412. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4413. Introduced by Representative Flider, AN ACT concerning cable television.

HOUSE BILL 4414. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4415. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT concerning mental health.

HOUSE BILL 4416. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT in relation to health.

HOUSE BILL 4417. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT concerning health services.

HOUSE BILL 4418. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT concerning health.

HOUSE BILL 4419. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT concerning human services.

HOUSE BILL 4420. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT concerning community services.

HOUSE BILL 4421. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4422. Introduced by Representative Gordon, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4423. Introduced by Representative Gordon, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4424. Introduced by Representative Gordon, AN ACT concerning sexual assault.

HOUSE BILL 4425. Introduced by Representative McAuliffe, AN ACT in relation to arson.

HOUSE BILL 4426. Introduced by Representative McAuliffe, AN ACT in relation to arson.

HOUSE BILL 4427. Introduced by Representative McAuliffe, AN ACT in relation to minors.

HOUSE BILL 4428. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning labor.

HOUSE BILL 4429. Introduced by Representative Flider, AN ACT concerning government buildings.

HOUSE BILL 4430. Introduced by Representative Flider, AN ACT concerning public utilities.

HOUSE BILL 4431. Introduced by Representatives Munson - Schmitz, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4432. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning telephone solicitation.

HOUSE BILL 4433. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT in relation to public health.

HOUSE BILL 4434. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning liability.

HOUSE BILL 4435. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning identity theft.

HOUSE BILL 4436. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning hospital workers.

HOUSE BILL 4437. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT in relation to State employees.

HOUSE BILL 4438. Introduced by Representative Yarbrough, AN ACT in relation to insurance.

HOUSE BILL 4439. Introduced by Representative Yarbrough, AN ACT in relation to human rights.

HOUSE BILL 4440. Introduced by Representative Ryg, AN ACT concerning driving offenses.

HOUSE BILL 4441. Introduced by Representative Ryg, AN ACT concerning State mandates.

HOUSE BILL 4442. Introduced by Representative Ryg, AN ACT concerning business transactions.

HOUSE BILL 4443. Introduced by Representative Fritchey, AN ACT concerning consumer protection.

HOUSE BILL 4444. Introduced by Representative Hultgren, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4445. Introduced by Representative Hultgren, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4446. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4447. Introduced by Representative Winters, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 4448. Introduced by Representatives Kosel - Bassi, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4449. Introduced by Representative Schmitz, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4450. Introduced by Representative Kelly, AN ACT concerning business transactions.

HOUSE BILL 4451. Introduced by Representative Kelly, AN ACT concerning special districts.

HOUSE BILL 4452. Introduced by Representative Kelly, AN ACT concerning special districts.

HOUSE BILL 4453. Introduced by Representative Rose, AN ACT concerning vehicles.

HOUSE BILL 4454. Introduced by Representative Hultgren, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 4455. Introduced by Representative Brady, AN ACT with regard to vehicles.

- HOUSE BILL 4456. Introduced by Representative Eddy, AN ACT concerning vehicles.
- HOUSE BILL 4457. Introduced by Representative Millner, AN ACT concerning vehicles.
- HOUSE BILL 4458. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4459. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT concerning taxes.
- HOUSE BILL 4460. Introduced by Representative Meyer, AN ACT concerning financial regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4461. Introduced by Representatives Currie - Hamos, AN ACT concerning taxes.
- HOUSE BILL 4462. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning employment.
- HOUSE BILL 4463. Introduced by Representative Moffitt, AN ACT concerning taxes.
- HOUSE BILL 4464. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT concerning public labor relations.
- HOUSE BILL 4465. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning taxes.
- HOUSE BILL 4466. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning taxes.
- HOUSE BILL 4467. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4468. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning insurance.
- HOUSE BILL 4469. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4470. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning agriculture.
- HOUSE BILL 4471. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning insurance.
- HOUSE BILL 4472. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning the Department of Insurance.
- HOUSE BILL 4473. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning insurance.
- HOUSE BILL 4474. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT in relation to insurance.
- HOUSE BILL 4475. Introduced by Representative McGuire, AN ACT concerning public health.
- HOUSE BILL 4476. Introduced by Representative McGuire, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 4477. Introduced by Representative McGuire, AN ACT concerning public health.
- HOUSE BILL 4478. Introduced by Representative May, AN ACT concerning insurance.
- HOUSE BILL 4479. Introduced by Representatives Turner - Currie, AN ACT concerning utilities.
- HOUSE BILL 4480. Introduced by Representative Turner, AN ACT concerning procurement.
- HOUSE BILL 4481. Introduced by Representative Turner, AN ACT concerning public health.
- HOUSE BILL 4482. Introduced by Representative Giles, AN ACT concerning taxes.
- HOUSE BILL 4483. Introduced by Representative Jefferson, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4484. Introduced by Representative Jefferson, AN ACT concerning public health.
- HOUSE BILL 4485. Introduced by Representative Jefferson, AN ACT concerning counties.
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- HOUSE BILL 4489. Introduced by Representative Pankau, AN ACT concerning vehicles.
- HOUSE BILL 4490. Introduced by Representative Leitch, AN ACT concerning mining.
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- HOUSE BILL 4493. Introduced by Representatives Lyons, Joseph - McGuire, AN ACT concerning health facilities.
- HOUSE BILL 4494. Introduced by Representative Lyons, Joseph, AN ACT concerning vehicles.
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- HOUSE BILL 4497. Introduced by Representative Lyons, Joseph, AN ACT concerning financial regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4498. Introduced by Representative Davis, Will, AN ACT concerning municipalities.
- HOUSE BILL 4499. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4500. Introduced by Representative Molaro, AN ACT concerning taxes.
- HOUSE BILL 4501. Introduced by Representatives Molaro - Mautino, AN ACT concerning taxes.
- HOUSE BILL 4502. Introduced by Representative Brosnahan, AN ACT in relation to persons with disabilities.
- HOUSE BILL 4503. Introduced by Representative Brosnahan, AN ACT in relation to criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4504. Introduced by Representative Brosnahan, AN ACT in relation to sex offenders.
- HOUSE BILL 4505. Introduced by Representative Brosnahan, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4506. Introduced by Representatives Lang - Franks - Mathias, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4507. Introduced by Representative Jefferson, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 4508. Introduced by Representative Reitz, AN ACT concerning renewable fuels.

HOUSE BILL 4509. Introduced by Representative Reitz, AN ACT concerning taxation.

HOUSE BILL 4510. Introduced by Representative Reitz, AN ACT concerning boards.

HOUSE BILL 4511. Introduced by Representatives Reitz - Phelps, AN ACT concerning alternate fuels.

HOUSE BILL 4512. Introduced by Representative Reitz, AN ACT concerning taxes.

HOUSE BILL 4513. Introduced by Representative Davis, Steve, AN ACT concerning public utilities.

HOUSE BILL 4514. Introduced by Representative Davis, Steve, AN ACT relating to public utilities.

HOUSE BILL 4515. Introduced by Representative Davis, Steve, AN ACT concerning utilities.

HOUSE BILL 4516. Introduced by Representative Davis, Steve, AN ACT concerning public utilities.

HOUSE BILL 4517. Introduced by Representative Davis, Steve, AN ACT relating to telecommunications.

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HOUSE BILL 4522. Introduced by Representative Miller, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4523. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT in relation to human services.

HOUSE BILL 4524. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT in relation to health.

HOUSE BILL 4525. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT in relation to health.

HOUSE BILL 4526. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning higher education.

HOUSE BILL 4527. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning electronic filing.

HOUSE BILL 4528. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning the legislature.

HOUSE BILL 4529. Introduced by Representative Munson, AN ACT concerning civil liabilities.

HOUSE BILL 4530. Introduced by Representative Granberg, AN ACT in relation to municipal government.

HOUSE BILL 4531. Introduced by Representative May, AN ACT concerning public health.

HOUSE BILL 4532. Introduced by Representative Granberg, AN ACT creating the Southern Illinois Economic Development Authority.

HOUSE BILL 4533. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT in relation to environmental safety.

HOUSE BILL 4534. Introduced by Representative Bailey, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4535. Introduced by Representative Graham, AN ACT concerning vehicles.

HOUSE BILL 4536. Introduced by Representative Graham, AN ACT in relation to firearms.

HOUSE BILL 4537. Introduced by Representative Bailey, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 4538. Introduced by Representative Bailey, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4539. Introduced by Representative Soto, AN ACT concerning vehicles.

HOUSE BILL 4540. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning public health.

HOUSE BILL 4541. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning tourism.

HOUSE BILL 4542. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning civil procedure.

HOUSE BILL 4543. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning environmental protection.

HOUSE BILL 4544. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT in relation to environmental safety.

HOUSE BILL 4545. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning environmental protection.

HOUSE BILL 4546. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning environmental protection.

HOUSE BILL 4547. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning environmental protection.

HOUSE BILL 4548. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning rights and remedies.

HOUSE BILL 4549. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 4550. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT concerning State contracts.

HOUSE BILL 4551. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT in relation to employment.

HOUSE BILL 4552. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT in relation to employment.

HOUSE BILL 4553. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 4554. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT in relation to health in the workplace.

HOUSE BILL 4555. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT in relation to health in the workplace.

HOUSE BILL 4556. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT in relation to health in the workplace.

HOUSE BILL 4557. Introduced by Representative Lindner, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4558. Introduced by Representative Lindner, AN ACT concerning to public health.

HOUSE BILL 4559. Introduced by Representative Delgado, AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL 4560. Introduced by Representative Delgado, AN ACT concerning public health.

HOUSE BILL 4561. Introduced by Representative Delgado, AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4562. Introduced by Representative Delgado, AN ACT concerning health care.

HOUSE BILL 4563. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 4564. Introduced by Representative Boland, AN ACT concerning public health.

HOUSE BILL 4565. Introduced by Representative Jones, AN ACT in relation to local governments.

HOUSE BILL 4566. Introduced by Representatives Jones - Collins - Howard - Turner - Morrow, AN ACT concerning minors.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 626

Offered by Representative Franks:

WHEREAS, A recent study by the Parents Television Council indicated a jump in profanity in virtually every network and every time slot, finding that foul language increased during the 8 to 9 p.m. "family hour" by 94.8% between 1998 and 2002 and during the 9 to 10 p.m. hour by 109% in the same period; and

WHEREAS, The Parents Television Council said the television industry needs to get serious about reducing the flood of vulgarity coming into homes via television; and

WHEREAS, According to Syracuse University Professor Robert Thompson:

Once prime-time television decides to absorb something, it becomes a stamp of normalcy. It's no longer controversial. It's no longer a big deal. It makes it a casual, accepted sort of thing; and

WHEREAS, According to P.M. Forni, cofounder of the Civility Project at Johns Hopkins University:

Very often, rudeness and cursing are the beginning of an escalation toward violence. Words, our words, are like our hands. They can soothe and heal, but they can also strike, which means they can hurt;

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Federal Communications Commission and major television networks to curb or eliminate the growing amount of profanity on television, especially during the "family hour"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission, to the major television networks, and to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 627

Offered by Representative Franks:

WHEREAS, 138 years ago Brigham Young and more than 20,000 members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were expelled from the State of Illinois after the Illinois General Assembly withdrew its charter for the city of Nauvoo, Illinois in Hancock County in 1844; and

WHEREAS, During a period of seven years of Illinois history, from 1839 to 1846, Latter-day Saints built and developed the city of Nauvoo into the largest city in the State of Illinois and the tenth largest city in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was established by Joseph Smith in Fayette, New York on April 6, 1830; and

WHEREAS, The Mormon Prophet, Joseph Smith, led the community of Latter-day Saints from Fayette, New York to Kirtland, Ohio in 1831; and from Ohio to Independence, Missouri, in 1837; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Smith, a strong anti-slavery advocate, led his community of some 15,000 Latter-day Saints to the Mississippi River town of Nauvoo, in Illinois, following their expulsion from the slave State of Missouri in 1839; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Smith and the Latter-day Saints exercised enormous industry and effort in the development and growth of the town of Nauvoo, succeeding in creating a prosperous community in which they drained the local swamp lands and transformed them into productive agricultural and residential environments; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Smith and the Latter-day Saints were given an extraordinary charter for the powers of home-rule by the Illinois General Assembly to create and preside over their own court system and also to maintain their own military force, second in size only to the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Smith and the community of Latter-day Saints exercised extensive missionary activities which drew new Mormon settlers to the city Nauvoo, reaching a population of some 20,000 citizens by 1844; and

WHEREAS, The prevailing economic conditions of the nation in general, and Illinois in particular, faced a downturn in the early 1840s, with the result that the rapidly growing population of Nauvoo faced drastic levels of unemployment without success in attracting needed industry; and

WHEREAS, During the period of their residency in Nauvoo, Joseph Smith and his community of Latter-day Saints began as political Democrats, transferring their political allegiance to the Whig Party in both the elections of 1838 and 1840, before once again transferring their affiliations back to the Democratic Party in the election of 1842, until the establishment of the Reform Party by Smith in time for the election of 1844, when he began to seriously campaign for the office of President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The expression of political authority and power within the community of Latter-day Saints was seen by many citizens in Illinois as reasons for caution and concern, seeing the control of local courts by Joseph Smith as autocratic, and interpreting the leverage and influence of the Mormon community's voting strength as an over influential forceful and voting bloc; and

WHEREAS, Local religious customs among the Latter-day Saints began to be viewed with suspicion, bias and misunderstanding; and

WHEREAS, Following the destruction of a local anti-Mormon newspaper known as the Expositor, violence against the Latter-day Saint community increased; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Illinois, Thomas Ford, called out the Illinois Militia to keep order; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ford had the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother, Hiram Smith, jailed, on suspicion of complicity in the destruction of the Expositor, in the nearby town jail of Carthage, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, A violent mob stormed the Carthage jail on June 27, 1844, causing the deaths of Joseph and Hiram Smith; and

WHEREAS, Between 1844 and 1845, violent acts against the community of Latter-day Saints increased in volume and intensity, demonstrated in such acts as the burning of crops, the destruction of homes and the threaten extermination of the entire Mormon population; and

WHEREAS, Faced with the extremism against the community of Latter-day Saints, Brigham Young, the new leader of the Nauvoo community made plans to take his people out of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Beginning on February 4, 1846, Brigham Young began sending the community of Latter-day Saints out of their homeland of Nauvoo, Illinois across the frozen waters of the Mississippi

River, in the largest forced migration in American history; and

WHEREAS, Brigham Young made an exodus from the State of Illinois, leading tens of thousands of men, women and children, together with livestock and wagons that stretched across the expansive winter horizon for miles; and

WHEREAS, In this Mormon exodus, Brigham Young and the community of Latter-day Saints left behind their life in Illinois and the shining city that they had fashioned from both their faith and the hard work of their hands; and

WHEREAS, Brigham Young and the community of Latter-day Saints set off in the midst of winter for Utah, some 1300 miles to the west; and

WHEREAS, The severity of the winter placed on Brigham Young and the community of Latter-day Saints extreme hardships, trudging across the Iowa Plains to the far side of that state where they made a winter camp; and

WHEREAS, In the Spring of 1847, Brigham Young and the community of Latter-day Saints began again their journey to Utah, beyond the Rocky Mountain Range, to the valley of the Great Salt Lake; and

WHEREAS, On July 24, 1847, Brigham Young and the community of Latter-day Saints arrived in that valley following a trek of more than five months, journeying across the heart of the American continent, from the heartbreak of events in Nauvoo, Illinois to a place of far-western refuge; and

WHEREAS, Within 50 years of their arrival in the territory of Utah, the community of Latter-day Saint became the 45th state in the Union on January 4, 1896; and

WHEREAS, The community of Latter-day Saints grew from a population of 250,000 at the end of the 19th century to a population of more than 10 million people in our present day; and

WHEREAS, The goodness, patriotism, high moral conduct, and generosity of the community of Latter-day Saints has enriched the landscape of the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, The biases and prejudices of a less enlightened age in the history of the State of Illinois caused untolled hardship and trauma for the community of Latter-day Saints by the distrust, violence, and inhospitable actions of a dark time in our past; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we acknowledge the disparity of those past actions and suspicions, regretting the expulsion of the community of Latter-day Saints, a people of faith and hard work; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we asks the pardon and forgiveness of the community of Latter-day Saints for the misguided efforts of our citizens, Chief Executive and the General Assembly in the expulsion of their Mormon ancestors from the gleaming city of Nauvoo and the State of Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 628

Offered by Representative Flowers:

WHEREAS, The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 was signed into law on December 8, 2003; and

WHEREAS, In 2001 the United States spent \$140.6 billion on prescription drugs, with Medicare spending \$2.4 billion on prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, The high cost of prescription drugs places an extraordinarily heavy burden on elderly persons and persons with disabilities who live on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, It remains crucial for Congress and each of the state legislatures to respond to this health care crisis in a timely yet thoughtful manner; and

WHEREAS, The enacted federal Medicare Prescription Drug Bill does not adequately meet the needs of Illinois senior citizens and persons with disabilities; it offers less assistance than our current State prescription drug programs offer; and

WHEREAS, The enacted federal Medicare Prescription Drug Bill includes a complicated drug benefit and fails to lower drug prices; and

WHEREAS, The enacted federal Medicare Prescription Drug Bill will adversely affect elderly persons and persons with disabilities who currently receive prescription drug coverage and other benefits under the Illinois Medicaid Program; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we call upon the United States Congress to amend the

federal Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, and we further urge the United States Congress not to pass any measure that fails to do less for its senior citizens than does the current Illinois drug prescription program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Illinois Congressional delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 629

Offered by Representative Flowers:

WHEREAS, The Social Security Fairness Act of 2003 was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives on February 5, 2003 as H.R. 594 and into the U.S. Senate on February 11, 2003 as S. 439; and

WHEREAS, The Social Security Fairness Act of 2003 amends title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision; and

WHEREAS, The Government Pension Offset was enacted in 1977 and the Windfall Elimination Provision was enacted in 1983; and

WHEREAS, The majority of public employees affected by the Government Pension Offset lost their entire spousal benefit despite the fact that their spouses paid Social Security contributions for many years; and

WHEREAS, An affected public employee loses an average of \$3,000 per year because of the Government Pension Offset; and

WHEREAS, The Windfall Elimination Provision causes public employees to lose up to 60% of the benefits that they earned; and

WHEREAS, According to the Social Security Administration's actuaries, the long-term cost of eliminating both of these provisions is negligible while the loss of income to affected employees caused by these provisions forces some civil servants into poverty; and

WHEREAS, These provisions discriminate against teachers, police, firefighters, social workers, and other civil servants; and

WHEREAS, The State and national shortage of teachers, police officers, and firefighters is exacerbated by these provisions because they discourage people from entering and staying in these professions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the U.S. Congress to pass the Social Security Fairness Act of 2003 or other legislation that eliminates both the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and each member of the Illinois Congressional delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 632

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan was scheduled to speak to a labor conference at 1:45 p.m. at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, John Hinckley, Jr. ventured to the Washington Hilton Hotel on March 30, 1981 with the goal of assassinating President Reagan; and

WHEREAS, At 1:30 p.m., Hinckley stepped forward from a crowd of television reporters and fired six shots from a Rohm R6-14 revolver at President Reagan; and

WHEREAS, The bullets from Hinckley's gun struck President Reagan in the left chest, Press Secretary James Brady in the left temple, Washington D.C. police officer Thomas Delahanty in the neck, and Secret Service agent Timothy J. McCarthy in the stomach; and

WHEREAS, Hinckley was immediately arrested, and after seven weeks of testimony and three days of jury deliberation, he was found to have carried out his assassination attempt while under psychotic delusion

and pronounced not guilty by reason of insanity; and

WHEREAS, Immediately after the verdict, Hinckley was committed to St. Elizabeth's Mental Hospital in Washington, D.C. where he underwent a psychiatric evaluation and was classified as a danger to himself, Jodie Foster, and any other third party whom he would consider incidental to his ultimate aims; and

WHEREAS, James "Jim" Brady was born in Centralia and is a former resident of Chicago; he is a graduate of the University of Illinois, where he earned a B.S. degree in communications and political science; and

WHEREAS, Jim suffered permanent brain damage from the gunshot wound inflicted by Hinckley, as his memory and speech are forever impaired; his left leg was left partially paralyzed and his left arm remains completely paralyzed; and

WHEREAS, On December 17, 2003, U.S. District Court Judge Paul L. Friedman ruled that Hinckley no longer poses a serious danger to himself or others and granted Hinckley permission to begin a series of six daytime and two overnight visits with his parents in the Washington, D.C. area; and

WHEREAS, Judge Friedman, who took the case following the 2001 death of Judge June Green, who consistently ruled against Hinckley, rejected the arguments of federal prosecutors, who said that Hinckley has a history of deception and that they believe he is concealing dangerous thoughts and remains a risk; and

WHEREAS, Judge Friedman's decision not only endangers the public and leaves many in outrage, but serves as an affront to Hinckley's victims and their families; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we condemn Judge Paul L. Friedman for his December 17, 2003 ruling allowing attempted presidential assassin, John Hinckley, Jr., unsupervised daytime and overnight visits with his parents; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Judge Paul L. Friedman.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 635

Offered by Representative Soto:

WHEREAS, Pregnancy rates among Hispanic teenagers are alarming; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly should take action to find appropriate and effective solutions for this problem; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the House Task Force on Hispanic Teen Pregnancy is created to study the rate of pregnancy among Hispanic teenage girls; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of: 3 Representatives and 3 public members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and 3 Representatives and 3 public members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the public members of the task force shall represent the Hispanic community and providers of health care and other services to teenagers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including recommendations for legislation, to the House of Representatives no later than December 31, 2004.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 643

Offered by Representative Miller:

WHEREAS, Give Kids A Smile is a national campaign, sponsored by the American Dental Association, to deliver free oral health education, screening, and treatment services to children who would not otherwise receive dental care; and

WHEREAS, On Give Kids A Smile Day, Friday, February 6, 2004, hundreds of thousands of children at more than 4,000 sites across the country will receive free education, screening, and treatment services; and

WHEREAS, Dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, lay volunteers, dental societies, and dental school students and faculties will be working together on that day to help children from low-income families who otherwise would not receive dental care; and

WHEREAS, While helping children is incredibly important to Give Kids A Smile Day, it is equally

important to note the extent of untreated dental disease among too many of the nation's children and foster meaningful progress toward long-term solutions to dental access problems; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the importance of dental treatment to low-income children and support the efforts of the American Dental Association's Give Kids A Smile Campaign; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we name Friday, February 6, 2004 as Give Kids A Smile Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the American Dental Association with our best wishes for the success of the Give Kids A Smile Day in 2004.

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
FIRST READING**

Representative Cross introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 28**

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article V of the Illinois Constitution by changing Sections 1, 3, 7, and 18 and by repealing Section 17 as follows:

ARTICLE V
THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

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

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

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

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 7. VACANCIES IN OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICES

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

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 17. COMPTROLLER - DUTIES (REPEALED)

~~The Comptroller, in accordance with law, shall maintain the State's central fiscal accounts, and order payments into and out of the funds held by the Treasurer.~~

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 18. TREASURER - DUTIES

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

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7

of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This Constitutional Amendment applies upon the conclusion of the terms of the Comptroller and the Treasurer elected in 2002.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 28 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered printed and placed in the Committee on Rules.

Representative Cross introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 29**

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

ARTICLE V
THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

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

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 2. TERMS

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

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

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

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 4. JOINT ELECTION (REPEALED)

~~In the general election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, one vote shall be cast jointly for the candidates nominated by the same political party or petition. The General Assembly may provide by law for the joint nomination of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.~~

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 6. GUBERNATORIAL SUCCESSION

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

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

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

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

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 7. VACANCIES IN OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICES

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

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 14. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR - DUTIES (REPEALED)

~~The Lieutenant Governor shall perform the duties and exercise the powers in the Executive Branch that may be delegated to him by the Governor and that may be prescribed by law.~~

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies upon the conclusion of the term of office of the Lieutenant Governor elected in 2002.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 29 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered printed and placed in the Committee on Rules.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 630

Offered by Representative Boland:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Richard A. "Dick" Armstrong on the occasion of his retirement from the Quad City Area REALTOR Association; and

WHEREAS, Richard A. Armstrong is a native of Springfield; he attended MacMurray College in Jacksonville; he worked with Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Davenport, Iowa, and was field director for the Illowa Council, Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Dick joined the Illinois Quad City Area REALTOR Association in January of 1979 as the Association Executive; he received an Association Executive designation the same year; he received his Certified Association Executive designation in 1993 and a REALTOR Association Certified Executive designation in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dick is a member of the Real Estate Education Association and is known for being involved nationally, statewide, and locally through several committees; he was the Federal District Coordinator for Congressman Lane Evans; he served as a member of many Association Executive Committees and on the Member Services Involvement group; he served on the Professional Standards Committees, the Legislative Committee, the Multi-Family Housing Sub-Committee (1992), the Equal Opportunity House Committee (1990), the License Law Committee (1983), and the Bylaws Committee; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Mr. Armstrong, the Quad City REALTOR Association has undergone many changes, growing in multiple ways; in 1979, the Association added online service, which allowed REALTOR offices to access the MLS computer; in 1983, a subsidiary corporation was formed, the Quad City Real Estate Information Services, Inc., which began publishing and distributing real estate advertising; in 1988, a Commercial Division was organized as a joint venture with the Iowa Board with MLS service; at this time, the first on-line system was purchased adding Rock Island and Henry County tax information to the system as well as on-line photos; also in the late 1980s, a Board Store was established; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, the Association placed the first keysafe system in the area into effect; in 1993, the group signed a multi-board agreement with the Galesburg Board of REALTORS and then with the Fulton County Board in 1996; also in 1996, the group entered the world wide web with it's first web page; in 1997, the Quad City Real Estate Referral Co. was established along with a multi-board agreement for

Professional Standards; in 1999, the Association office was sold and the group moved to its present location; in 2001, Real Estate Education Services, Inc. was established; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Armstrong accomplished much in his time of service to the Quad City REALTOR Association and has made the Association what it is today, and he has been instrumental in the development and success of the Galesburg Board of REALTORS; he has been a loyal and long-standing member of the Kiwanis; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Mr. Richard Armstrong on the occasion of his retirement from the Quad City REALTOR Association and the Galesburg Board of REALTORS; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dick Armstrong as an expression of our respect and esteem for his devoted service to the Quad City REALTOR Association and the Galesburg Board of REALTORS.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 631

Offered by Representative Monique Davis:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Dr. Jacob Hudson Carruthers, Jr., of Chicago on Sunday, January 4, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Hudson Carruthers, Jr., was born February 15, 1930, in Dallas; he excelled academically; following graduation from Phillis Wheatley High School in Houston, Texas, he attended Samuel Houston College in Austin, Texas, where he earned a bachelor's degree; after the Sweatt vs. Painter United States Supreme Court decision in 1950, he along with Heman Marion Sweatt and three other African Americans integrated the University of Texas Law School; jurisprudence, however, was not his calling, and he did not return the following year; in 1951, facing the draft and the Korean War, he volunteered for the United States Air Force; after serving in the Air Force, he enrolled in Texas Southern University where he earned a master's degree in government; and

WHEREAS, His passion for learning and a sense of service led him back to the classroom; from 1961 to 1964, Dr. Carruthers taught at Prairie View College in Texas; after being the first African American to earn a doctorate in political science from the University of Colorado at Boulder, he taught at Kansas State College in Pittsburg, Kansas, for two years; thereafter, his career led him to Chicago, and in 1968, he joined the faculty of the Department of Inner City Studies Education at the Center of Inner City Studies of Northeastern Illinois University, where he taught for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carruthers' leadership pioneered the development of both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Inner City Studies, which influenced the development of hundreds of students who sought careers working in the urban environment of the inner city; he contributed to the development of the Inner City Studies academic discipline in the United States, and he fostered the Chicago School of African Centered Thought that manifested itself in the community based Communiversity; and

WHEREAS, Serving as a consultant on African centered education to the Chicago Public Schools and other school systems throughout the United States, Dr. Carruthers was influential in the African centered education movement; he was a cofounder of the teacher training program, Teaching About Africa; he was also sought after nationally and internationally as a lecturer on African history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carruthers established himself through his work with leading African and African-American scholars in the world through his leadership in the development of a plan to rewrite African history under the aegis of the African World History Project of the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations (ASCAC); he was a founding member of the Kemetic Institute and ASCAC; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carruthers authored several important books that paved the way and provided the framework for the African centered approach to the research and study of Classical African history and African civilization; his works include: Intellectual Warfare (1999), Mdw Ntr (1995), Essays in Ancient Egyptian Studies (1984), and The Irritated Genie (1985); other significant works include Science and Oppression (1972) and African or American (1994); he coedited Reconstructing Kemetic Culture (1990), The African Worldview (1986), and The Preliminary Challenge (1997); many of his works challenged the prevailing ideas in the field of Egyptology as well as the role of African people in the development of civilization in the ancient Nile Valley; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Dr. Carruthers became the High Priest of the Temple of the African Community of Chicago that was established to meet the spiritual needs of those who sought to practice ancient Nile Valley spirituality; in 1995, Dr. Carruthers was initiated into elderhood in a community ritual at which time he took the name Jedi Shemsu Jehewty (the one who speaks is a follower of Jehewty); and

WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Jacob Hudson Carruthers, Jr., has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Linda (Ifé); his sons, Jacob III, Darnell, and Christopher; his daughter, Tawakalitu Jogunosimi; his niece, Margaret Lee (Georges), who he considered a daughter; his grandchildren, Jacqueline and Jacob IV; his great-grandchildren, Lynon and Makala; his sister, Carol Lee (Charles); his brothers, Riley and Andrew (Willie); and his many nieces, nephews, and cousins; 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 Dr. Jacob Hudson Carruthers, Jr., who was a distinguished African-American scholar, historian, and researcher; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Carruthers as an expression of our deepest sympathy during their time of bereavement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 633

Offered by Representatives Cross, Pritchard and Sacia:

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

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

WHEREAS, Representative Wirsing served in the U.S. Army both on active duty and in the reserves, from 1957 to 1964; he married Nancy Hardesty on March 5, 1960; in 1963, he took over ownership and operation of the Wirsing Pork Finishing Farm; and

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

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

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

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

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

violence shelter for women and children; and

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

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

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

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 634

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to recognize Hallie Amey for being an outstanding community leader of the Wentworth Gardens community; and

WHEREAS, Hallie Bronkens moved to Chicago when she was in her early twenties; shortly after her arrival, she met and married Frank Amey; they moved to Wentworth Gardens in the spring of 1951 with their three daughters, Frankie, Ethel, and Vicki; their fourth daughter, Zelma, was born on the eve of Mr. Amey's untimely death in 1958; Mrs. Amey was devastated by the death of her husband and overwhelmed by the task of raising four daughters on her own; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Amey's first involvement in the community began with the formation of Blue Bird, Brownie, and Girl Scout troops for young girls in the community; she then began working with the PTA of Robert S. Abbott Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, When her youngest daughter, Zelma, reached pre-school age, Mrs. Amey and some of her neighbors organized a pre-school in the community center because there was no Head Start Program available; the first group of children from that pre-school were so well-prepared for Kindergarten that they were put in an accelerated class; despite her work in the community, Mrs. Amey always found time to take her family to church, choir rehearsal, and BTU at the Progressive Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Amey was offered the position of Community Liaison Representative at the Robert S. Abbott Elementary School as a result of her volunteer work; she later was hired by the Chicago Housing Authority as a Community Representative; around 1962, a Resident Council was formed in Wentworth Gardens which functioned until 1971, when it was reorganized and became the Local Advisory Council; Mrs. Amey decided at this time that she could be more effective as a volunteer and has worked in that capacity since her resignation from the Chicago Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Local Advisory Council opened a laundromat in 1968 and a grocery store in 1972 because there was a need in the community; Mrs. Amey has always been active in the community and has contributed countless hours for the betterment of Wentworth Gardens; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her many contributions to the community, Mrs. Amey is being honored with a street naming ceremony at Pershing Road and Wentworth; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Hallie Amey for being an outstanding community leader of the Wentworth Gardens community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Hallie Amey as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 636

Offered by Representative Daniels:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives offer our sincere congratulations to the Driscoll Catholic High School Football Team on winning the Class 4A State Championship on November 28, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Driscoll Catholic High School located in Addison, Illinois, is under the direction of the Diocese of Joliet and was founded under the Sisters of St. Francis and the Brothers of the Christian Schools; and

WHEREAS, This victory marks Driscoll's third straight State championship; and

WHEREAS, Under Coach Tim Racki, the Highlanders overcame Prairie Central in a well fought battle at the University of Illinois, Memorial Stadium, winning by a final score of 37 to 21; and

WHEREAS, With the support of Assistant Coaches Mike Burzawa, Dan Cepek, Nick Gebhart, Kevin Hanrahan, Bob LaMantia, Mike Loconsole, Brandon New, Nick Cicero, Joe Bertagna, Pat Ryan, Jeff Eggert, Joe Petro, Jon Pullia, Matt Munjoy, Bob Crowe, Shawn Nykaza, and Bill Erzig, Driscoll was victorious for the third straight year reclaiming the State championship; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Stephen Marth, Principal Fred Muehleman, and Athletic Director Robert Carlson have worked hard to continue the winning tradition of the athletic program at Driscoll Catholic High School; and

WHEREAS, Campus Minister Laraine Parker guided the team spiritually throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, The Highlanders overcame injuries and adversity to end the season undefeated; and

WHEREAS, We offer our congratulations to graduating seniors Nick Lamantia, Tom Relin, Danny Ceik, Matt Kish, Mike Stamek, Mike Dileo, Joe Senese, Greg Turner, Mike Segreti, James Tranchitella, Frank Tenuto, Billy Morris, Frank Gonzlaez, Chris Morales, Josh Weldon, Tony Speer, Mike Gallichio, Nathan Miller, Frank Roppo, Luke Mroz, Tom Wagner, Steve Tonorio, Tom Robinson, Matt Troutman, and Ian Faunt who guided their team to victory; and

WHEREAS, The Driscoll football team also included John Tranchitella, Dustin Miller, Phil Pedi, Mike Conti, Ray Lao, Shane Franken, Rick Albreski, Ryan Leahy, Kyle Jenkins, Justin Nudo, Joe Laraia, Ryan Lesniak, Ryan Meyer, Eddie Loconte, Mike Redpath, Nick Giacobbe, Mike Lotz, Dominic Senese, Joe Stapleton, Glenn Adam, Mike Gainey, Eric Caldwell, Ryan Hayden, Ryan Maritote, Mike Fenell, Jeff Turner, Danny Oliverio, Patrick Phillips, Matt Boisacy, Joe Saverino, John Laurel, John Stenzel, Donny Grieco, Francesco Adamo, Dan Jarach, Domic Fontano, Joe Taylor, and Ben Boffa; and

WHEREAS, The offensive team included Ray Lao, Danny Cwik, Steve Tenorio, Johnny Tranchitella, Greg Turner, Mike Segreti, Billy Morris, Tony Speer, Frank Roppo, Danny Oliverio, and Dan Jarach; and

WHEREAS, Completing the Highlander defense were Luke Mroz, James Tranchitella, Johnny Tranchitella, Nathan Miller, Kyle Jenkins, Justin Nudo, Ryan Lesniak, Ryan Meyer, Mike Segreti, Greg Turner, and Matt Kish; and

WHEREAS, Driscoll receiver Greg Turner tied a Class 4A championship record with 8 pass receptions and established a new record with 210 yards receiving; and

WHEREAS, Returning kicker Rick Albreski broke his own 4A title game record of 2 field goals set in 2001, kicking two 32 yard field goals, and a 43 yard field goal; and

WHEREAS, The team could not have achieved so much success without the assistance of trainers Oliver Ramiro and Matt Munjoy, statistician Bob Crowe, and President of Football Operations Ken Mahaney and Terry Tranchitella; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the accomplishment of these young athletes and their coaches; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we offer our congratulations to Coach Tim Racki and the members of the Driscoll Catholic High School Football Team on winning the 2003 Class 4A State Championship Title; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Tim Racki, Driscoll Catholic High School, and the Highlander team members.

Offered by Representative Jones:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of DeForest Baskin on January 18, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baskin was born on May 24, 1918 in Buena Vista, Mississippi, to Ulysses and James Etta Baskin; he was the oldest of three children; Mr. Baskin's father passed away at an early age, and he moved with his mother and sisters to Erie, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baskin graduated from high school and joined the United States Army; he received an honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baskin eventually settled in Chicago and began a career with Kodak Camera; he later worked for the City of Chicago Department of Water and Sewers, where he retired after 33 years of dedicated service; he was active in the 2nd Ward democratic organization and knew how to "get out the vote"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baskin married Dianne Bradie after years of courtship; she and daughter Tiffany brought love, joy, and comfort into his life; 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 DeForest Baskin, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his friends, family, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of DeForest Baskin as an expression of our sincerest condolences during their time of bereavement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 638

Offered by Representative Howard:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize citizens of the State who have accomplished much; and

WHEREAS, George Henry Stanton Jr. was the second child born to Veola (married Ross Dreher) and George H. Stanton; he attended Gillespie Elementary and Calumet High School, and graduated from Harlan High School; he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Chicago Teachers College and a Master of Education degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton taught physical education for many years at several locations, including Whitney Young Magnet High, Metcalfe Magnet Elementary, John Hope Middle, Mt. Vernon Elementary, and Altgeld Elementary; he currently serves as a sports administrator for the Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton coached at several schools; at Whitney Young, his career record was 236 wins and 90 losses; in 1998, his team had a record of 30 wins and one loss, was the State champion, and was ranked number two in the nation; in 1997, his team had a record of 30 wins and 2 losses, was the city champion, and was ranked number eight in the nation; in 1996, 1994, 1993, 1991, and 1989, the team was a city quarterfinalist; when he coached freshmen and sophomores at Simeon High, his career record was 181 wins and 21 losses; in 1987, 1986, and 1985, his Simeon team was city champion and in 1984 and 1982, it was city champion runner-up; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton has received many awards during his coaching/teaching career; in 1999, he was inducted into the Chicago Public League Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame; in 1998, he was named Illinois Basketball Coaches Association State Coach of the Year, and in 1997, he was named District Coach of the Year by the same organization; in 1987, he was the Kate Maremont Dedicated Teacher of the Year; the Chicago Public League Basketball Coaches Association chose him as Coach of the Year for 1998, 1997, 1987, 1986, and 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the Chicago Area Alliance of Black School Administrators, the Chicago Public League Basketball Coaches Association, and the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate George Henry Stanton Jr. on the many accomplishments he has achieved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Stanton as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 639

Offered by Representative Joseph Lyons:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 640

Offered by Representative Bellock:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives congratulate Hinsdale Central High School on winning the 2003 Girls Tennis State Championship; and

WHEREAS, This is Hinsdale Central's 8th girls tennis title and 65th State title; the Illinois High School Tennis Finals were held at Mt. Prospect High School October 23-25, 2003; and

WHEREAS, The girls tennis team also won the West Suburban Silver Conference Championship and the Illinois High School Sectional Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Hinsdale Central competitors include singles players Indu Anand (Senior) and Kirsten Hillock (Sophomore), each of whom won 4 rounds during the State championships; doubles players Taylor Martin (Junior), Christy Scardina (Senior), who finished in third place, and Melinda Innocenti (Senior) and Jennifer Schwarzkopf (Junior), who finished in fourth place; and

WHEREAS, Hinsdale Central High's girls tennis team is led by coach Jerilyn Scardina, who has been head coach for 27 years, and her assistant for the past four years, Robin Page; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Hinsdale Central High School Girls Tennis team on winning the 2003 Girls Tennis State Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to each player and coach as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 641

Offered by Representative Jones:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Eleanor Wilson Travis on January 16, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Wilson Travis was affectionately known as "Mommie"; she was born in Itta Bena, Mississippi on June 6, 1914, to the union of the late Rev. Daniel Wilson Sr. and the late Clara Clay Wilson; and

WHEREAS, She accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age; she married Ellis Travis Sr. and to this great union eight children were born; the two were married for over forty years; her husband preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Travis believed in education and hard work; she has a passion for style; she began with earning a beauticians license from Lydia Adams School of Beauty Cultural; she owned a beauty school and deli at Wilshire Apartments and The Press Club Lounge near the Defender Newspaper in Chicago; she was also one of the first black women to own a lounge, which was 808 Liquors; for 20 years, her last business venture was Jason's New and Used Resale Furniture Store in Chatham where she assisted many families in obtaining affordable furniture; her last work venture lasted over a span of twenty years as a member of "God's Victorious Army" under the leadership of Rev. Morris Cerello; in April of 2002, she earned the title of Elder; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Eleanor Wilson Travis will be deeply felt by many, especially her sons, Earl (Linda) Travis, Ellis (Earlean) Travis, Jr., Thomas James (Carol) Travis, Curtis Alvin Travis; her daughters, Geraldine (Wilbert) Hooten, Viralyn Renee McClendon, Rita (Reginald) Marion; her sisters, Ida Wilson and Ella Dumas; her 26 grandchildren; her 38 great-grandchildren; her 17 great-great-grandchildren; her dear friend, Ida Rivers; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and other relatives; and other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Alma Jean Harrell; her granddaughter, Lavonne Travis; her brothers, Daniel and Solomon Wilson; and her sisters, Rebecca Banks, Ellen Hodges, Mae Pearl Caulden, and Zenobia Wilson; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of Eleanor Wilson Travis along with all who knew and loved her and extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Eleanor Wilson Travis as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 642

Offered by Representative Kelly:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Dr. Kevin Stein on being named Poet Laureate for the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stein is the author of five books of poetry, two scholarly books, and numerous poems published in prestigious journals and anthologies; he coauthored the book Illinois Voices, an anthology of twentieth century Illinois poetry; he attracted a broad audience of readers, both within the State and on a national level, with his poems that draw from his personal experiences, both historical and current, and have been described as being "evocative journeys into the drama of the human condition"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stein was the recipient of the 1987 Frederick Bock Price awarded by "Poetry", the 1992 Devins Award for Poetry, the 1998 Indiana Review Poetry Award, and he was a nominee for the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stein is a recognized teacher and the creative writing program director at Bradley University; in recognition of his accomplishments as poet, critic, editor, and teacher, he has received the

University's highest honors including being named the 1989 Faculty Member of the Year, receiving the Samuel Rothberg Award for Professional Excellence, and receiving the 2000 Caterpillar Professor of English Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stein has a proven ability to organize poetry readings and symposia; he has directed Bradley University's Visiting Writer Series since 1984; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dr. Kevin Stein on being named Poet Laureate for the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Kevin Stein as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 644

Offered by Representative Madigan:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize the accomplishments of citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, Gerald W. Fogelson was inducted into the Chicago Association of Realtors Hall of Fame in 2003; he is a pioneer of the Planned Unit Development model, with his work in the area paving the way for other mixed use real estate developments throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fogelson's career includes a wide range of development activity; he has developed residential, office, and retail space, marinas, and industrial parks throughout Chicagoland and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fogelson's book, entitled "Central Station: Realizing a Vision", chronicles his work on the development of Central Station; Central Station, when completed, will be the largest planned unit development in Chicago's history, providing thousands of homes and jobs to Illinois residents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fogelson co-founded the new Chicago School of Real Estate at Roosevelt University; he is a strong supporter of philanthropy, serving on the board of directors for Mount Sinai Hospital and acting as a trustee of Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, This recognition falls in concurrence with Mr. Fogelson's 70th year; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the many accomplishments of Gerald W. Fogelson, and we thank him for all that he has done for the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Fogelson as token of our respect and esteem and with best wishes for good health and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 645

Offered by Representatives Krause and Mathias:

WHEREAS, The 822nd Military Police Company has been serving Operation Enduring Freedom and currently in Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, The unit is permanently stationed in the Village of Arlington Heights; and

WHEREAS, Their commanding officer, First Lieutenant Christopher Mulligan, wrote that "These soldiers are some of the most proud professional Illinoisans that I have had the pleasure of knowing."; and

WHEREAS, The members of this company serve our nation with honor and pride and are owed an immense measure of gratitude; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we pay tribute to the courageous men and women from Illinois of the 822nd Military Police Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we salute the members of the 822nd Military Police company for their devotion to Illinois and the nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the 822nd Military Police Company of the Army Reserves as an expression of our pride and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 646

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives recognize Jim E. Hudson of Centralia in honor of his Roast on February 7, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson was born on April 23, 1926 in Centralia; he attended several schools in northern Illinois and moved back to Centralia when he was in the 8th grade; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from Centralia High School where he played on the undefeated 1942 football team and also lettered in track; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, he went to the University of Illinois where he played football; in 1944, he entered the United States Navy and within a year Japan surrendered and he returned to U of I in 1947; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, he came back to Centralia and started in the insurance business; his friends call him very responsible, which means when something goes wrong he's responsible; and

WHEREAS, He married Shirley Fowler in 1955 and they have five children, Beth, Melissa, Kim, Mary, and Jimmy; and six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson loves tennis and the occasional alcoholic beverage; it seems his health is endangered when you lend him money, it damages his memory; and

WHEREAS, The Jim E. Hudson Roast will take place at the Centralia Elks Club on February 7, 2004; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Jim E. Hudson and wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Jim E. Hudson as an expression of our respect and esteem.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 630, 631, 634, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 644, 645 and 646 were taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.

The motion prevailed and the Agreed Resolutions were adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 633 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Cross moved the adoption of the agreed resolution.

The motion prevailed and the Agreed Resolution was adopted.

ACTION ON MOTIONS

Representative Lang moved to recommit SENATE BILL 1498 to the Committee on Rules.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Currie moved to recommit SENATE BILL 1913 to the Committee on Rules.

The motion prevailed.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HOUSE BILL 378. Having been printed, was taken up and read by title a second time.

The following amendment was offered in the Committee on Personnel & Pensions, adopted and printed:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 . Amend House Bill 378 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:

"Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing Section 6-210.1 as follows:

(40 ILCS 5/6-210.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 6-210.1)

Sec. 6-210.1. Credit for former employment with the fire department.

(a) Any fireman who (1) accumulated service credit in the Article 8 fund for service as an employee of

the Chicago Fire Department and (2) has terminated that Article 8 service credit and received a refund of contributions therefor, may establish service credit in this Fund for all or any part of that period of service under the Article 8 fund by making written application to the Board by January 1, 2005 ~~2000~~ and paying to this Fund (i) employee contributions based upon the actual salary received and the rates in effect for members of this Fund at the time of such service, plus (ii) interest thereon calculated as follows:

(1) For applications received by the Board before July 14, 1995, interest shall be calculated on the amount of employee contributions determined under item (i) above, at the rate of 4% per annum, compounded annually, from the date of termination of such service to the date of payment.

(2) For applications received by the Board on or after July 14, 1995, interest shall be calculated on the amount of employee contributions determined under item (i) above, at the rate of 4% per annum, compounded annually, from the first date of the period for which credit is being established under this subsection (a) to the date of payment.

A fireman who (1) retired on or after January 16, 2004 and on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly and (2) files an application to establish service credit under this subsection (a) before January 1, 2005, shall have his or her pension recalculated prospectively to include the service credit established under this subsection (a).

(b) A fireman who, at any time during the period 1970 through 1983, was an employee of the Chicago Fire Department but did not participate in any pension fund subject to this Code with respect to that employment may establish service credit in this Fund for all or any part of that employment by making written application to the Board by January 1, 2005 and paying to this Fund (i) employee contributions based upon the actual salary received and the rates in effect for members of this Fund at the time of that employment, plus (ii) interest thereon calculated at the rate of 4% per annum, compounded annually, from the first date of the employment for which credit is being established under this subsection (b) to the date of payment.

(c) A fireman may pay the contributions required for service credit under this Section established on or after July 14, 1995 in the form of payroll deductions, in accordance with such procedures and limitations as may be established by Board rule and any applicable rules or ordinances of the employer.

(d) Employer contributions shall be transferred as provided in Sections 6-210.2 and 8-172.1. The employer shall not be responsible for making any additional employer contributions for any credit established under this Section.

(Source: P.A. 93-654, eff. 1-16-04.)

Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding Section 8.28 as follows:

(30 ILCS 805/8.28 new)

Sec. 8.28. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law."

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed; and the bill, as amended, was advanced to the order of Third Reading.

RESOLUTION

Having been reported out of the Committee on Rules earlier today, HOUSE RESOLUTION 497 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Jakobsson moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the Resolution was adopted.

At the hour of 5:00 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at 12:00 o'clock noon.

The motion prevailed.

And the House stood adjourned.

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| P Beaubien | P Eddy | P Lyons, Eileen | P Reitz |
| P Bellock | P Feigenholtz | P Lyons, Joseph | P Rita |
| P Berrios | P Flider | P Mathias | P Rose |
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| P Boland | P Fritchey | P McAuliffe | P Saviano |
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