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The House met pursuant to adjournment.
 Representative Poe in the chair.
 Prayer by Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.
 Amber L. Evans, Minutes Clerk, led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTIONS

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1048

Offered by Representative Turner:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are proud to recognize nursing assistants in the State; and

WHEREAS, Nursing homes, home care, hospitals, and other long-term care agencies have accepted the responsibility for providing quality care and a quality of life for the elderly, frail, and disabled citizens in our community; and

WHEREAS, The well-being and happiness of these citizens depend in large part on the nursing assistants, home care aides, and others who provide daily, conscientious, hands-on care in nursing homes and other long-term care settings; and

WHEREAS, These Career Nursing Assistants are instrumental in promoting and safeguarding the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being of the residents and clients and their families; and

WHEREAS, Career Nursing Assistants are trained professionals who collaborate closely with other health care providers to provide quality care and also to elevate the status of their chosen profession; and

WHEREAS, Nursing Assistants' Week 2004 is scheduled for June 10, 2004 through June 17, 2004; the theme for the week is "Nursing Assistants: Specialists in the Art of Caring"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the week of June 10, 2004 through June 17, 2004 be named Nursing Assistants' Week 2004 in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sinai Health System in Chicago and the National Network Career Nursing Assistants as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1049

Offered by Representative Kosel:

WHEREAS, Section 2-3.25g of the School Code allows school districts to petition the State Board of Education for the waiver or modification of School Code mandates and State Board of Education rules; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-3.25g of the School Code requires the State Board of Education to file a report outlining the waivers requested by school districts and appeals by school districts of requests disapproved by the State Board of Education with the Senate and the House of Representatives and allows the General Assembly to disapprove the State Board of Education's report, in whole or in part, by adopting a resolution by a record vote of the majority of members elected in each house; and

WHEREAS, The process whereby the General Assembly considers and disapproves school mandate waivers and appeals needs to be more deliberative, informed, and cooperative; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the Task Force on the Waiver of School Code Mandates consisting of (i) the chairperson and minority spokesperson of the House of Representatives' Elementary and Secondary Education Committee, who shall be co-chairpersons of the Task Force, (ii) the Deputy Governor for Education, and (iii) representatives of the Illinois Federation of Teachers, the Illinois Education Association, and the Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance, who shall be designated by the co-chairpersons of the Task Force, all of whom shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses from funds appropriated for that

purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet at the call of the co-chairpersons, shall receive the assistance of legislative staff, shall study ways to make the process whereby the General Assembly considers and disapproves school mandate waivers and appeals more deliberative, informed, and cooperative, and shall report its findings and recommendations to the House by filing copies of its report with the Clerk of the House on or before January 1, 2005; and that upon filing its report the Task Force is dissolved.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1062

Offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell:

WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born on February 6, 1911, in Tampico, the son of Nellie and John Reagan; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan and his family in 1915 moved to Galesburg, and he began his formal education at Silas Willard School; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan and his family then moved to Monmouth and resided in that fair community during his formative years from 1917 to 1919 and attended Monmouth Central School; and

WHEREAS, When Ronald Reagan was 9 years of age, the family settled in Dixon, where at Dixon High School he played football and basketball, ran track, served as president of the student body, and first performed as an actor; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan graduated from Eureka College in 1932 with a degree in economics and sociology; and

WHEREAS, From humble beginnings, Ronald Reagan went on to become a sportscaster, actor, Governor of California, and President of the United States, the first native son of Illinois to serve as President; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was elected President of the United States in 1980; a favorite of the American populace, he was elected to a second term in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, warrants a public tribute as a native son of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2004, President Ronald Reagan passed away; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Secretary of State and the Office of the Architect of the Capitol to initiate the planning process to erect a statue on the Capitol grounds in honor of President Ronald Reagan to be funded through private resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Secretary of State Jessie White and Mal Hildebrand, Executive Director of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1064

Offered by Representative Osterman:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that a House Teen Poverty Task Force is created for the purpose of studying teen parenting, school dropout, youth homelessness, and health issues that are closely related to teen poverty; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House Teen Poverty Task Force shall consist of 4 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and 4 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; the members shall be chosen to ensure geographically diverse representation; the membership shall include at least one Representative serving on each of the following committees: the House Human Services Committee, the House Elementary & Secondary Education Committee, the House Health Care Availability and Access Committee, the House Housing and Urban Development Committee, the House Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education Committee, and the House Appropriations-Human Services Committee; the

Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each designate one appointee to serve as co-chair; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House Teen Poverty Task Force shall hold at least 2 meetings at which public testimony shall be heard; additional meetings may be scheduled and activities may be added as necessary at the discretion of the co-chairs; the House Teen Poverty Task Force may use outside experts to help it staff the Task Force and research the issues; the House Teen Poverty Task Force may conduct joint meetings with the Senate Teen Poverty Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House Teen Poverty Task Force shall submit a written report, including recommendations for steps to address teen poverty in Illinois, to all members of the General Assembly, the Governor's office, and relevant State agencies no later than January 11, 2005.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1067

Offered by Representative Winters:

WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background, worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good, having been employed as an entertainer, union leader, corporate spokesman, Governor of California, and President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was born on February 6, 1911, in Tampico, Illinois, the first American President born in Illinois; as a youth, he worked as a lifeguard at Lowell Park in Dixon, Illinois, and he graduated from Eureka College, located in Eureka, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of America; in the 1984 election he earned the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in the general election, a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, During Mr. Reagan's presidency he worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to government which led to an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America, her values and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's Armed Forces to win the Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "peace through strength" led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people; and

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2004, President Ronald Wilson Reagan passed away; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that in honor of his many accomplishments and contributions to the United States of America and the world, we urge the U.S. Mint to mint quarters bearing the likeness of President Ronald Reagan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the United States Mint and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of President Ronald Reagan.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 92

Offered by Representative Flider:

WHEREAS, Nearly 85 years have elapsed since the scandal of the 1919 World Series; and

WHEREAS, Although the story has frequently seen print, fact and fancy have been so confused that today it still is not known what actually took place; and

WHEREAS, The star Chicago White Sox third baseman, Buck Weaver, was acquitted in August of 1921 of all charges of conspiracy by a jury of "12 good men and true"; and

WHEREAS, The fact that his fielding average for the Series of 1919 was perfect, and the fact that in that Series he batted .324 offers strong evidence that he was no party to a conspiracy to "throw" the Series, and that he "played to win"; and

WHEREAS, He suffered lifelong ignominy as a result of the scandal of 1919 and his subsequent banishment from organized baseball; and

WHEREAS, Eighty-five years is far too long for any man or the memory of him to be tainted for an act as to which strong evidence exists that it was never committed by him; and

WHEREAS, Buck Weaver was active in civic matters in Chicago, where he spent his days after the 1919 World Series until his death in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver was particularly active in programs for the benefit of young boys and girls in youth baseball and softball after his return to private life; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Illinois recognizes the desire of the family, friends, and baseball fans who have loyally supported "Buck" Weaver that he be exonerated; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Illinois believes him to have been innocent of any conspiracy to "throw" the World Series of 1919; and

WHEREAS, Although he is now deceased, the General Assembly of the State of Illinois feels that Buck Weaver should be exonerated by baseball as he was exonerated in criminal court; and

WHEREAS, The Clearbuck.com movement started in July of 2003 to reinstate Buck Weaver to Major League Baseball has gained national recognition as an opportunity for Major League Baseball to redress an historical wrong to an innocent man; and

WHEREAS, A story by Mike Bauman on MLB.com's own website in January of 2004 posed the question, "Why Not Reinstate Buck Weaver?"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize that George "Buck" Weaver, who adopted Illinois as his home for the last 44 years of his life, was exonerated of any wrong doing in the 1919 World Series in criminal court and maintained his innocence for the remainder of his life, therefore, we urge the Commissioner of Baseball to reinstate George "Buck" Weaver as a member in good standing of organized baseball; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of Baseball, the President of the American Baseball League, the President of the National Baseball League, and the family of Buck Weaver.

At the hour of 12:10 o'clock p.m., Representative Poe moved that the House do now adjourn until Friday, June 25, 2004, at 12:00 o'clock noon.

The motion prevailed.

And the House stood adjourned.