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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1515, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Harris: "The House will be in order. Members will please be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Driss El-Akrich who is with the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield. Driss El-Akrich is the guest of Representative Villa. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones and pagers, and please rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance."

El-Akrich: "First of all, let me thank you deeply for having me here, today, in the Statehouse with the people that I admire on a daily basis. Let's pray. [Recited in Hebrew] In the name of God, the most gracious, most merciful. Our creator and guide, as the Illinois Statehouse seeks to participate in your own loving care for the people of our beloved state, bestow upon them the wisdom, the love, and the power to make right choices. Our Lord, we acknowledge that you have created us of many tribes, so we seek your help to meet the cultures and races where women and men of different talents may find in each other the fulfillment of the common humanity. Our Lord, we ask that you would grant our Legislators an extra measure of vision, creativity, and courage to confront the challenges and address the opportunities before them today. Oh Lord, we thank you for the women and men who serve in this Body. Keep them mindful of the true power that comes through genuine service. Our Lord, you are the embodiment of peace and the possessor of peace. Grant us your peace, peace in our

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homes, peace in our public places, peace in our places of worship, and peace in our hearts. Our Lord, where there is ignorance, grant us knowledge. Where there is ego, grant us the safety of the group. Where there is discord, grant us harmony. And where there is emptiness, grant us unity in your oneness. Lord, we ask that you accept our prayer as we collectively affirm that desire by saying, Amen."

Speaker Harris: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Murphy."

Murphy - 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."

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

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representative Ramirez."

Speaker Harris: "Speaker... I'm sorry. Representative Wheeler is recognized to report any excused absences... I'm sorry. Representative Butler is recognized to do any... report excused absences on the Republican side."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the Journal reflect that Representatives Bryant and Morrison are excused today."

Speaker Harris: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 115 Members present, answering the roll, a quorum is present and we are ready to conduct business. Could we ask all Members to please take their seats? And could we ask all Members to please take their

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seats? Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my honor and privilege, today, to introduce to you the Consul General of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Jian Zhao. Born in Shandong Province in October 1971, the Consul General has served in a number of very important posts representing the People's Republic of China, including positions as a staff member in the Department of Treaty and Law in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has been an Attaché at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. Served in the Department of North American and Oceanian Affairs for the MFA. And most recently has served as Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Melbourne, Australia. He is the eleventh Consul General of the People's Republic to serve in the City of Chicago and the Midwest region. Mr. Zhao Jian is married with a daughter. And we are very pleased to have him here with us today. Mr. Consul General."

Consul General Zhao: "Thanks to the Floor Majority Leader, the Honorable Mr. Gregory Harris and also the Honorable Minority Leader, the Honorable Members of the House. Ladies and Gentlemen, dear friends, it is my great privilege to visit Springfield, this very beautiful city, and it is my great privilege to visit the House and to have this opportunity to meet the Members of the House. And actually, it has been almost 2 months since my arrival in Chicago as the Chinese Consul General. And I came at a time when our two countries were celebrating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the United States. Over the past 40 years, our relationship has gone through a lot and made historic progress. It has not only brought real,

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great benefits to our two peoples but also contributed, significantly, to global peace, stability, and prosperity. China and the United States are each other's largest trading partners and China is U.S. third largest export market. Of course, Illinois has always played a very important role in the development of our nation's relations. Last year, about 10 provincial officials from China visited Illinois. For years on end, China has been Illinois' second largest trading partner and third largest export market. And the more than 16 thousand Chinese students are starting and learning at universities across the state. We are very happy to learn that both Houses of the Illinois General Assembly have proposed Resolutions commemorating the 40th anniversary of China-U.S. diplomatic relations. And just now, the Honorable Floor Majority Leader has presented me the Resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of our diplomatic relations adopted in the House. And this serves as a reflection of the high caliber, mutually beneficial, cooperative relations between Illinois and China which we highly appreciate. As an ancient Chinese saying goes, one should have no doubts and have no puzzles at the age of 40. So after 40 years, the China-U.S. relations have now entered a new phase. While great changes have taken place in our relationship, many things about the China-U.S. relations have remained unchanged. The importance of this relationship to the welfare of our people and the people around the world. The fact that our common interests far outweigh the differences. The mutually beneficial nature of our bilateral cooperation. The need for our two countries to seek common

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ground while dissolving differences on the basis of mutual respect and mutual trust. And the goodwill and friendly sentiment between our two peoples and their desire to increase mutual understanding, friendship, and cooperation. So none of these things have changed. We support the strengthening of the exchanges and the cooperation between Illinois' General Assembly and the local legislative bodies in China. And welcome more Senators and Representatives to China for a visit. And the Consulate General is more than willing to provide assistance and convenience to make this visit come true. And, of course, nowadays there were a lot of talks about the relations between China and the United States, but we know that we believe that there are still wide-ranging, common interests between us. And actually, China has gone a far way to develop its economy and to improve the people's livelihood. And we know both of our two peoples, both of our two countries are working very hard to bring better life for the people. So actually, China is working continuously to build its economy, to bring better life to the Chinese people. And we always believe that the better life for the people can only come from hard work, from diligence, from innovation. And that better life can only come from mutually beneficial cooperation with foreign countries, with our friends in the world. And, in that process, the mutual exchanges, the mutual learning have always played very important roles. And so, we do believe that that nature always constitute a very important basis for the continued growth of China-U.S. relations. And we, as two biggest economies in the world, two very important countries in the world, we have taken responsibility of not

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only bringing better life for our two peoples but also, for bring more prosperity, more stability, and a common development to the world people. So in that regard, China is quite resolute to work together with our American friends. And here in Chicago, in Illinois, the Chinese Consulate General will do whatever we can to further promote the economic trade, cultural links between Illinois and China. We will work for the more benefit of our people. And in that regard, we believe that the further development of China-U.S. relations will continue to gather support and assistance from the Assembly and Members here. And thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. And we look forward to work hard, together, with our friends here. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the Consul General has offered to stay with us for a little while. If any of you would care to greet and introduce him, get pictures taken, he will be available here in the well."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Burke in the Chair. Representative Hammond, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hammond: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Hammond: "I would ask the Members of the chamber to join me in welcoming a group of ladies from the 93rd District including McDonough, Mason, and Fulton County that are up in the gallery. They are all members of the Republican Women's Group and happy to be here with us today. Please offer them a welcome."

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Speaker Burke: "Representative Bennett, so nice to see you back.
For what reason do you rise?"

Bennett: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. A couple things, point of
personal privilege, if I may?"

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Bennett: "Thank you. In the balcony or in the galley here are two
wonderful ladies. And if they could stand for just a moment?
The first is Blair Janis. Blair is a... 1 of 20 students from
the University of DePaul, to my left here in the back. She is
basically 1 of 20 students, she is shadowing me for the day.
And I'm sure with several of her co-workers or co-students,
they are also shadowing other State Representatives as well.
So she's been with me. And she's a smart young lady and glad
to have her with us. The next lady to her left is someone
who's been here before, and I'm very grateful, is my wife
Kathy. We are... I guess we... we are recovering from the car
accident that we had several weeks ago. We're doing much
better and it's very good to be here. I am glad to be here in
so many ways, good to see you. You guys look great on TV but
you look even better in person, you really do. And I'm sure
I have driven my wife absolutely crazy. So that's why she
said we got to get down to Springfield, we got to get back to
this. So, if you could give them both a wonderful, warm
Springfield welcome, please."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Thapedi, for what reason do you
rise?"

Thapedi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. A point of personal privilege,
as well as an announcement."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

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Thapedi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Members, today at... from 3:15 to 4:15 in Secretary Jesse White's Office in Room 213, we have some special guests for Members to meet, greet, and learn a little bit more about sports betting. We have the Chairman of the World Champion Chicago Bulls and Chicago White Sox, Jerry Reinsdorf here. We have the Rookie of the Year, All Star short stop, and the first Latino manager to win the World Series, Ozzie Guillen is in town. We have the four-time World Champion Chicago Bull Horace Grant here in town. We have Dan Spillane, the Senior Vice President from the National Basketball Association. And we also have Dan Halem, the Deputy Commissioner from Major League Baseball. Please, Members, come down and join us between 3:15 to 4:15 in Jesse White's Office to meet Chairman Reinsdorf, Mr. Guillen, Horace Grant, and the officials from NBA and MLB. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Swanson, for what reason do you rise?"

Swanson: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Swanson: "Madam Chair, once again, I'd like to introduce to you and the Members of the House, my Page for a day. His name is Austin Reed. He's a senior at Cambridge High School. Some of his activities in school include FFA. He's a member of their National Honor Society. He's on the JKB Leadership Group. He's a student council member. He plays football and track at Cambridge, Alwood, Ridgewood schools. His community activities include 4-H, Henry County Beef and Pork Ambassador, and a member of St. John Catholic Church. His future includes going to Oklahoma State, where he will study

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animal science. His parents are Blake and Angela Reed and... just don't live too far away from me. And he's here today with Steve Brown, the administrator for the Village of Cambridge. So if we may, give Austin a warm welcome to the Capitol. Thank..."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Hurley, for what reason do you rise?"

Hurley: "Thank you, Madam... Mrs. Speaker. I have a Page for the day, his name is Jacob Floerke. You guys were so kind that he's actually... this his second visit down here, so thank you for that. He plays sports, he's in acting, and he plays the trumpet. And, we did question him on the way over if he was Sox fan or a Cubs fan. And his dad has worked for the Cardinals and the Sox so the only thing he committed to, he says, I can't be a Cubs fan. So, if you'd please welcome Jacob today."

Speaker Burke: "Smart man, Jacob. Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Moylan, for what reason do you rise?"

Moylan: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Moylan: "Today, I'd like you to join me in welcoming the Grassroots Advocates from the Alzheimer Association to the Capitol. Hundreds of advocates in their purple slashes have joined us from all over the state to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease and promote legislation to ensure people living with Alzheimer's, and their caregivers, receive the services they need from our state. Let's give them a warm welcome to the House. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Spain, for what reason do you rise?"

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Spain: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Spain: "Thank you, so much. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's my honor, today, to have two Pages with me, and they're excited to be in Springfield. I'd love to introduce them to you. First, here is Aaron Payne. He's a seventh grader, honor student at Chillicothe Junior High School. He's a straight A student. He just finished a great season in the Scholastic Bowl and participates in chorus as well. Aaron, thank you so much for being here. And next is Jaxon Hicks, who is the Student Council President at Germantown Hills Middle School, where he's in eighth grade. He's an Honor Student as well and is a second baseman on a travel baseball team. It's a great honor to have these two young leaders here joining me today in Springfield from my district. Please give a warm Springfield welcome to these fine young men. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Windhorst, for what reason do you rise?"

Windhorst: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Windhorst: "I am pleased today to have two Pages with me, both from Pope County High School. I have Jacob Lemon and Kaleb Schuut. And they are juniors at Pope County, are both fine young men and we're happy to have them in Springfield. They participate in a number of activities in Pope County and are tremendous for their communities. So I'd ask for a warm Springfield welcome for my Pages."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Keicher, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Burke: "Proceed."

Keicher: "Thank you. I rise, today, to recognize the success of Northern Illinois University's Model Illinois Government Team. During the recent competition, they won the Outstanding Large Delegation Award at the 41st Annual Model Illinois Government Legislative Simulation held here February 28 through March 3. The team's faculty advisor, Dr. Scot Schraufnagel is to be congratulated, along with the entire team from the Department of Political Science at Northern Illinois University. As we're all aware, teaching civics is critically important, perhaps now more than ever, and these students have made NIU, the community to be proud of their achievement. They're our next generation of civic leaders and policy makers and I wanted to issue them a congratulations and work well done. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Feigenholtz, for what reason do you rise?"

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm rising to announce that tomorrow at 11 a.m., we will be gathering for the annual Holocaust Memorial at the Old State Capitol at 11 a.m. Please join us."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Davidsmeyer, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Davidsmeyer: "I believe they snuck out, but earlier today we had a group from the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired.

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And I want to thank all of the Legislators that we contacted. That was their student government. But the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired has a number of students from throughout the state, from all of our districts and they provide an amazing service. And I learned something this morning, they actually... they actually service 65 babies from Rockford down to Marion who have been early detection of visibility issues. So they provide services, not just at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, but throughout the entire State of Illinois. So, I just want to make everyone aware of one of the wonderful services that is provided and based in my district. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Willis, for what reason do you rise?"

Willis: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Willis: "I'd like to invite those that have not already seen, the Illinois Fire Sprinkler Coalition has a fire sprinkler demonstration going on right now in front of the Capitol. It will be going on until 1:30. If you get there before 1:00 they'll give you a food voucher for watching how they can put out fires. So I invite everyone to do that."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Stuart, for what reason do you rise?"

Stuart: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Stuart: "I just want to take a minute to introduce to the Body, my Page for the day. This is Joseph Page. Joseph is a 15-year-old freshmen at Athens High School. He's a... participates

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in football, he runs mid distances in track, and he participates in swimming just to stay in shape. He's very energetic and he loves wildlife. He has a family history in the political sphere, so he's really interested in being here today and is hoping to learn a lot. He's joined by his mom Lauren, who, I don't know if she is still up in the gallery, but was up in the gallery earlier. And she may not agree with me, but I think it's okay, he's not 100 percent sure what his career path will be in the future. But just from getting to know him, I think he is going to have a bright future ahead of him. So please welcome Joseph."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Cabello, for what reason do you rise?"

Cabello: "Thank you, Madam Chairman. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Cabello: "Ladies and Gentlemen. Tomorrow at 11:00, right outside the Capitol here at the State Police Memorial and police... Fallen Police Officers Memorial, Representative Costello and I would like to invite you to come out to pay your respects. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Bennett, for what reason do you rise."

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

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Bennett: "Thank you. Just very briefly, one thing I noticed when I was gone, that there were a number of Oreo containers or packages on my desk. And I am really grateful for the packages that were here. Keith, I truly appreciate all your efforts on that. And I had no idea we had this many kinds of Oreo cookies,

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I had no idea. 'Game of Thrones' is what we have today. But I also do have a package here, it's individualized packages if someone would like to have them. If you need something to munch on while we're here through the course of the afternoon. But thank you very much."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Butler, for what reason do your rise?"

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

Speaker Burke: "Please Proceed."

Butler: "Thank you. It is my great honor to welcome a former Member of this very body behind us in the chamber here, up above. Mr. Lincoln, himself, and his wife Mary Todd Lincoln have joined us today. And I don't know if he gets access to the floor as a former Member, maybe he does, I'm not sure. But please welcome, actually, my good friends, George and Mona Buss from Freeport, who are Abe and Mary Todd, who are here on behalf of Museum Advocacy Day. Thank you for being here today, Mr. President."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Gabel, for what reason do you rise?"

Gabel: "Point of personal privilege, Madam Chairwoman."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Gabel: "Thank you. So, it is my pleasure, today, to introduce to the chamber, two young... they're not so young, but two women from Northwestern who are shadowing me. Sarah Bassett is a PHD candidate at Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine working on her doctorate in public health. She is studying how psychological circumstances effect physical well-being. I think we can understand that. And her goal is to work in

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public health policy. And Ryann Howard is pursuing a master's in public policy and administration at Northwestern School of Professional Studies. She is working towards a career in environment and climate policy. These two bright and hard-working young women are committed to making our world a more just and livable place. I'm happy to have them as my guests today, and please give them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Moeller, for what reason do you rise."

Moeller: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Moeller: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am happy to welcome a young man from DePaul University who is shadowing me this afternoon and was also here yesterday. His name is Jonathan Engleman and he is a master's... in the master's program at DePaul University studying public policy. So, please give him a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Mayfield, for what reason do you rise?"

Mayfield: "Thank you, everyone. I would like to draw your attention to the back of the chamber where we have the Mayor of the City of Waukegan here with us today. We would like to welcome him along with our Executive Director from YouthBuild and some of our students. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Caulkins, for what reason do you rise?"

Caulkins: "A point of personal privilege, Ma'am."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

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Caulkins: "Good afternoon. In the gallery, today, we have members of the Mahomet-Seymour High School Jazz Band and the Mahomet-Seymour Junior High School Jazz Band. They're on the Lincoln side, if they'd stand up. I think they pretty well filled the back of the gallery. They're here today with their band director, Mr. Michael Stevens and Assistant Band Director Mr. Philip Meyer. The Mahomet-Seymour High School Jazz Band is being recognized as the recipient of the first place in high school, Class A and High School Grand Champion at the Eastern Illinois University Jazz Festival on February 9. The Mahomet-Seymour Junior High School Jazz Band is being recognized today as the recipient of the award of first place in Middle School Class A and Middle School Grand Champion at the Eastern Illinois University Jazz Festival on February 9, this year. Please welcome the Mahomet-Seymour Grand Champion Jazz Bands, their band director, Mr. Michael Stevens and Assistant band director Philip Meyer and parents, here in the House of Representatives."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Severin, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Severin: "Representative Bryant is unable to be here with us today, and she's still in the hospital but she's supposed to be here with us tomorrow. But, she has in the gallery, today, someone I'd like to recognize. So at this time, I'd like to read to you a little presentation that Representative Bryant put together. Her presentation was nine pages long, I've

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condensed it down to three paragraphs. In the gallery, today, we have Jefferson County native and the now retired, former longtime Executive Director of the Mount Vernon based Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, Mrs. Sharon Bradham. Sharon, could you stand up, please? She's in the gallery somewhere. She is one of Representative Bryant's constituents. But today, I rise to congratulate Sharon on the major impact that she has had on the first fine arts scene in all of Southern Illinois. Sharon became involved in the Cedarhurst as a volunteer more than 30 years ago. She was hired in June of 1998 as the executive director. She is a leader in all of Southern Illinois in the arts. She gets it done, she's that kind of person. But when she was interviewed by the *Southern Illinoisian* about her retirement, she was always as humble as possible. She said, 'I've had the privilege of working with the extraordinary group of trustees, amazing impassionate staff from all over Southern Illinois.' So at this time, again, we'd like to welcome and congratulate on her retirement, Mrs. Sharon Bradham from the Cedarhurst Arts in Mount Vernon. Thank you very much."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Kifowit, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Kifowit: "Thank you. I wanted to make the Body aware that today, beginning May marks officially as Military Appreciation Month and is a special months for those in and out of the military. Not only do we pause on Memorial Day to remember the sacrifice and service of those who gave all, but the month also holds

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several other military anniversary and events including Military Spouse Appreciation Day and Armed Forces Day. So I ask the Body to join and honor those in the service and those that have been out of the service and the sacrifices that the members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, and the National Guard, as well as the contributions of their spouses. Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation month in 1999 to ensure that the nation was given a chance to publically show their appreciation for troops past and present. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative West, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

West: "I just want to give a quick welcome and ask for a Springfield welcome from my family in the House to the City of Rockford's Mayor, Tom McNamara and our City Attorney, Nicholas Meyer. If you could just give them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Burke: "On page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order of Agreed Resolutions, we have House Resolution 190, offered by Representative Bristow. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 190, offered by Representative Bristow. Be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Captain Jake Ringering and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him."

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Speaker Burke: "Representative Bristow is recognized on the Resolution."

Bristow: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise, today, to honor the life of one of our fallen heroes in our state, Captain Jake Ringering of the Godfrey Fire Protection District. Captain Ringering lost his life in the line of duty on March 5, while bravely fighting a house fire. Today, we honor and remember a person who gave so much to others, to his family, his friends, and his community. They join us in the Speaker's Gallery. Jake was all about family, faith, and fire. He was a devoted husband and wife... he was a devoted husband and father to his wife, Alison and his beautiful children, Nora, Elaina, and Logan. He always put his family first and was a loving son, brother, and brother-in-law and never met a stranger. He was born in Alton on December 14, 1981, the son of Robin Disney and her husband, Stephen, and Larry Ringering, and his wife, Jan. He graduated from East Alton Wood River High School and earned his degree in fire science from Lewis & Clark Community College and his Emergency Medical Technician License. Jake joined the Godfrey Fire District and worked his way up through the ranks to Captain. He represented the firefighters as a union president and taught as a fire science instructor at Lewis & Clark Community College. In addition to Captain, Jake also served as the lead instructor for the department, the technical rescue officer, and the respiratory protection officer. His AFFI family joins us to my left, represented by Pat Devaney, the President of AFFI. Protecting others was in Jake's blood. His father was a longtime fire chief in East Alton. His grandfather retired as

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a fire captain with the East Alton Department, where Jake got his start. Although he was working for Godfrey, East Alton claimed him as their own. I'd like to acknowledge the Mayor of Godfrey, Mike McCormick and the Mayor of East Alton, Joe Silkwood and their fire chiefs that are with us as well. Jake was a dedicated member of our community, doing what he did best, which was protecting others and keeping us safe. He was a leader to so many, and touched and saved countless lives in the process and showed us what bravery is. We are joined today by family, friends, coworkers, and loved ones as we remember him. To all of them, please know that our prayers and thoughts remain with you as we look at the void that Jake has left in our community and lives, especially to Alison, Nora, Elaina, and Logan. Godfrey Fire Chief Erik Kambarian said it best, 'Jake was gold. He embodied this department. People joined this department because of Jake, and people wanted to be like Jake.' I ask that we all take a moment to remember, and to thank those that put their lives on the line every single day to protect the safety of all of us. We owe our first responders, our firefighters, our police officers, our emergency responders so much because every day, when they walk out of the door, they may not return. Today, we mourn the loss of Captain Jake Ringering, but we also thank him and remember him for all that he did for our community. He is one of the true heroes in Illinois. Madam Speaker, I ask that we take a moment of silence in remembrance of Captain Jake Ringering."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Davidsmeyer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Daidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. You've heard this before. It's a horrible tragedy when we have to have something like this remind us that there are heroes among us. We want to thank your dad, your husband, your friend, your colleague for protecting us. There's nothing we can say here today that will make it any easier, but we're with you. You've got a strong firefighter family surrounding you. And may God bless you."

Speaker Burke: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you. Representative Bristow moves for the adoption of House Resolution 190. 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, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 336, offered by Representative D'Amico. And House Resolution 338, offered by Representative Ammons."

Speaker Burke: "Leader Harris moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, please read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "House Joint Resolution #67, offered by Representative Harris. Be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, May 2, 2019, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 7, 2019, or until the call of

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the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 7, 2019, or until the call of the President."

Speaker Burke: "Leader Harris moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, May 2 at 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 in to order. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 337, offered by Representative Turner. And House Resolution 339, offered by Representative Villanueva. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3835, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 765, offered by Representative Batinick, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. First Reading of this Senate Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."