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The House of Representatives met in Perfunctory Session pursuant to adjournment.

**RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS**

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

JESSE WHITE – Secretary of State

July 5, 2006

Clerk of the House of Representatives  
Attn: Mark Mahoney  
Room 402  
Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Mahoney:

This office is forwarding herewith a copy of the Notice of Vacancy from the Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District, declaring the existence of a vacancy in the Office of Representative in the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly in the 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District, as a result of resignation of **Art Tenhouse**, on July 3, 2006.

Also enclosed is the copy of the Certificate of Appointment by the Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District for **Jil Tracy, 400 South Capitol Avenue, Mount Sterling, Illinois 62353**, to fill the vacancy in the Office of Representative, in the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District.

Yours truly,  
s/Jesse White  
Secretary of State

June 3, 2006

Hon. Mark Mahoney  
Chief Clerk  
Illinois House of Representatives  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

RE: Vacancy in Office, 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District

Dear Clerk:

Please be advised that the Democratic Representative Committee for the 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District of the State of Illinois met on June 3, 2006, and organized pursuant to Section 8-5 of the Election Code. In addition, the Committee declared the existence of a vacancy in the office of Representative in the General Assembly from the 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District of the State of Illinois, pursuant to Section 25-6 of the Election Code, by virtue of the death of Lovana S. "Lou" Jones on May 8, 2006.

You are hereby notified that the vacancy in office has been filled, in accordance with Section 25-6 of the Election Code, by the appointment of Elga L. Jefferies, who resides at 3516 S. Rhodes Ave., in the City of Chicago, Illinois, 60653.

Dated: June 3, 2006

Signed: Toni Preckwinkle

Chairman of the Representative District Committee  
For the 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District

**CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION**

Democratic Representative Committee for the  
26<sup>th</sup> Representative District, State of Illinois

This is to certify that, in accordance with Section 8-5 of the Illinois Election Code, the Democratic Representative Committee of the 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District of the State of Illinois met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2006, in the city of Chicago, county of Cook, and within the 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District of the State of Illinois, and organized by electing the following officers:

Toni Preckwinkle  
CHAIRMAN

5135 S. Greenwood Ave.  
ADDRESS

Bobbie L. Rush  
SECRETARY

3361 S. King Dr.  
ADDRESS

Signed: s/Toni Preckwinkle  
CHAIRMAN

Attest: s/Bobbie L. Rush  
SECRETARY

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY IN THE  
OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS, a vacancy currently exists in the office of Representative in the General Assembly from the 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District of the State of Illinois, by reason of the death of Lovana S. "Lou" Jones on May 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Representative Committee of the 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District has declared the existence of a vacancy in said office and has voted to fill the vacancy in accordance with Section 25-6 of the Election Code; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Democratic Representative Committee of the 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District on June 3, 2006, Elga L. Jefferies, who resides at 3516 S. Rhodes Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60653 in the 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District of the State of Illinois, received the required number of votes for appointment to fill the vacancy in office, pursuant to Section 25-6 of the Election Code; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2006, that the Democratic Representative Committee of the 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District of the State of Illinois hereby appoints Elga L. Jefferies, who resides at 3516 S. Rhodes Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60653 in the 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District of the State of Illinois, who is eligible to serve as a member of the General Assembly, and who is a member of the Democratic Party, as the Representative in the General Assembly from the 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District of the State of Illinois for the remainder of the term.

s/Leslie Hairston  
Committeeman

s/Toni Preckwinkle  
Committeeman

[November 1, 2006]

s/Burton Natarus  
Committeeman

s/Toni Preckwinkle for Peggy Roth  
Committeeman

s/Dorothy Tillman  
Committeeman

s/Bobbie Rush  
Committeeman

s/Bobbie Rush for Arenda Troutman  
Committeeman

State of Illinois )

County of Cook )

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2006.

s/Shaw J. Decremer  
Notary Public

**OATH OF OFFICE**

State of Illinois )

County of Cook )

I, Elga L. Jefferies, do solemnly swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 26<sup>th</sup> Representative District of the State of Illinois to the best of my ability.

Signed: Elga L. Jefferies  
Date: June 3, 2006

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2006.

s/Shaw J. Decremer  
Judge or Notary Public

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**  
JESSE WHITE – Secretary of State

July 5, 2006

Clerk of the House of Representatives  
Attn: Mark Mahoney  
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Dear Mr. Mahoney:

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Also enclosed is the copy of the Certificate of Appointment by the Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District for **Jil Tracy, 400 South Capitol Avenue, Mount**



**Sterling, Illinois 62353**, to fill the vacancy in the Office of Representative, in the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District.

Yours truly,  
s/Jesse White  
Secretary of State

**NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY**

Representative Committee of the )  
Republican Party of the )  
93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District )  
)  
STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF ADAMS )

WHEREAS, Representative Art Tenhouse, a member of the Republican Party, has resigned as Representative in the General Assembly for the Ninety-third Representative District;

WHEREAS, Representative Tenhouse’s resignation is effective July 3, 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the Ninety-third Representative District does hereby find and declare that the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the Ninety-third Representative District is vacant.

SIGNED: s/Larry Ehmen  
Chairman

Dated: July 3, 2006

**CERTIFICATE OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District )  
)  
STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF ADAMS )

This is to certify that, in accordance with 10 ILCS 5/8-5, the Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2006, in the City of Quincy, County of Adams, and organized by electing the following officers in conformity with the election Laws of this State.

Chairman: Larry Ehmen

Secretary: John Birch

Signed: s/Larry Ehmen  
CHAIRMAN

Attest: s/John Birch  
SECRETARY

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Representative Committee of the )  
Republican Party of the )  
93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District )  
)  
STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF ADAMS )

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the office of Representative in the General Assembly in the 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District of the State of Illinois by reason of resignation of Art Tenhouse, a duly elected member of the Republican Party from the 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District has met and voted to fill the vacancy in said office, as required by 10 ILCS 5/25-6;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District hereby appoints Jil Tracy, of 400 South Capitol Avenue, Mount Sterling, Illinois, 62353, a member of the Republican Party, to the office of Representative in the General Assembly in the 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District, effective July 5, 2006

s/Larry Ehmen  
Committeeman

s/John R Birch  
Secretary

s/Stephen M. Finney  
Member

Dated: July 3, 2006

ATTEST: s/John R. Birch

NOTICE

Change in the Ninety-fourth General Assembly

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Appointment

Jil Tracy  
400 South Capitol Avenue  
Mount Sterling, IL 62353  
93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District  
Appointed: July 3, 2006  
Filed: July 5, 2006

Vacancy

Art Tenhouse  
93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District  
Resigned: July 3, 2006  
Filed: July 5, 2006

**OATH OF OFFICE**

I, Jil Tracy, do solemnly swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Illinois for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District to the best of my ability.

Signed: Jil Tracy

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.  
Honorable Robert W. Cook

### REPORTS

The Clerk of the House acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:

"For the Record - 2006", submitted by Department of Transportation.

Preschool for All Funding Report, FY 2007, submitted by State Board of Education.

Annual Report on consolidation and reorganization of activities, submitted by Department of Central Management Services.

Annual Report on Public University Revenues and Expenditures, FY 2006, submitted by Board of Higher Education.

Supplement to the 2006 Report on Underrepresented Groups in Illinois Higher Education, submitted by Board of Higher Education.

Annual Report, 2006, submitted by Board of Higher Education.

Quarterly Report, 07/06-09/06, submitted by Office of the Legislative Inspector General.

Report on Abolished Entities, submitted by Department of Central Management Services.

Quarterly Report, 10/06, submitted by Department of Corrections.

Wagering in Illinois, 2006 Update, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Cost and Feasibility Report, submitted by Department of Corrections.

Fourth Quarter Procurement Activity Report, submitted by Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

Public Health Program Beneficiaries Employer Disclosure Law, submitted by Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Consolidation and Reorganization of Activities, submitted by Department of Central Management Services.

Waivers of School Code Mandates, Fall 2006, submitted by State Board of Education.

Annual Report, submitted by Department of Transportation.

School Finance Authority Annual Report & Plan, Round Lake Area Schools, submitted by State Board of Education.

Potential for Savings on Pharmacy Benefit Management Costs, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Renewable Energy Resources Program Report, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Energy Conservation Technical Assistance Update, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Illinois State Building Energy Expense Study, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Government Building Energy Cost Reduction Report, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Quarterly Report, July 2006, submitted by Department of Corrections.

Annual Report, FY 2006, submitted by State Universities Retirement System of Illinois.

Mercury-Free Vaccine Act Exemption Declaration, submitted by Department of Public Health.

Report on Emerging Money Managers, FY 2006, submitted by State Board of Investment.

Quarterly Report, 04/06-06/06, submitted by Office of the Legislative Inspector General.

Illinois Tollway System Preliminary Valuation Analysis & System Valuation Report, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Report on the Cost and Savings of the State Employees' Early Retirement Incentive Program, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

E.D.G.E. Tax Credit Program Annual Report, 2005, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Illinois State Building Energy Expense Study, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Comprehensive Strategic Plan, June 2006, submitted by State Board of Education.

Annual Report on Early Childhood Prevention Initiative Program, FY 2006, submitted by State Board of Education.

Third Quarter Procurement Activity Report, submitted by Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

Proposed Improvements for Illinois Highways, FY 2007, submitted by Department of Transportation.

Transfer of Energy Assistance Programs, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Executive Summary Judys Creek Stone Riffle Demonstration Project, May 2006, submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Benchmarking Workforce Development in Illinois, Second Annual Report, October 2005, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

E.D.G.E. Tax Credit Program, 2004, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Financial Statements, submitted by Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

Review of the 2006 EPA Report, submitted by Department of Public Health.

Report of the Annual Capital Expenditures of the Health Facilities Planning Board, 2004, submitted by Department of Public Health.

Annual Report on Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistance Program, 2005, submitted by Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Illinois' Cigarette Tax, Tobacco Products Tax, and Tobacco Settlement Update, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Report on the Financial Condition of the Illinois Public Employee Retirement Systems, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Annual Report on The Homeless Prevention Program, FY 2005, submitted by Department of Human Services.

Certification for Designation for Triumph Foods, LLC, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Energy Efficiency Trust Fund Program Report, 2005, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Illinois Estate and Generation Skipping Transfer Tax, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Letter Regarding Assessments of Opportunities for Energy Cost Reductions, May 2006, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Jack Mabley Developmental Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Warren G. Murray Developmental Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Alton Mental Health Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Elgin Mental Health Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for William W. Fox Developmental Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Tinley Park Mental Health Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Jacksonville Developmental Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Ann M. Kiley Developmental Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Clyde L. Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for William A. Howe Developmental Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Elisabeth Ludeman Developmental Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Chicago Read Mental Health Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Chester Mental Health Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for John J. Madden Mental Health Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for H. Douglas Singer Mental Health Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Illinois School for the Deaf, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Management Audit for CMS' Business Enterprise Program & DOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, June 2006, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Rock Island County ROE. 49, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for LaSalle County ROE 35, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Lake County ROE 34, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Shapiro Developmental Center, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Limited Scope Compliance Examination for Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Supplemental Digest for Department of Human Services, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit & Compliance Examination for Department of Human Services, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Single Audit Report for the State of Illinois, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Management Audit of the Flu Vaccine Procurement and the I-SaveRx Program, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial, Compliance, & Program Audit of the Village of Robbins' Use of Municipal Economic Developmental Funds, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Logan, Mason, & Menard Counties ROE 38, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Madison County ROE 41, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Lee & Ogle Counties ROE 47, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of the Intermediate Service Center 4 South Cook County, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Statements of Commuter Rail Division of the RTA and the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter RR Corporation, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Single Audit Report of Commuter Rail Division of the RTA and the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter RR Corporation, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Whiteside County ROE 55, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Kane County ROE 31, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Henderson, Mercer, and Warren Counties ROE 27, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit & Compliance Examination of Department of Financial & Professional Regulation, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit & Compliance Examination of DuPage Water Commission, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Statements of Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Program Audit of Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's Disciplining of Physicians, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Intermediate Service Center 2, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of ROE 40, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

OMB Circular A-133 Report of Chicago Transit Authority, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Statements of Chicago Transit Authority, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of ROE 2, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of The Suburban Bus Division of the RTA Northwestern Illinois, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Single Audit Report of The Suburban Bus Division of The Regional Transportation Authority, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Examination of the Illinois State Board of Investment, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Examination of Teachers' Retirement System of Illinois, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Examination of General Assembly Retirement System, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Examination of Judges' Retirement System of Illinois, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Examination of State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Examination of State Universities Retirement System, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Peoria County ROE 48, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Monroe & Randolph Counties ROE 45, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Annual Report, FY 2006, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Financial Audit & Compliance Examination of Illinois Conservation Foundation, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Capital Asset Account Department of Natural Resources, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit & Compliance Examination of Illinois Grain Insurance Corporation, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of ROE 50, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Hancock & McDonough ROE 26, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit & Compliance Examination of Illinois Student Assistance Commission, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit & Compliance Examination of Illinois Finance Authority, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit & Compliance Examination of Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of ISAC Illinois Prepaid Tuition Program, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of ISAC Illinois designated Account Purchase Program, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Illinois State Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit and Reports of Regional Transportation Authority Northeastern Illinois, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of North Cook Intermediate Service Center 1, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Examination of Illinois Department of Agriculture DuQuoin State Fair, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Examination of Illinois Department of Agriculture, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Examination & Financial Statements of Department of Employment Security, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Suburban Cook County ROE 14, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of DuPage County ROE 19, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.



Financial Audit of DeKalb County ROE 16, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Examination of Illinois Department of Agriculture Illinois State Fair, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Third Party Review of the Department of CMS, Bureau of Communications & Computer Services, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Brown, Cass, Morgan, & Scott Counties ROE 46, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Iroquois and Kankakee Counties ROE 32, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Boone & Winnebago Counties ROE 4, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Grundy and Kendall Counties ROE 24, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of McHenry County ROE 44, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit of Franklin & Williamson Counties ROE 21, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Bi Annual Report, May 2006, submitted by Public Building Commission of Chicago.

Disproportionate Minority Contact in the Illinois Juvenile Justice System, submitted by Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission.

Identifying Progress of Women and Minorities, submitted by Department of Employment Security.

Statement of Allocation of Funds, submitted by Department of Agriculture.

Annual Report, 2005, submitted by Chicago/Gary Regional Airport Authority.

Executive Summary Report, submitted by Social Security Protection Task Force.

Federal Funds to State Agencies, FY 2004-2006, submitted by Legislative Research Unit.

Information on The Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, submitted by Office of the Attorney General.

Three Years of System Development, submitted by The Autism Program.

Bi-annual Report, submitted by Amistad Commission.

Substance Abuse Prevention Programs: Finding the Best Approach for Our Community, submitted by Jewish Child & Family Services.

Annual Report, FY 2006, submitted by Office of the State Appellate Defender.

Annual Report, submitted by Community Integrated Living Arrangement Nursing Services Reimbursement Work Group.

Annual Report, 2005, submitted by Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan.

Quarterly Report, October 2006, submitted by Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

May 8, 2006

To the Honorable Members of the  
Illinois House of Representatives  
94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 5377, entitled "AN ACT concerning property." While I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation, the bill would apply to only 3 of the approximately 900 Illinois mobile home parks. Legislation addressing mobile home park leasing policies should apply uniformly to all Illinois mobile home parks.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 5377.

Sincerely,  
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH  
Governor

June 22, 2006

To the Honorable Members of the  
Illinois House of Representatives  
94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 4314, entitled "AN ACT concerning transportation." I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation. However, House Bill 4314 contains identical language as Public Act 94-0848, which I signed into law on June 9, 2006.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 4314.

Sincerely,  
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH  
Governor

July 3, 2006

To the Honorable Members of the  
Illinois House of Representatives  
94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 2067, entitled "AN ACT concerning criminal law." While I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation, I cannot condone leniency towards sex offenders, whether the sex offender is a juvenile or an adult. Furthermore, it is important that the people of Illinois have a dependable medium that provides information regarding sex offenders in their area. In my opinion, House Bill 2067 erodes that dependability.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 2067.

Sincerely,  
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH  
Governor

July 31, 2006

To the Honorable Members of the  
Illinois House of Representatives  
94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 5342, entitled "AN ACT concerning criminal law," with the following specific recommendation for change:

On page 1, line 19, by adding "The provisions of this subsection (a) do not apply to a person on bail or recognizance for an offense but who is in custody for a violation of his or her parole or mandatory supervised release for another offense."; and

On page 2, lines 4 through 7, by deleting "The provisions of this subsection (b) do not apply to a person on bail or recognizance for an offense but who is in custody for a violation of his or her parole or mandatory supervised release for another offense."

With these changes, House Bill 5342 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,  
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH  
Governor

#### **TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING**

Representative John Bradley replaced Representative Flider in the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation on June 21, 2006.

Representative McGuire replaced Representative May in the Committee on Health Care Availability and Access on August 23, 2006.

Representative Rita replaced Representative Golar in the Committee on Health Care Availability and Access on August 23, 2006.

Representative Lyons replaced Representative Hannig in the Committee on Rules on October 2, 2006.

#### **TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Representative Smith replaced Representative Verschoore in the Committee on Electric Utility Oversight on October 9, 2006.

Representative Flider replaced Representative Patterson in the Committee on Electric Utility Oversight on October 9, 2006.

Representative Dugan replaced Representative Franks in the Committee on Electric Utility Oversight on October 9, 2006.

Representative Durkin replaced Representative Froehlich in the Committee on Electric Utility Oversight on October 9, 2006.

Representative Winters replaced Representative Myers in the Committee on Electric Utility Oversight on October 9, 2006.

**REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

Representative Scully, Chairperson, from the Committee on Electric Utility Oversight to which the following were referred, action taken on October 9, 2006, 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: SENATE BILL 1714.

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 1714 is as follows:  
9, Yeas; 4, Nays; 1, Answering Present.

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| Y Scully,George(D), Chairperson              | Y Smith(D) (replacing Verschoore) |
| N Krause,Carolyn(R), Republican Spokesperson | N Beaubien,Mark(R)                |
| Y D'Amico,John(D)                            | Y Dugan(D) (replacing Franks)     |
| N Durkin(R) (replacing Froehlich)            | Y Granberg,Kurt(D)                |
| Y Mitchell,Bill(R)                           | N Winters(R) (replacing Myers)    |
| Y Flider(D) (replacing Patterson)            | Y Phelps,Brandon(D)               |
| P Stephens,Ron(R)                            | Y Sullivan,Ed(R)                  |

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1343**

Offered by Representative Patterson:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with deep sadness of the death of Starkesia Marie Reed and Siretha La'Jasmine White, both of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Starkesia was 14 years old and a student at Harper High School, where she was part of the JROTC program; she died on March 3, 2006, when a bullet fired from an assault rifle missed its target and struck her while she was in the living room of her home; and

WHEREAS, Siretha, known affectionately as "Nugget", was a fourth grade honor student at Vernon Johns Community Academy in Chicago; she died on March 11, 2006, when a stray bullet, meant for a man on the porch of the house where she was celebrating her birthday, missed its mark; and

WHEREAS, The tragic passing of these precious children could have been prevented with more stringent gun laws in place, especially a ban on assault weapons; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Starkesia Marie Reed and Siretha La'Jasmine White, and we call for an end to such senseless violence in all of our communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the families of Starkesia and Siretha as an expression of our condolences.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1346

Offered by Representative Poe:

WHEREAS, A "developmental disability" is defined as a disorder caused by mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or any other condition which results in impairment similar to that of mental retardation; a developmental disability originates before the age of 18 and is expected to continue indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 1.5 percent of the U.S. population is afflicted with a developmental disability or mental retardation; due to the early onset and debilitating nature of these disorders, many more children are affected than adults; and

WHEREAS, One of the main purposes of the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal order with 1.7 million members around the world, is to support various charitable causes that seek to make our families and communities stronger; it has donated \$1 billion and volunteered 400 million hours of service in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold their 37th Annual Fund Drive for the Mental Retardation/Learning Disabilities Program from September 15-19, 2006, distributing the funds they raise to more than 300 organizations throughout Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we proclaim September 15-19, 2006 as "Helping Citizens with Developmental Disabilities Days" in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to contribute what they can to assist the people that are afflicted with these terrible disorders; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus as an expression of our esteem.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1376

Offered by Representative Krause:

WHEREAS, Nationally, approximately 40 percent of persons aged 65 and over will eventually need long-term care, with an average stay of 2.5 years at a cost ranging from \$30,000 to \$65,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, Our nation's current financing structure relies too heavily on individuals and families to bear the financial burden of long-term supportive services; the financial burden can be so large that, for many individuals, particularly those with moderate income, the only alternative is Medicaid, which requires spending down all assets in order to qualify to receive long-term care benefits; and

WHEREAS, Medicare does not cover expenses for long-term care patients; Medicaid is the largest source of funding for long-term care in the United States, and is considered a lifeline for many vulnerable Americans; in 2004, Medicaid paid for 49 percent of the total amount spent on long-term care services, making the financing of long-term care costs a significant issue for both state and federal budgets; the growth in spending by the federal government and states for long-term care services through Medicaid will continue to increase as the American population ages; and

WHEREAS, As a possible solution to spiraling Medicaid growth, the "Long-Term Care Partnership program," which is a public-private partnership between states and private insurance companies, began in 1987 as a demonstration project with the intent of (1) encouraging and recognizing planning for long-term care, especially among the moderate income individuals, and (2) reducing the future reliance on Medicaid as a funding source for long-term care services; four states participated in the demonstration project: California, Connecticut, Indiana, and New York; and

WHEREAS, To date, the four states have seen savings in health care bills and, more importantly, have been able to offer more affordable long-term care policies to middle income individuals; and

WHEREAS, Although the federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 recognized the four initial states' long-term care partnership programs, the Act restricted the expansion of the program to other states because of (1) concerns that there were not enough consumer protections in the partnerships, (2) perceptions that only the lowest income individuals should qualify for Medicaid, and (3) concerns that the linkage between the public and private sectors placed extensive public responsibility to ensure the fairness, viability, and quality of the private insurance products; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 10 years, twenty-one states have passed long-term care partnership legislation

in anticipation that the federal government would eventually allow partnerships to exist beyond the four demonstration project states: Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, In February 2006, the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 was enacted to allow all states the option to enact long-term partnership policies as long as the policies follow federal tax qualifications, consumer protections, and inflation protections; and

WHEREAS, Illinois should investigate the possibility of implementing a Long-Term Care Partnership program to give low and moderate income individuals affordable options to protect their assets and to reduce Illinois' Medicaid program expenditures; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the Task Force on Long-Term Care Partnerships, consisting of 10 members appointed as follows: (1) Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, three of whom shall be General Assembly members, with one of those three designated as a co-chairman of the Task Force at the time of appointment, and two of whom shall be public members; and (2) five members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, three of whom shall be General Assembly members, with one of those three designated as a co-chairman of the Task Force at the time of appointment, and two of whom shall be public members; the Director of Financial and Professional Regulation and the Director of Healthcare and Family Services shall serve as ex officio members; the appointments shall be made by January 1, 2007; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall (1) investigate Illinois' current funding structure of long-term care and its impact on lower and moderate income individuals; (2) research the status of the programs implemented by the four states administering long-term care partnerships; (3) analyze federal criteria to implement a long-term care partnership and the impact it would have on Illinois' Medicaid Plan; and (4) consider the social and economic benefits of enacting a Long-Term Care Partnership program in Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's Division of Insurance shall provide staff support to the Task Force, as necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives by March 31, 2007; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to the directors of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 1413

Offered by Representative Franks:

WHEREAS, The notable gumshoe in yellow from the pages of the funny papers, Dick Tracy, is celebrating his 75th anniversary on October 4, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dick Tracy was created by Chester Gould, a Woodstock, Illinois, native, and is currently penned by Dick Locher, a Naperville, Illinois, native, in the comic strip "Dick Tracy", which takes place in the city by the lake; and

WHEREAS, In honor of this anniversary, Dick Tracy will be recognized nationally in comic strips, including "Brenda Starr", "Gil Thorp", "Gasoline Alley", "Mutts", "Blondie", and many others; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we should honor a comic strip with the longevity and notoriety of "Dick Tracy"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that in honor of the 75th anniversary of Dick Tracy, an American icon, we recognize October 4, 2006, as "Dick Tracy Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dick Locher and to Mrs. Jean Gould O'Connell as an expression of our esteem and in recognition of this milestone anniversary.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1440

Offered by Representative Schock:

WHEREAS, Sexual predators are a constant danger to all citizens of Illinois, especially children; and  
WHEREAS, Children, women, and all victims must be kept safe from sexual predators; and  
WHEREAS, Law enforcement and State's Attorneys need any and all tools available to track, arrest, and prosecute sexual predators; and

WHEREAS, Sexual predators must be kept away from children and other potential victims; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives will be considering House Bill 5809 which provides that a person of the age of 17 years and upwards commits the offense of indecent solicitation of a child if the person, by means of the Internet, discusses actual or simulated sex acts with a child or with one whom he or she believes to be a child, and provides that it is not a defense to this provision that the person did not solicit the child to perform a sex act with the person, and makes a violation of this provision a Class 4 felony; and

WHEREAS, A federal statute to address sexual communication with persons under the age of 17 is necessary to ensure the safety of all children; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United States Congress to consider and pass the same or substantially similar legislation to achieve the same purpose as House Bill 5809; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to each member of the Illinois Congressional delegation.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1459

Offered by Representative Lang:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Freedom Fighters of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution; and

WHEREAS, On October 23, 1956, hundreds of thousands of Hungarians from all walks of life joined university students in a peaceful call for democracy and an end to the brutal and oppressive Soviet-dominated Hungarian communist government; and

WHEREAS, Peaceful protestors were fired upon by the Hungarian Security Police, killing hundreds and triggering the bloody fight for freedom and democracy and the first tear in the Iron Curtain; and

WHEREAS, Millions of Hungarians, students and workers, men, women, and children, would rise up against impossible odds and risk their lives to take part in their noble fight for freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, The Hungarian Freedom Fighters, students and workers, men, women, and children, who rose up against impossible odds and risked their lives to take part in their noble fight for freedom and democracy, were able to establish a revolutionary government that released political prisoners, including major church leaders, took steps to create a multi-party democracy, called for the withdrawal of all Soviet troops from Hungary, announced Hungary's withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact, and requested United Nations assistance in establishing neutrality; and

WHEREAS, The Soviet Union launched a massive military counter-offensive against the revolt, sending tens of thousands of additional troops from the Soviet Union, and launched air strikes, artillery bombardments, and coordinated tank-infantry actions involving some 6,000 tanks which, remarkably, the outnumbered and under-equipped Hungarian Army and Hungarian Freedom Fighters resisted for several days; and

WHEREAS, Prime Minister Imre Nagy was seized by Soviet security forces, despite assurances of safe passage for him to leave the Yugoslav Embassy of Budapest where he sought asylum, and was taken to Rumania and subsequently tried and executed; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Hungarians were tortured, tried, and executed by the post-1956 Hungarian government; and

WHEREAS, More than 200,000 Hungarians fled their country in the aftermath of the Soviet suppression of the Hungarian uprising, and over 47,000 of these people eventually were able to settle in the United States, where they have contributed greatly to the intellectual strength, cultural diversity, and the economic might of the country; and

WHEREAS, The uprising of the Hungarian people in 1956 dramatically confirmed the widespread contempt in which the Hungarians held the Soviet Union, the underlying weakness of the communist system imposed by Soviet authorities in Central and Eastern Europe, and the strength of popular support for democratic principles and the right of the Hungarian people to determine their own national destiny; and

WHEREAS, The 1956 Hungarian Revolution unmasked the true nature of the Soviet system, contributing to the disintegration of communist parties in the West and across the globe; and

WHEREAS, The Hungarians, in 1989, dismantled the Iron Curtain and permitted East Germans safe passage to the West, actions that led to the fall of the Berlin Wall; and

WHEREAS, On October 23, 1989, the Republic of Hungary proclaimed its independence, and in 1990, the Hungarian Parliament officially designated October 23 as a Hungarian national holiday, indicating that the legacy of the 1956 Revolution continues to inspire Hungarians to this day; and

WHEREAS, On March 12, 1999, the Government of Hungary, reflecting the will of the Hungarian people, formally acceded to the North Atlantic Treaty and became a member of NATO, and on May 1, 2004, Hungary became a full member of the European Union; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we proclaim October 23, 2006, as Hungarian Freedom Fighters Day in Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Michael Clements.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 1466

Offered by Representative Hamos:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Freedom Fighters of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution; and

WHEREAS, On October 23, 1956, hundreds of thousands of Hungarians from all walks of life would join university students in a peaceful call for democracy and an end to the brutal and oppressive Soviet-dominated Hungarian communist government; and

WHEREAS, Peaceful protests were fired upon by the Hungarian Security Police, killing hundreds and triggering the bloody fight for freedom and democracy and the first tear in the Iron Curtain; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Hungarians, students and workers, men, women, and children, would rise up against impossible odds and risk their lives to take part in their noble fight for freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, The Hungarian Freedom Fighters, students and workers, men, women, and children, who rose up against impossible odds and risked their lives to take part in their noble fight for freedom and democracy, were able to establish a revolutionary government that released political prisoners, including major church leaders, took steps to create a multi-party democracy, called for the withdrawal of all Soviet troops from Hungary, announced Hungary's withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact, and requested United Nations assistance in establishing neutrality; and

WHEREAS, The Soviet Union launched a massive military counter-offensive against the revolt, sending tens of thousands of additional troops from the Soviet Union, and launched air strikes, artillery bombardments, and coordinated tank-infantry actions involving some 6,000 tanks which, remarkably, the outnumbered and under-equipped Hungarian Army and Hungarian Freedom Fighters resisted for several days; and

WHEREAS, Prime Minister Imre Nagy was seized by Soviet security forces, despite assurances of safe passage for him to leave the Yugoslav Embassy of Budapest where he sought asylum, and was taken to Rumania and subsequently tried and executed; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Hungarians were tortured, tried, and executed by the post-1956 Hungarian government; and

WHEREAS, More than 200,000 Hungarians fled their country in the aftermath of the Soviet suppression of the Hungarian uprising, and over 47,000 of these people eventually were able to settle in the United States, where they have contributed greatly to the intellectual strength, cultural diversity, and the economic might of the country; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we do hereby proclaim October 23, 2006, as Hungarian Freedom Fighters Day in Illinois and encourage all citizens to express thanks to those refugees who brought their talents, skills, and love of freedom to help build a stronger America.



## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 137

Offered by Representative Durkin:

WHEREAS, The University of Illinois was chartered in 1867 as a public, land-grant institution to develop the State's capacities in agriculture and industry, and the university has grown to become one of the country's premier public higher education institutions for public service and for teaching and research across academic disciplines; and

WHEREAS, A primary goal of public universities is to provide broad public access to affordable, high-quality, post-secondary education and training; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has appropriated \$712.9 million in fiscal year 2007 to the University of Illinois in the form of appropriations, grants, reimbursements, and other State support, and these public funds are generated by taxes paid by individuals who live and work in the State; and

WHEREAS, The University of Illinois, as the State's flagship university, is the only public Illinois institution of higher learning ranked as "more selective" by U.S. News & World Report, meaning that acceptance to the university generally requires strong performance on standardized tests and an impressive class ranking, but that these factors alone cannot secure admission; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has for decades been a net exporter of college students, and students who attend colleges and universities out-of-state are less likely to live in Illinois after graduation and to contribute to Illinois's economy through increased tax revenues and participation in an educated workforce; and

WHEREAS, University of Illinois officials have recently announced a new strategic plan that includes decreasing total enrollment while increasing the percentage of incoming freshmen who are out-of-state residents, thereby further decreasing the number of qualified in-state students who may enroll at the State's already-competitive flagship university; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created a Joint Task Force on Resident Student Enrollment for the purpose of reviewing the University of Illinois's proposed change in enrollment policies and determining the benefits or drawbacks to the State of enacting these new policies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force shall consider the economic and social benefits that the State of Illinois could stand to reap by retaining Illinois residents as higher education students or by importing out-of-state students to our universities and colleges, as well as examine whether adequate alternatives exist for in-state students who will now face increased competition for spots in the University of Illinois's freshman class; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the House shall each appoint no more than four members of the General Assembly to serve on the Joint Task Force on Resident Student Enrollment, which members shall serve on a voluntary basis and must not be responsible for any costs associated with their participation in the task force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force shall meet as necessary and shall report its findings to the General Assembly by filing copies of its report with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House no later than March 15, 2007; and that upon filing its report the task force is dissolved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President and the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois and to the Board of Higher Education.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 138

Offered by Representative Mautino:

WHEREAS, Gudmund B. "Sonny" Jessen, Jr. of Hennepin died on October 5, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jessen was born on a farm in Putnam County, north of Hennepin, on March 15, 1933; he attended the Nash and Durley one room school house; he graduated from the Hennepin Township High School in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jessen was inducted for service in 1953 and took basic training at Camp Roberts, California; he served in intelligence at Heidelberg, Germany during the Korean War; he was promoted to

sergeant and discharged in February 1955; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jessen became precinct committeeman for the Democratic Party in 1955 and held that position until his death; he also was County Chairman of the Democratic Party for 16 years; he was presented a Certificate of Appreciation plaque for Outstanding and Dedicated Service by the Illinois Democratic County Chairman's Association on August 15, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jessen was elected Justice of the Peace of Hennepin/Senachwine Townships in 1960; he was the youngest person in the State of Illinois to serve in that office; he held the position until it was terminated; he married 17 couples in the now Pulsifer House, which was where he resided until the farmland was sold for the J&L Steel plant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jessen farmed the Hennepin prairies all of his life; he was a Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau member; he served on the M-P Oil Board and was chairman of the Executive Committee of the M-P Extension Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jessen was the past president of the Putnam County National Farmers Organization; he was commissioner of the Hennepin Drainage & Levy District until 2001; he was also a member of Ducks Unlimited; he helped form the Hennepin Sportsman Club and was club president; at one time he raised turkeys and pheasants to be released around Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jessen was one of the original members of the Hennepin Betterment Association; he served on the Water District Board and Zoning Board for Hennepin; he was also a lifetime member of the Putnam County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jessen was commander of the Hennepin American Legion; he also belonged to the Hennepin Independent Order of Odd Fellows; he has held all offices in that Order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jessen was elected Hennepin Township Clerk in the 1960s and still held that office at his death; he became Putnam County Clerk and Recorder in September 1987 and held that office until his retirement on November 30, 2002; he was a member of the Illinois Township Clerks; and

WHEREAS, Interstate Route 180 includes a bridge that spans the Illinois River at Hennepin; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Interstate Route 180 bridge across the Illinois River at Hennepin be designated the Gudmund "Sonny" Jessen Bridge; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is requested to erect, at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the family of Gudmund B. Jessen Jr.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 139

Offered by Representative Meyer:

WHEREAS, During the 94th General Assembly, the Joint Task Force on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education Options was established to undertake a comprehensive and thorough review of education and services available to the deaf or heard of hearing children in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Joint Task Force was to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Joint Task Force needs additional time to complete its work; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that that the Joint Task Force on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education Options shall submit a report, as established in its authorizing resolution, no later than December 31, 2007; and be it further

RESOLVED, That with this reporting extension, the Joint Task Force on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education Options shall continue to operate pursuant to its enabling resolution.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 140

Offered by Representative Jakobsson:

WHEREAS, Recent student housing fires in North Carolina, Kansas, Alaska, Oregon, and Maryland have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Since January 2000, at least 87 people, including students, parents, and children, have died in campus-related fires; and

WHEREAS, Almost 80 percent of these deaths have occurred in off-campus occupancies; and

WHEREAS, A majority of the students across the nation live in off-campus occupancies; and

WHEREAS, A number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that automatic fire alarm systems provide the necessary early warning to occupants and the fire department of a fire so that appropriate action can be taken; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that automatic fire sprinkler systems are a highly effective method of controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, protecting the lives of the building's occupants; and

WHEREAS, Many students are living in off-campus occupancies, Greek housing, and residence halls that are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarm systems; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and reducing the resulting loss of life and property damage; and

WHEREAS, Students are not routinely receiving effective fire safety education throughout their entire college career; and

WHEREAS, It is vital to educate the future generation about the importance of fire safety behavior so that these behaviors can help to ensure their safety during their college years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, By developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we name the month of September as "Campus Fire Safety Month"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That administrators and municipalities across the State are encouraged to provide educational programs to all students during September and throughout the school year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That administrators and municipalities are encouraged to evaluate the level of fire safety being provided in both on- and off-campus student housing and take the necessary steps to ensure fire-safe living environments through fire safety education, installation of fire suppression and detection systems, and the development and enforcement of applicable codes relating to fire safety.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 141

Offered by Representative Watson:

WHEREAS, It is one of the privileges of the General Assembly to pay due honor and respect to persons who devote their lives to the protection and service of the general public; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Craig A. Dorwart of Waverly was killed in a traffic accident on April 5, 1994, while on duty as an undercover narcotics officer for the Morgan County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Dorwart had served as a member of the Waverly Fire and Rescue Squad before becoming a Morgan County deputy on October 22, 1985; he always felt a duty to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, A section of Illinois Route 104 extends between Waverly and Jacksonville, the county seat of Morgan County; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the section of Illinois Route 104 between Waverly and Jacksonville be designated the Deputy Craig A. Dorwart Memorial Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is requested to erect, at suitable locations, consistent with State regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Secretary of the Illinois

Department of Transportation, to Morgan County Sheriff James Robson, Jr., and to the family of Deputy Craig A. Dorwart.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 142

Offered by Representative Bost:

WHEREAS, The Cherokee Indians were once a great tribe living in and around the Great Smoky Mountains; they were probably the most civilized tribe in America with well established churches and schools; they are credited with an independent development of the log cabin; the Cherokees had their own recorded code of tribal laws with elected officials to govern them; they adopted the white man's ways and Christianity and were skilled at farming and cattle raising; and

WHEREAS, With the discovery of gold on Cherokee lands, a movement that had been gathering since about 1802 for the removal of all Indians to reservations began in earnest; the Georgia legislature passed a law that "no Indian or descendants of an Indian shall be deemed a competent witness in any case in court to which a white person may be a party"; other states containing Cherokee lands adopted similar laws; and

WHEREAS, Many Cherokees were given whiskey by whites, who took advantage of their drunkenness and bribed the Indians out of their land holdings with paltry sums of money and empty promises; about 2,000 moved west through this trickery; some 15,000 were not fooled by these methods and were forced to walk the "Trail of Tears", as it became known for its many hardships and sorrows it brought to their people; and

WHEREAS, President Andrew Jackson gave his full support to the removal of the Cherokees from their land; an armed force of 7,000 made up of militia, regular army, and volunteers under General Winfield Scott forced the remaining 15,000 Cherokees from their homes in the Great Smoky Mountains and removed them to stockades at the U.S. Indian Agency near Charleston, Tennessee; their homes were burned and their property destroyed and plundered; farms belonging to the Cherokees for generations were won by white settlers in a lottery; and

WHEREAS, The march of 1,000 miles began in the winter of 1838; carrying only a few light blankets and wearing scant clothing with daily rations of only salt pork and corn meal, many sickened and died along the way; medical care was nearly non-existent; only the very old, sick, and small children could be carried in wagons or ride on horseback; over 8,000 were on foot, most without shoes or moccasins; they crossed Tennessee and Kentucky; about the 3rd of December, 1838, they arrived in Southern Illinois at Golconda; and

WHEREAS, To reach Golconda from Kentucky, the Cherokee had to cross the Ohio River; they were forced to pay \$1 a head for a ferry passage on "Berry's Ferry" operating out of Golconda, which was rather exorbitant because it normally cost only 12 and half cents for a Conestoga wagon and all you could carry; "Berry's Ferry" made over \$10,000 that winter out of the pockets of the starving Cherokees; they were not allowed passage until the ferry had serviced all others wishing to cross and were forced to take shelter under "Mantle Rock," a shelter bluff on the Kentucky side, until "Berry had nothing better to do"; many died huddled together at Mantle Rock waiting to cross; and

WHEREAS, Many contagious diseases spread among the tribe during their journey - cholera, whooping cough, and small pox; the Cherokee were given used blankets from a hospital in Tennessee where an epidemic of small pox had broken out; because of the diseases, the Indians were not allowed to go into any towns or villages along the way; many times this meant traveling much farther to go around them; one family in Golconda had compassion on them, however, and shared their pumpkin crop with the Cherokee; and

WHEREAS, While staying near Golconda, several Cherokee were murdered by locals; the killers filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Government through the courthouse in Vienna, suing the government for \$35 a head to bury the murdered Cherokee; they lost their suit and the bodies were thrown in shallow, unmarked graves near Brownfield where a monument to the Trail of Tears now stands; and

WHEREAS, The Cherokee marched on through Southern Illinois; their trail, which follows the course of what is now Illinois Route 146, is marked by crude camps from Golconda through Dixon Springs, Wartrace, Vienna, Mt. Pleasant, and Jonesboro to the Dutch Creek Crossing; about December 15, 1838, they were forced to spend the winter in the area of what is now the Trail of Tears State Forest; floating ice on the Mississippi River made it impossible to cross; many died there during the long, cold winter; Some were sold into slavery and a few escaped; and

WHEREAS, Those who escaped the march hid in the hills; some eventually returned to their land in the Smoky Mountains and their descendents live to this day in and around Cherokee, North Carolina; annually they re-enact the tragic events of that winter and their forced march in a play called "Unto These Hills"; at least 4,000 Cherokee Indians died that winter along with the pride of a nation that may never be restored; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Route 146 has not previously been officially designated by the State of Illinois as a historic route of the Trail of Tears; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that Illinois Route 146 is officially designated a historic highway and a route of the Trail of Tears; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the designation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation and to Dr. K. Andrew West, president of the Trail of Tears Association, Illinois Chapter.

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 143

Offered by Representative Krause:

WHEREAS, Recent ethics scandals have uncovered the flow of special interest money into the hands of elected officials and have included the arrest of current and former lawmakers on charges of racketeering and mail fraud; and

WHEREAS, American voters think our political system is broken due to excessive influence of campaign contributors; 70% of Americans believe that the political system cannot respond to the country's real needs because of the influence of special interests over our lawmakers; and

WHEREAS, Americans are increasingly unwilling to participate in the political process because they believe large campaign contributions are the only way to influence our political leaders; and

WHEREAS, Candidates for elective office in Illinois are forced to raise large sums of money in order to run effective campaigns; time spent raising contributions could more effectively be spent on serving constituents; and

WHEREAS, Improving the restructuring of Illinois campaign finance laws will open opportunities for more citizen involvement and foster more dialogue among elected officials and their challengers on various political issues; it will enable voters to have more trust in the process and their representatives; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois must take action to restore public confidence by adopting stricter ethics rules; Illinois must eliminate campaign finance excesses by enacting comprehensive campaign finance laws that establish public financing of State campaigns and establish campaign contribution limits; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created a Campaign Finance Reform Task Force consisting of 4 Representatives, appointed 2 each by the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and 4 Senators, appointed 2 each by the President and Minority Leader of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Campaign Finance Reform Task Force also may include 2 members of the general public appointed by the Governor who represent campaign finance reform organizations, and the chairperson of the Task Force may be designated by the Governor from among its members; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study the newly enacted campaign reform laws in other states, as well as the issues and problems associated with excessive moneys that are being raised and spent by candidates for elective office in the State of Illinois, and shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2006.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 144

Offered by Representative Currie:

WHEREAS, On 16 September 2005 at the World Summit Outcome of the United Nations General Assembly, the United States of America and the other Members of the United Nations embraced the principle of the responsibility to protect according to which, "each individual State has the responsibility to protect its populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. This responsibility entails the prevention of such crimes, including their incitement, through appropriate and necessary means. We accept that responsibility and will act in accordance with it. The international community should, as appropriate, encourage and help States to exercise this responsibility and support the United Nations in establishing an early warning capability" (U.N. Document A/RES/60/1, par. 138 (2005)); and

WHEREAS, The United States of America and other Members of the United Nations further agreed that, "the international community, through the United Nations, also has the responsibility to use appropriate diplomatic, humanitarian and other peaceful means, in accordance with Chapters VI and VIII of the Charter, to help to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. In this context, we are prepared to take collective action, in a timely and decisive manner, through the Security Council, in accordance with the Charter, including Chapter VII, on a case-by-case basis and in cooperation with relevant regional organizations as appropriate, should peaceful means be inadequate and national authorities are manifestly failing to protect their populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity... We also intend to commit ourselves, as necessary and appropriate, to helping States build capacity to protect their populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity and to assisting those which are under stress before crises and conflicts break out" (U.N. Document A/RES/60/1, par. 139 (2005)); and

WHEREAS, On 28 April 2006, the United Nations Security Council reaffirmed the provisions of paragraphs 138 and 139 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document regarding the responsibility to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity (U.N. Document S/RES/1674 (2006), par. 4); and

WHEREAS, The principle of the responsibility to protect now reflects the commitment of all the Members of the United Nations to determine means to protect populations from the deadly and devastating consequences of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity (hereinafter "atrocities crimes"); and

WHEREAS, Efforts by the United Nations and individual nations to prevent and respond to atrocity crimes and thus protect populations have far too often failed or not even been attempted, with the result since 1945 that millions of innocent civilians have lost their lives or been wounded or displaced and their property and livelihoods destroyed; and

WHEREAS, In the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document, the United States of America has accepted its responsibility to protect its own population from atrocity crimes and should continue acting in accordance with this principle; and

WHEREAS, The continued commission of atrocity crimes and the likely future threat of them is morally intolerable and unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, At other times in the history of the State of Illinois and of the United States, such abominations as slavery and the denial of basic civil and voting rights to all citizens have been rendered illegal and to significant degrees eliminated through the concerted actions of concerned citizens, civil society, the courts, and State and national lawmakers and leaders; and

WHEREAS, In the State of Illinois there reside many citizens who have fled from atrocity crimes, for whom the State of Illinois provides services and various forms of support, and many thousands of relatives of victims of the atrocity crimes that have occurred in other countries and who seek effective policies by the United States and other nations to help protect their surviving relatives; and

WHEREAS, The moral imperative of the responsibility to protect is inescapable and it reflects the highest American values of freedom, humanitarian care, and the preservation of the lives of innocent non-combatant men, women, and children; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America, as the most powerful and influential country in the world, has the moral duty and capacity to lead in domestic, in multinational initiatives and in the United Nations Security Council to prevent and respond rapidly to protect populations from the commission of atrocity crimes; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of Illinois contribute men and women and financial resources to the U.S. Armed Forces and elect Members of Congress and, with other states, the President and Vice-President of the United States, and strongly believe that these public officials and their subordinates have profound responsibilities, to use every possible legal means, under both federal and international law, to protect populations from atrocity crimes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the President and Congress should commit the leadership of the United States Government to effective implementation of the World Summit Outcome declaration on the responsibility to protect, and to do so in part through strengthening the preventive early warning capabilities of the federal government and the United Nations, and to develop strategies and policies as outlined in the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document (U.N. Document A/RES/60/1) and in the Security Council Resolution 1674 (2006) to ensure that the responsibility to protect populations has both credible meaning and effect, and that the United States is in the forefront of its domestic and global application; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President should initiate discussions with the permanent and non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, the members of the United Nations General Assembly and in separate forums with the governments of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Union, the African Union, the Organization of American States, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations respectively, to develop coordinated strategies for regional efforts to implement the responsibility to protect, and that Congress should express its full support for these discussions by joint resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, each member of the Illinois congressional delegation, the President and Vice-President of the United States, the U.S. Secretary of State, the U.S. Secretary of Defense, and the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

#### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS**

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

HOUSE BILL 5790. Introduced by Representative Brauer, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 5791. Introduced by Representative Patterson, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5792. Introduced by Representatives Cross - Hassert - Watson - Eddy - Parke, Pritchard, Dunn, Froehlich, Krause, Bellock, Pihos, Ramey, Meyer, Osmond, Winters, Moffitt, Biggins, Kosel, Tryon, Stephens, Mitchell, Jerry, Coulson, McAuliffe, Poe, Leitch and Sullivan, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 5793. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 5794. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 5795. Introduced by Representatives Munson - Bellock - Krause - Ramey - McAuliffe, Meyer, Biggins, Poe and Bassi, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5796. Introduced by Representatives Wait - Meyer - McAuliffe, Bellock, Krause, Ramey and Biggins, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5797. Introduced by Representatives Hassert - Munson - Biggins - McAuliffe, Bellock, Ramey and Meyer, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5798. Introduced by Representatives Munson - Meyer - McAuliffe - Bassi, Bellock and Biggins, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5799. Introduced by Representatives Parke - Munson - McAuliffe, Bellock, Ramey, Meyer and Biggins, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5800. Introduced by Representatives Wait - Munson - McAuliffe - Poe, Bellock, Krause, Ramey, Meyer and Biggins, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5801. Introduced by Representatives Munson - Meyer - McAuliffe, Bellock, Ramey and Biggins, AN ACT concerning courts.

HOUSE BILL 5802. Introduced by Representatives Parke - Munson - McAuliffe, Bellock, Ramey, Meyer and Biggins, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5803. Introduced by Representatives Munson - McAuliffe - Bassi, Bellock, Krause, Ramey, Meyer and Biggins, AN ACT concerning identification.

HOUSE BILL 5804. Introduced by Representatives Mitchell, Bill - Ramey - Meyer - McAuliffe, Bellock and Biggins, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5805. Introduced by Representatives Parke - Munson - McAuliffe, Bellock, Ramey, Meyer and Biggins, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5806. Introduced by Representatives Durkin - McAuliffe - Coulson, Bellock, Krause, Ramey, Meyer and Froehlich, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5807. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Bill, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5808. Introduced by Representatives Reis - Cross - Black, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5809. Introduced by Representatives Cross - Sullivan - Pritchard - Hassert - Parke, Watson, Dunn, Froehlich, Bellock, Pihos, Ramey, Meyer, Osmond, Moffitt, Biggins, Kosel, Stephens, Mitchell, Jerry, Reis, Schock, Coulson, McAuliffe, Poe, Leitch and Tracy, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5810. Introduced by Representatives Cross - Hassert - Krause - Bellock - Parke, Sullivan, Watson, Pritchard, Dunn, Froehlich, Pihos, Ramey, Osmond, Winters, Meyer, Moffitt, Biggins, Kosel, Stephens, Mitchell, Jerry, Schock, Coulson, McAuliffe, Poe, Leitch and Tracy, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5811. Introduced by Representatives Cross - Dunn - Hassert - Meyer - Parke, Sullivan, Watson, Pritchard, Froehlich, Bellock, Pihos, Ramey, Osmond, Moffitt, Biggins, Kosel, Stephens, Mitchell, Jerry, Reis, McAuliffe, Coulson and Leitch, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5812. Introduced by Representatives Cross - Pihos - Hassert - Osmond - Coulson, Sullivan, Watson, Pritchard, Dunn, Froehlich, Bellock, Ramey, Meyer, Moffitt, Biggins, Kosel, Parke, Stephens, Mitchell, Jerry, McAuliffe, Poe and Leitch, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5813. Introduced by Representative Parke, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5814. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5815. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Bill, AN ACT concerning veterans.

HOUSE BILL 5816. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Bill, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 5817. Introduced by Representative Sullivan, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5818. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning revenue.



- HOUSE BILL 5819. Introduced by Representative Bellock, AN ACT concerning State finance.
- HOUSE BILL 5820. Introduced by Representatives Black - Parke - Bellock, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 5821. Introduced by Representatives Black - Parke - Bellock, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 5822. Introduced by Representatives Rose - Eddy - Reis - Watson - Bost and Cultra, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 5823. Introduced by Representative Cross, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 5824. Introduced by Representative Krause, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 5825. Introduced by Representatives Rose - Eddy, AN ACT concerning energy.
- HOUSE BILL 5826. Introduced by Representatives Cross - Lindner - Sullivan, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 5827. Introduced by Representatives Cross - Lindner - Sullivan, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 5828. Introduced by Representatives Cross - Lindner - Sullivan, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 5829. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 5830. Introduced by Representatives Mitchell, Bill - Eddy, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 5831. Introduced by Representative Fritchey, AN ACT concerning loans.
- HOUSE BILL 5832. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 5833. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 5834. Introduced by Representatives Madigan - Currie, AN ACT concerning property.
- HOUSE BILL 5835. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 5836. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 5837. Introduced by Representative Cross, AN ACT concerning sex offenders.
- HOUSE BILL 5838. Introduced by Representative Granberg, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 5839. Introduced by Representatives Hamos - Coulson - Colvin - Pritchard, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 5840. Introduced by Representative Fritchey, AN ACT concerning abortions.
- HOUSE BILL 5841. Introduced by Representative Sullivan, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 5842. Introduced by Representative Sullivan, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 5843. Introduced by Representative Sullivan, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 5844. Introduced by Representative Beaubien, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 5845. Introduced by Representative Tracy, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5846. Introduced by Representative Krause, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 5847. Introduced by Representative Meyer, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5848. Introduced by Representative Tracy, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 5849. Introduced by Representative McAuliffe, AN ACT concerning the State Police.

HOUSE BILL 5850. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning vehicles.

HOUSE BILL 5851. Introduced by Representative McGuire, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 5852. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Bill, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 5853. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT in relation to civil law.

#### **AGREED RESOLUTIONS**

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

##### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 1316**

Offered by Representative Parke:

Recognizes the 40th anniversary of the Streamwood Park District.

##### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 1317**

Offered by Representative Parke:

Recognizes the tenth anniversary of the Park Place Recreation Center, part of the Streamwood Park District.

##### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 1318**

Offered by Representative Younge:

Recognizes the dedication of the O'Fallon Veterans Memorial.

##### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 1319**

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

Congratulates Steven Spielberg on being the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Gold Hugo, given by the 42nd Chicago International Film Festival.

##### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 1320**

Offered by Representative Beiser:

Mourns the death in Iraq of U.S. Army Corporal Shawn T. Lasswell Jr. of Las Vegas, Nevada, formerly of Alton.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1321

Offered by Representative Beiser:  
Mourns the death of Senior Airman Jason Bechel of Wood River.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1322

Offered by Representative Miller:  
Mourns the death of Mr. Michael "Cheap Willie" Francis, Sr.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1323

Offered by Representative Scully:  
Commends Mr. Kevin Healy for his service to others.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1324

Offered by Representative Howard:  
Congratulates Mrs. Bettye J. Richardson on the occasion of her retirement after 42 years of dedicated service to public education.

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1325

Offered by Representative Madigan:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with deep sorrow and regret of the death of their friend and colleague, Representative Lovana Jones of Chicago, on Monday, May 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Lovana "Lou" Jones was born on March 28, 1938, in Mansfield, Ohio; she moved with her family to Chicago in 1959, settling in the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhood; she held a B.A. in business administration from Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jones first began serving in 1987 and spent nearly 20 years as a member of the House of Representatives, where she championed the causes of abused children, minorities, and ex-convicts and served most recently as the chair of the Committee on Public Safety; she was an assistant majority leader for six of her ten terms; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jones also spearheaded legislation that focused on the rights of grandparents raising their grandchildren; she was vocal in her concern for child welfare and was an advocate for women; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Representative Jones helped give non-violent offenders a second chance at a better future by sponsoring legislation that allowed eligible juveniles to receive information on the steps they must take in order to have their records expunged; she worked to reform prisons and criminal sentencing laws and to bring more financial options to inner city residents; and she fought for greater protections for consumers; and

WHEREAS, She was a supervisor in Chicago's anti-gang program under Mayor Harold Washington's leadership; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jones was active in several community and civic organizations, including the Task Force for Black Political Empowerment, Operation PUSH (of which she was an original member), the NAACP, the Chicago Urban League, the Independent Voters of Illinois, the Cook County Democratic Women, the St. Ambrose Catholic School Board, and NARAL; and

WHEREAS, Lou loved her family; following the death of her daughter, Leslie, she took in and raised her seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Representative Lovana "Lou" Jones has been deeply felt by all who knew and loved her, and her presence will be deeply missed at the State House; she is remembered as likable, determined, diplomatic, and unmoving when it came to the needs of her District; she was a true friend in the Capitol; and she will be most deeply missed by her son, Timothy Walker, and her many grandchildren; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of our dear friend, Representative Lovana "Lou" Jones, and we extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to her family as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 1326

Offered by Representative Madigan:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with great sadness of the death of their dear friend and colleague Lovana "Lou" Jones on May 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, She was born March 28, 1938 in Mansfield, Ohio to Louise and Sylvester Walker; and

WHEREAS, She attended high school in Mansfield before earning a Bachelor's degree in business administration from Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, She moved with her mother to Illinois in 1959, settling in Chicago's Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhood; her sister joined them later; and

WHEREAS, She was the mother of Timothy Walker, the late Stephanie Walker, and the late Leslie Walker Boyd; she was a grandmother of seven: Tivaughn Walker, Timothy A. Walker, William Ramone Bradley Boyd, Nicholas A. Boyd, Carolyn N. Boyd, Triston T. Boyd, and Timika L. Walker; and

WHEREAS, She was a member of Metropolitan Apostolic Community Church, serving on its Mothers Board, and a deeply spiritual woman whose faith was a source of great strength and helped to see her through times of adversity; and

WHEREAS, She worked for the United States Postal Service, American Bank, and for the City of Chicago, and she volunteered as a member of innumerable boards and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, She was long involved in Democratic politics and helped the late Harold Washington, then a United States Congressman, to make history by becoming the first African-American mayor of the City of Chicago in 1983; and

WHEREAS, She was first elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1986 and re-elected nine times thereafter; and

WHEREAS, She was first appointed as an assistant majority leader in 1989; she was the chairperson of the Public Safety Appropriations Committee; she served as a delegate to the 1996 Democratic National Convention; she was a revered member of the House Legislative Black Caucus; she was a mentor and inspiration to younger members of the legislature; she was admired by fellow legislators from both sides of the aisle who often sought her counsel and advice; and

WHEREAS, She was known for her candor, sharp wit, and willingness to speak the truth to power; she was a formidable debater, equally at ease offering a profound point on a matter of public policy as she was at leaving her colleagues in stitches with a funny story or memorable retort; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her life she treated others, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, disability, income, or sexual orientation, with the same degree of dignity and respect to which she believed that all human beings were entitled, and she demanded that others do the same; she fought discrimination in all its forms; she was a great leader in the struggle for equal rights for minorities and insistent that people of color have a place at the table; and

WHEREAS, She firmly held that, as the gospels say, ultimately all will be made to account for how they treated the least among us; she devoted her energies and talents as a legislator to giving voice to the voiceless, comfort to the infirm, and assistance to the poor; and

WHEREAS, She leaves an extraordinary legislative legacy; she was passionate in her commitment to criminal justice reform and also an advocate for crime victims, with a special focus on supporting battered women's efforts to rebuild their lives; she secured funding for projects, organizations, and institutions that could make a positive difference for her constituents, including billions more for schools throughout the

State; she demanded that minority hiring be a requirement for public works projects; she brought new attention to the problem of postpartum depression; she helped to enact programs that allowed senior citizens to afford their prescription medications and have the dignity of leading independent lives; she led the effort to give ex-offenders a second chance through her work on record expungement for non-violent crimes; she worked to make Illinois a leader in providing health care coverage to the uninsured; she led efforts to arrange the State's purchase of the John Hart Crenshaw House, also known as the Old Slave House, in Gallatin County in 2000 to make sure this part of African-American history in Illinois was understood and appreciated by future generations; and

WHEREAS, While she was justly proud of her many achievements as a legislator, she felt that they paled in comparison to her pride in the accomplishments of her grandchildren, including those whose care and raising she undertook after her daughter's passing more than a decade ago; she used her experience to become an advocate for grandparents raising grandchildren and to increase public awareness about the subject and to pass legislation to provide college assistance to help families who find themselves taking on such a demanding challenge at an advanced age; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Lovana "Lou" Jones has been deeply felt by many, especially her son, Timothy Walker; her sister, Mary Springfield; her brothers, Harvey Day and Bradley K. Walker; her step-sister, Sylvia Hunter; and her many grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Lovana "Lou" Jones, a true original, one of our own, and a woman whose contributions to the civic life of Illinois and steadfast commitment to her family and the people she served will long be remembered and celebrated, and we extend our deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to her family as an expression of our sincerest condolences.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 1327

Offered by Representative William Davis:

Congratulates Pastor Ferlander N. Lewis on his 20th anniversary with the New Mount Olive Baptist Church.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 1328

Offered by Representative Patterson:

Mourns the death of Benjamin Igieobo Uwumarogie.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 1329

Offered by Representative Bellock:

Congratulates Albert L. Grasso on the occasion of his retirement from the full-time practice of law.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 1330

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

Mourns the death of Robert Emmet "Butch" McGuire Sr. of Rochester, Minnesota.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 1331

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

Congratulates Richard and Susan Roman on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 1332

Offered by Representative Patterson:

Mourns the death of Zedrick Thomas Braden Jr.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1333

Offered by Representative Flider:  
Recognizes the 160th anniversary of Salem Baptist Church.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1334

Offered by Representative Beiser:  
Congratulates Sister M. Theotima Plass upon the completion of her active service to St. Anthony's Health Center.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1335

Offered by Representative Beiser:  
Congratulates William E. Kessler on the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of service with Saint Anthony's Health System.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1336

Offered by Representative Younge:  
Congratulates Rev. Henry Nicholson on the occasion of his 50th anniversary as pastor of Truelight Baptist Church.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1337

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Congratulates Grace Mae (White) Harrell of Salem on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1338

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Congratulates Sandie Oswald of Iuka on the occasion of her retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1339

Offered by Representative Watson:  
Congratulates the members Illinois School for the Deaf boys track and field team on an exceptional season.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1340

Offered by Representative Berrios:  
Recognizes the fiftieth anniversary of the Chicago branch of the Church of Moral Counsel of Puerto Rico, Inc.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1341

Offered by Representative May:  
Congratulates Joel M. Carp of Highland Park, Senior Vice President for Community Services and Government Relations of the Jewish Federation/Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, on the occasion of his retirement after almost 30 years in the social services field.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1342

Offered by Representative Flider:  
Mourns the death while on duty of Illinois State Police Sergeant Rodney Todd Miller of Decatur.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1344

Offered by Representative Black:  
Congratulates the St. Joseph-Ogden High School Lady Spartans on winning the IHSA Class A State Softball Championship.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1345

Offered by Representative Beiser:  
Congratulates Reyneisha Sharp on being named the Youth of the Year for the State of Illinois by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA).

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1347

Offered by Representative May:  
Congratulates Jack Hicks on the occasion of his retirement after 34 years at the Deerfield Public Library.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1348

Offered by Representative Brady:  
Commends Captain Ken Kerfoot on his retirement from the Normal Fire Department.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1349

Offered by Representative Daniels:  
Mourns the death of Carla E. Fisher of Warrenville.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1350

Offered by Representative John Bradley:  
Congratulates Melanie and Ed Bradley of Marion on the occasion of their retirements from the education field.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1351

Offered by Representative Rose:  
Recognizes the 150th anniversary of the village of Tolono.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1352

Offered by Representative Rose:  
Congratulates Charleston Police Department Police Chief Ted Ghibellini on the occasion of his retirement.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1353

Offered by Representative Lyons:  
Congratulates Mary Licata on 50 years of service as a member of St. Peter's Church in Chicago.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1354

Offered by Representative Madigan:  
Congratulates John K. Thomson on the occasion of his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1355

Offered by Representative Stephens:  
Recognizes the 100th anniversary of the Home Telephone Co. of St. Jacob.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1356

Offered by Representative Winters:  
Recognizes Robert Turner for his 55 years of dedicated service to the Rockton Fire Protection District.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1357

Offered by Representative Mautino:  
Congratulates Ottawa Township High School on winning first place in the 2006 Class AA IHSA Music Sweepstakes for the tenth year in a row.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1358

Offered by Representative Mautino:  
Commends Project Santa Adopt-A-Soldier on its Christmas outreach efforts to American soldiers.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1359

Offered by Representative Flider:  
Recognizes the 150th anniversary of the city of Windsor.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1360

Offered by Representative Flider:  
Recognizes the 150th anniversary of the McMullin-Young Funeral Home.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1361

Offered by Representative Myers:  
Mourns the death in Iraq of U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Gary T. Rovinski of Roseville.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1362

Offered by Representative Biggins:  
Recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Westchester Public Library.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1363

Offered by Representative John Bradley:  
Mourns the death of Reathel M. Odum.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1364

Offered by Representative Cross:  
Mourns the death of David F. Doty.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1365

Offered by Representative Patterson:  
Commends the valedictorians and salutatorians of Banneker, Deneen, Park Manor, and Yale Elementary Schools, Parker Community Academy, and Robeson High Schools for 2006.



## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1366

Offered by Representative Howard:  
Recognizes the Chicago State University (CSU) Foundation on the occasion of its 12th Annual Friends of CSU Awards Dinner.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1367

Offered by Representative McAuliffe:  
Recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Norridge Park District.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1368

Offered by Representative Holbrook:  
Recognizes the 100th anniversary of Scottish Rite in Southern Illinois.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1369

Offered by Representative Watson:  
Recognizes and commends the people of the Yuchi.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1370

Offered by Representative Poe:  
Mourns the death of Caleb M. Bridges of Springfield.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1371

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Commends the Maschhoffs on serving the Carlyle area for so many years.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1372

Offered by Representative Monique Davis:  
Recognizes Jet Magazine for its commitment to bringing national recognition to the obesity problem.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1373

Offered by Representative Monique Davis:  
Congratulates Mrs. Joyce E. Bristow on the occasion of her retirement.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1374

Offered by Representative Ryg:  
Congratulates James D. Spiegel on his retirement as Chief of the Countryside Fire District.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1375

Offered by Representative Miller:  
Congratulates Gary Lester of Downers Grove on being named Principal of the Year.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1377

Offered by Representative Rose:  
Recognizes the 20th anniversary of the Champaign County Crime Stoppers.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1378

Offered by Representative Brady:  
Congratulates Bill Wills on the occasion of his retirement as an editor of the Bloomington Pantagraph.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1379

Offered by Representative Tracy:  
Recognizes the dedication of the restoration of the Prairie Mills Windmill and the 20th anniversary of the Golden Historical Society.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1380

Offered by Representative Dunkin:  
Congratulates Estella Smith on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1381

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Congratulates Carol Gorman on the occasion of her retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1382

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Welcomes Timo Dalm, Rotary Youth Exchange student of Göppingen, Baden-Württemberg, Germany, to Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1383

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Mourns the death of W. Harold Monken of Centralia.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1384

Offered by Representative Acevedo:  
Recognizes the fiftieth anniversary of the St. Joseph Club.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1385

Offered by Representative Tracy:  
Recognizes the 100th anniversary of Alsey Refractories Company.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1386

Offered by Representative Jefferies:  
Mourns the death of Arnita Marie Robinson.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1387

Offered by Representative Giles:  
Congratulates Marietta Skyles Beverly on the occasion of her retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1388

Offered by Representative Acevedo:  
Congratulates Officer Manuel F. Acevedo on the occasion of his retirement from the Chicago Police Department.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1389

Offered by Representative Phelps:  
Honors Pat Mahoney for her 35 years of public service.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1390

Offered by Representative Mulligan:  
Congratulates Harriet Dorothea (Zorn) Scharringhausen of Arlington Heights on her 100th birthday.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1391

Offered by Representative Giles:  
Congratulates Mrs. Marion Farmer of Chicago on the occasion of her 94th birthday.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1392

Offered by Representative Miller:  
Recognizes the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Chicago-Wilcox Mfg. Co. located in South Holland.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1393

Offered by Representative Flider:  
Congratulates the News-Progress for their 25th year of publication.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1394

Offered by Representative Graham:  
Congratulates Virginia Clementine McCutchen Harris of Oak Park on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1395

Offered by Representative Cross:  
Thanks the Alexander Lumber Yard for serving the Oswego community.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1396

Offered by Representative Flider:  
Recognizes the 50th anniversary of Moweaqua Boy Scout Troop 85.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1397

Offered by Representative Patterson:  
Mourns the death of Albert Blanchard Sr.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1398

Offered by Representative Miller:  
Mourns the death of Idella Green.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1399

Offered by Representative Granberg:

Honors Central City Police Officer Matthew B. Dukes for his quick action in the line of duty, which led to a life being saved.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1400

Offered by Representative Granberg:

Honors Central City Police Officer Matthew B. Dukes and Ms. Sandi Gherardini of Centralia for their quick and heroic action in saving the life of another.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1401

Offered by Representative Rose:

Honors the Champaign Police Department's Cops for Kids program, especially for its support of Special Olympics Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1402

Offered by Representative Rose:

Mourns the death of Horace William "Horty" Romine of Atwood.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1403

Offered by Representative Howard:

Recognizes Ehinger Bros. VFW Post 8141 of Calumet City on the occasion of its 60th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1404

Offered by Representative Flider:

Recognizes the month of September as "Step-tember" in conjunction with America on the Move and YMCA Activate America.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1405

Offered by Representative Granberg:

Honors Breanna and Tanner Hester of Patoka for rescuing their brother, Ethann, from drowning.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1406

Offered by Representative Howard:

Congratulates Lillie Sanders on the occasion of her retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1407

Offered by Representative Flider:

Recognizes the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Mt. Zion Fire Protection District.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1408

Offered by Representative Tracy:

Recognizes the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of First Bankers Trust Company.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1409

Offered by Representative Tracy:

Congratulates Don Gnuse on receiving the Illinois Bankers Association 50 Year Club Award.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1410

Offered by Representative Flider:  
Congratulates Shelby County Sheriff Randall Sims on the occasion of his retirement.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1411

Offered by Representative Flider:  
Congratulates Jim Culbertson of Decatur on the occasion of his retirement after 35 years in education.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1412

Offered by Representative Rose:  
Recognizes the 50th annual DeLand Homecoming.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1414

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Congratulates Mrs. Stella Marie (Leffler) Boswell of Mt. Vernon on the occasion of her 102nd birthday.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1415

Offered by Representative Currie:  
Congratulates Drs. Herbert and Ruth Lerner on the occasion of their retirement.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1416

Offered by Representative Howard:  
Mourns the death of Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr., President of Alcorn State University.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1417

Offered by Representative Howard:  
Mourns the death of Keinya (Kee) Patrice Brewer.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1418

Offered by Representative Hoffman:  
Mourns the death while serving in Iraq of Sergeant Steven Paul Mennemeyer of Granite City.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1419

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Congratulates the Cedarhurst Center for the Arts on the celebration of the 30th Cedarhurst Craft Fair.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1420

Offered by Representative Turner:  
Mourns the death of Vernice (Taylor) Brownlee.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1421

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Congratulates Walter and Aurelia Mauck on the occasion of their 60th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1422

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Congratulates Don Rector on the occasion of his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1423

Offered by Representative May:  
Congratulates Larry and Lillian Goodman of Highland Park.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1424

Offered by Representative Brady:  
Recognizes the 100th anniversary of Broadview Mansion in Normal.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1425

Offered by Representative Durkin:  
Recognizes Christine M. Villarreal of Indian Head Park as she enters into military service.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1426

Offered by Representative Hoffman:  
Congratulates Oriella Robinson of Edwardsville on the occasion of her 103rd birthday.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1427

Offered by Representative Parke:  
Mourns the death of U.S.M.C. Corporal Ryan John Cummings of Streamwood and Crystal Lake.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1428

Offered by Representative Reis:  
Congratulates Robert T. Ferguson of Flora on the occasion of the dedication of the Robert T. Ferguson Post Office Building.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1429

Offered by Representative Howard:  
Congratulates the Developing Communities Project on the occasion of the organization's Annual Victory Convention and 20th Year Anniversary Celebration.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1430

Offered by Representative Howard:  
Mourns the tragic and untimely death of Michael Quincy Johnson.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1431

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Congratulates the 11 recipients of the Jefferson County Senior Saints Award.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1432

Offered by Representative Currie:  
Mourns the death of Alvin Joseph Baxter, Jr. of Chicago.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1433

Offered by Representative Flider:  
Recognizes the YWCA of Decatur and Macon County on the occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1434

Offered by Representative Flider:  
Congratulates Reverend Donald E. Horath and the Hillside Bethel Tabernacle Church in Decatur on the occasion of the church's 45th anniversary.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1435

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Mourns the death of Don E. Peacock of Mt. Vernon.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1436

Offered by Representative Turner:  
Mourns the death of Diane (Bush) Roberson.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1437

Offered by Representative Cross:  
Congratulates Jean Fletcher on her retirement.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1438

Offered by Representative Myers:  
Congratulates Dr. Stephan L. Roth on being honored for his dedication and service to the City of Colchester.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1439

Offered by Representative Cross:  
Congratulates Foster, a K-9 member of the Plainfield Police Department, on the occasion of his retirement.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1441

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Congratulates Herman Calvert on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1442

Offered by Representative Jefferson:  
Congratulates Michael R. Tongue on the occasion of his retirement.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1443

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Recognizes the 45th anniversary of the Centralia Cultural Society.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1444

Offered by Representative Bellock:

Congratulates Giant Steps on the occasion of their 10th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1445

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Congratulates Lewis Collens on the occasion of his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1446

Offered by Representative Howard:  
Congratulates the South East Veterans on their 20th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1447

Offered by Representative Dunkin:  
Congratulates André Benjamin on being the recipient of the Emerging Artists Award from the Chicago International Film Festival Black Perspectives.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1448

Offered by Representative Dunkin:  
Congratulates Ruby Dee on being the 2006 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chicago International Film Festival Black Perspectives.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1449

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Congratulates William C. "Bill" Child of Petersburg on being recognized with the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials' (ASTSWMO) Lifetime Achievement Award.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1450

Offered by Representative Brady:  
Congratulates Mr. J. Michael Callahan on the occasion of the dedication of the J. Michael Callahan Southeast Wastewater Treatment Facility.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1451

Offered by Representative Cross:  
Honors Todd A. Winders, Richard "Budd" Wormley, Cheryl L. Herron, and Sarah J. Lang for heroism in rescuing a citizen from a burning vehicle in Oswego.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1452

Offered by Representative Currie:  
Congratulates the Southeast Side Veterans on their 20th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1453

Offered by Representative Miller:  
Congratulates the Theta Mu Lambda Charitable foundation on the occasion of its 17th Annual Black & Gold Ball on Saturday, November 18, 2006.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1454

Offered by Representative Howard:  
Congratulates Cheryle Jackson on being appointed President and CEO of the Chicago Urban League.



## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1455

Offered by Representative Rose:  
Congratulates the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES) Alumni Association on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1456

Offered by Representative Rose:  
Recognizes the 100th anniversary of Ronchetti Distributing Company in Mattoon.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1457

Offered by Representative Currie:  
Mourns the death of Lawrence A. Pottenger, MD, PhD.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1458

Offered by Representative Pritchard:  
Congratulates Lee And Sherrill Blankenship, owners of Village Commons Bookstore in DeKalb, on being named the 2006 Illinois Retail Merchants Association Retailers of the Year.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1460

Offered by Representative Granberg:  
Congratulates Dr. Sajjan K. Nemani of Centralia on receiving the Rural Physician of Excellence Award from the Illinois Rural Health Association.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1461

Offered by Representative Cross:  
Recognizes the 150th anniversary of the United Methodist Church of Plano.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1462

Offered by Representative Currie:  
Congratulates Blue Gargoyle Community Services on the occasion of its 32nd Anniversary.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1463

Offered by Representative Howard:  
Congratulates the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., on the occasion of his 65th birthday.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1464

Offered by Representative Howard:  
Honors the ministry of the Reverend Dr. Albert Sampson.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1465

Offered by Representative Feigenholtz:  
Congratulates the Reverend Stan J. Sloan on being a recipient of the 2006 Human Relations Award given by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1467

Offered by Representative Cross:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of former State Representative Mary Jeanne "Dolly" Hallstrom of Evanston on Wednesday, August 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jeanne Louise DeBats was born in East Orange, New Jersey, on December 21, 1924; she attended Catholic boarding school and moved to Chicago to study nursing at Loyola University; and

WHEREAS, She received the nickname "Dolly" from her husband, Gordon Hallstrom, whom she met in the mid-1940s; they married in 1946; he preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hallstrom first began working to help children with disabilities in 1955, when she was a member of the North Shore Junior Women's Club; beginning in 1968, she served for two years as a member of the federal White House Conference Commission on Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, She was elected to the General Assembly in 1978 and later served on the Illinois Human Rights Commission, having been reappointed in 2003; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Mary Jeanne "Dolly" Hallstrom has been deeply felt by many, especially her children, Gordon Timothy Hallstrom and Amy Bejarano; her grandson, Etienne (Shelli) Bejarano; and her future great-grandchild, Cooper Riley; she was the sister-in-law of Alice Hallstrom and Jean Ligocki and the fond aunt of seven nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of former State Representative Mary Jeanne "Dolly" Hallstrom, and we extend our deepest sympathy to her family, her friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to her family as an expression of our sincerest condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1468

Offered by Representative Younge:

Recognizes the 20th anniversary of the Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1469

Offered by Representative Granberg:

Congratulates Dave Foreman on the occasion of his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1470

Offered by Representative Verschoore:

Honors Reverend Robert E. Lee on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Sacred Heart Church in Moline, Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1471

Offered by Representative Osmond:

Congratulates Lake Villa Rescue on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1472

Offered by Representative Cross:

Congratulates Ken and Mary Lou Mueller on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1473

Offered by Representative Beiser:

Recognizes the 70th anniversary of Alton V.F.W. Post 1308.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1474

Offered by Representative Reis:  
Honors Dr. Don Hatten on receiving the Rural Physician of Excellence Award.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1475

Offered by Representative Miller:  
Mourns the death of Evelyn Martin.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1476

Offered by Representative Tracy:  
Congratulates the people of the Loraine Fire District on the dedication of their new building and truck.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1477

Offered by Representative Flider:  
Celebrates the rededication of the Moultrie County Courthouse on its 100th anniversary.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1478

Offered by Representative Madigan:  
Honors Associate Judge John Mannion of Chicago on his retirement from the bench.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1479

Offered by Representative Flider:  
Celebrates the 100th anniversary of the First Christian Church in Findlay, Illinois.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1480

Offered by Representative Bellock:  
Honors the doctors and staff of Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Illinois on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the hospital.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1481

Offered by Representative Jefferson:  
Congratulates L.T. Graham on winning two gold medals and a silver medal at the Illinois Senior Olympics.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1482

Offered by Representative Jefferson:  
Congratulates William "Bill" Penn on the occasion of his retirement from the UAW International Union.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1483

Offered by Representative Jakobsson:  
Honors Shauna Carey on being selected Illinois State Teacher of the Year in Wal-Mart's 11th Annual Teacher of the Year program.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1484

Offered by Representative Miller:  
Mourns the death of Paul McCullar of Chicago.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1485

Offered by Representative Miller:  
Honors Reverend Jesse Jackson.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1486

Offered by Representative Stephens:  
Honors Barb Kay on receiving the Yale Teaching Award.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 133

Offered by Representative Verschoore:  
Mourns the death of Petty Officer 1st Class Jerry Tharp of Aledo.

At the hour of 12:05 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned until Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.