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- Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolution. House Resolution 830, offered by Representative Demmer, is referred to the Rules Committee. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on February 27, 2018: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 4242."
- Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will please be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Father Dan Brandt who is with Chicago Police Chaplains Ministry in Chicago. Father Brandt is the guest of Representative Moylan. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Father Brandt."
- Father Brandt: "Good morning. We gather today mindful of the important work done here. I know a lot of folks are very proud of our public servants, especially in recent days. In Chicago we suffered quite a loss. Two weeks ago, about this very time two weeks ago today, Commander Paul Bauer was shot and killed. And so, I'd like to start with a moment of silence for those who have lost their lives in the performance of public service. Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace and may their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen. And today, I'd like to just begin with a quick verse from the scriptures. The Old Testament shares with us the words of Micah the prophet, words befitting public service. You have been told

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old man what is good and what the Lord requires of you only to do what is right, to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God. And God, we ask that You help these, Your public servants, to do exactly that. To do what is right and to love what is good and to always remember humility in their work. We pray for those who have gone before us and we pray for the important work to be done this day, serving the people of this great state. Pray for all of those whom we love, and those praying for us and for the work here, that their prayers be heard and granted. All in Your most holy name, for You live and reign forever and ever, Amen. And finally, if I may, in pride of those who do service, I want to share with you one quick story. If I may, Speaker, of a..."

Speaker Lang: "Who am I to stop you?"

Father Brandt: "Who are you to stop me? You're right. These three boys were bragging about their fathers and how proud they were of the... the public service their fathers do. The first boy says, my dad is a policeman and he can chase down bad guys half his age and put them in jail. And the second young man says, well, my dad is an Illinois State Rep and he's so fast that he can push legislation through before the opponents can even realize that it's being done. And the third kid says, that's nothing. My dad is an Illinois State Senator. And he's so fast, you know, he's gets out of work at five. He's home by noon every day. God bless you, folks."

Speaker Lang: "You know, he told me that one last night, and it was funnier today. We'll be led in the Pledge by Mr. Demmer."

Demmer - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands,

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one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Flowers, Hernandez, Jones, Rita, Slaughter, Tabares, and Wallace are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Leader Durkin and Representative Phillips are excused for the day."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. We have 108 Members answering the roll and we do have quorum. Mr. Andrade is recognized."

Andrade: "Mr. Speaker, point of personal... personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Andrade: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if I could have your brief attention for a moment. We have here today a constituent of mine, Rose Slowikowski from Chicago. I apologize for tearing up the last name. But aside from living in my district back home, Rose serves as the President of the Illinois Association of Nurse Anesthetists and is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at Lake Forest Hospital. She is here today with 70, that's right, 70 of their CRNA. Where are we at? I know we're all here somewhere, right? Please stand up... Association members for their annual lobby day. There are nearly 1700 Certified Registered Nurse statewide and there are another 300 students, CRNAs in training that provide highly specialized anesthesia care to our state citizens. Rose, there's quite an impressive turnout

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out today. Thank you very much. For... who came to me with lawmakers, could you please... I would appreciate giving her an extension. Thank you very much. And thanks again for coming... coming to your home. This is your home. Thank you very much."

- Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Thank you all for joining us here today. Leader Currie in the Chair for an introduction."
- Speaker Currie: "Thank you. It is my great pleasure to introduce Borek Lizec, who is the Consul General in Chicago representing the Czech Republic. He had... did his PhD at the University of Economics in Prague. He also has done some academic work at the University of Chicago. Since 1999, he'd been part of the Ministry of Affairs at the ... for the Czech Republic. And in that capacity, he has worked in the United Nations and also with the European Union. He did an earlier stint in Chicago, but since 2014... so for four years... he has been the Consul General in Chicago. And I think it's worth noting that his country, the Czech Republic, just won seven medals in the recently completed Olympics. And I hope you will join me in congratulating them on that feat and also welcoming him. I would say, Vitejte Ve Springfieldu. So, here we have Mr. Borek Lizec, from the Consul General from Chicago, to tell us some words of wisdom about what is happening in the Czech Republic."
- Consul General Bŏrek Lizec: "Thank you very much for this wonderful welcome and congratulations on your Olympic achievements. Dear Honorable Speaker, Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly. Please allow me to first congratulate you on the 200th anniversary of the great State

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of Illinois. I shall add that given the special bond that we Czechs feel towards your state, it is an important anniversary for us as well. Illinois has been the most important traditional destination of Czech immigration in the world since the 1850s. Chicago gradually became the second largest Czech city in the world after the Czech capital, Prague. In the 1930s, the city elected Mayor Anton Cermak who was born in Bohemia, now the Czech Republic. His Czech-American sonin law, Otto Kerner, Jr., became the Governor of Illinois and also judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals. His father, Otto Kerner, Sr. served on same court and also as Illinois Attorney General. Numerous Czech-Americans were members of Illinois Legislature including Judy Baar Topinka, former State Comptroller and Treasurer. Other Illinois Czechs were elected to the U.S. Congress and Senate. Among them, Czechborn politician Adolph Sabath became the dean of the U.S. Congress. His tenure lasted from 1907 to 1952. Czechin Illinois excelled in other areas as well including McDonald's guru Ray Kroc, founder of Chicago Bears George Halas, Golden Globes actress... winning actress Kim Novak, former head sculptor of the Art Institute Albín Polášek, former Chicago Symphony Musical Director Raphael Kubelík, Grammy winning songwriter Jim Peterik, Olympic and World Champion Evan Lysacek, astronauts Jim Lovell and Eugene Cernan, many others. The Czech immigrants came to Illinois with the hope and resolve to prove that they and their children can succeed and make a difference when given a chance in freedom. Listening to the overview that I just made, I think that they would be rightly proud of the achievements,

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just as we Czechs in the Czech Republic are. There is no other place on earth where Czechs would have done better than here. I would like to thank Illinois, you and your ancestors, for the opportunities that Czechs were given in this state for approximately 170 years. 2018 marks... is a very important year for us Czechs as well because it marks the centennial of the founding of Czechoslovakia, the most important anniversary in modern Czech statehood. In 1918, Czech statehood was renewed after 300 years. And Czechoslovakia would not have come into existence were it not for Czech-Americans and other friends from Illinois and Chicago. The Czech-Americans financed the campaign for Czechoslovak independence, volunteered to join the U.S. Forces and also the Czechoslovak Army in France to fight in the U.S... in the First World War for our freedom. And together with our influential friends here, including Charles Crane and his family and the University of Chicago, they helped to gain the U.S. recognition of the Czechoslovak Republic and make the decisive step toward the creation of the modern Czech statehood. The leader of the liberation movement, Tomáš Garrique Masaryk, had strong ties to the United States. Not at least he married an American, Charlotta Garrigue, and taught at the University of Chicago. In 1918, before leaving the United States to assume the office of the first Czechoslovak President, he stated to the U.S. press, 'Our nation will always be grateful to America for her ward and sincere sympathy with our cause. Our new republic will forever consider the great American commonwealth her elder sister'. Under President Masaryk's leadership, the first Czechoslovak Republic was modeled in many ways after the

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United States and became one of the most successful democracies in the world. President of the Czech Republic, His Excellency Miloš Zeman, will now come to Illinois this year to express great thanks for your help to our nation not only in 1918, but also during the Second World War and on other occasions. He will join us for the main celebrations of the centennial, which will take place around September 28, at the Czech Statehood Day. The celebrations will include also the 79th Moravi... Czech Moravian Day festival, which some of you regularly attend. And I hope that you will be able to join us for some of the celebrations. I would also like to invite you to come to the Czech Republic on an official visit on the occasion of the Bicentennial of Illinois and the Centennial of Czechoslovakia-25 years of the Czech Republic. Your visit could become an impulse to a further development of mutual relations in all areas: business and investment, culture, education, and research. Now, already in all these fields, there are significant projects to build upon. Please allow me to add a few words to the economic cooperation, maybe as an invitation to U.S. companies to join your delegation on the official trip. The economies of Illinois and the Czech Republic actually have similar structures, which further enhances the potential for cooperation. After the Velvet Revolution, which brought about the fall of communism in my country in 1989, the 'Return to the West' was the dearest wish of us Czechs. The integration into NATO and the European Union, with the help of the United States, gave us the firm anchoring in the family of democracies and brought about impressive economic development to the country, which became

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the leading recipient of Foreign Direct Investment in the Central and Eastern Europe. The inflow was driven by favorable labor costs, geographical location (just as Illinois is the heart of the United States, the Czech Republic is the heart of Europe; and Austrian Vienna is actually eastwards of Prague), a skilled labor force, business and production traditions, quality of life (the beauty of Prague) and more. It will be difficult to find a major U.S. company that is not present in the Czech Republic. Many of them there invested in production facilities and founded research and development centers. Strong sectors of the U.S. economy are: aerospace (GE designed and now produces its first aero engine outside the U.S. in the Czech Republic, Boeing cooperates with the Czech subsonic airplanes producer AERO Vodochody and other Czech partners), manufacturing (Illinois Caterpillar opened high-tech remanufacturing center for gas turbines in the Czech Republic), automotive industry (the Czech Republic ranks second in the world in the production of cars per capita and among 15 in absolute volumes), energy (Czech ČEZ is the strongest energy company that operates in the Central and Eastern Europe), ICT (For example, Microsoft, DHL, IBM, Skype invested in the Czech Republic), Bio Technologies (Illinois Baxter and Abbott also are present in the Czech Republic). In research, long-term cooperation exists, for example, between Fermilab and the Czech Academy of Science, or Mayo Clinic and the International Center for Clinical Research in the Czech Republic. I firmly believe that your delegation would bring important support to these and many other existing projects and inspire new cooperation. Before I conclude, I would like

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to thank you all for your continuous support and friendship to my country. Please allow me to thank personally Illinois Representative Lisa Hernandez for her almost day-to-day work on behalf of my country. I wish to express my great appreciation also to Speaker Madigan for his personal leadership. Please allow me to use this opportunity to thank also Mr. Ted Polashek, President of Chicagoland Czech-American Community Center, for his tireless work to both strengthening of cooperation between Illinois and the Czech Republic. Thank you for considering supporting his efforts to give our unique Illinois-Czech partnership a home in a permanent Czech-American Center Building. Thank you for kindly extending me the honor to address you today."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you very much. Good history lesson and we appreciate your warm invitation to visit the Czech Republic. Consul General Lizec is willing to stand here, near the podium, and greet the Members and have your pictures taken with him. So, thank you very much for your... your talk. House Resolution 744. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 744, offered by Representative Butler.

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend and applaud the West Lincoln-Broadwell Elementary School 7th and 8th grade girls basketball team on their state championships and on their humility and respect for one another on an off the basketball court."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Butler."

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- Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's a true honor for me to welcome the West Lincoln-Broadwell Wolverines 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams who were both undefeated this season and both won state titles in Class 1A for 7th and 8th grade. This 8th grade team, I believe, is 93 and 2... there time at West Lincoln-Broadwell. And this 7th grade team is 55 and 0. Some pretty darn good basketball players in Logan County. So, on behalf of myself and the House, thank you for being here, girls. And if we could give them a great warm welcome to Springfield that would be awesome."
- Speaker Currie: "Representative Butler moves for adoption of the Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 74... 744 is adopted. Next is House Resolution 856. Clerk, please read the Resolution."
- Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 856, offered by Representative Meier.
  - RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESNITATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Bartelso Elementary School varsity boys' basketball team, the Braves, on winning the 2018 Class S State Championship. And we wish them many more successful years on the court."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Meier."

Meier: "Thank you. This afternoon I'd like to recognize the Bartelso boys 7th and 8th grade teams, the Braves, who went undefeated all year. They won the state championship. They are here today with their Superintendent Tom Siegler, their coach Tim Moore, and their members are Dalton Boruff, Trey Gerdes, Logan Kluemke, Jace Loepker, Brady Moore, Jacob

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Patton, Hayden Theobald, Caleb Voss; 7th graders are Connor Becker, Bryce Behrman, Connor Loepker, Hayden Rickhoff, and Jack Shelton. This school was recognized in 2015 for being one of the number one schools in the State of Illinois for education and they spend less than \$7000 a year per student, to be educated there. Congratulations again to the Bartelso boys for winning the Class S title."

Speaker Currie: "Congratulations Bartelso. Representative Meier now moves for adoption of House Resolution 856. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Greenwood, for what reason do you rise?"

Greenwood: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. I rise today in honor of Black History Month and to recognize Sister Mary Antona Ebo, a Franciscan Sister of Mary. Sister Ebo's given name was Elizabeth Louise. She was born April 10, 1924 in Bloomington, Illinois, as one of three children. Her mother died when she was four and in the next two years, during the height of the Depression, her father lost his job and the family home. The Ebo siblings were placed in the McLean County Home for Colored Children in Bloomington, where she lived from 1930 to 1942. She was baptized a Catholic December 19, 1942. She was determined to attend a Catholic nursing school but faced numerous rejections because of race until she attended St. Mary's Infirmary School of Nursing in St. Louis, run by the Sisters of St. Mary. In 1946, she also became one of the first three African-American women to enter the Sisters of St. Mary. She received the name Sister Mary Antona and professed final vows in 1954. She was a founding

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member of the National Black Sisters' Conference and served as its president. In 1989, the conference awarded her the Harriet Tubman Award for being 'called to be a Moses to the people'. Ebo received honorary doctorates and many awards in recognition for her courage and insight on civil rights. She was the only African-American sister to march with the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. in the legendary protest for voting rights in Selma on March 10, 1965. Where she told the crowd at the time, 'I'm here because I'm Negro, a nun, a Catholic, and because I want to bear witness'. In a recent interview, shortly before her death, she said, 'If we have to keep talking about keeping the dream alive, then what have we been doing for it still to be a dream? Martin was our dreamer; his dream was for his time. Who are our dreamers today? You have to search kind of hard to find people with new dreams appropriate for our time'. Sister Ebo, she died on November 11, 2017 at a retirement community outside St. Louis, Missouri. She was 93. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Skillicorn, for what reason do you rise?"

Skillicorn: "Point of personal privilege, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Skillicorn: "Sunday was the Hustle up Hancock and I heard a couple of Legislators joined us to do the stairs. I see Representative Fine, I believe Representative Burke, and Representative Welch. If I forgot someone feel free to shout and let us know, but it's for a good cause. I always think that Legislators sweating together promotes an environment that we can work together. And I also want to point out that

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many state employees and statehouse aides and employees also did the similar event here in Springfield at the Wyndham. So, I just want to thank everyone. And again, people who can sweat together can work together. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you. Representative Jimenez, for what reason do you rise?"

Jimenez: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "Your point."

Jimenez: "Just real quickly, Representative Tim Butler and I have been trying to highlight local Springfield businesses while we're all in town and tomorrow we are going to be hosting Monty's Submarines back in Leader Brady's office. And so, it's open to Legislators and staff. And it's another local business, Monty's that is located in both Representative Butler and my district. All are welcome."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you very much. Representative David Harris, for what reason do you rise?"

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to say a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Harris, D.: "Thank you. I'd like a thought about Illinois, as a matter of fact. You know, I know the turnstiles at the border only go in one direction now, and that's out. And our state will probably be depopulated within a year or two because of our tax burden, but you know, I thought I'd do a little bit of a comparison between Illinois and some other states. And I recognize that we did lose some population last year and Illinois has now slipped to the sixth largest state in the union versus the fifth. We're slightly behind Pennsylvania

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and then just behind us is Ohio. So I said, Pennsylvania's got about 12.8 million people, the same as us. Ohio is about 11.7, so roughly about 12 million people. And I thought I'd do a comparison on the general revenue funds of those three states. Now last year, based on the actions that this Legislature took, we appropriated about \$35.5 billion for our General Revenue Fund. By the way, I trust you notice that the Governor in his budget message appropriated \$37.8 billion, the full amount of what is bringing... the tax revenue is bringing in. But let me turn back to Pennsylvania and Ohio for a second. Remember, our appropriations last year were about \$35.5 billion. Pennsylvania, a state about the same, had a general revenue fund of \$37 billion. Ohio, a state that has roughly 900 thousand less people, had a general revenue fund of \$35.4 billion. So perhaps, just perhaps, it takes about \$35 billion to run a state of 12 million people and provide the services that are needed for the citizens of that state. Just suggesting, I recognize we have lots of challenges, and if we didn't have that pension monkey on our back, we'd be a lot better off. But you know what, in terms of our overall tax revenue, we're right in line with our other states. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Winger, for what reason do you rise?"

Winger: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Winger: "Thank you. Representative Marty Moylan and I are hosting an O'Hare Noise Legislative meeting. It's tomorrow at 10:15

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a.m. in the Capitol Building Room 122A and all Members of the Body are welcome. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you. Representative Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank... thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Davidsmeyer: "So, this is... this is kind of serious. As the weather starts to warm up, you're going to see a lot more IDOT crews out fixing our roads from the impact of the winter. There's a lot of people out there patching roads and doing things like that. Just yesterday, a major accident happened in... in my home county just outside of Jacksonville. And there's a gentleman that... an IDOT worker, in the hospital right here in Springfield, that is in serious condition. I had a couple of friends that were close to being there. They got rear-ended by a truck while they were trying to pass roads... or pass... patch roads. And I just want to make sure that everybody thinks about what they're doing while they're driving our roads. There's a lot of crews out there. We want to make sure that we're safe. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you very much. Agreed Resolutions, Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 822, offered by Representative Welch. House Resolution 823, offered by Representative Crespo. House Resolution 825, offered by Representative Harper. House Resolution 827, offered by Representative Evans. House Resolution 833, offered by Representative Keith Wheeler. House Resolution 839, offered by Representative Bristow. House Resolution 840, offered by Representative Daniel Burke. House Resolution 848, offered by

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Representative McAuliffe. House Resolution 854, offered by Representative Durkin. House Resolution 855, offered by Representative Andrade. House Resolution 857, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 858, offered Representative Slaughter. House Resolution 859, offered by Representative Greg Harris. House Resolution 861, offered by Representative Sommer. House Resolution 862, offered by Representative Soto. House Resolution 863, offered by Representative Soto. House Resolution 864, offered by Representative Soto. House Resolution 866, offered bv Representative Evans. And House Resolution 867, offered by Representative Meier."

- Speaker Currie: "Representative Lang moves adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Clerk, would you please read the committee schedule for the afternoon."
- Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting at 3:00; Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education is meeting in Room 413, Economic Opportunity in D-1, Labor in Room 118, Insurance-Health & Life in Room 122, Judiciary-Criminal in Room 114, the Agriculture & Conservation Committee was canceled. Meeting at 4:00 is Consumer Protection in 122, Environment in D-1, Financial Institutions in Room 115, Cities & Villages in C-1."
- Speaker Currie: "Thank you. Now, two announcements. Democrats will caucus immediately after adjournment in Room 114.

  Republicans will caucus in Room 118. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Lang moves that the House of Representatives stands adjourned until

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Wednesday, February 28 at the hour of noon. The House is adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Report. Representative Greg Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Human Services reports the following committee action taken on February 27, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1573, Floor Amendment #8 to Senate Bill 1773. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 824, offered by Representative Ives. House Resolution 826, offered by Representative D'Amico. House Resolution 828, offered by Representative Demmer. House Resolution 829, offered by Representative Demmer. House Resolution 831, offered by Representative Demmer. House Resolution 832, offered by Representative Demmer. House Resolution 834, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell. House Resolution 835, offered by Representative Cassidy. House Resolution 837, offered by Representative Hernandez. House Resolution 841, offered by Representative Conroy. House Resolution 842, offered by Representative Conroy. House Resolution 843, offered by Representative Jones. House Resolution 844, offered by Representative Turner. House Resolution 845, offered by Representative Meier. House Resolution 846, offered by Representative Olsen. House Resolution 847, offered by Representative Olsen. House Resolution 849, offered by Representative Bristow. House Resolution 850, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 851, offered by Representative Welch. House Resolution 852, offered by Representative Welch. House Resolution 853, offered by Representative Welch. House

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Resolution 860, offered by Representative Conroy. House Resolution 865, offered by Representative Keith Wheeler. House Resolution 868, offered by Representative McSweeney. House Joint Resolution 108, offered by Representative Willis. House Joint Resolution 109, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Joint Resolution 110, offered by Representative Winger. House Joint Resolution 111, offered by Representative Olsen. House Joint Resolution 112, offered by Representative Finnie. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5821, offered by Representative McCombie, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5822, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5823, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5824, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5825, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 456, offered by Representative Greg Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2226, offered by Representative Conroy, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2246, offered by Representative Welter, a Bill for an Act concerning Senate Bill 2278, offered by Representative Swanson, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2297, offered by Representative Reick, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2303, offered by Representative Severin, a Bill for an Act concerning local

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government. Senate Bill 2330, offered by Representative Hurley, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2421, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act 2436, liquor. Senate Bill offered concerning Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Senate Bill 2452, offered by Representative Sauer, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2461, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2488, offered by Representative Batinick, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. First Reading of these Senate Bills."

Clerk Bolin: "Introduction and First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #43, offered by Representative Spain.

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

#### ARTICLE IV

#### THE LEGISLATURE

#### SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COMPOSITION

(a) One Senator shall be elected from each Legislative District. Immediately following each decennial redistricting, the General Assembly by law shall divide the Legislative Districts as equally as possible into three groups. Senators from one group shall be elected for terms of four years, four

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years and two years; Senators from the second group, for terms of four years, two years and four years; and Senators from the third group, for terms of two years, four years and four years. The Legislative Districts in each group shall be distributed substantially equally over the State.

- (b) In 1982 and every two years thereafter one Representative shall be elected from each Representative District for a term of two years.
- Assembly, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 21 years old, and for the two years preceding his election or appointment a resident of the district which he is to represent. In the general election following a redistricting, a candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any district which contains a part of the district in which he resided at the time of the redistricting and reelected if a resident of the new district he represents for 18 months prior to reelection.
- (d) Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by appointment as provided by law. If the vacancy is in a Senatorial office with more than twenty-eight months remaining in the term, the appointed Senator shall serve until the next general election, at which time a Senator shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy is in a Representative office or in any other Senatorial office, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the term. An appointee to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as the person he succeeds.

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(e) No member of the General Assembly shall receive compensation as a public officer or employee from any other governmental entity for time during which he is in attendance as a member of the General Assembly. No member of the General Assembly during the term for which he was elected or appointed shall be appointed to a public office which shall have been created or the compensation for which shall have been increased by the General Assembly during that term.

#### SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

- (a) As used in this Section, "consumer price index-u" means the index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or a successor agency that measures the average change in prices of goods and services purchased by all urban consumers, United States city average, all items, 1982-84=100.
- (b) Each Legislative District, Representative District, and Congressional District shall, in the following order of priority:
- (1) fully comply with the United States Constitution and federal laws, such as the federal Voting Rights Act;
  - (2) be substantially equal in population;
- (3) provide racial minorities and language minorities with the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice;
- (4) provide racial minorities and language minorities who constitute less than a voting-age majority of a Legislative District, Representative District, or Congressional District with an opportunity to substantially influence the outcome of an election;

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- (5) be contiquous;
- (6) be compact;
- (7) respect, to the extent practical, geographic integrity of units of local government;
- (8) respect, to the extent practical, communities sharing common social or economic interests;
- (9) and not discriminate against or in favor of any political party or individual.
- (c) No later than August 30 of the year that each federal decennial census occurs, the Chief Justice and the most senior Supreme Court Judge who is not elected from the same political party as the Chief Justice shall select 16 commissioners to form an Independent Redistricting Commission. The commissioners must reflect the ethnic, gender, and racial demographics of Illinois, 14 of the commissioners must represent, in equal number, the two political parties whose gubernatorial candidates received the greatest number of votes in the last gubernatorial election and two of the commissioners must represent neither of those parties. There must be at least two commissioners from each Judicial District.
- (d) A person is ineligible to serve on the Commission if within the previous four calendar years the person or his or her spouse or immediate family member was appointed or elected to a position with the State, federal, or local government; is a State employee; is a lobbyist as defined by law; has an ownership interest in an entity with a State or federal contract; or is appointed or elected to serve a political party. A commissioner is ineligible for a period of 10 years

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to serve in the General Assembly or to be appointed to a position subject to Senate confirmation. Commissioners must file financial disclosure statements and abide by any ethics requirements established by law.

- (e) The Commission shall act in public meetings by the affirmative vote of 10 commissioners. The Commission shall elect its chairperson and vice chairperson, who shall not be affiliated with the same political party. Each meeting of the Commission shall be open to the public and there must be public notice at least seven days before a meeting. All records of the Commission, including all communications to or from the Commission regarding the work of the Commission, shall be available for public inspection. The Commission shall adopt rules governing its procedures. The Commission shall be considered a public body subject to the Freedom of Information Act or a successor Act and the Open Meetings Act or a successor Act. Commissioners and staff may not communicate with or receive communications about redistricting matters from anyone outside of a public hearing.
- (f) The Commission shall hold at least 20 public hearings throughout the State before adopting a redistricting plan, with a majority occurring before the Commission releases any proposed redistricting plan and at least 10 public hearings must occur throughout the State after the release of any proposed redistricting plan. The Commission must provide a meaningful opportunity for racial minorities and language minorities to participate in the public hearings, including, but not limited to, issuing notices in multiple languages and

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ensuring that translation services are available at all hearings at the Commission's expense or through partnership with outside organizations. These public hearings must be open to all members of the public and must be planned to encourage attendance and participation across the State, including the use of technology that allows for real-time, virtual participation and feedback during the hearings. When releasing a proposed redistricting plan, the Commission must also release population data, geographic data, election data, and any other data used to create the plan, when the Commission receives this information. The Commission must also provide terminals for members of the public to access the data and associated software. During the map drawing process, any member of the public may submit maps for consideration to the Commission. Those submissions are public records that are open to comment. The Commission may not adopt redistricting plan until the Commission adopts and publishes a report explaining the plan's compliance with the United States Constitution and Illinois Constitution. Before the adoption of a redistricting plan, the Commission shall release to the public the final plan and its associated compliance report. The meeting to vote on adoption of a redistricting plan shall occur no sooner than 30 days after the release of the final plan and its associated compliance report. All proposed and adopted maps and any data used to develop these maps are public records. The Commission shall maintain a website or other similar electronic platform to disseminate information about the Commission, including records of its meetings and hearings, proposed redistricting

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plans, assessments and reports on plans, and to allow the public to view its meetings and hearings in both live and archived form. The website or electronic platform must allow the public to submit redistricting plans and comments on redistricting plans to the Commission for its consideration. (g) The Commission shall adopt and file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan for the Legislative Districts, Representative Districts, and Congressional Districts by August 1 of the year following the federal decennial census. The Commission may adopt separate redistricting plans for the Legislative Districts, the Representative Districts, and the Congressional Districts.

- (h) If the Commission fails to adopt and file a redistricting plan by August 1 of the year following a federal decennial census, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the most senior Supreme Court Judge who is not elected from the same political party as the Chief Justice shall appoint, by August 8, a seventeenth member to the Commission. The seventeenth member of the Commission must not be affiliated with either major political party. The 17-member Commission shall adopt and file with the Secretary of State redistricting plans for the Legislative Districts, Representative Districts, and Congressional Districts by September 1 of the year following the federal decennial census.
- (i) Members of the Commission shall be compensated at the rate of \$300 for each day the member is engaged in Commission business. For each succeeding Commission, the rate of compensation shall be adjusted in each year of the federal decennial census by the cumulative change in inflation based

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on the consumer price index-u or a successor metric. Members of the Commission are eligible for reimbursement of personal expenses incurred in connection with the duties performed pursuant to this act. A member's residence is deemed to be the member's post of duty for purposes of reimbursement of expenses.

(j) In the year before each federal decennial census, the Governor shall include in the budget submitted under Section 2 of Article VIII to the General Assembly amounts of funding for the Commission and the Secretary of State that are sufficient to meet the estimated expenses of each of those officers or entities in implementing the redistricting process required by this Section for a 3-year period, including, but not limited to, adequate funding for a statewide outreach program to solicit broad public participation in the redistricting process. The Governor shall also make adequate office space available for the operation of the Commission. The Legislature shall make the necessary appropriation in a budget implementation Act, and the appropriation shall be available during the entire 3-year appropriation shall be available during the entire three-year period. The appropriation made shall be equal to the greater of \$3,000,000 or the amount expended in accordance with this immediately preceding redistricting subsection in the process, as each amount is adjusted by the cumulative change in inflation based on the consumer price index-u or a successor metric, since the date of the immediately preceding appropriation made in accordance with this subsection. The Legislature may make additional appropriations in any year

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that it determines that the Commission requires additional funding in order to fulfill its duties. The Commission, with fiscal oversight from the Comptroller or its successor, shall have procurement and contracting authority and may hire staff and consultants, for the purposes of this Section, including legal representation.

- (k) A redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed valid and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of State.
- (1) 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. Each person who resides or is domiciled in the State, or whose executive office or principal place of business is located in the State, may bring an action in court of competent jurisdiction to obtain any of the relief available.

#### SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to redistricting beginning in 2021 and to the election of General Assembly members beginning in 2022. This has been the First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #43. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."