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Speaker Manley: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by the Very Reverend Esequiel Sanchez who is the rector of the Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe in Des Plaines. Very Reverend Sanchez is the guest of Representative Villa. Members and guests are asked to refrain from staring their laptops, turn off cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Very Reverend Sanchez."

Very Reverend Sanchez: "A reading from the book of Exodus, 'And the Lord said to Moses, I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. Now therefore let me alone that my wrath may burn hot against them and they may be consumed, but of you I shall make a great nation. But Moses begged the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with mighty hand? Why should they say, with evil intent he brought them forth, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them with the face of the earth? Turn from your fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servant, to whom you swore for your own self, and said to them, I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and all this land I will promise, I will give you and your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever. And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to put upon his people.' We come here this morning, so often with so many challenging issues before us, and the scriptures today remind us that there is no people that is perfect. That there is no people with such a just cause that it cannot listen to

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the words of another. Moses was tempted by the limitations of the people he loved. And yet at the same time, stands before his own God and dialogues with him. Tempted with saying, let's wipe the slate clean and I start again with you. Yet, Moses said, no, no, this is a great people because you are with us. And so I have to stand before you... so often we have to stand before adversity and the promise of a better day. And in that struggle, which Israel had said himself found, is the struggle between what we hold most dear and the process of guiding others to seeing that precious light that we see in our own hearts. Lord, bless our brothers and sisters who are responsible for our brothers and sisters in the State of Illinois, who are concerned with justice and well-being, who are concerned with right judgement and courage, who are concerned with inspiration and love, who are concerned with children and families, who are concerned with so many things, oh Lord. They may not always be appreciated or understood. There may be a moment where they themselves find themselves before you and the people they represent, but be merciful to our decisions and send us your gift of wisdom and understanding. Oh Lord, give us your peace. Amen."

Speaker Manley: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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Speaker Manley: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Harris is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Harris: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. There are no excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle today."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Butler is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. On the Republican side of the aisle, the party of Ulysses Grant, we, too, have no excused absences today."

Speaker Manley: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 106 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Rules Report. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on March 5, 2019: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 909, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2173, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2261, and Floor Amendment #2 to House Joint Resolution 1."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Marron, for what reason do you rise?"

Marron: "Madam Speaker, point of personal privilege."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Marron: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Every day in the month of March, a Member of my Caucus will be honoring one of the many outstanding women that have done so much to contribute to the history of the great State of Illinois. Today I offer a

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tribute to an outstanding women who was a trailblazer in the legal profession for women, who has dedicated her life to service in the Illinois court system, and who has been an inspiration to people all over the State of Illinois and especially my home of Vermilion County. On November 19, 1943, Rita B. Garman was born in Aurora, Illinois. She graduated from Oswego High School as the valedictorian of her class in 1961. In 1965, she received a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Illinois with a Bronze Tablet distinction. From there she went to the University of Iowa to attend law school. In 1968, in her graduating class of over 150, only 5 were women. At a time when women were discouraged from entering into the legal profession, the dean of the college of law was accepting, but he was a rarity. Numerous times Rita was asked why, as a woman, she would want to try to pursue a profession in law. She was told time again that as a woman that she did not belong. She graduated with her juris doctorate in 1968 with distinction and set out trying to find employment. Her first job offer was as a trust officer at a bank in the City of Chicago. And while contemplating whether or not she wanted to take that position, she found out that a male colleague in her graduating class was offered an identical position for \$1500 a year more than what she was offered. Which in 1968, was a significant amount of money. Her husband, Gill, who she met at the University of Illinois, received a job offer in Danville, Illinois, at a law office and they moved there in mid-1968. When Rita got to town, she went about trying to find work, but was frustrated. She was routinely asked, well, what would we do with you? Can you

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make coffee? And how well do you type? She finally got her break when the legal aid office at the Vermilion County courthouse that was under consideration for closure, needed somebody to run its operations. She was hired with the understanding that the job was day to day and that it could close at any time. She was appointed associate judge in 1973. At that time she was one of only eight women in the state of Illinois to be a judge. In 1986, she became a circuit judge. In 1995, she joined the Appellate Court. In late 2001, she was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court and she was elected to that court on November 5, 2002. She served as Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court between October 2013 and October 2016, and she still holds that position until 2022. Justice Rita Garman was the first woman judge in her circuit. She was the second woman to serve on the Illinois Supreme Court. The second woman to serve as Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court. The first woman to serve in those capacities from downstate. She is the longest serving female judge in the history of the State of Illinois and she is the only woman judge to serve at every level of the Illinois Court System. She has served with honor and distinction throughout her career, she has earned a reputation as a fair and honorable jurist, and she is a trailblazer that has shattered barriers and provided inspiration to people who face challenges and adversity. She's done all of this while reaching the pinnacle of her profession and doing so with class and dignity and above all else, humility. She is a great person who loves her friends, her family, her community of Danville, and the State of Illinois. She is a personal

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inspiration to me and too many people that live in Vermilion County. I cannot think of a better role model for my eight-year-old daughter than Rita Garman. She shows what an individual from Danville, Illinois, can accomplish if they work hard and they never give up. So on this day in Women's History Month, join me in honoring Illinois's Supreme Court Justice, Rita Garman. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "On page 7 of the Calendar, under Order of Agreed Resolutions, we have House Resolution 130, offered by Leader Gordon-Booth. Would the Members please rise? Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 130, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. Be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend Mary Patton for her continued work in support of the aging population in Illinois as a volunteer for AARP."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Before us, in the Speaker's Gallery, I have members and volunteers from the AARP, and they have all come... and I'm proud to work with AARP for all the phenomenal work that they do, not just in my community, but across the state. The beautiful women in purple, right there in the middle is who we're honoring today. The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to commend Mary Patton, 82 years young, on her continuing work as a volunteer lobbyist for AARP. Mary Patton is an outspoken champion on policies regarding elder abuse and financial exploitation. She believes in empowering all citizens to raise their voices to make a difference. She

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served as an AARP Illinois lobbyist for 20 years and represents Peoria County and AARP as a member of the Peoria County Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee. Mary Patton served on the AARP Illinois Executive Council, where she championed consumer protections and senior services for all residents of the state. She was a key advisor and AARP champion during the nursing home reform negotiations and law drafting in 2010. She was featured as an AARP Illinois spokesperson in local and statewide media coverage and was featured in AARP's national January publication on the budget and fiscal climate in Illinois. She was part of the negotiations in addressing statehouse reforms of both the power of attorney statutes as well as pay day lending laws, as well as various other issues regarding security freeze usage on credit reports in Illinois. She was awarded the AARP Andrus Award for Community Service. Mary Patton is ardently concerned about safeguarding the landline services of seniors and maintaining low rates on utilities. She has fought to protect home and community-based funding for the aging populations in Illinois and their family caregivers. She lobbied for five years on a volunteer basis to enact the Secure Choice into State Law. Mary Patton is a passionate member of the Illinois League of Women Voters and has heightened the recognition of women through her work, including myself. She possesses an unbreakable spirit and is known around the rail as an outspoken champion for the 40-plus community. A mother, a grandmother, Mary Patton is a 55-year resident of Peoria and has been married to her husband, Dean, for those 55 years. She is an active member of All Saints

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Greek Orthodox Church in Peoria. She shaped the minds and spirits of countless Peoria elementary students as a science teacher in Peoria's elementary school system and also taught high school science for Air Force Dependents Schools in England and Newfoundland. She was elected Peoria County Circuit Clerk three times. She has been an unwavering voice for the protection and enhancement of all services for the aging population in Illinois for families and caregivers. Mary Patton is a woman who we have all seen for years down here whether it be in the Stratton building waiting patiently to go in and visit with respective members to fight for seniors and senior issues, you see her in the Capitol. And Mary, I have thought many times about how bad my feet hurt on this Capitol floor and I see Mary zooming by and I realize I gotta suck it up. Because if Mary could do this for decades so can I. Mary has been a champion for women's issues, for senior issues for so long and I was honored to be able to work with AARP to honor a woman who has been on this Earth for 82 years and who has given so much of herself to her entire community. I would like to invite any of the Members of the Illinois House who are champions of AARP, I'm sure that you all know Mary, to please join me in cosponsoring this House Resolution for Miss Mary Patton."

Speaker Manley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Unes on the Resolution."

Unes: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, let me say thank you to Leader Jehan Gordon-Booth for bringing this Resolution forward. I, too, just want to say thank you and congratulations to Mary Patton. I've known Mary, and Mary you



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can remember me as a small boy. I've known her pretty much my whole life from our Pleasant Valley Grade School days and her lobbying on issues even then. I remember her talking about issues to the school board that she was very passionate about then. So, Mary, we thank you for your unwavering service to the State of Illinois. And to everyone that has known you, they know that when they are before you, they are before a very kind and gentle person who is very passionate and loving and caring on the things that she is lobbying for. So I was grateful to be able to get to know you here again when I came in 2011 you were one of the very first people that I saw, I remember. And I, too, like Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth, were very impressed with how you could just get to so many people so quickly in the Capitol. So congratulations to you, Mary, and thank you for everything that you do."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gordon-Booth moves for the adoption of House Resolution 130. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting at 2:00: Appropriations - Elementary & Secondary Education is meeting in D-1, Agriculture & Conservation in Room 115, Insurance in Room 114, Public Utilities in Room 118, Transportation - Regulation, Roads & Bridges in C-1, Adoption & Child Welfare in Room 122. Meeting at 4:00 is Energy & Environment in Room 114, Financial Institutions in C-1, Health Care Availability & Accessibility in Room 122, Cities & Villages in D-1, Judiciary - Criminal in Room 118."

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Speaker Manley: "Representative Weber, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Weber: "Point of personal privilege, Ma'am."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Weber: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would just like to recognize today that we have with us in Springfield, the board members of the Lake County Municipal League. We also have Mayor of Fox Lake, Donny Schmit, Mayor of Lindenhurst, Dominic Marturano, and we also have from Round Lake Beach trustee, Scott Nickels, joining us in the gallery here today. So Scott, wave. Anyway, just like to welcome them to Springfield in joining us."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Mason, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Mason: "Thank you. In celebration of Women's History Month, on behalf of the Democratic Women's House Caucus, I stand today to celebrate the life of one of Illinois' very own, who has not only paved the way for Illinois women, but for individuals all across our nation. Jane Addams, who was born on September 6, 1860 and died on May 21, 1935, was known as the mother of social work. She was known for being the leading activist during the settlement housing movement. She went on to become the first woman to receive a Nobel Peace Prize in 1931. Addams was born in Cedarville, Illinois, which I believe is Katie Stuart's district. She was the eighth of nine children. Jane's mother, Sarah Addams, died when she was two years old. Jane's older sister took care of her from that point on. When Jane

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was a child she had a congenital spinal defect that restricted her from most physical activity. Jane Addams discovered settlement houses while abroad in London. Addams proclaimed that from that moment she would bring the model back to the United States. In 1889, Addams and Ellen Gates Starr founded the Hull House in Chicago. And for my fellow University of Illinois Caucus Members who attended UIC, you'll remember the Hull House right on the border there of the UIC campus. This was the first settlement house in the United States. The goal was for women to share knowledge with poor people in the community on various skills ranging from literature to art. Addams also tried to improve society. She was successful at lobbying on behalf of the juvenile court system and protective labor legislative for women, to name a few. Jane Addams was a prominent leader during the 20th Century. Although, she faced various health strains, she fought for equality and for her voice to be heard in society. Her voice was heard round the world and she was a trailblazer for activism. Please join me in remembering the life of Jane Addams. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Williams, for what reason to you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Manley: "Please, proceed."

Williams: "I just want to introduce some very special guests who have joined us in the gallery today. My friend and my former intern, who has also interned for Kelly Cassidy. We are joined by Grayson Alexander and Hannah Cricher. And they are here spending their spring break, not in Fort Lauderdale, but here in Springfield with us this year. Both sophomores at Loyola,

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Grayson has been a dear friend and has been a longtime activist for transgender persons and the LGBTQ community. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Stuart, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Stuart: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Manley: "Please, proceed."

Stuart: "Thank you. Well, I was... I have two Pages here and they have not be escorted to the floor yet, so I'm disappointed I don't a chance to introduce them. But I do have their grandparents, Ben and Kathy Dickmann, who brought them here from our area. And then I also have another special guest up in the gallery. Marc Parker if you could stand, please. Mark is one of the most humble guys I've ever known. So it doesn't surprise me that he would not want to brag about himself so I felt that I had to do this for him. He was recently named the IHSA Official of the Year for boys' basketball. Mark has been a licensed basketball official for 34 years. I've watched my fair share of high school boys and girls basketball games and I know how stressful they can be. I have seen Mark in action locally many times. I'm always impressed with his cool demeanor and his professionalism on the court. I know that when our local coaches and athletic directors see that he is one of the refs assigned to their games, they breathe a sigh of relief, because they know he's gonna keep things smooth and controlled. In addition to being an official for the last 34 years, he's been an IHSA clinician for 8, which means he helps train other referees. He's worked 14 regional tournaments, 9 sectionals, 3 super-sectionals, and for the

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last 2 years he's worked the state finals. Last year, he worked the 4A State Championship game and I believe everybody was happy with the results of that game. He's an attorney with a practice in Maryville, and he's joined here today by his wife Stephanie. And I wish we could give him a nice Springfield welcome."

Speaker Manley: "The Chair recognizes Leader Willis for the purposes of an announcement."

Willis: "Thank you, Madam Chair. The Democrats will caucus in Room 114 upon adjournment today."

Speaker Manley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Butler for the purposes of an announcement."

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Republicans will also caucus upon adjournment today."

Speaker Manley: "Immediately following adjournment, Democrats will caucus in Room 114 and the Republicans will caucus in Room 118. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 155, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 158, offered by Representative Moylan. House Resolution 159, offered by Representative Walsh. House Resolution 160, offered by Representative Brady. House Resolution 161, offered by Representative Evans."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Willis moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, March 6, at

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the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3797, offered by Representative Welter, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 156, offered by Representative Skillicorn and House Resolution 157, offered by Representative Moylan are referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."