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**11:30 O'CLOCK A.M.**

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The House met pursuant to notice from the Speaker.

Representative Lang in the chair.

Prayer by Pastor Lee A. Crawford, the Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield, Illinois.

Representative Manley led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

108 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Acevedo, Andrade, Arroyo, Daniel Burke, Golar, McAsey, Osmond, Reis, Soto and Welch were excused from attendance.

### **REQUEST TO BE SHOWN ON QUORUM**

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Andrade, should be recorded as present at the hour of 12:40 o'clock p.m.

### **REPORTS**

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

Annual Lead Paint Poisoning Report to the general Assembly, submitted by State's Attorney Joseph H. McMahon on January 29, 2014.

2013 Annual Report of Ex parte Communications, submitted by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board on January 29, 2014.

### **LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL**

January 28, 2014

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Due to a potential conflict of interest I will be voting present on House Bill 11. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

s/ Jack D. Franks

January 29, 2014

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I wish to have my vote on HB11 changed from yes to no. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

s/John Bradley

### **REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on January 29, 2014, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION:**

That the Motion be reported “recommends be adopted” and placed on the House Calendar: Motion to concur with Senate Amendments numbered 1 and 3 to HOUSE BILL 11.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measure is as follows:  
5, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson	Y Sullivan(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Lang(D)	Y Leitch(R)
Y Mautino(D)	

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules (A) to which the following were referred, action taken on January 29, 2014, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:**

Elementary & Secondary Education: SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 45.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measure is as follows:  
3, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson	Y Sullivan(R), Republican Spokesperson
A Lang(D)	Y Leitch(R)
A Mautino(D)	

**MOTIONS  
SUBMITTED**

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

**MOTION**

I move to concur with Senate Amendments numbered 1 and 3 to HOUSE BILL 11.

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Senate by  
Mr. Anderson, Secretary:  
Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill of the following title to-wit:

**HOUSE BILL 11**

A bill for AN ACT concerning regulation.  
Together with the attached amendments thereto (which amendments have been printed by the Senate), in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the House, to-wit:

Senate Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL NO. 11  
Senate Amendment No. 3 to HOUSE BILL NO. 11  
Passed the Senate, as amended, January 29, 2014.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

The foregoing message from the Senate reporting Senate Amendments numbered 1 and 3 to HOUSE BILL 11 was placed on the Calendar on the order of Concurrence.

A message from the Senate by  
Mr. Anderson, Secretary:  
Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has adopted the following preamble and joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives, to-wit:  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23  
Adopted by the Senate, April 23, 2013.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by  
Mr. Anderson, Secretary:  
Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has adopted the following preamble and joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives, to-wit:  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24  
Adopted by the Senate, April 23, 2013.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by  
Mr. Anderson, Secretary:  
Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has adopted the following preamble and joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives, to-wit:  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45  
Adopted by the Senate, January 29, 2014.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

#### **CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP**

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Flowers was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Rita became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 11.

#### **AGREED RESOLUTIONS**

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

##### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 718**

Offered by Representative Morrison:  
Mourns the death of former State Representative Robert Bergman.

##### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 720**

Offered by Representative Durkin:

Congratulates Lieutenant Colonel Terry Lemming on the occasion of his retirement from the Illinois State Police.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 721

Offered by Representative Pritchard:  
Congratulates Melissa Leisner for winning the 2013 Milken National Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 722

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:  
Congratulates Progressive Baptist Church in Aurora on its 50th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 723

Offered by Representative Phelps:  
Mourns the death of Eileen Elizabeth Hoffman of Collinsville.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 724

Offered by Representative Durkin:  
Congratulates Scott Reimers on the occasion of his induction into the Samuel K. Gove Illinois Legislative Internship Hall of Fame.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 725

Offered by Representative Poe:  
Congratulates Mona B. Martin on being inducted into the Samuel K. Gove Illinois Legislative Internship Hall of Fame.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 726

Offered by Representative Evans:  
Congratulates Black Mary for her work in keeping dusty music alive.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 727

Offered by Representative Jefferson:  
Congratulates Litesa Wallace on the occasion of earning her doctorate from Northern Illinois University.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 728

Offered by Representative Zalewski:  
Mourns the death of Reverend Monsignor Francis N. Maniola.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 729



Offered by Representative McSweeney:  
Congratulates Mike Ditka on his number being retired by the Chicago Bears.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 731

Offered by Representative Brauer:  
Congratulates Colonel Agnes Kindred-Johnson on her retirement from the Illinois State Police.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 732

Offered by Representative Pritchard:  
Commends Philip Nelson on his dedication to Illinois agriculture and congratulates him on 10 years of service as President of the Illinois Farm Bureau.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 733

Offered by Representative Crespo:  
Congratulates Cheri Sisson on her retirement as Executive Director of the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 734

Offered by Representative Brady:  
Congratulates Judy L. Mowery on her retirement as Administrative Deputy Coroner with the McLean County Coroner's Office.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 735

Offered by Representative Poe:  
Congratulates Ken and Derek Leonard on being the first father-son head coaching duo to win IHSA football championships in the same year.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 736

Offered by Representative Franks:  
Congratulates the McHenry County Jewish Congregation and Rabbi Marilee Gordon on their respective anniversaries taking place in 2014 and thanks them for their service to the area communities.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 737

Offered by Representative Mautino:  
Congratulates James M. Meyer of Naperville on his retirement from the Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan Board.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 738

Offered by Representative Mautino:  
Congratulates Laura Leon of Chicago on her retirement from the Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) Board.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 739

Offered by Representative Mautino:  
Congratulates Richard F. Kotz on his retirement from the Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan Board.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 740

Offered by Representative Yingling:  
Congratulates Ethan A. DeKeyser on becoming an Eagle Scout.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 741

Offered by Representative Welch:  
Mourns the death of Cuauhtemoc "Temo" Estrada.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 742

Offered by Representative Dunkin:  
Mourns the death of Frances Kennedy of Chicago.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 743

Offered by Representative Jefferson:  
Mourns the death of Gerald F. Tuite, Sr., formerly of Rockford.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 744

Offered by Representative Bradley:  
Mourns the death of John H. Gardner, Sr. of West Frankfort.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 746

Offered by Representative Wheeler:  
Congratulates Lake County Crime Stoppers on the occasion of the organization's 30th year of service to the communities of Lake County.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 747

Offered by Representative Wheeler:  
Congratulates Andy Bitto of Mundelein on his 30 years of service to Carmel Catholic High School.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 748

Offered by Representative Jakobsson:  
Congratulates Alfred Anderson on his retirement as Executive Director of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission Workforce Development Services.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 750

Offered by Representative Pritchard:  
Congratulates Jordan Lynch on all of his accomplishments at Northern Illinois University, including his 3rd place finish in the vote for the 2013 Heisman Trophy.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 751

Offered by Representative Durkin:  
Congratulates former Chicago White Sox designated hitter Frank Thomas on his 2014 election to the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 752

Offered by Representative Verschoore:  
Congratulates The Barbers on the occasion of their 64th wedding anniversary.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 753

Offered by Representative Durkin:  
Mourns the death of Larry Lujack.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 755

Offered by Representative Sosnowski:  
Congratulates the Rockford Rescue Mission on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of serving the Rockford community.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 756

Offered by Representative Welch:  
Congratulates the Maywood Rotary Club on 90 years of service to the community.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 757

Offered by Representative Bradley:  
Mourns the death of Jack D. West.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 758

Offered by Representative Bradley:  
Mourns the death of Thomas N. Little of West Frankfort.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 759

Offered by Representative Bradley:  
Mourns the death of James L. Womick of Hurst.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 761

Offered by Representative McAuliffe:  
Congratulates Ralph DeBartolo on the occasion of his retirement from the Cook County Sheriff's Office.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 762

Offered by Representative Anthony:  
Congratulates R.E. "Rick" Szalach on the occasion of his retirement as the Refinery Manager of the Exxon Mobil Corporation's Joliet Refinery.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 763

Offered by Representative Crespo:  
Commemorates India's 65th Republic Day.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 764

Offered by Representative Demmer:  
Recognizes the 30th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's boyhood home being placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 766

Offered by Representative Bellock:  
Congratulates Barbara Taylor on the occasion her retirement from the Young Men's Christian Association.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 767

Offered by Representative Senger:  
Congratulates the members of the Indian Prairie Educational Foundation on the occasion of the organization's 25th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 768

Offered by Representative Senger:  
Congratulates the members of the Naperville Central Redhawks football team on the occasion of the team's victory in the IHSA Class 8A State Championship game.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 769

Offered by Representative Senger:  
Congratulates NOW Foods on being chosen as one of the National Best and Brightest Companies to Work For in 2013.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 772

Offered by Representative Lang:  
Congratulates Richard Lockhart on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 773

Offered by Representative Monique Davis:  
Mourns the death of John W. Rogers, Sr. of Chicago.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 774

Offered by Representative Demmer:  
Congratulates St. Anne School in Dixon on its 50th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 775

Offered by Representative Currie:  
Recognizes Kristina A. Valaitis on her retirement as executive director of the Illinois Humanities Council.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 776

Offered by Representative Mautino:  
Congratulates Jack Teasant on the occasion of his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 777

Offered by Representative Nekritz:  
Congratulates and commends HNTB Corporation on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 778

Offered by Representative Ford:  
Recognizes the 50th anniversary of the War on Poverty.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 779

Offered by Representative Ford:  
Recognizes the Poor People's Campaign of 1968.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 718, 720, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 746, 747, 748, 751, 752, 753, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 761, 762, 763, 764, 766, 767, 768, 769, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778 and 779 were taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.  
The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 67**

Representative Currie offered the following resolution:

**RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN**, that when the two Houses adjourn on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Monday, February 03, 2014, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 04, 2014, or until the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 04, 2014, or until the call of the President.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the resolution.  
The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.  
Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR**

Supplemental Calendar No. 1 was distributed to the Members at 11:47 o'clock a.m.

### **RECESS**

At the hour of 11:47 o'clock a.m., Speaker of the House Madigan moved that the House do now take a recess for the Governor to address the Joint Session.  
The motion prevailed.

### **JOINT SESSION 11:55 O'CLOCK A.M.**

The hour having arrived, the time heretofore fixed by Joint Resolution adopted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Joint Session convened for the purpose of receiving the Governor to deliver his State of the State Message in person to the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly.

The Senate, preceded by the Honorable President Cullerton, and Members of the Senate, appeared in the Hall of the House of Representatives and, by direction of the Speaker, took the seats assigned to them.

The two Houses being convened in Joint Session, President Cullerton of the Senate announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

Speaker Madigan, of the House of Representatives, announced that a quorum of the House was present.

A majority of each House of the General Assembly being present, the Speaker of the House announced the Joint Session duly formed.

Representative Currie offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

### **JOINT SESSION RESOLUTION 3**

**RESOLVED**, That a committee of eleven be appointed, six from the House, by the Speaker of the House, and five from the Senate, by the President of the Senate, to wait upon his Excellency Governor Patrick J. Quinn and invite him to address the Joint Assembly.

Representative Christian Mitchell  
Representative Naomi Jakobsson  
Representative Maria Berrios  
Representative Jaime Andrade  
Representative Brian Stewart  
Senator Daniel Biss  
Senator Iris Martinez

Senator Pat McGuire  
Senator Jason Barickman  
Senator Karen McConnaughay

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

**GOVERNOR PAT QUINN  
STATE OF THE STATE**

**Illinois is Making a Comeback**

President Cullerton, Speaker Madigan, Leader Radogno, Leader Durkin, Lieutenant Governor Simon, Attorney General Madigan, Secretary White, Comptroller Topinka, Treasurer Rutherford, members of the General Assembly, and distinguished guests: Good Afternoon.

I'd like to begin by recognizing two public servants who gave their full measure of devotion to all of us on Monday night.

Illinois Tollway worker Vincent Petrella lost his life doing his job. Vincent was struck and killed on I-88 while helping a truck driver in distress. He served with the Tollway for 13 years. He leaves his wife Sandra and two young children behind. And we ask God to bless his immortal soul. Illinois State Police Trooper Douglas Balder was with Vincent that night.

At this hour, Trooper Balder is battling for his life at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood. We thank him for his ethic of service and we pray for his recovery.

Please join me in a moment of silence and prayer for Vincent Petrella and Trooper Douglas Balder. In Illinois we honor our heroes and we're grateful for their service.

I'd like to welcome two more Illinois heroes, Sergeant Brent Adkins and Sergeant Benjamin Griest of the Illinois National Guard.

Shortly after midnight on Monday, January 6, they answered the call. Multiple semis had jack-knifed and caused a pile-up on I-57 and I-70 near Effingham. The drifts were so thick and the snow falling so hard that even our snowplows could not clear the way and more than 400 motorists were stranded in wind chills of thirty below.

Sergeant Adkins and Sergeant Griest traveled from the National Guard armory in Mattoon through arctic conditions in the middle of the night with their wrecker in tow -- a military vehicle that can lift more than 10 tons. They cleared the road and rescued hundreds of people.

Thank you Sergeants, for getting the job done.

Just weeks earlier, many of our communities were devastated by deadly tornadoes. Eight people lost their lives and 2,265 lost their homes.

Six-year old Brevin Hunter, of Washington, Illinois, was one who lost his home. Brevin warned his mom to seek cover in their family's basement just moments before the tornado decimated their home. He saved her life. Brevin and his family are here today. Way to go, Brevin.

Today and every day, we all belong to Brookport, Gifford, New Minden, Diamond and Washington.

Emergencies test the preparedness and resilience of our government and our people. And we have been well tested. In the last five years, Illinois has been through 11 natural disasters. We've watched droughts plague our farmers -- the backbone of our economy. We saw last April's pervasive flooding in 49 counties. We remember the tragic tornado in Harrisburg just two years ago.

Extreme weather is a reality with devastating effects and it demands our constant readiness. And each and every time, our state workers, our service members, and our first-responders have gotten the job done.

Now, natural disasters were not all that we managed in the past five years. Some disasters were of the man-made variety.

Exactly five years ago this day, I was sworn in as Governor, at Illinois' darkest moment. We were facing an unprecedented triple crisis of government corruption, economic collapse, and financial instability.

We had one former Governor in jail and another on the way to jail. Our economy had plunged into the worst recession since the Great Depression, brought to its knees by greedy and corrupt financiers.

And our financial house was on fire, set ablaze by decades of mismanagement and an utter lack of willingness to make the tough calls. Hardworking people in Illinois lost their jobs, their homes and their faith in those they had entrusted with their votes.

It was a perfect storm, and it left destruction in its path. We all knew that repairing the damage that had been done over decades would not happen overnight.

But over the past five years, we've rebuilt one hard step at a time. And we've been getting the job done.

Illinois is making a comeback.

First, we restored integrity to state government, passing a strong new ethics code, campaign finance reform and a new constitutional amendment to allow voters to recall any governor guilty of corruption.

When I took the oath of office, state government hadn't properly invested in our infrastructure in 10 years. Within 10 weeks, we passed the largest construction program in Illinois history. So far, we've built and repaired 7,595 miles of road, 1,311 bridges and 978 schools.

Five years ago Illinois did not guarantee equal rights to all couples. Our state did not even provide civil unions. Today we embrace full marriage equality -- it's the law of the land.

And unlike our predecessors, we've made the tough calls to balance the budget. We cut more than one billion dollars in state spending. We overhauled our Medicaid program to save taxpayers over two billion dollars.

And even as we took hard steps to return Illinois to sound financial footing, we did it with compassion, preserving the safety net to protect the most vulnerable.

We also accomplished comprehensive pension reform, something no governor or legislature had been able to do. Previous governors and legislators from both parties created the pension crisis. They did not make the required payments into the pension funds.

There was no fiscal accountability. And it led to a culture of instability shaking the confidence of taxpayers and businesses. Resolving Illinois' pension crisis was the tallest task of all. But together, we got the job done.

Since I took office, we have paid the full pension payment every year. We passed a historic pension reform law for new employees in 2010. And last year, we enacted necessary and comprehensive pension reform that Moody's said "*may be the largest reform package implemented*" by any state in the nation.

Thanks to all of you who voted yes. And a special thank you for the hard work of our legislative conference committee members: Senator Raoul, Representative Nekritz, Senator Biss, Representative Senger, Representative Turner, Representative Zalewski, Senator Murphy, Senator Brady and Representative Tracy. And thank you, House Speaker Mike Madigan, Senate President John Cullerton, Leader Christine Radogno and Leader Jim Durkin.



It was hard. It was painful. And it took political courage. But together we got the job done. Today, we can tell the people of Illinois we stopped the bleeding. We turned the corner. And Illinois is making a comeback.

But now, as we head into 2014, we know we have more work to do. That's why today I'm laying out a five year blueprint for jobs and economic growth in Illinois. It's a blueprint that builds on the foundation we have laid these past five years.

And it's a blueprint that recognizes that a truly strong economy relies not just on jobs, but also on fairness and inclusion. If we follow this blueprint, we'll do three things: create more jobs, deliver stronger education and build an economy that works for everyone.

## **JOBS**

Of course, economic growth always starts with more jobs. And we've seen progress on this front. Since the recovery began in January 2010, Illinois has added 280,000 private sector jobs. Unemployment was at 11.3% at the height of the Great Recession and today, it's at its lowest point in almost five years. In fact, since last May, Illinois has led the Midwest in new jobs created.

And two years ago, with the strong support of the Illinois Manufacturers Association and the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, we reformed our worker's compensation system...and our unemployment insurance system. These reforms have saved hundreds of millions of dollars. But we know we have much more work to do.

### **Small businesses**

And we'll start with a renewed focus on small business. Three out of every four Illinois employers are small businesses. And in the last five years, we've helped them. Through our Advantage Illinois program, we've provided loans and investments to help small businesses grow.

One of them is AllCell, a battery manufacturer on the southwest side of Chicago. AllCell leveraged our programs to grow from 6 full-time employees to 40 in just four years and today they're exporting all over the world. AllCell's founder & CEO, Said Al-Hallaj is here today, and we salute him and all our small business owners. They're getting the job done.

But we should do more to support our small businesses, especially as they get started. In Illinois, new businesses have long paid a \$500 LLC fee when they open up shop.

Let's reduce this fee to \$39 – the lowest in the nation- and provide a boost to our innovators. This small but important step will encourage entrepreneurs to start their business and put more people to work.

And we won't stop there. Today I'm issuing an Executive Order to establish a Small Business Advocate whose sole focus will be to examine policies and proposals through the lens of how they impact Illinois small businesses. Let's make life easier for our small businesses – and make sure small business always means big business in Illinois.

In the past five years, we've also worked to level the playing field for minority- and women-owned businesses. We established a new revolving loan program at IDOT thanks to the great work of Senator Mattie Hunter. And we expanded contracting goals for these small businesses.

As a result, we've increased state contracts to minority and women-owned firms by nearly 60 percent since I took office – an increase of 1,921 contracts worth more than \$120 million. In the Metro East, African American businesses and workers helped build the new Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge over the Mississippi River, which we'll soon dedicate.

They're getting the job done.

**Infrastructure**

Our businesses need modern bridges, highways, railroads, and water systems. A sound infrastructure is critical to a strong economy. In the last five years, through our Illinois Jobs Now! Program, we've invested more than \$31 billion into our infrastructure – and this has supported more than 400,000 jobs.

Thanks to these investments, we constructed the Morgan Street Bridge in Rockford. We're building a wider Route 13 in Southern Illinois. We're expanding John Deere Road in the Quad Cities. And construction is underway on the new Circle Interchange to relieve congestion on the Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Dan Ryan expressways.

After years of gridlock, we're moving forward on our plan to build a South Suburban Airport. And we're making the Illiana Expressway a reality, which will create thousands of jobs and strengthen our position as the largest inland port in the nation.

Through our Clean Water Initiative, we're investing more than \$1 billion in clean water – and creating 28,000 jobs along the way. And these are good jobs: jobs for welders, cement masons, truck drivers, operating engineers, pipefitters, painters and carpenters.

Through these projects, we're replacing ancient water mains, upgrading sewers, and building wastewater treatment plants all over our state including in Pekin, Decatur, Kankakee, Rockford, Spring Valley, and Murphysboro.

To date, we've received 91 clean water applications. And this year, we'll expand our Clean Water Initiative – and double this investment - to include critical storm water and flood control projects. When it comes to creating the infrastructure we need for a strong economy, we've been getting the job done.

And there's more work to do.

**Ready Workforce**

We've also been making progress when it comes to preparing our workforce for 21st century jobs. Just on IllinoisJobLink.com – our employment opportunity website -- there are more than 130,000 jobs available right now.

But many of these jobs require very specific skills. That's why preparing our workers for high-skill, in-demand jobs is a top priority. To help us fill those jobs, we've mobilized our education system behind our "60 by 2025" goal: 60% of our adult workforce with a degree or career certificate by the year 2025.

We've been exceeding our targets every year. Since 2008, our community colleges have grown the number of people graduating with degrees and career certificates by more than 30 percent. We've also expanded dual enrollment and early college opportunities for qualified students.

But we can't finish the job if deserving students aren't able to afford a college education. So, over the next five years – let's double the number of MAP college scholarships for students in need in Illinois.

Our MAP scholarship program currently helps 140,000 students go to college. Students like Shomarie Jackson, Adriana Rivas, and Howard Brown, who are here today.

By doubling the number of MAP scholarships, we can make sure deserving students in need are equipped to excel in the 21st century workplace.

Another way we prepare our young people to succeed is through workplace experience. That's why we should expand our youth and young adult conservation corps. This will help at-risk young people get a job and gain valuable training and work experience. Through these programs, our young people will develop important skills while doing necessary work in state and local parks and conservation areas across Illinois.

Now there's no question that our veterans already have strong skills. And we're making sure those skills count here in Illinois. Last year, I issued an Executive Order mandating the assessment of military training against state licensing requirements. Thanks to the work that followed that Order, we received funding from the National Governor's Association and in the coming academic year we will launch "Veteran Bridge Programs" for military medics to attain LPN degrees at Joliet Junior College, the College of DuPage, and Illinois Central College in Peoria.

Our veterans got the job done for us when they served in uniform. And now we're getting the job done for them, making sure their training counts here in Illinois.

Part of our jobs strategy is investing in industries that are the future of a 21st century economy. That's why we've invested in 1871, the digital hub in the Merchandise Mart that has grown over 200 start-ups and created more than 1,000 jobs -- in just two years.

And that's why now, we're going to invest in a new bio-hub for pharmaceutical, medical device, and health IT start-ups. Our life science industry in Illinois has a \$98 billion economic footprint. And our new BioHub is going to drive even more economic growth.

And we should never forget that Illinois has always been a manufacturing hub. Especially our auto manufacturers and their suppliers.

When I took office, Chrysler employed just 200 people at its Belvidere plant. We partnered with Chrysler. And now Chrysler employs more than 4,700 workers at that same plant.

Five years ago -- Ford had just one shift at its plant on Chicago's south side, a total of 1,600 workers. We worked with Ford, and now Ford has three shifts with more than 5,100 workers.

In the last year alone, we've promoted Illinois around the world and gotten results. After my trade mission to Canada, FER-PAL -- a company that upgrades water systems -- moved their North American headquarters to Elgin. After my trade mission to Germany, Rittal -- an international manufacturer of IT and electrical enclosures -- moved their North American headquarters from Ohio to Schaumburg.

After our meetings in Japan, Nippon Sharyo -- a world-class high-speed railcar manufacturer -- chose Illinois for their expansion. And after meeting with Denmark's Grundfos -- the largest water pump manufacturer in the world -- they moved their North American headquarters to Downers Grove.

That's more jobs and more opportunities for Illinois workers.

## **EDUCATION**

Now, a strong economy also demands quality public education for all our students. That starts with good teachers. Teachers change lives for the good. In Illinois, we honor our teachers and we appreciate their hard work.

In the last five years, we've been getting the job done on education reform. Parents are now empowered with a report card on their children's schools. Teacher evaluations have strong benchmarks. And performance is prioritized over tenure. In fact, our reforms have become a model for the nation.

### **Governor's Birth to Five Initiative**

But our unfinished job on education starts where it matters most: in early childhood.

Study after study has shown that high-quality early childhood education provides the best return of any public investment we can make more than \$7 for every dollar invested. That's why our state invests in programs serving our at-risk children, from birth all the way to kindergarten.

Since I've taken office, I've always fought to preserve early childhood education from radical budget cuts.

And we found a way to invest \$45 million to build early education centers in high-need areas such as Dolton, Kankakee, and Cicero.

Our state actually leads the nation in the number of three year olds attending pre-school. But the status quo is not enough. Not even close.

The reality is, more than a third of our youngest and most vulnerable children don't have the opportunity to attend early learning programs before they enter kindergarten. And that's unacceptable. At-risk children who don't receive early childhood education are:

- 25% more likely to drop out of school
- 40% more likely to become a teen parent
- 50% more likely to be placed in special education
- 60% more likely to never attend college
- And 70% more likely to be arrested for a violent crime.

Scripture tells us, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." That's why today I'm calling for a bold Birth to Five Initiative that will be focused on three keys to a healthy child: prenatal care, access to early learning opportunities and strong parent support.

This initiative actually starts before a mother gives birth to her child by ensuring that she has access to prenatal services throughout her pregnancy. The good news is that prenatal care is already available to expectant mothers with modest incomes through existing programs. Yet 25% of our low-income mothers are not receiving the prenatal care they need.

Children pay the price. Mothers who do not receive prenatal care are three times more likely to give birth to a low-weight baby which leads to increased risks for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, learning difficulties and poor development.

And taxpayers pay the price. The cost of a birth where the baby is low-weight is five times that of a normal birth. In addition to significant medical needs that eventually burden the system, these children often require early intervention services, remedial education, and grade repetition. And they lose out on the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Through our Birth to Five Initiative, over the next five years, we will work with our community partners—schools, hospitals, and faith-based organizations – to identify expectant mothers and connect them to prenatal services. We can ensure more children are born into the opportunities they deserve and we can save taxpayer money.

But we won't stop there. When the human brain is forming early in a child's life, it provides a critical window of opportunity to develop key academic, social and cognitive skills that will determine success in school and in life.

That's why the second pillar of our Birth to Five Initiative is to provide every child with access to quality early learning opportunities. This is especially important for our African American and Latino children.

Children like Cadence Marie Robinson, a five year old who I recently met when I visited Spencer Technology Academy on the west side of Chicago. She sat on my knee and told me she was getting ready for kindergarten. And then she read the numbers on my business card to me – something she could do thanks to the Head Start program she attended.

With strong early childhood education, kids like Cadence are set on a path for long-term success. We're really proud of you, Cadence.

We also see the importance of early childhood education in people like Christine Nicpon. Raised by a single mother in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood, Christine's family struggled every month to make ends meet. Her mother always knew she wanted more for her children and, after seeing a flyer, she enrolled Christine in an

early learning program.

Christine went to high school, then college and last year completed her Master's degree at the University of Chicago. Today, she's a fellow at the Latino Policy Forum and striving for a career in early childhood. Good job, Christine.

We already have the foundation in place for early childhood learning. In 2009, I established the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development. And as a result, we secured federal grants from Race to the Top that are allowing us to deliver high-quality early care and education programs.

By properly investing in our existing early learning programs and making this a budget priority...we can transform lives and save taxpayer money. But we can't stop there. A parent is a child's first teacher. Moms and dads play the most important role in promoting the healthy development of their kids. But not all families are equipped with the information and support they need to create healthy learning environments.

That's why the third critical part of our Birth to Five Initiative calls for ensuring parents have the support and services they need. Family involvement during preschool is linked with stronger pre-literacy skills, math skills, social skills and positive attitudes.

Over the next five years, we'll connect families to a range of services and training opportunities to help them support their children's education. We'll expand our home visiting program and build on our innovative community partnerships in places like East St. Louis, Aurora, North Lawndale, and Marion.

Once our Birth to Five Initiative is fully implemented, mothers will be connected with prenatal care to ensure the healthy birth and development of their children. Children in Illinois will have access to quality early learning, starting at birth. And parents will have the tools to lead their children toward success in school, college, career and beyond.

Illinois can lead the nation in early childhood education. We have the foundation in place. Now is the time to get the job done for Illinois' littlest.

### **FAIRNESS**

Giving our children the best start in life will lead to a stronger economy. But if our economy doesn't work for hardworking families, if it doesn't build the middle class, then our job is not done.

The foundation of a strong economy is a strong middle class. In Illinois, we believe that if you work hard and you play by the rules, you deserve a fair shake. Every person - no matter what challenges he or she faces - deserves an opportunity.

That's why a big part of our blueprint today is ensuring all Illinoisans have the opportunity to pursue their dreams and enter the middle class.

### **Housing**

Building the middle class means keeping families in their homes. Thousands of hardworking Illinois families were in danger of losing their homes in the Great Recession. But we worked to fight foreclosure and promote affordable homeownership.

We launched the Illinois' Hardest Hit program to help working families keep their homes. More than 11,000 families, in nearly every county, have received the foreclosure prevention support they needed.

We also launched Welcome Home Heroes to give military families an opportunity to buy a home after sacrificing so much to protect our freedom. Thanks to Welcome Home Heroes, 1,150 military families have accessed more than \$140 million to help buy their homes.

And we haven't forgotten about our neighbors with developmental disabilities. That's why we financed more than 2,100 new supportive housing units to provide individuals with disabilities more choices in their communities.

And that's why we honor the example set by students of Downers Grove North High School. They demonstrated last year what including everyone is all about. Anne Wagner, who has Down syndrome, missed her sophomore and most her junior years in high school when she was diagnosed with leukemia. But her friends didn't forget her.

Her lifelong friend, Mary Doro, nominated Anne to be homecoming queen and the students of Downers Grove North voted for Anne Wagner, Homecoming Queen. Anne and Mary: We're proud of you.

### **RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE**

Building the middle class also means providing everyone with decent healthcare. Today 144,000 more people have health coverage in Illinois who didn't have it one year ago. And many more will find coverage in the coming year through [GetCoveredIllinois.gov](http://GetCoveredIllinois.gov). Thank you, Senator Heather Steans, Rep Sarah Feigenholtz, Rep Lisa Hernandez, and Rep Mary Flowers for your healthcare leadership.

This year, we really need to get the job done for our fellow citizens who are making the minimum wage of \$8.25 per hour.

Our minimum wage workers are doing hard work. They're putting in long hours. Yet in too many instances, they are living in poverty. That's not right. That's not an Illinois value. And that's not a fair shake. This is all about dignity and decency.

So I said it last year and I'll say it again: It's time to raise Illinois' minimum wage to at least \$10 an hour.

Raising wages for workers who are doing some of the hardest jobs in our society is not just the right thing to do. It's also good for our economy. According to the Federal Reserve, for every dollar increase in the minimum wage, workers spend an additional \$2,800 in their local communities. Minimum-wage workers do not admire money in a bank vault. They spend it quickly and locally, a shot in the arm to our Main Street businesses.

Let's get this job done and make our economy work for working families.

### **EITC**

Another way to help our working families is the Earned Income Tax Credit...a tax credit that President Reagan once said was "the best anti-poverty, the best pro-family, the best job-creation measure" we could devise.

In the last five years, we've doubled this tax relief for Illinois working families. And over the next five years, we should double it again. When more families enter the middle class, the economy grows.

### **Earned Sick Time**

And one more thing.

43 percent of all workers in Illinois – more than 2.5 million people – have no right to a single earned sick day. Among our low-wage workers – the problem is even worse: 80 percent of low-wage workers don't receive any earned sick days.

We need to do something about this. We should provide at least two earned sick days for every worker in Illinois.

We need to help our workers -- especially our single parents -- avoid that awful choice: dragging themselves from a sick bed to work, or losing a day's pay or even their job.

More than 70 years ago, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, "The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

This, too, is about dignity and decency. Let's get this job done for our working families.

## **CONCLUSION**

Five years ago this day – I stood before you and I asked for your prayers. Illinois was in a state of emergency, and there was no quick exit. There were no easy solutions. Recovery would require tough medicine and unpopular decisions and it would take time. But by tackling hard issue after hard issue and never giving up, we are getting the job done.

Illinois is making a comeback.

The ratings agencies are sending positive signals for the first time in recent memory. The backlog of bills is going down. Unemployment is at its lowest point since the economy crashed.

And, according to the most recent Federal Reserve Bank report, in the next six months Illinois is projected to have the best economic growth of the five largest states in America.

Of course, we still have financial challenges ahead. And we'll be talking about the best way to meet those challenges in the upcoming budget. But, the fact is our recovery is strengthening every day. And we're leading that recovery in a way that cares for working families.

Pope Francis has urged all of us to say "No" to a financial system which rules rather than serves." No "to an economy of exclusion and inequality." No to a world in which "the powerful feed upon the powerless." And the Pope is right.

Illinois is best served when we build and protect the middle class and when we open the door to those struggling to join it.

By following the steps I have outlined here today – creating more jobs, making early childhood education a top priority, and building an economy that works for everyone – we can create a stronger economy than ever before and reform Illinois for the next generation.

So I ask today for your partnership.

Together, we've weathered the worst man-made storm in our state's history. We've led Illinois' comeback one hard step at a time. We've worked to repair decades of damage.

And we're getting the job done.

Let's keep our shoulder to the wheel and finish the job. Let's make the will of the people the law of the land.

Thank you.

At the hour of 12:41 o'clock p.m., President Cullerton moved that the Joint Assembly do now arise.  
The motion prevailed.

The Senate having withdrawn, the House resumed its session.  
Speaker of the House Madigan in the Chair.

**CONCURRENCES AND NON-CONCURRENCES  
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS**

Senate Amendments numbered 1 and 3 to HOUSE BILL 11, having been reproduced, were taken up for consideration.

Representative Rita moved that the House concur with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendments numbered 1 and 3.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

95, Yeas; 10, Nays; 1, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 2)

The motion prevailed and the House concurred with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendments numbered 1 and 3 to HOUSE BILL 11.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate.

At the hour of 12:57 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.

The motion prevailed.

And in accordance therewith and pursuant to HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 67, the House stood adjourned until Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
NINETY-EIGHTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE ROLL CALL  
QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

January 29, 2014

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0 NAYS

109 PRESENT

E Acevedo	P Drury	P Kifowit	P Sandack
P Andrade (ADDED)	P Dunkin	P Kosel	P Scherer
P Anthony	P Durkin	P Lang	P Schmitz
E Arroyo	P Evans	P Leitch	P Senger
P Beiser	P Farnham	P Lilly	P Sente
P Bellock	P Feigenholtz	P Manley	P Sims
P Berrios	P Fine	P Martwick	P Smiddy
P Bost	P Flowers	P Mautino	P Smith
P Bradley	P Ford	P Mayfield	P Sommer
P Brady	P Fortner	E McAsey	P Sosnowski
P Brauer	P Franks	P McAuliffe	E Soto
P Brown	P Gabel	P McSweeney	P Stewart
E Burke, Daniel	E Golar	P Meier	P Sullivan
P Burke, Kelly	P Gordon-Booth	P Mitchell, Bill	P Tabares
P Cabello	P Halbrook	P Mitchell, Christian	P Thapedi
P Cassidy	P Hammond	P Moffitt	P Tracy
P Cavaletto	P Harms	P Morrison	P Tryon
P Chapa LaVia	P Harris, David	P Moylan	P Turner
P Cloonen	P Harris, Greg	P Mussman	P Unes
P Conroy	P Hatcher	P Nekritz	P Verschoore
P Costello	P Hays	E Osmond	P Walsh
P Crespo	P Hernandez	P Phelps	E Welch
P Cross	P Hoffman	P Pihos	P Wheeler
P Currie	P Hurley	P Poe	P Williams
P D'Amico	P Ives	P Pritchard	P Willis
P Davidsmeyer	P Jackson	P Reboletti	P Yingling
P Davis, Monique	P Jakobsson	E Reis	P Zalewski
P Davis, William	P Jefferson	P Riley	P Mr. Speaker
P DeLuca	P Jones	P Rita	
P Demmer	P Kay	P Rosenthal	

E - Denotes Excused Absence

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 NINETY-EIGHTH  
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
 HOUSE ROLL CALL  
 HOUSE BILL 11  
 UNEMPLOYED PROTECTED STATUS  
 MOTION TO CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS NUMBERED 1 & 3  
 CONCURRED

January 29, 2014

95 YEAS	10 NAYS	1 PRESENT	
E Acevedo	N Drury	Y Kifowit	Y Sandack
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Y DeLuca	Y Jones	Y Rita	
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At the hour of 1:04 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

### **SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

The following Senate Joint Resolution, received from the Senate, was read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Rules: SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 45.

At the hour of 1:05 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.

At the hour of 3:12 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

January 7, 2013

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois House of Representatives,  
98<sup>th</sup> General Assembly:

House Bill 2618 is an attempt to protect consumer in the unfortunate event of damage to their home or business as a result of mine subsidence. The legislation requires insurance companies to notify an insured individual that they may no longer need to pay for mine subsidence coverage after their claim has been filed. The decision to cancel coverage is then left to the insured individual--the coverage will only be terminated upon written notification by the consumer to the insurance company that they are cancelling their coverage. After hearing from members of the General Assembly and Illinois citizens regarding their concerns with this bill, I believe that the insurance industry needs to go further in protecting consumers by educating them on the use of their premium payments beyond the date of their claim and ensuring they are fully informed and aware of their right to cancel a policy.

As Governor, I am deeply committed to protecting Illinois citizens and, as such, must return this bill without my approval. Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 2618, entitled "AN ACT concerning regulation.", with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Pat Quinn  
GOVERNOR

### **HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

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

#### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 730**

Offered by Representative Hays:

WHEREAS, Falun Gong is a peaceful spiritual practice with key values of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance for achieving physical and spiritual well-being through exercise and meditation; and

WHEREAS, Falun Gong has benefitted tens of millions in China and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Since July 1999, Falun Gong practitioners have been persecuted by the Chinese Communist Party, as documented by the United States Department of State, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and many other governmental and third-party organizations; and

WHEREAS, This persecution of the Falun Gong has involved the widespread use of torture; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese Communist authority is persecuting Falun Gong practitioners with this policy: "Defame their reputation, bankrupt them financially, destroy them physically"; and

WHEREAS, Over 3,700 Falun Gong practitioners have died from documented abuse, and some of their bodies were missing internal organs; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of State in its 2011 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices stated, "Overseas and domestic media and advocacy groups continued to report instances of organ harvesting, particularly from Falun Gong practitioners and Uighurs"; and

WHEREAS, Canadian human rights attorney David Matas and former Canadian Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific David Kilgour co-wrote the investigative report "Bloody Harvest: Revised Report into Allegations of Organ Harvesting of Falun Gong Practitioners in China"; and

WHEREAS, The Matas-Kilgour report concluded that the organ harvesting allegations were true and that tens of thousands of Falun Gong practitioners may have been killed for their organs; and

WHEREAS, The harvested organs are then used by the hospitals associated with the prison for transplants, with the customers for these transplants often being individuals from elsewhere, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, Researcher and journalist Ethan Gutmann estimates that approximately 65,000 Falun Gong adherents may have been killed for their organs from 2000 to 2008, and that a smaller number of other religious and ethnic minorities may also have been targeted; and

WHEREAS, In May 2012, the World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong released telephone transcripts and audio recordings of conversations between undercover investigators and senior Chinese Communist Party officials, in which several officials indicated that central authorities were aware of or involved in organ harvesting from Falun Gong prisoners; and

WHEREAS, Kirk C. Allison, Ph.D., Director of the Program in Human Rights and Health of the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, testified in 2006 before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on International Relations, U.S. House of Representatives, on the topic of his report, "Mounting Evidence of Falun Gong Practitioners used as Organ Sources in China and Related Ethical Responsibilities"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we call upon the Chinese Communist Party to immediately stop persecuting Falun Gong practitioners; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the United States government and the U.S. President to investigate organ transplants in China and take all reasonable steps to bring an end to the revolting practice of harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners for transplants; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we request the United States government to prohibit any doctors who performed transplants using organs harvested from Falun Gong practitioners from gaining entry into the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Falun Gong practitioners of Illinois, the President of the United States of America Barack Obama, and the Chinese Ambassador to the United States Cui Tiankai.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 745

Offered by Representative Durkin:

WHEREAS, In June of 2009, the Governor issued Executive Order 15, which allows collective bargaining by individual providers of home-based support services; and

WHEREAS, The Home-Based Services Program provides services to individuals with severe disabilities who need help with daily living activities in order to remain in their communities and live as independently as possible; and

WHEREAS, Many of the individual providers of home-based support services are parents who are providing services to their children; and

WHEREAS, Continuity of care is important for profoundly disabled individuals who are served in the program; even a minor change in the care provided can have a significant negative impact on the disabled individual; and

WHEREAS, The payments given to parents who provide services to their disabled children do not meet the cost of providing care; and

WHEREAS, The organization of providers of home-based support services could decrease the resources that are available to parents to provide necessary care to their disabled children; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 15 does not have a regulatory sunset date, and it could allow for repeat and continuous elections; and

WHEREAS, On October 19, 2009, individual providers of home-based support services rejected organizational efforts with 66% of the vote; and

WHEREAS, *Harris v. Quinn* (656 F.3d 692) will be before the United States Supreme Court on January 21, 2014, challenging whether or not a state may compel personal care providers to accept and financially support a private organization as their exclusive representative; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois must listen to the will of the individual providers of home-based support services; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Governor to reconsider Executive Order 15; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our opinion that an objective reconsideration of Executive Order 15 would lead to the withdrawal of the gubernatorial order, as it does not reflect the attitudes and desires of the individual providers of home-based support services that the order sought to help; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Governor of the State of Illinois.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 749

Offered by Representative Pihos:

WHEREAS, The future of our nation's productivity and competitiveness in the global marketplace depends on the success of all men and women; and

WHEREAS, Women have been discriminated against in education, the workplace, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Women continue to earn no more than 78 cents on the dollar compared to men; and

WHEREAS, The pay gap has been shown to start as soon as one year after college; this inequality affects not only women, but their families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, The pay gap between women and men has long-term effects on women's economic security; such a gap affects women's Social Security earnings, their ability to save for retirement, and their children's education; and

WHEREAS, Pay equity is closely linked to the eradication of poverty and is essential to having a highly-motivated workforce; and

WHEREAS, Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages; the day, observed in April, symbolizes how far into the year a woman must work, on average, to earn as much as a man earned the previous year, with Tuesday being the day in which women's wages catch up to men's wages from the previous week; because women earn less on average than men, they must work longer for the same amount of pay; this wage gap is even greater for most women of color; and

WHEREAS, Equal pay is a priority for all women and for our society at large; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate April 8, 2014 as Pay Equity Day in the State of Illinois in order to raise awareness about this endemic inequity.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 754

Offered by Representative Monique Davis:

WHEREAS, Illinois State Representative Monique D. Davis and the members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the legacy of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated and thank them for their commitment to its community; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is the first sorority founded by African-American women on the campus of Howard University in 1908 under the guiding principles of sisterhood, scholarship, and service; and

WHEREAS, The organization currently has more than 265,000 members and more than 970 chapters across the globe; and

WHEREAS, The Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority grew out of the Delta Phi Eta Club at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the purpose of fostering a friendlier relationship among students; and

WHEREAS, Through the guidance of Alpha Kappa Alpha Founder Beulah Elizabeth Burke and Incorporator Nellie Quander, Gamma Chapter was chartered on February 12, 1914 as the third chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha was the first sorority for African-American women at the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The charter members of Gamma Chapter were Emma Ballinger, Selma Beck, Frances Ellis, Clara Vesta Lewis, Louise Lewis, Ivorine McAllister, Edith Stevens and Helen Stevens; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Chapter was a trailblazer in the expansion of Alpha Kappa Alpha nationwide; and

WHEREAS, "Gamma Girls" have shown strong leadership in service and scholarship both during and beyond their undergraduate years; and

WHEREAS, Notable members of the organization include the first African-American female University of Illinois Bronze Tablet Scholar, the first African-American woman to be crowned Homecoming Queen at a Big Ten school, an Alpha Kappa Alpha International Corresponding Secretary, and 5 regional directors; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Chapter played a pivotal role in the early enrollment and housing of African-American women at the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Gamma House, which has served as a residence for both sorority sisters and non-members alike, was instrumental in recruiting and retaining African-American women at the university; and

WHEREAS, Members of Gamma Chapter have gone on to become educators, authors, lawyers, physicians, legislators, and a plethora of other successful occupations; and

WHEREAS, Lovingly known as "Glamorous Gamma," the chapter set the tone for student activism and future organizations focused on women of color; and

WHEREAS, One hundred years later, the Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority remains the longest-serving organization for African-American women at the University of Illinois, the State's flagship public institution of higher learning; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we celebrate the women and legacy of the Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in commemoration of their centennial anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we designate the date of Wednesday, February 12, 2014 as "Gamma Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 760

Offered by Representative McAuliffe:

WHEREAS, Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver caused by a viral infection; there are 5 hepatitis viruses, designated as types A, B, C, D, and E; the 5 types of hepatitis can be fatal and potentially lead to an outbreak, which can affect others; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 1,398 reported cases of hepatitis A in the United States in 2011; it is believed that the actual number of cases to be 2,700; in 2010, there were 95 certified deaths in the United States as a result of hepatitis A; hepatitis A impacts individuals who live in poor sanitary conditions; vaccines are available for the prevention and treatment of hepatitis A; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 2,890 reported cases of hepatitis B and an estimated 18,800 actual cases of the virus in 2011; in 2010, 1,792 deaths in the United States were a result of hepatitis B; hepatitis B is transmitted through infective blood, semen, and other bodily fluids; the virus can be transmitted from a mother to her child during pregnancy and to health care workers dealing with blood transfusions; a vaccine is available for individuals to prevent hepatitis B; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 1,229 reported cases of Hepatitis C and an estimate of 16,500 actual cases of the virus in the United States in 2011; in 2010, 16,627 deaths were reported as the result of hepatitis C, a number that is considered to be only a fraction of deaths attributable in whole or part to chronic hepatitis C; hepatitis C is considered to be the deadliest of the 5 viruses and currently takes more lives in the United States than HIV, AIDS, and all other types of hepatitis; if left untreated, hepatitis C can lead to liver failure, liver cancer, or cirrhosis; those born between 1945 and 1965 are disproportionately affected by hepatitis C and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that they get a one-time test regardless of whether or not they have any symptoms; other groups that are disproportionately impacted by hepatitis C include African Americans, those undergoing dialysis, hemophiliacs, the homeless, the incarcerated, those who received a blood transfusion before 1992, and Vietnam veterans; and

WHEREAS, Hepatitis D infections occur only in individuals who are infected with hepatitis B; the infections of both hepatitis B and D can result in a more serious disease and a worse outcome; vaccines are available to treat those infected with hepatitis D and prevent infections; and

WHEREAS, Hepatitis E impacts individuals through the contamination of food or water; it is predominately an issue in developing nations and is seen as an important health issue in developing nations; vaccines have been developed, but are not widely available; and

WHEREAS, Illinois State Representative Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago) has personally experienced the hepatitis virus in his family and has been an outspoken advocate for encouraging individuals, especially veterans, to be tested for the virus; he, along with the members of this body, want to ensure that the people of Illinois understand the dangers of hepatitis and the urgent need to raise awareness in order to prevent the spread of the hepatitis before it takes any more lives; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate May of 2014 as Hepatitis Awareness Month in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor of Illinois, all other constitutional officers, and all members of the Illinois General Assembly in order to raise awareness of hepatitis.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 765

Offered by Representative Sente:

WHEREAS, Children and teens who have had a loved one pass away often feel alone in their grief, as if no one understands what they are going through; experiencing a death can be overwhelming for anyone, but it is especially difficult for those so young; and

WHEREAS, Grieving children need support, and the first step in that support is for those around them to become more aware of what they are going through; and

WHEREAS, Children's Grief Awareness Day is designed to help people become more aware of the needs of grieving children and the benefits that they can obtain through the support of others; and

WHEREAS, Observed on the third Thursday of every November (one week before the United States holiday of Thanksgiving), Children's Grief Awareness Day is intentionally set during the holiday season, often a particularly difficult time for those grieving the loss of a loved one; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Children's Grief Awareness Day is November 20; and

WHEREAS, Children's Grief Awareness Day is an opportunity to raise awareness of the painful impact that the death of a loved one has in the life of a child; it is an opportunity for people to recognize and support the millions of grieving children across the nation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the 2014 Children's Grief Awareness Day and urge those in the various communities throughout Illinois to use this occasion as an opportunity to make sure that grieving children receive the support they need; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Highmark Caring Foundation as an expression of our esteem and respect.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 770

Offered by Representative Wheeler:

WHEREAS, According to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources 2012 Recreational Boating Report, there were 101 United States Coast Guard (USCG) reportable watercraft accidents during federal fiscal year 2012 in Illinois, resulting in 69 injuries and 19 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, In federal fiscal year 2012, Conservation Police Officers inspected 20,015 vessels, and provided assistance to a combination of 2,231 persons and vessels; and

WHEREAS, Boating accident reports indicate the majority of accidents occur between June and July, on Saturday or Sunday, between 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.; conditions are usually clear with good visibility, light winds, and calm water; and

WHEREAS, Most accidents involve operators between the ages of 20 and 40 with over 100 hours of boating experience but have little or no classroom boating safety instruction; and

WHEREAS, In the majority of the 19 fatal accidents in federal fiscal year 2012, the operators had no formal boat safety education; and

WHEREAS, Ten of the 19 fatalities involved drug or alcohol impairment; with the leading type of fatal accidents involving falls overboard; and

WHEREAS, Current Illinois law provides that persons at least 12 years of age but less than 18 years of age may only operate a motorboat if they have in their possession a valid Boating Education Certificate of Competency issued by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Safety Education Division or they are accompanied on the motorboat and under direct control of a parent or guardian, or a person at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian; and

WHEREAS, There is no requirement in Illinois for anyone over the age of 18 to complete a Boating Education Course before operating a motorboat; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act states that the Department of Natural Resources may cooperate with schools, private clubs, and other organizations in offering boating safety courses throughout the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Natural Resources should increase efforts to have more boaters voluntarily participate in boating safety courses; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to work with boat rental businesses, boating clubs, and other organizations to encourage Illinois boaters to participate in boating safety courses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Director of Natural Resources, for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 771

Offered by Representative Kay:

WHEREAS, The goal of the State's education funding system is to afford all school districts the opportunity to provide a comparable, quality education; and



WHEREAS, Illinois' past and present financial conditions continue to have a detrimental effect on the students attending school districts not under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law; and

WHEREAS, The primary task of the General State Aid formula, which appropriated \$4.4 billion in Fiscal Year 2014, is to provide funding for all school districts by measuring the local property wealth of a district and providing State funds on an equalized basis; and

WHEREAS, Since the General State Aid formula was updated in 1999 to include an adjustment that accounts for perceived losses in local resources due to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, it has diverted limited resources from the General State Aid Foundation Level grants; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, 88% of the General State Aid formula was used for Foundation Level grants to equalize school district resources across the State; Property Tax Extension Limitation Law adjustments represented just 2% of the formula calculation; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, the Foundation Level grants dropped to 53% of the formula and Property Tax Extension Limitation Law adjustments now represent 13% of the formula; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law adjustments required \$46 million from funds available for General State Aid; in 2013, that amount escalated to \$629 million; and

WHEREAS, This represents an increase of over 1,300% in Property Tax Extension Limitation Law adjustment funding; if this trend continues, Foundation Level grants to equalize school district resources will soon represent less than half of the General State Aid formula; and

WHEREAS, General State Aid appropriations have declined over the last 3 years from \$4.6 billion in Fiscal Year 2011 to \$4.4 billion in Fiscal Year 2014 - a reduction of \$200 million; and

WHEREAS, Fully funding General State Aid in Fiscal Year 2014 would have cost over \$5 billion dollars, which represents a \$600 million gap; and

WHEREAS, In the past 3 years, school districts have witnessed a proration of General State Aid funds because the General State Aid Foundation Level has not been statutorily adjusted to match the appropriation, causing teacher layoffs and termination of school programs, services, and activities; and

WHEREAS, The mathematical difference between the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law adjustment and the prorated amount of General State Aid is roughly the same; and

WHEREAS, Prorating General State Aid only widens the gap between the wealthiest districts and the poorest districts, due in large part to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law adjustment; and

WHEREAS, An inference can be made that non-Property Tax Extension Limitation Law counties and their school districts are subsidizing Property Tax Extension Limitation Law counties and their school districts; and

WHEREAS, The General State Aid proration over the past 3 years has made it difficult for school districts to meet State mandates; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Governor and the members of the General Assembly to cease the proration of General State Aid allocations and to fully fund the formula to benefit school districts most in need of State support through the formula by prioritizing the Foundation Level grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we pledge to work with all stakeholders to determine a State aid formula that equalizes funding for school districts, utilizing local and State funds, to ensure that all school districts have similar resources to educate students.

### **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 4361. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning business.

HOUSE BILL 4362. Introduced by Representative Sims, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4363. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 4364. Introduced by Representative Riley, AN ACT concerning transportation.

- HOUSE BILL 4365. Introduced by Representative Sims, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 4366. Introduced by Representative Sims, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4367. Introduced by Representative Sims, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4368. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4369. Introduced by Representative Harris, Greg, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 4370. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning employment.
- HOUSE BILL 4371. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning safety.
- HOUSE BILL 4372. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning finance.
- HOUSE BILL 4373. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning finance.
- HOUSE BILL 4374. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning finance.
- HOUSE BILL 4375. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning finance.
- HOUSE BILL 4376. Introduced by Representative Harms, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4377. Introduced by Representative Harms, AN ACT concerning wildlife.
- HOUSE BILL 4378. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Christian, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4379. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Christian, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4380. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning children.
- HOUSE BILL 4381. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4382. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning safety.
- HOUSE BILL 4383. Introduced by Representative D'Amico, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4384. Introduced by Representative Mayfield, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4385. Introduced by Representative Walsh, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4386. Introduced by Representative Walsh, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4387. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 4388. Introduced by Representative Burke, Kelly, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4389. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4390. Introduced by Representative Verschoore, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4391. Introduced by Representative Beiser, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4392. Introduced by Representative Beiser, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4393. Introduced by Representative Currie, AN ACT concerning appropriations.

- HOUSE BILL 4394. Introduced by Representative Beiser, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4395. Introduced by Representative Beiser, AN ACT concerning land.
- HOUSE BILL 4396. Introduced by Representative Leitch, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 4397. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4398. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 4399. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning children.
- HOUSE BILL 4400. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4401. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4402. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4403. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning healthcare.
- HOUSE BILL 4404. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 4405. Introduced by Representative Pritchard, AN ACT concerning health.
- HOUSE BILL 4406. Introduced by Representative Gabel, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4407. Introduced by Representative Gabel, AN ACT concerning children.
- HOUSE BILL 4408. Introduced by Representative Gabel, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 4409. Introduced by Representative Gabel, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4410. Introduced by Representative Harris, David, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4411. Introduced by Representative Cassidy, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 4412. Introduced by Representative Hurley, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4413. Introduced by Representative Mayfield, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4414. Introduced by Representative Sandack, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4415. Introduced by Representative Davis, William, AN ACT concerning finance.
- HOUSE BILL 4416. Introduced by Representative Sims, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 4417. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4418. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4419. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4420. Introduced by Representative Berrios, AN ACT concerning labor.
- HOUSE BILL 4421. Introduced by Representative Lang, AN ACT concerning regulation.

- HOUSE BILL 4422. Introduced by Representative Jefferson, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4423. Introduced by Representative Lang, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4424. Introduced by Representative Tryon, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4425. Introduced by Representative Welch, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4426. Introduced by Representative Sandack, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4427. Introduced by Representative Sandack, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4428. Introduced by Representative Sandack, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 4429. Introduced by Representative Sandack, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4430. Introduced by Representative Sandack, AN ACT concerning finance.
- HOUSE BILL 4431. Introduced by Representative Sandack, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4432. Introduced by Representative Cassidy, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4433. Introduced by Representative Fine, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4434. Introduced by Representative Walsh, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4435. Introduced by Representative Halbrook, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4436. Introduced by Representative Halbrook, AN ACT concerning elections.
- HOUSE BILL 4437. Introduced by Representative Halbrook, AN ACT concerning government.
- HOUSE BILL 4438. Introduced by Representative Halbrook, AN ACT concerning government.
- HOUSE BILL 4439. Introduced by Representative Halbrook, AN ACT concerning wildlife.
- HOUSE BILL 4440. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4441. Introduced by Representative Davis, William, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4442. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4443. Introduced by Representative Burke, Kelly, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 4444. Introduced by Representative Burke, Kelly, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 4445. Introduced by Representative Burke, Kelly, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 4446. Introduced by Representative Burke, Kelly, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 4447. Introduced by Representative Burke, Kelly, AN ACT concerning civil law.

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS  
FIRST READING**

Representative Ford introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 39**

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to add Section 8 to Article III of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE III

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 8. VOTING - RACE, GENDER, AND LANGUAGE

No voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure related to voting, shall be imposed or applied by the State or any political subdivision of the State in a manner which results in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the State to vote on account of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, or status as a member of a language minority.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 39 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

Representative Sandack introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 40**

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend the Illinois Constitution by adding Section 2.5 to Article IV as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS

No person may hold the office of State Senator or State Representative, or a combination of those offices, for more than 10 consecutive years.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 40 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

Representative Sandack introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 41**

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

ARTICLE IV

## THE LEGISLATURE

## SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

(a) Legislative Districts shall be compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population. Representative Districts shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population.

(b) By April 15 of the year following each Federal decennial census year, the State Board of Elections, by a record vote of a majority of the total number of members authorized by law as provided in Section 5 of Article III, shall designate a computer program for redistricting the Legislative Districts and Representative Districts that meets the requirements of this Section. The designation shall include detailed specifications of the computer program.

Any computer program designated by the State Board of Elections under this Section shall embody the following standards and criteria, as defined by Common Law, in this order of priority:

- (1) contiguity;
- (2) substantial equality of population;
- (3) compactness;
- (4) minimization of the number of districts that cross county or municipal boundaries; and
- (5) a fair reflection of minority voting strength.

Any computer program designated by the State Board of Elections under this Section shall not consider the following data:

- (1) residency of incumbent legislators;
- (2) political affiliations of registered voters;
- (3) previous election results; and
- (4) demographic information not required to be used by this Section or by the United States Constitution or federal law.

Except as specified in this Section, the computer program shall produce districts in a random manner.

(c) (b) In the year following each Federal decennial census year, the State Board of Elections General Assembly by law shall redistrict the Legislative Districts and the Representative Districts using the computer program designated under subsection (b). The Board shall file such computer generated plan with the Secretary of State no later than June 1 of the year following the Federal decennial census year.

(d) The State Board of Elections shall designate a computer program under subsection (b) and shall approve a plan under subsection (c) at public meetings. The Board shall give reasonable and adequate advance notice of those meetings.

~~If no redistricting plan becomes effective by June 30 of that year, a Legislative Redistricting Commission shall be constituted not later than July 10. The Commission shall consist of eight members, no more than four of whom shall be members of the same political party.~~

~~The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint to the Commission one Representative and one person who is not a member of the General Assembly. The President and Minority Leader of the Senate shall each appoint to the Commission one Senator and one person who is not a member of the General Assembly.~~

~~The members shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled within five days by the authority that made the original appointment. A Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be chosen by a majority of all members of the Commission.~~

~~Not later than August 10, the Commission shall file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at least five members.~~

~~If the Commission fails to file an approved redistricting plan, the Supreme Court shall submit the names of two persons, not of the same political party, to the Secretary of State not later than September 1.~~

~~Not later than September 5, the Secretary of State publicly shall draw by random selection the name of one of the two persons to serve as the ninth member of the Commission.~~

~~Not later than October 5, the Commission shall file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at least five members.~~

(e) An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force and effect of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of State.

(f) The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People of the State by the Attorney General. (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4, 1980.)

## SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect beginning with redistricting in 2021 and applies to the election of members of the General Assembly in 2022 and thereafter.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 41 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

At the hour of 3:25 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.