

STATE OF ILLINOIS



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NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18TH LEGISLATIVE DAY

REGULAR & PERFUNCTORY SESSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

12:06 O'CLOCK P.M.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.
 Representative Turner in the chair.
 Prayer by Representative Morrison.
 Representative Bourne 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:
 114 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Brady, Jones and Mautino 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 Wallace, should be recorded as present at the hour of 1:50 o'clock p.m.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY
 IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 IN THE 87th REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT**

Republican Representative Committee)
 of the 87th Representative District)
)
 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
 COUNTY OF SANGAMON)

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the office of Representative in the General Assembly in the 87th Representative District of the State of Illinois as a result of a resignation letter on February 18, 2015, with an effective date of February 20, 2015, at 12:00 p.m., of Rich Brauer, a duly elected member of the Republican Party from the 87th Representative District of the State of Illinois for the 99th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the 87th 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 Republican Representative Committee of the 87th Representative District hereby appoints Timothy J. Butler of 1638 N 5th Street, Springfield, Illinois, a member of the Republican Party, who has received the required number of votes for appointment to fill the vacancy in office, to the office of Representative in the General Assembly in the 87th Representative District for the 99th General Assembly, effective February 28, 2015;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such appointment shall be effective upon the Appointee taking the oath of office.

s/David C. Bender
 Signature
 Logan County Chairman

s/Jason Huffman
 Signature
 Menard County Chairman

David C. Bender
 Print

Jason Huffman
 Print

s/Rosemarie Long
 Signature
 Sangamon County Chairman

s/Mary J. Burress
 Signature
 Tazewell County Chairman

Rosemarie Long
 Print

Mary J. Burress
 Print

Dated: 2/28/2015

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this 28th day of February, 2015.

s/Elaine Funk

Notary Public

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
OATH OF OFFICE**

I, Timothy J. Butler, do solemnly swear 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 of the State of Illinois, for the **87th Representative District** of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

Signed: s/Timothy J. Butler

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this 3rd day of March 2015.

s/John W. Turner

Signature

Hon. John W. Turner

Appellate Judge, Fourth District

REPORTS

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

Child Care Flex Time Reports/Reporting Guidelines, submitted by the Illinois State Police on March 2, 2015.

Flexitime Policy, submitted by the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities on March 2, 2015.

Appraisal Review Certification for House Bill 3241/Whiteside, Madison and Tazewell Counties, submitted by the Illinois Department of Transportation on February 25, 2015.

Updated Service Disabled Veteran-Owned and Veteran-Owned Small business Program Annual Report, submitted by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services on February 27, 2015.

Annual Report-Fiscal Year 2014/Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities, submitted by the Illinois Department of Central management Services on February 27, 2015.

Department of Financial and Professional Regulations - State Compliance Examination, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on February 27, 2015.

Governor State University - Single Audit and State Compliance Examination, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on February 27, 2015.

Regional Office of Education #9 - Champaign/Ford Counties, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on February 27, 2015.

Regional Office of Education #12 - Clay/Crawford/Jasper/Lawrence/Richland Counties, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on February 27, 2015.

Regional Office #17 - DeWitt/ Livingston/ McLean Counties, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on February 27, 2015.

Regional Office of Education #38 - Logan/Mason/Menard Counties, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on February 27, 2015.

Quarterly Report January 1, 2015, submitted by the Illinois Department of Corrections on March 2, 2015.

Fiscal Year 2014 Adult Education and Family Literacy Annual Report, submitted by the Illinois Community College Board on March 2, 2015.

2013-2014 Biannual Report, submitted by the Illinois Community College Board on March 2, 2015.

Small Business Contracts Act 30ILCS 503/FY14 Annual Report, submitted by the Illinois Chief Procurement Office on March 2, 2015.

Energy Conservation Technical Assistance Update/January 2014 through December 2014, submitted by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity on March 2, 2015.

Energy Efficiency Trust Fund Program Report January 2014 through December 2014, submitted by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity on March 2, 2015.

Illinois State Building Energy Expense Study FY2014 and Projected FY2015-2107, submitted by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity on March 2, 2015.

2014 Annual Report on its First Stop Business Information Center, submitted by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity on March 2, 2015.

Renewable Energy Resources Program Report January through December 2014, submitted by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Development on March 2, 2015.

Affirmative Action Program Designed to Promote Equal Employment Opportunities, submitted by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity on March 2, 2015.

Report Covering Operations for Calendar Years 2013-2014 and Statement of Program for Calendar Years 2015-2016, submitted by the Mid-America Medical District on March 2, 2015.

Report for 2014, submitted by the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority on March 3, 2015.

Biennial Report FY 13-14, submitted by the Illinois Medical District on March 3, 2015.

Plan to Reduce Day Care Needs for Commissions Employees Public Act 87-552, submitted by the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission on March 3, 2015.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Bradley replaced Representative Mautino in the Committee on Rules on March 3, 2015.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on March 3, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 1484.

Revenue & Finance: HOUSE BILL 2513.

Special Committee on Substance Abuse: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 1.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES REASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:

HOUSE BILL 1484 was recalled from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Charter School Policy and reassigned to the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies.

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

Y Currie(D), Chairperson
Y Lang(D)
Y Bradley(D) (replacing Mautino)

Y Sullivan(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Leitch(R)

**MOTIONS
SUBMITTED**

Representative Pritchard submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions in Writing:

MOTION

Pursuant to Rule 60(b), I move to table HOUSE BILL 3124.

Representative Chapa LaVia submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions in Writing:

MOTION

Pursuant to Rule 60(b), I move to table HOUSE BILL 3195.

Representative Brown submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions in Writing:

MOTION

Pursuant to Rule 60(b), I move to table HOUSE RESOLUTION 140.

FISCAL NOTE SUPPLIED

A Fiscal Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 108.

LAND CONVEYANCE APPRAISAL NOTE SUPPLIED

A Land Conveyance Appraisal Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 3241.

STATE MANDATES FISCAL NOTES SUPPLIED

State Mandates Fiscal Notes have been supplied for HOUSE BILLS 108, 112, 113 and 196.

CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Brown was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Demmer became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 3741.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 210

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:
Congratulates Alfredo Talip on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 211

Offered by Representative Stewart:
Recognizes the 150th anniversary of the Freeport School District Orchestra Department.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 212

Offered by Representative Anthony:
Honors Joe Black, the first African-American pitcher to win a World Series game.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 215

Offered by Representative Fine:
Congratulates Highland Elementary School in Skokie on being one of 2 Illinois schools recognized as National Title I Distinguished Schools.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 216

Offered by Representative Verschoore:
Recognizes Robert M. Lawless on his 46 years of dedicated service to Steamfitters Local 353.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 218

Offered by Representative Cloonen:
Recognizes the 100th anniversary of the Kankakee County Home and Community Education Association.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 223

Offered by Representative Anthony:
Honors John W.E. Thomas, the first African-American member of the Illinois General Assembly.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 224

Offered by Representative Sims:
Mourns the death of Rosa Lee Gibbs of Chicago.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

Having been reproduced, the following bills were taken up, read by title a second time and advanced to the order of Third Reading: HOUSE BILLS 123, 130, 220, 330, 335, 1285, 1319, 1345 and 1363.

HOUSE BILL ON THIRD READING

The following bill and any amendments adopted thereto were reproduced. This bill has been examined, any amendments thereto engrossed and any errors corrected. Any amendments still pending upon the passage or defeat of a bill on Third Reading are automatically tabled pursuant to Rule 40(a).

On motion of Representative Cavaletto, HOUSE BILL 226 was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote: 84, Yeas; 29, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 2)

This bill, having received the votes of a constitutional majority of the Members elected, was declared passed.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

RESOLUTIONS

Having been reported out of the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges on February 25, 2015, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Willis moved the adoption of the resolution.

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

111, Yeas; 1, Nay; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 3)

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on February 26, 2015, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Kifowit moved the adoption of the resolution.

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

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

(ROLL CALL 4)

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges on February 25, 2015, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Meier moved the adoption of the resolution.

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

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

(ROLL CALL 5)

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges on February 25, 2015, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Kifowit moved the adoption of the resolution.

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

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

(ROLL CALL 6)

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.
Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on February 26, 2015, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 10 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Cloonen moved the adoption of the resolution.

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

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

(ROLL CALL 7)

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges on February 25, 2015, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Hays moved the adoption of the resolution.

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

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

(ROLL CALL 8)

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges on February 25, 2015, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Hays moved the adoption of the resolution.

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

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

(ROLL CALL 9)

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Economic Development & Housing on February 26, 2015, HOUSE RESOLUTION 10 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Kay moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Labor & Commerce on February 25, 2015, HOUSE RESOLUTION 35 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Hoffman moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on February 26, 2015, HOUSE RESOLUTION 59 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Kifowit moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE BILL ON SECOND READING

Having been reproduced, the following bill was taken up, read by title a second time and advanced to the order of Third Reading: HOUSE BILL 228.

RESOLUTIONS

Having been reported out of the Committee on Personnel and Pensions on February 26, 2015, HOUSE RESOLUTION 68 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Ford moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on February 26, 2015, HOUSE RESOLUTION 75 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Breen moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 210, 211, 215, 216, 218 and 224 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 46

Representative Currie offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, March 05, 2015, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 12:00 o'clock noon, or until the call of the Speaker and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 10, 2015, or until the call of President.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 46 was taken up for immediate consideration.

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.

At the hour of 1:00 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at 12:00 o'clock p.m., allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.

The motion prevailed.

And the House stood adjourned.

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

March 03, 2015

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

115 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P Davis, Monique	P Kay	P Sandack
P Ammons	P Davis, William	P Kifowit	P Scherer
P Andersson	P DeLuca	P Lang	P Sente
P Andrade	P Demmer	P Leitch	P Sims
P Anthony	P Drury	P Lilly	P Smiddy
P Arroyo	P Dunkin	P Manley	P Sommer
P Batinick	P Durkin	P Martwick	P Sosnowski
P Beiser	P Evans	E Mautino	P Soto
P Bellock	P Feigenholtz	P Mayfield	P Stewart
P Bennett	P Fine	P McAsey	P Sullivan
P Bourne	P Flowers	P McAuliffe	P Tabares
P Bradley	P Ford	P McDermed	P Thapedi
E Brady	P Fortner	P McSweeney	P Tryon
P Breen	P Franks	P Meier	P Turner
P Brown	P Frese	P Mitchell, Bill	P Unes
P Bryant	P Gabel	P Mitchell, Christian	P Verschoore
P Burke, Daniel	P Golar	P Moeller	P Wallace (ADDED)
P Burke, Kelly	P Gordon-Booth	P Moffitt	P Walsh
P Butler	P Guzzardi	P Morrison	P Wehrli
P Cabello	P Hammond	P Moylan	P Welch
P Cassidy	P Harris, David	P Mussman	P Wheeler, Barbara
P Cavaletto	P Harris, Greg	P Nekritz	P Wheeler, Keith
P Chapa LaVia	P Hays	P Phelps	P Williams
P Cloonen	P Hernandez	P Phillips	P Willis
P Conroy	P Hoffman	P Poe	P Winger
P Costello	P Hurley	P Pritchard	P Yingling
P Crespo	P Ives	P Reaves-Harris	P Zalewski
P Currie	P Jackson	P Reis	P Mr. Speaker
P D'Amico	P Jesiel	P Riley	
P Davidsmeyer	E Jones	P Rita	

E - Denotes Excused Absence

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-NINTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 HOUSE BILL 226
 SCH CD-DEBT LIMIT EXCEPTION
 THIRD READING
 PASSED

March 03, 2015

84 YEAS

29 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Kay	Y Sandack
Y Ammons	Y Davis, William	N Kifowit	N Scherer
Y Andersson	Y DeLuca	Y Lang	N Sente
Y Andrade	Y Demmer	Y Leitch	Y Sims
N Anthony	Y Drury	Y Lilly	Y Smiddy
Y Arroyo	Y Dunkin	N Manley	Y Sommer
Y Batinick	Y Durkin	Y Martwick	Y Sosnowski
Y Beiser	Y Evans	E Mautino	Y Soto
Y Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	N Mayfield	Y Stewart
Y Bennett	Y Fine	N McAsey	Y Sullivan
N Bourne	Y Flowers	N McAuliffe	Y Tabares
Y Bradley	Y Ford	Y McDermed	N Thapedi
E Brady	Y Fortner	N McSweeney	Y Tryon
Y Breen	Y Franks	Y Meier	Y Turner
N Brown	Y Frese	Y Mitchell, Bill	N Unes
N Bryant	Y Gabel	Y Mitchell, Christian	Y Verschoore
Y Burke, Daniel	Y Golar	N Moeller	A Wallace
N Burke, Kelly	Y Gordon-Booth	Y Moffitt	Y Walsh
Y Butler	Y Guzzardi	N Morrison	Y Wehrli
Y Cabello	Y Hammond	N Moylan	Y Welch
Y Cassidy	Y Harris, David	N Mussman	Y Wheeler, Barbara
Y Cavaletto	Y Harris, Greg	Y Nekritz	Y Wheeler, Keith
Y Chapa LaVia	N Hays	Y Phelps	Y Williams
N Cloonen	Y Hernandez	Y Phillips	N Willis
N Conroy	Y Hoffman	Y Poe	N Winger
N Costello	N Hurley	Y Pritchard	N Yingling
Y Crespo	N Ives	Y Reaves-Harris	Y Zalewski
Y Currie	Y Jackson	Y Reis	NV Mr. Speaker
Y D'Amico	N Jesiel	Y Riley	
Y Davidsmeyer	E Jones	Y Rita	

E - Denotes Excused Absence

STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1
EMERGENCY RESPONDER TASK FORCE
ADOPTED

March 03, 2015

111 YEAS

1 NAY

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Kay	Y Sandack
Y Ammons	Y Davis, William	Y Kifowit	Y Scherer
Y Andersson	Y DeLuca	Y Lang	Y Sente
Y Andrade	Y Demmer	Y Leitch	Y Sims
Y Anthony	Y Drury	Y Lilly	Y Smiddy
Y Arroyo	Y Dunkin	Y Manley	Y Sommer
Y Batinick	Y Durkin	Y Martwick	Y Sosnowski
Y Beiser	Y Evans	E Mautino	Y Soto
Y Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	Y Mayfield	Y Stewart
Y Bennett	Y Fine	Y McAsey	Y Sullivan
Y Bourne	Y Flowers	NV McAuliffe	Y Tabares
Y Bradley	Y Ford	Y McDermed	Y Thapedi
E Brady	Y Fortner	Y McSweeney	Y Tryon
Y Breen	Y Franks	Y Meier	Y Turner
Y Brown	Y Frese	Y Mitchell, Bill	Y Unes
Y Bryant	Y Gabel	Y Mitchell, Christian	Y Verschoore
Y Burke, Daniel	Y Golar	Y Moeller	A Wallace
Y Burke, Kelly	Y Gordon-Booth	Y Moffitt	Y Walsh
Y Butler	Y Guzzardi	Y Morrison	Y Wehrli
N Cabello	Y Hammond	Y Moylan	Y Welch
Y Cassidy	Y Harris, David	Y Mussman	Y Wheeler, Barbara
Y Cavaletto	Y Harris, Greg	Y Nekritz	Y Wheeler, Keith
Y Chapa LaVia	Y Hays	Y Phelps	Y Williams
Y Cloonen	Y Hernandez	Y Phillips	Y Willis
Y Conroy	Y Hoffman	Y Poe	Y Winger
Y Costello	Y Hurley	Y Pritchard	Y Yingling
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Y Currie	Y Jackson	Y Reis	NV Mr. Speaker
Y D'Amico	Y Jesiel	Y Riley	
Y Davidsmeyer	E Jones	Y Rita	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4
VETS SUICIDE TSK FCE - EXTEND
ADOPTED

March 03, 2015

112 YEAS

0 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Kay	Y Sandack
Y Ammons	Y Davis, William	Y Kifowit	Y Scherer
Y Andersson	Y DeLuca	Y Lang	Y Sente
Y Andrade	Y Demmer	Y Leitch	Y Sims
Y Anthony	Y Drury	Y Lilly	Y Smiddy
Y Arroyo	Y Dunkin	Y Manley	Y Sommer
Y Batinick	Y Durkin	Y Martwick	Y Sosnowski
Y Beiser	Y Evans	E Mautino	Y Soto
Y Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	Y Mayfield	Y Stewart
Y Bennett	Y Fine	Y McAsey	Y Sullivan
Y Bourne	Y Flowers	Y McAuliffe	Y Tabares
Y Bradley	Y Ford	Y McDermed	Y Thapedi
E Brady	Y Fortner	Y McSweeney	Y Tryon
Y Breen	NV Franks	Y Meier	Y Turner
Y Brown	Y Frese	Y Mitchell, Bill	Y Unes
Y Bryant	Y Gabel	Y Mitchell, Christian	Y Verschoore
Y Burke, Daniel	Y Golar	Y Moeller	A Wallace
Y Burke, Kelly	Y Gordon-Booth	Y Moffitt	Y Walsh
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Y Chapa LaVia	Y Hays	Y Phelps	Y Williams
Y Cloonen	Y Hernandez	Y Phillips	Y Willis
Y Conroy	Y Hoffman	Y Poe	Y Winger
Y Costello	Y Hurley	Y Pritchard	Y Yingling
Y Crespo	Y Ives	Y Reaves-Harris	Y Zalewski
Y Currie	Y Jackson	Y Reis	NV Mr. Speaker
Y D'Amico	Y Jesiel	Y Riley	
Y Davidsmeyer	E Jones	Y Rita	

E - Denotes Excused Absence

STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5
GARY VASQUEZ MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
ADOPTED

March 03, 2015

113 YEAS

0 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Kay	Y Sandack
Y Ammons	Y Davis, William	Y Kifowit	Y Scherer
Y Andersson	Y DeLuca	Y Lang	Y Sente
Y Andrade	Y Demmer	Y Leitch	Y Sims
Y Anthony	Y Drury	Y Lilly	Y Smiddy
Y Arroyo	Y Dunkin	Y Manley	Y Sommer
Y Batinick	Y Durkin	Y Martwick	Y Sosnowski
Y Beiser	Y Evans	E Mautino	Y Soto
Y Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	Y Mayfield	Y Stewart
Y Bennett	Y Fine	Y McAsey	Y Sullivan
Y Bourne	Y Flowers	Y McAuliffe	Y Tabares
Y Bradley	Y Ford	Y McDermed	Y Thapedi
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Y Breen	Y Franks	Y Meier	Y Turner
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-NINTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8
 PAUL EGAN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
 ADOPTED

March 03, 2015

113 YEAS

0 NAYS

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Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Kay	Y Sandack
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 10
RECOGNIZES ST. JUVIN POST 1336
ADOPTED

March 03, 2015

112 YEAS

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-NINTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16
 SGT. DECKARD MEMORIAL RST AREA
 ADOPTED

March 03, 2015

113 YEAS

0 NAYS

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Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Kay	Y Sandack
Y Ammons	Y Davis, William	Y Kifowit	Y Scherer
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17
STONY CREEK BRIDGE-REP. BLACK
ADOPTED

March 03, 2015

112 YEAS

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18TH LEGISLATIVE DAY**Perfunctory Session****TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015**

At the hour of 1:16 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Jackson replaced Representative Mautino in the Committee on Rules on March 2, 2015.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on March 2, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION:

That the Floor Amendment be reported "recommends be adopted":
Amendment No. 3 to HOUSE BILL 175.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:

Agriculture & Conservation: HOUSE BILLS 2487, 2589 and 2725.
 Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education: HOUSE BILLS 2472 and 2732.
 Appropriations-General Services: HOUSE BILL 2413.
 Appropriations-Higher Education: HOUSE BILL 2668.
 Appropriations-Human Services: HOUSE BILLS 2399, 2507, 2525, 2537, 2638, 2650, 2651, 2676, 2707 and 2749; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 1514.
 Appropriations-Public Safety: HOUSE BILLS 2400, 2619 and 2632.
 Business & Occupational Licenses: HOUSE BILLS 2639, 2710, 2782 and 2797.
 Cities & Villages: HOUSE BILLS 2648, 2669, 2687, 2744, 2746, 2752, 2783 and 2825.
 Consumer Protection: HOUSE BILLS 2404, 2450, 2486, 2541, 2617, 2636, 2653 and 2661.
 Counties & Townships: HOUSE BILLS 2459, 2460, 2474, 2717, 2768 and 2806.
 Elementary & Secondary Education: Charter School Policy: HOUSE BILLS 2523 and 2810; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 397.
 Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing Oversight: HOUSE BILLS 2657 and 2807.
 Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies: HOUSE BILLS 2410, 2443, 2464, 2536, 2588, 2595, 2672, 2682, 2683 and 2781; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 119 and HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 255.
 Energy: HOUSE BILLS 2498 and 2607.
 Environment: HOUSE BILLS 2401, 2495 and 2759.
 Executive: HOUSE BILLS 2402, 2403, 2405, 2406, 2417, 2427, 2428, 2445, 2449, 2475, 2476, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2484, 2485, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2499, 2501, 2511, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2521, 2522, 2532, 2539, 2545, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2568, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2582, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2613, 2615, 2618, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2630, 2631, 2633, 2634, 2647, 2655, 2662, 2663, 2665, 2666, 2675, 2678, 2680, 2681, 2685, 2686, 2693, 2694, 2695, 2696, 2697, 2699, 2702, 2704, 2718, 2719, 2730, 2733, 2734, 2735, 2736, 2737, 2738, 2739, 2740, 2741, 2742, 2745, 2753, 2756, 2760, 2767, 2774, 2775, 2776, 2777, 2778, 2779, 2780, 2793, 2798, 2800, 2801, 2802, 2809, 2815, 2817, 2818, 2819, 2820, 2826, 2827, 2829, 2830, 2831, 2832, 2833, 2835, 2836, 2837, 2838, 2839 and 2840.
 Financial Institutions: HOUSE BILLS 2477, 2542 and 2814.

Health Care Licenses: HOUSE BILLS 2509, 2763 and 2787.

Higher Education: HOUSE BILLS 2529, 2540 and 2729; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 150.

Human Services: HOUSE BILLS 2440, 2441, 2447, 2462, 2463, 2465, 2469, 2482, 2483, 2497, 2596, 2684, 2701, 2706, 2731, 2743, 2751, 2790, 2792, 2805, 2812, 2821 and 2822.

Insurance: HOUSE BILLS 2473, 2562, 2616, 2677, 2709, 2769 and 2788.

Judiciary - Civil: HOUSE BILLS 2425, 2426, 2438, 2439, 2442, 2452, 2456, 2461, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2508, 2543, 2553, 2556, 2558, 2584, 2606, 2628, 2635, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2689, 2690, 2691, 2705, 2711, 2713, 2757, 2791, 2796 and 2823; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 95.

Judiciary - Criminal: HOUSE BILLS 1566, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2414, 2448, 2496, 2544, 2548, 2551, 2555, 2569, 2583, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2637, 2658, 2659, 2671, 2673, 2674, 2688, 2720, 2721, 2722, 2723, 2724, 2727, 2728, 2750, 2762, 2765, 2766, 2771, 2772, 2773, 2789, 2794 and 2828; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 1310.

Juvenile Justice & System-Involved Youth: HOUSE BILLS 1488, 1527, 2446 and 2567; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 2 to HOUSE BILL 217.

Labor & Commerce: HOUSE BILLS 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2435, 2453, 2510, 2549, 2552, 2611, 2698, 2715, 2748, 2764, 2799 and 2804.

Personnel and Pensions: HOUSE BILL 2502.

Revenue & Finance: HOUSE BILLS 2412, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2444, 2454, 2457, 2458, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2524, 2526, 2527, 2530, 2531, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2546, 2547, 2554, 2557, 2629, 2649, 2656, 2667, 2670, 2692, 2700, 2703, 2712, 2714, 2754, 2761, 2770, 2784 and 2834.

State Government Administration: HOUSE BILLS 2528, 2679 and 2824.

Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges: HOUSE BILLS 2515 and 2580; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 29.

Transportation: Vehicles & Safety: HOUSE BILLS 2411, 2415, 2423, 2503, 2538, 2786 and 2811.

Adoption Reform: HOUSE BILL 2816.

Special Needs Services: HOUSE BILLS 2512 and 2755.

Youth & Young Adults: HOUSE BILL 2652.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES REASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:

HOUSE BILL 150 was recalled from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing Oversight and reassigned to the Committee on Higher Education.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:
3, Yeas; 1, Nay; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson

A Sullivan(R), Republican Spokesperson

Y Lang(D)

N Leitch(R)

Y Jackson(D) (replacing Mautino)

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 206

Offered by Representative Nekritz:

WHEREAS, The right to trial by jury was guaranteed to certain free subjects of the King of England and his successors by the Magna Carta of 1215, among the first official documents ever to limit the power of government over individual citizens; and

WHEREAS, Over subsequent centuries, the rights and liberties guaranteed by that great charter grew to safeguard the liberties of all English subjects; and

WHEREAS, Royal interference with the right to trial by jury, along with unfair taxation imposed without the consent of the governed, figured prominently in the colonists' subsequent dissatisfaction with English rule, which culminated in revolution and independence; and

WHEREAS, The First Continental Congress, convened in 1774 to protest further abuses and prepare for a larger confrontation, declared and resolved "that the respective colonies are entitled to the common law of England, and more especially to the great and inestimable privilege of being tried by their peers of the vicinage, according to the course of that law"; and

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence revoked the colonies' allegiance to King George III on July 4, 1776, for, among other abuses, "depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury"; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, member of the Continental Congress, and President of the United States, wrote to Thomas Paine in 1789 and declared that "I consider trial by jury as the only anchor ever yet imagined by man, by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution"; and

WHEREAS, John Adams, first Vice-President of the United States, and Second President of the United States, reflected upon juries as "the heart and lungs of liberty"; and

WHEREAS, John Marshall, Secretary of State, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and namesake of the Chicago law school expressed in the Virginia Convention to ratify the United States Constitution his "hope that in this country, where impartiality is so much admired, the laws will direct facts to be ascertained by a jury"; and

WHEREAS, The late Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court William H. Rehnquist said in 1979 that "the founders of our nation considered the right of trial by jury in civil cases an important bulwark against tyranny and corruption, a safeguard too precious to be left to the whim of the sovereign. Juries represent the layman's common sense and this keeps the administration of the law in accord with the wishes and feelings of the community"; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth President of the United States, the Great Emancipator, and self-proclaimed "prairie lawyer" who tried hundreds of cases remarked on the value of jury service as "the highest calling of any citizen"; and

WHEREAS, In 1954, in a decision that echoed through the halls of every school throughout the United States, *Brown v. Board of Education*, desegregation of schoolchildren within our schools was achieved, pursuant to the "Equal Protection" provisions of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution, through the civil justice system; and

WHEREAS, Those that pollute the air that we breathe, the water that we drink, and the soil from which we grow our crops have been held to account through our civil justice system and trial by jury; and

WHEREAS, Safety protocols and procedures have been improved for: packaging and delivery of medicines; automobiles, airplanes, and trains; the toys with which our children and grandchildren play; the construction and maintenance of our homes and buildings; and countless other protections have been achieved through the civil justice system and trial by jury; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' courts are open to its citizens that are harmed by the actions of another, and to businesses, which account for 70% of civil case filings; and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 13 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois states that "The right of trial by jury as heretofore enjoyed shall remain inviolate"; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that juries are selected fairly and randomly from the pools of adult resident citizens, which are cut from the fabric of each of Illinois' communities and represent the strengths of Illinois' diversity and are without consideration for color, gender, race, creed, religion, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, It is this recognition and these strengths that fundamentally empower our citizens, and ensure that jurors are coequal within the jury box; and

WHEREAS, Citizen empowerment and having fair sanctuary to pursue justice before a jury of our peers in a court of law are sacrosanct cornerstones of democracy; and

WHEREAS, The sentiments of these Founding Fathers, patriots, jurists, and legislators are shared by many Americans who regard the right of trial by jury as an essential safeguard of liberty; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that in order for Illinois' citizens to have fair opportunity to redress their grievances, to maintain a system of justice that lends no favor within its arena, and to insure that the scale of justice remains blind to its pursuers, we declare the right to trial by jury of one's peers be preserved, neither altered nor eroded by those that may threaten it, in accordance with the foresight of our ancestors that safeguarded this most fundamental right.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 207

Offered by Representative Bryant:

WHEREAS, The City of Murphysboro has fostered a culture of BBQ for over 75 years; and

WHEREAS, The Travel Channel named Murphysboro as one of 8 "BBQ Paradise" locations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Murphysboro is home to the Annual "Praise the Lard" BBQ Cook-Off, which is sanctioned by the Memphis Barbeque Network and the Kansas City Barbeque Society; for 27 years, the "Praise the Lard" BBQ Cook-Off has attracted thousands of BBQ teams to Murphysboro from points across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Murphysboro is home to numerous active and vibrant BBQ restaurants, including the 17th Street Bar and Grill and Pat's Barbeque; and

WHEREAS, Those restaurants are respectively owned by Mike Mills and Pat Burke, both members of the prestigious Barbeque Hall of Fame and residents of Murphysboro; and

WHEREAS, Pat Burke has competed in over 255 BBQ contests and has taken home 185 grand championships, more than any living person; and

WHEREAS, Mike Mills is affectionately known as "The Legend", having won 4 World Championships and 3 Grand World Championships at the Memphis in May "Super Bowl of Swine"; and

WHEREAS, Murphysboro has previously been home to such BBQ establishments as Whitt's BBQ, Brown's BBQ, Big Charlie's BBQ, Kilby's BBQ, and many others; it is also home to Cairo BBQ Sauce, produced by the Killebrew Supply Company in Murphysboro; and

WHEREAS, Murphysboro is the home of dozens of BBQ teams that compete locally, regionally, and nationally; and

WHEREAS, All of these facts have contributed greatly to the economic development of Murphysboro and the entire State of Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the City of Murphysboro as the BBQ Capital of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the people of the City of Murphysboro as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 208

Offered by Representative Bennett:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly passed Public Act 98-506 to ensure that anyone driving a car is careful, responsive, and alert behind the wheel; and

WHEREAS, Illinois joined a dozen other states with similar restrictions and will allow drivers to operate under a uniform ban; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 98-506 provided that Illinois drivers may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device; and

WHEREAS, A person who violates Public Act 98-508 will be fined a maximum of \$75 for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense, \$125 for a third offense, and \$150 for a fourth or subsequent offense; and

WHEREAS, A first offense for driving while using an electronic communication device will not be considered a moving violation; subsequent offences will be considered moving violations and will be recorded on one's driving record; and

WHEREAS, The new handheld cell phone ban is a primary stop offense, which means that a driver can be stopped without committing any other violation; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 98-506 was an initiative based on the National Transportation Safety Board's recommendation for a nationwide ban on the use of cell phones while driving; and

WHEREAS, Other states that have implemented the bans have done research, noting that there may be little difference between drivers who use hand-held cell phones and who use hands-free devices; and

WHEREAS, It is important for the Illinois General Assembly to evaluate the impact of legislation to insure the safety of all Illinois drivers; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois State Police and the Illinois Department of Transportation to study the impact of Public Act 98-506 and to deliver a report to the members of the Illinois House of Representatives by January 1, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Secretary of State Police and the Secretary of Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 209

Offered by Representative Manley:

WHEREAS, There is an imbalance between the amount that residents of each state pay to the federal government in tax revenue and the benefits they receive from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Some states, including Illinois, pay more in taxes to the federal government than they receive in federal services, and vice-versa; and

WHEREAS, The federal government does not currently track either how much each state receives in federal funds or what the size of the imbalance is between payments and returns; and

WHEREAS, Having this information readily available would enable more accurate estimations of the true costs and benefits of federal programs to the residents of each state, providing legislators with another way to gauge the value of the legislation they will have the option to fund; and

WHEREAS, To address these concerns and provide a methodologically sound basis for comparing taxation and spending data, United States Representative Bill Foster has introduced H.R. 787 in Congress; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 787 will allow legislators to evaluate the state-by-state effects of federal spending practices; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Congress to pass H.R. 787; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the members of the Illinois congressional delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 213

Offered by Representative Soto:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives recognize the contributions of generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe in building our economy and creating our nation's unique character; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants continue to grow businesses, innovate, strengthen our economy, and create jobs in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants have provided the United States with unique social and cultural influence, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants have been tireless leaders not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but also by working to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the month of June 2015 as Immigration Heritage Month in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we recognize that the role of immigrants in building and enriching our nation has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history and continues to the present day.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 214

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, Hepatitis C is a serious liver disease that results from the Hepatitis C virus; Hepatitis C has been called a silent epidemic because most people with Hepatitis C do not know they are infected; and

WHEREAS, While some people who become infected with Hepatitis C are able to clear, or get rid of, the virus, most people who are infected develop a chronic or lifelong infection; and

WHEREAS, Over time, chronic Hepatitis C can lead to serious liver problems, including liver damage, cirrhosis, liver failure, or liver cancer, however, many people can benefit from available treatment options that can eliminate the virus from the body and prevent further liver damage; 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, Many people with chronic Hepatitis C do not have symptoms and do not know they are infected; people with chronic Hepatitis C can live for decades without symptoms or feeling sick; and

WHEREAS, Those born between 1945 and 1965 are disproportionately affected by Hepatitis C and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that these individuals 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; new treatments have become available to patients within the last year and cure rates have increased exponentially; 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 Hepatitis C before it takes any more lives; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate May of 2015 as "Hepatitis C 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 C.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 217

Offered by Representative Cloonen:

WHEREAS, The members of the General Assembly are proud to designate a section of Interstate 57 that encompasses an area where the first non-Native Americans in Illinois settled as the "French-Canadian Heritage Corridor"; the majority of settlers in the area were French-Canadian pioneers who immigrated in large numbers to what is now Kankakee and Iroquois Counties from the late 1820s to 1850s; those settlements included Bourbonnais Grove (now Bourbonnais), Le Petit Canada (gone now, but the site is located in the Davis Creek area of Kankakee River State Park), Rockville (gone now, but the site is located in the northwest section of Kankakee River State Park), St. George, L'Erable, Papineau, and St. Anne; after the Potawatomi, the first significant ethnic group to make contributions in the Kankakee area were the French-Canadians; and

WHEREAS, The French were no strangers to the heartland of North America; as early as 1543, France established the colony of New France, which eventually covered about half of the North American interior; the nineteenth-century French-Canadians were very familiar with the land south of the Great Lakes; they knew about Rene-Robert Cavelier Sieur de la Salle's (1643-87) quest to explore the rivers of New France that flowed into the Mississippi; he and 33 men made a portage from the St. Joseph River to a marshy river's headwaters; in 1679, the party continued paddling into the "Great West" along a new "connecting river" with 8 canoes; the party eventually completed the journey from Montreal to the mouth of the Mississippi; La Salle

named the "connecting river" between the St. Joseph and Illinois Rivers, the Seignelay, in honor of colonial minister of France; the name was later changed to the Theakiki and is now called the Kankakee; the native Potawatomi called the land adjacent to the river "Te-yar-ac-ke" ("wonderful land"); the word "Ky-an-ke-ke" evolved; some Indian tribes called the land "Te-ok-e-kee" ("wolf") while some coureurs de bois (French "runners of the wood") used the name "Quin-que-que"; and

WHEREAS, The Kankakee River Valley of the Illinois Country was sparsely settled until Noel Levasseur (1799-1879) began recruiting settlers from his native Quebec Province, Canada; hundreds of French-Canadians soon came to settle and farm along the fertile Kankakee River in an area they called Bourbonnais Grove-extending from today's Kankakee River State Park to Cobb Park in Kankakee - an area 12 miles long by 1 mile wide; at the age of 19 in 1817, Levasseur was employed by the American Fur Company (headquartered in Astor, New York with a recruiting station in Montreal) along with his friends Dominique Bray, Henri Boucher, and 15-year-old Gurdon Hubbard (1802-86); after the Black Hawk War of 1832, Levasseur and Hubbard purchased land from the Potawatomi and opened the Chicago to Danville Road through the Grand Prairie along the Kankakee River (now Route 102), and the Hubbard Trail which Illinois highway 1 now follows; in the late 1820s and early 1830s, 2 other notable French-Canadians joined Noel Levasseur in the settlement along the Kankakee: the brothers Francois Bourbonnais, Sr. and Antoine Bourbonnais "Bourbonnais Grove" was named after them; and

WHEREAS, By 1846, there were at least 22 French-Canadian families living in Bourbonnais Grove; the records of St. Leo's Parish in Bourbonnais Grove (later to become Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Bourbonnais) in 1847 noted 77 French-Canadian families or 471 people; when Canadian-born George Letourneau (1831-1906) - destined to become a renowned statesman - arrived in Bourbonnais Grove in 1848, he attended church at St. Leo's Chapel, a wooden structure which had been built in 1841; a new church (Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary) replaced the chapel in 1849; this was the church in which Letourneau was married to Elodie (Langlois) Letourneau in 1852; it burned to the ground in 1853; work began 2 years later on a new church to be constructed of local limestone; construction was completed in 1858; over 150 years later, Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church appears much the same as it was back then; and

WHEREAS, George Letourneau became mayor of Bourbonnais in 1875 and mayor of Kankakee in 1892; he was present at the first Illinois State Republican Convention in Bloomington in 1856, and listened to Abraham Lincoln's "Lost Speech" - this reference denotes the few notes taken by the audience which was spellbound as Lincoln delivered an impassioned condemnation of slavery; the address was the precedent for his famous "House Divided" speech delivered in Springfield on June 16, 1858; Letourneau served in just about every Kankakee County political office, and was elected State Senator in the Illinois 38th and 39th General Assemblies from 1892 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, French-Canadian priests and brothers of the Viatorian Order and French-Canadian nuns of the Congregation of Notre Dame were instrumental in the religious and educational development of the Bourbonnais Grove community; in the later part of the nineteenth-century, girls attended the new Notre Dame Convent and School after it was built in 1862; boys were instructed by the Viatorian priests and brothers in the Bourbonnais Grove public school and then St. Viator Academy after 1868; young men could attend St. Viator College when the Viatorians were granted a university charter in 1874; when Letourneau became mayor of the Village of Bourbonnais, when it was incorporated in 1875, the community was already a thriving educational center; a new boy's school, another St. Viator Academy, was built in 1891; and

WHEREAS, The French-Canadians Noel Levasseur, George Letourneau, and Captain Francis Seguin spearheaded the organization of Kankakee County in 1853; the new county had a population of 8,000 people; the population would soon shift from Bourbonnais to Kankakee with the arrival of the railroad in 1853; Kankakee was originally platted as the "town of Bourbonnais" in 1853; 2 years later, the name was changed; the population of Bourbonnais Township in 1850 was 1,720 with 81% or 201 out of 248 families of French-Canadian descent; other French-Canadian settlements in Kankakee and Iroquois Counties were St. George (1848), L'Erable (1854), St. Anne (1851), and Papineau (1872); and

WHEREAS, At about the same time as the formation of Kankakee County in 1853, Canadian-born Father Charles Chiniquy (1809-99) was pastor of Maternity Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Bourbonnais Grove; after disagreeing with the Bishop of Chicago over the bishop's treatment of Catholics in Chicago, particularly French-Canadians, Fr. Chiniquy led an exodus of Bourbonnais Grove French-Canadian Roman Catholics to the village of St. Anne; this crisis split many French-Canadian families; older French-Canadians in the Kankakee area still today resent Fr. Chiniquy's schism; Fr. Chiniquy was excommunicated in 1856; he then left the Roman Catholic Church and formed the Christian Catholic Church of St. Anne; and

WHEREAS, Up until the 1950s, French was a primary spoken language in Bourbonnais; French-Canadian family names still abound in the telephone book, and the fleur-de-lis is the symbol of Bourbonnais - as the village symbol and all street signs testify; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate a section of Interstate 57 as the "French-Canadian Heritage Corridor" with one sign located on I-57 for southbound traffic just north of the Manteno exit 322 and another sign located on I-57 for northbound traffic just south of Ashkum exit 293; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect 2 signs on a section of Interstate 57, consistent with State and federal regulations, giving notice of the name, "French-Canadian Heritage Corridor", with one sign located on I-57 for southbound traffic just north of the Manteno exit 322 and another sign located on I-57 for northbound traffic just south of Ashkum exit 293 by July 15, 2015.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 219

Offered by Representative Hoffman:

WHEREAS, In response to concerns regarding premium costs for Illinois employers responsible for providing Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage for their employees, the State of Illinois enacted Public Act 97-0018 which created a substantial reduction in benefits for injured workers, with the intention of providing employers relief from the high costs of workers' compensation premiums; and

WHEREAS, As a result of this Act, the National Council on Compensation Insurance has subsequently recommended premium rate reductions totaling nearly 20% for Illinois employers; and

WHEREAS, If fully implemented by insurers, such a rate reduction would provide Illinois' employers with nearly \$1 billion in premium savings; and

WHEREAS, Employers have experienced premium reductions of \$315 million, which represents only a fraction of the \$1 billion that would have been saved via full implementation of the recommended rate reductions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Workers' Compensation Premium Rates Task Force consisting of 12 members appointed as follows: 2 legislative members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 2 legislative members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; 2 legislative members appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 legislative members appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; one member representing a statewide association representing retailers; one member of a statewide association representing manufacturers; one member of a statewide association representing labor interests; and one member of a statewide association representing injured workers; 2 chairpersons, representing different political parties, shall be selected by the members of the Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study the National Council on Compensation Insurance's recommendations for workers' compensation premium rates and the extent to which Illinois employers' actual premiums reflect these recommended rates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate no later than December 31, 2015.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 220

Offered by Representative Crespo:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and the Personnel Code, the Department of Central Management Services is responsible for administering the Personnel Code; and

WHEREAS, Under the Personnel Code, a State employee's record of performance may be taken into consideration in determining salary increases and promotions, and "shall be considered as a factor in determining salary decreases, the order of layoffs because of lack of funds or work, reinstatement, demotions, discharges and geographical transfers"; and

WHEREAS, Management's right to evaluate State employees is a fundamental right recognized by union contract, which generally provides that "written evaluations shall be prepared by the Employee's supervisor who is outside the bargaining unit and/or an employee in the same or higher position classification which has historically performed such evaluation who either has first-hand knowledge of the employee's work or has discussed and received recommendations from someone who does." [Agreement between the Department of Central Management Services and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31, AFL-CIO (AFSCME Master Contract)]; and

WHEREAS, Rules adopted by the Department of Central Management Services require an employee's performance records to include "an evaluation of employee performance prepared by each agency on forms prescribed by the Director" of Central Management Services, and further require two such evaluations be conducted for employees serving a six month probationary period and not less often than annually for certified employees [80 Ill. Adm. Code 302.270]; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General is directed to conduct a management audit of the State of Illinois' employee performance evaluation process or processes for positions that are subject to the Personnel Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the management audit include, but not be limited to, the following determinations:

(1) Whether employee performance evaluations are conducted in a timely manner and, if not, the causes for delays;

(2) Whether employee performance evaluations are conducted using prescribed forms and whether those forms are updated;

(3) Whether employee performance evaluations are conducted in accordance with other applicable requirements; and

(4) Whether employee performance evaluations are relied upon by management in making personnel decisions, such as salary changes, promotions, demotions and discharges; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Central Management Services and any other State agency or other entity or person that may have information relevant to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General's Office in its audit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as soon as practical and report its findings and recommendations upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 221

Offered by Representative Moylan:

WHEREAS, On August 14, 1945, the people of the United States received word of the end of World War II and greeted the news of the Allies' noble victory with joyous celebration, humility, and spiritual reflection; and

WHEREAS, The victory marked the culmination of an unprecedented national effort that defeated the forces of aggression, brought freedom to subjugated nations, and ended the horrors of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, These historic accomplishments were achieved through the collective service and personal sacrifice of the people of the United States, both those who served in uniform and those who supported them on the home front; more than 400,000 Americans gave their lives in service to their country during World War II; and

WHEREAS, The date of August 14, 1945 marked not only the end of the war but also the beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding led by the United States to restore the societies of both its allies and former foes alike, as well as the formation of an array of organizations and institutions that helped to strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism, and service to community and country; and

WHEREAS, The courage, dedication, self-sacrifice, and compassion of the "ordinary heroes" of the World War II generation continue to inspire our nation, especially those men and women who are currently serving around the world protecting our country; and

WHEREAS, The entire World War II generation, military and civilian alike, has provided a model of national unity and community that will continue to serve as a source of inspiration for current and future

generations of Americans to come together to work for the continued prosperity of the United States and the world; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage the citizens of this State to remember both those who served in uniform and those who supported them on the home front during World War II; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we designate the third Saturday of August in 2015 as "Spirit of '45 Day" in the State of Illinois to commemorate the anniversary of the end of World War II on August 14, 1945.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 222

Offered by Representative Costello:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the deaths of Abigail Adelia Liefer, 19, and Hannah Marie Porter, 20, who were killed in a car accident on January 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Both Abby Liefer and Hannah Porter were active members of their community, working together at the YMCA in Red Bud, and both were renowned by members of their community for their generous spirits and for often going out of their way to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, In an attempt to deal with her grief, Alison Schubert, older sister of Abby Liefer, turned to Facebook, creating an event calling on family, friends, and neighbors to commit random acts of kindness in memory of Abby Liefer and Hannah Porter on February 10, 2015, to help the families of both girls on the one-month anniversary of their deaths; and

WHEREAS, The event quickly spread beyond the community in which both girls lived, with people joining the Facebook event from across the country and even outside of the United States, including participants from locations as far away as the Philippines, Wyoming, Florida, Colorado, and California; and

WHEREAS, Over ten thousand participants spread random acts of kindness throughout the day and even in the days leading up to and following the anniversary, handing out business cards as the random acts were performed to explain that the kindness was done in honor of Abby Liefer and Hannah Porter; and

WHEREAS, Community members who had random acts of kindness bestowed upon them often passed the act of kindness along, creating a chain of acts of kindness that extended far beyond the families mourning the loss of Abby Liefer and Hannah Porter; and

WHEREAS, Alison Schubert stated, "My biggest fear is that everyone will move on. There will be another accident, another loss, and people won't think about Abby and Hannah anymore. I just want everyone to remember them. I don't want people to ever forget"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor the lives of Abigail Adelia Liefer and Hannah Marie Porter, who touched so many in such a short amount of time; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we declare February 10, 2015 as "Abby & Hannah's Random Act of Kindness Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the families of Abby Liefer and Hannah Porter as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 225

Offered by Representative Mautino:

WHEREAS, Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto, was born on a farm near the Illinois community of Streator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tombaugh served as a researcher at the prestigious Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tombaugh first detected the presence of Pluto in 1930; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tombaugh is the only Illinoisan and the only American to ever discover a planet; and

WHEREAS, For more than 75 years, Pluto was considered the ninth planet of the Solar System; and

WHEREAS, A spacecraft called New Horizons was launched in January of 2006 to explore Pluto in 2015 with Dr. Tombaugh's ashes aboard the spacecraft; and

WHEREAS, Pluto has 5 moons: Charon, Nix, Hydra, Kerberos, and Styx; and

WHEREAS, Pluto's average orbit is more than 3 billion miles from the sun; and

WHEREAS, Pluto was unfairly downgraded to a "dwarf" planet in a vote in which only 4% of the International Astronomical Union's 10,000 scientists participated; and

WHEREAS, Many respected astronomers believe Pluto's full planetary status should be restored; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the International Astronomical Union to restore Pluto to full planetary status; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we declare 2015 as "The Year of Pluto" in honor of Dr. Clyde Tombaugh and the discoveries to be made by the New Horizons spacecraft; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the International Astronomical Union.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 226

Offered by Representative Phelps:

WHEREAS, The effects of the current economy have manifested as hardships in several areas within our State government; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is faced with serious cutbacks and budget reductions as a result of the many decreases in the States' bond rating; and

WHEREAS, Our veterans from all wars have made many sacrifices on our nation's behalf; and

WHEREAS, Our veterans deserve an affordable domicile to live out the balance of their lives with some measure of dignity; and

WHEREAS, It is our responsibility to pass legislation that would protect the current and future veterans homes in Illinois from all forms of cutbacks and shutdowns; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the introduction of legislation by the Illinois General Assembly known as "The Illinois Veterans Homes Protection Act", which would establish or amend provisions of the Illinois statutes that will guarantee the protection of all 4 current Illinois Veterans Homes and any that may be opened in the future from closing or budgetary cutbacks; and be it further

RESOLVED, That by passing these measures we honor those veterans of our armed forces who have unselfishly served this great nation.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 44

Offered by Representative Tryon:

WHEREAS, On June 12, 2010, Governor Pat Quinn signed the Veterans and Servicemembers Court Treatment Act into law; the Act allows counties in Illinois to create a Veterans and Servicemembers Court Program or Veterans' Treatment Courts for military veterans charged with non-violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Cook, DuPage, Lake, Madison, Peoria, Will, Winnebago, and several other counties have Veterans' Treatment Courts to assist veterans with substance abuse and other related problems; and

WHEREAS, Many returning veterans suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, traumatic brain injuries, substance abuse, and other service-related disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Veterans' Treatment Courts are used as an alternative venue to the regular criminal justice system for non-violent criminal offenses; the courts connect veterans with specialized treatment and counseling programs to assist them with transitioning to life after their military service; and

WHEREAS, Veterans' Treatment Courts require regular court appearances in addition to mandatory attendance at treatment sessions for substance abuse as well as random testing for substance use; and

WHEREAS, Upon successful completion of the program, the charges against the veteran may be dismissed; and

WHEREAS, Veterans' Treatment Courts are in a unique position to link veterans with additional services and resources available to them; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we encourage the creation of Veterans and Servicemembers Treatment Courts in all counties in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge counties that currently have successful programs to work with other counties to help create successful programs and provide assistance in implementation to better serve our veterans in every county; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the County Board Chair or President of all 102 Illinois counties.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 45

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:

WHEREAS, The future well-being of Illinois and the United States relies on a high-quality public education system; and

WHEREAS, After the No Child Left Behind Act passed in 2002, the United States went from 18th in the world in math on the Programme for International Student Assessment to 31st place in 2009; and

WHEREAS, The No Child Left Behind Act has been shown to widen the gaps and inequities among student populations; and

WHEREAS, School systems across the county have been spending growing amounts of time, money, and resources on high-stakes standardized testing; and

WHEREAS, Since the passage of the No Child Left Behind Act, annual State spending on standardized tests rose from \$423 million to almost \$1.1 billion in 2008, according to the Pew Center on the States; and

WHEREAS, Student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, educators, and schools; and

WHEREAS, Over-reliance on high-stakes standardized testing is undermining educational quality and equity in public schools; and

WHEREAS, Over-reliance on standardized testing hampers innovation, creativity, and deep subject-matter knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Over-emphasis on standardized testing has caused too many schools to narrow their curriculum and teach to the test; and

WHEREAS, A national 2007 study by the Center on Education Policy reported that since 2001, 44% of school districts had reduced time spent on science, social studies, and the arts by an average of 145 minutes per week in order to focus on reading and math; and

WHEREAS, Over-emphasis on standardized testing can reduce interest in learning, push students out of school, drive excellent teachers out of the profession, and undermine school climate; and

WHEREAS, It is widely recognized that standardized testing is an inadequate and often unreliable measure of both student learning and educator effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, English language learners and students with disabilities must take the same test as other students with little or no accommodations; and

WHEREAS, High-stakes standardized testing has negative effects for students from all backgrounds, and especially for low-income students, English language learners, children of color, and those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The structure of the systems in which students learn must change in order to foster engaging school experiences that promote knowledge; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we strongly urge Congress and President Obama's administration to reexamine public school accountability systems; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage Congress and President Obama's administration to develop a system based on multiple forms of assessment which does not require extensive testing and more accurately reflects the broad range of student learning; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on Congress and President Obama's Administration to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, currently known as the "No Child Left Behind Act", reduce testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality in accountability, and not mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating educators; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to President Barack Obama and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

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 4141. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4142. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4143. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4144. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4145. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4146. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4147. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4148. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4149. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT making appropriations.

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HOUSE BILL 4160. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4161. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4162. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT making appropriations.

At the hour of 1:21 o'clock a.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.