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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 273, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 274, offered by Representative Welter, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 332, offered by Representative Avelar, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 558, offered by Representative Welter, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 622, offered by Representative Welter, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Senate Bill 665, offered by Representative Hurley, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1592, offered by Representative Welter, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1667, offered by Representative Welter, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1861, offered by Representative Windhorst, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1918, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1962, offered by Representative Keicher, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1989, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 2136, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2194, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 2245, offered by Representative Welter, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2277, offered by Representative Welter, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2278, offered by Representative West, a Bill

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for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2323, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2325, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 2364, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2365, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2370, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 2432, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2438, offered by Representative Harper, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2444, offered by Representative Harper, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2515, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2531, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of these Senate Bills. They'll be referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Ammons: "The House will be in order and Members will be in their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Padget."

Wayne Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly father, we come now praising your mighty power and endless authority. We lift up to you our State Representatives who have a God-given duty to exact justice, defend the right of the poor and the needy,

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and to give the land the rest that it so desperately needs. Lord, strengthen them with integrity and character to act righteously and not out of selfish ambition. Protect them from all evil powers that maneuver to coerce them. Grant them abundant wisdom so that they may know your ways to labor for the good of creation and for all of us who daily depend on it for life and health. This we ask in your son's name, Amen."

Speaker Ammons: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Marron."

Marron - 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 Ammons: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Harris is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Harris: "Madam Speaker, let the record reflect that Representatives Buckner, Gordon-Booth, and Guzzardi are excused today."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Leader Harris. Leader Welter is recognized any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Welter: "Speaker, let the record reflect that Representative Ozinga and Bos are excused for the... for the day."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Leader Welter. Let the record reflect that Representatives present today are 112 Members present. Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 112 Members

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answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Members, an announcement. This is just a reminder of House Rule 51.5. Please remember to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth, except when necessary for eating and drinking. This includes when speaking on the microphone at your desk. Again, please remember to wear a face covering, including while speaking on the microphone, as pursuant to House Rule 51.5. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Willis, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption & Child Welfare reports the following committee action taken on April 27, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 165. Representative Harper, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on April 27, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 33, House Resolution 66, and House Resolution 117. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on April 27, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 2, House Joint Resolution 3, House Joint Resolution 4, House Joint Resolution 20, House Joint Resolution 21, House Joint Resolution 26, House Joint Resolution 28, House Joint Resolution 29, House Joint Resolution 30, House Joint Resolution 31, and House Joint Resolution 32. Representative Smith, Chairperson from the Committee on Economic Opportunity & Equity reports the following committee action taken on April 27, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 107, and House Resolution 158. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson

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from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on April 27, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 163, House Resolution 166, House Resolution 174, and House Resolution 186. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 27, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 64, and House Resolution 97. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on April 27, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 167. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on April 28, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 88, and House Resolution 196. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Immigration & Human Rights reports the following committee action taken on April 28, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 215."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Representative Conroy, for what do you rise?"

Conroy: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And... and may I just say, you look fabulous up there."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you."

Conroy: "I would just like a point of personal privilege. I'd ask... I'd like to ask the Body, if they would join me in... in wishing Representative Ann Williams a happy 47th birthday today."

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Speaker Ammons: "Happy birthday, Representative Williams. Thank you. Representative Kifowit, for what do you rise?"

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

Speaker Ammons: "Please state your point."

Kifowit: "I would like to thank all that wore purple today. Today is Purple Up! For Military Kids. April is the Month of the Military Child, and the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs invited everybody to participate today in honoring Purple Up! For Military Kids, a day when all are urged to wear purple to symbolize the importance of military children and families. Purple Up! For Military Kids grew out of the designation of April as the Month of the Military Child, which began as the Department of Defense-wide commemoration under former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in 1986. The color purple signifies that all branches of the military, the Air Force, the Army, the Coast Guard, the Marines, and the Navy, are supporting Purple Up! For Military Kids Day. So, on Wednesday, we appreciate everybody who wore purple today. And to keep in mind the service that not only our military family... not only our military members give, but also the service that our military families give in supporting those that are deployed and serving our country. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative Kifowit. Representative McCombie, what are you rising for?"

McCombie: "Yes, a point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Ma'am. State your point."

McCombie: "Good afternoon, everybody. I would like to invite everybody in the chamber to join myself, Representative

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Chesney, Representative West, and Representative Hirschauer to join our Pickleball Caucus. This is a nonpartisan caucus, where we are to promote the sport, promote good health, and promote activity during the month of May while we're here in Springfield. So, reach out to any of us to join us. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Sosnowski, for what reason do you rise?"

Sosnowski: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Ammons: "State your point, Sir."

Sosnowski: "I just want to ask this Body and the Speaker a basic question. Why are our unemployment offices in the State of Illinois still closed? I know when Speaker Welch started, he brought up issues of unemployment and those folks not being able to get problems taken care of. It is now almost the month of May 2021, and our unemployment offices around the state are closed. I don't believe this is a political issue. I know Members on both sides of the aisle have the same concern. I have a House Resolution 226 that is a bipartisan Resolution asking for our unemployment offices to be opened immediately. This is a governance issue. This is a leadership issue. This is not a political issue. And proof in the pudding is congratulations and kudos to Secretary of State Jesse White. He's run a great office. Their offices have been open since last May, serving thousands of people at different locations around the state. Our unemployment offices need to open today. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Evans, for what reason do you rise?"

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Evans: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Ammons: "Please state your point, Sir."

Evans: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to make a statement.

Fifty-one years ago, on April 28, 1970, the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act went into effect after the tireless efforts of the Labor Movement. The OSH Act and Mine Safety and Health Act promised workers the right to a safe job. Throughout the COVID pandemic, Illinois workers have gone to work to ensure critical needs and services were delivered to the people of Illinois. Our workers did that. In the 51st year of OSHA, we defocus on the need to renew the promise of safe jobs for all American workers. Each year, thousands of workers are killed and millions more suffer injury or illness on the job. Far too many workers die from preventable hazards and many more workers get sick from exposure to toxic chemicals. Please join me. Let's stand together to honor the victims of workplace injury. And think about those folks and the illnesses they battle as they keep fighting to serve us all and that they have the promise of a safe job for all workers. I thank you all. And again, as we work today, think about the workers who've worked through the pandemic and think about the history of the progress that we've had in this country and, specifically, the State of Illinois. Thank you all."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative Evans. Representative Collins, for what reason do you rise?"

Collins: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a matter of personal point of privilege. That's right?"

Speaker Ammons: "Yes, Ma'am."



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Collins: "Okay."

Speaker Ammons: "State your point, please."

Collins: "Madam Speaker, is this first time in the Chair?"

Speaker Ammons: "Yes, Ma'am, it is."

Collins: "I am so delighted to sit next to you every day. And I just ask all of my colleagues to give you a round of applause 'cause you're doing a great job."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you."

Collins: "Long time coming for Leader Ammons."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Representative McLaughlin, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Ammons: "State your point, Sir."

McLaughlin: "I'd like to honor the life of Bob Nunamaker, mayor of Fox River Grove in my community. I had the pleasure of working with Bob for eight years..."

Speaker Ammons: "Members."

McLaughlin: "Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you."

McLaughlin: "I had the pleasure of working with Bob for eight years on the McHenry Council of Governments. Bob stepped down after 12 years of service as mayor about a month ago due to health concerns. About six months ago, I went to a village meeting, and outside there was an elderly gentleman picking up garbage out in front of village hall. He came out of the bushes with candy wrappers and coffee cups, and it was Bob Nunamaker. And I said to him, 'Bob, if this doesn't evoke what services to your community, I don't know what does.' He

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was a wonderful man. I want to wish condolences to his wife, Marylou and their family. And I want to thank Bob for his leadership in putting in a new Metra station, which has served thousands of residents. He also ran a budget that was balanced and debt free over his time in office. So, rather than a moment of silence, what I'd like to do is give a round of applause for a man who truly inspired his community and truly showed what it means to serve. So, if you'd please join me in a round of applause for Bob's life well-led. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Under Order of Resolutions, on page 4, we call House Joint Resolution 7, Leader Flowers. Is Leader Flowers in the chamber? Not seeing Leader Flowers, we'll move to House Resolution 7, Representative Mason."

Mason: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, and congratulations. Bear with me here one second. All right, so sorry. House Resolution 7 recognizes the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We have done this same awareness month the last two years. And we know that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that one in three women and one in four men will experience some form of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. It is reached epidemic proportions. Domestic violence knows no gender, no race, no socioeconomic status, no educational status. It affects all of us. It lurks behind closed doors, behind shame, behind 'It's none of our business. It's a personal matter.' I ask all of you to consider the people around you and know that someone out there is probably experiencing domestic violence right now. It's important to be aware. It's important to bring

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it out of the darkness. And I appreciate your support in this important Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative Mason. If there's no further discussion, Representative Mason moves for the adoption of House Resolution 7. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Thank you, Representative Mason. We'll continue on House Resolution 9, Representative Carroll. Representative Carroll not responding to the call, we'll move to House Resolution 16, Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. And I have with me today Bridget Cory who, at one point, was my LA and is now... keeps things running up in our Research department. And this is in honor of Bridget and some of my colleagues who have members of their family afflicted with MS, which is a horrible disease. And this is to recognize the week of March 10 through March 17 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, and that March 19 is Illinois Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative. If there's no further discussion, Representative Katie Stuart moves for the adoption of House Resolution 16. All in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. We'll move to House Resolution 18, Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Madam Chair. And it is great to see you up in the Speaker Gallery today. Good afternoon, House Members. Thank you for the opportunity to present House Resolution 18, which names May as Lyme Awareness Month, and ask the Federal

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Government to provide additional funds to Illinois in an effort to be proactive rather than reactive in the increased growth of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases in Illinois. I want to thank Members of the House for your previous support of Lyme legislation in 2018-2019, and again, ask for your support. After passing our legislation in 2018, IDPH and Illinois Natural History Survey began conducting tick drags across many Illinois counties, collecting ticks for detection and analysis. A tick drag is a person in full body covered clothing pulling a sticky cloth through a grassy area, like a yard or wooded area, to collect ticks. The ticks are later analyzed for Lyme or other tick-borne diseases. Current astounding results of these drags are on the IDPH Web site as a county by county interactive map. For example, a state average of the black-legged ticks collected are 39 percent positive for Lyme disease. If you live in northern counties, those rates are much higher at 50 percent of those ticks tested for Lyme. Jo Daviess County is 63 percent and Winnebago is an alarming 71 percent of those ticks tested and collected have Lyme disease. Since 2018, we've learned a lot. And through efforts of the Lyme Disease Task Force, INHS and IDPH, we can all acknowledge Lyme disease in Illinois... is in Illinois and causing extreme pain and many other medical conditions. To bring awareness, the statewide Illinois Lyme Association is hosting a Peace, Love, Lyme Walk the month of May throughout all of Illinois. People can participate virtually or put together a local group to walk or run. More information is available at their Web site. I ask for a favorable vote on this Resolution."

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Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative. If there's no further discussion, Representative Swanson moves for the adoption of House Resolution 18. All in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Thank you, Representative. Next, we'll move to House Resolution 29, Representative Stava-Murray."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Resolution is to condemn the religious persecution of Falun Gong within China. Over the years, there's been a history of a brutal campaign to have state-sanctioned for... forced organ harvesting, among other things, holding religious prisoners. And so, this simply condemns that practice."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative. There's no further discussion, Representative Stava-Murray moves for the adoption of House Resolution 29. 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. House Resolution 32, Representative Hirschauer."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Resolution 32 seeks to declare May 19, 2021 as 'Hepatitis C Screening Day' in the State of Illinois. The month of May is nationally recognized as Hepatitis Awareness Month. And we are asking to designate this day to raise awareness and to spread education. Hepatitis C is particularly dangerous because the symptoms do not manifest upon contraction or, in some cases, in more advanced stages. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative Hirschauer. If there's no further discussion, Representative Hirschauer moves for

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the adoption of House Resolution 32. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. And in the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Hirschauer, we'll go with House Resolution 33."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, again, Madam Speaker. House Resolution 33 urges county authorities throughout the state to utilize the Silver Search Program more frequently. As the Silver Search Program brings light to increasing incidents of people with Alzheimer's or dementia that get lost and the ways in which the public can help law enforcement return them home safely. This Resolution came out of robust conversation with my senior advisory committee that I run along with Senator Karina Villa. And I just want to give thanks to the folks that worked hard on this."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. If there's no further discussion, Representative Hirschauer moves adoption of House Resolution 33. 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. Representative Kifowit for House Resolution 36. Would you like to move this Resolution, Representative Kifowit?"

Kifowit: "Yes, Ma'am. Yes, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Ammons: "Please proceed."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a simple Resolution... I apologize, I didn't think it would be called on the House Floor... to recognize the REALTOR Association of the Fox Valley on their anniversary of 100 years in Aurora."

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Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative Kifowit. If there's no further discussion, Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of House Resolution 36. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. And in the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Mussman for House Resolution 39."

Mussman: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 39 recognizes that every student has the right to comprehensive sex education to help them protect themselves from sexual violence, sexually transmitted diseases, and unplanned pregnancies. I would like to thank Sonam Rikha and Samantha Chen of the youth group Comprehensive Sex Education Now for writing this Resolution and advocating for its passage. They want to shine a light on the fact that Illinois teens face a higher percentage of forced sexual intercourse, dating violence, and physical sexual violence than the national average. In 2017, Illinois ranked 10th in the U.S. for chlamydia and syphilis cases and is 17th for gonorrhea. Comprehensive sex education is proven to increase the use of contraceptives, reduce STDs, and reduce teen pregnancy rates. The S... CDC found a 12 percent reduction in sexual risk-taking among students who had comprehensive sex education, such as the kind indorsed by the National Sexuality Education Standards. I know we all support keeping our young people safe and healthy, and I would appreciate your support."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative Mussman. Recognizing Leader Batinick."

Batinick: "Speaker, it is wonderful seeing you up there. Can we have a roll call on this vote, please? Thank you."

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Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Leader Batinick. A roll call's been requested. Thank you. Representative Mussman moves for adoption of House Resolution 39. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 64 'yays' and 44 'nays'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. Thank you, Representative Mussman. House Resolution 9, Representative Carroll is recognized."

Carroll: "Thank you very much, Madam Chair. And I'm not looking at the back of your head this time, I am looking at your face. So, you look great up there. Thank you. And... thank you, of course, for having me follow up that Resolution with this one, but we'll try to... this is a little more piecey. So, HR9 exists to raise awareness around brain aneurysms. A brain aneurysm is a bulging area in the artery in the brain, similar to a structure to a thin balloon. Roughly half a million people die each year caused by brain aneurysms, with half of those victims being under the age of 50 years old. Of survivors, 66 will suffer from permanent neurological deficit. Risk factors include cigarette use, hypertension, and a history of cerebral aneurysms in the family. In the United States, 1 in every 50 people has an unruptured brain aneurysm. Statistically, women are more likely to develop brain aneurysms than men at a three to two ratio. When looking at the statistics from a racial makeup, African Americans and Latinos are twice as likely to have brain aneurysm rupture than white patients. It is safe to conclude that women of



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color are most at risk for brain aneurysms, though it can be fatal in all instances. With innovative screening techniques, individuals at risk of harboring brain aneurysms can be easily identified with imaging tests. When caught early, aneurysms are treatable and nowhere... nowhere near as fatal. For the above reasons, House Resolution 9 declares September 2021 as Brain aneurysm Awareness Month, and I ask for its adoption. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative. There's no further discussion, Representative Carroll moves for the adoption of House Resolution 9. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion... the Resolution is adopted. Under Order of Resolutions, House Resolution 40, Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. House Resolution 40 declares January 31 through February 6 as Physician Anesthesiologists Week in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative. There's no further discussion, Representative Stuart moves for the adoption of House Resolution 40. 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. House Resolution 41, Representative Gonzalez."

Gonzalez: "House Resolution 41 declares January 17 as Muhammad Ali Day in Illinois and asserts the courage and humility of boxer Muhammad Ali, an African American and devoted Muslim, who, though not a resident of Illinois, embodied our state's values and those of our country. The Resolution eulogizes of

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these humanity and patriotism, a man that never looked down on those who saw him as an inspiration and who fought for the vantage of truth and justice. Ali was committed to uniting the American people and those with opposing views through faith and love."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative. If there's no further discussion, Representative Gonzalez moves for the adoption of House Resolution 41. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. And in the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 48, Representative Greenwood."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Madam Chair and Members of the General Assembly. House Resolution 48 declares April 2021 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in the State of Illinois. Parkinson's disease is a progressive nervous system disorder that affects movement. Symptoms start gradually, sometimes starting with barely a noticeable tremor in just one hand. And additional symptoms may include slow movement, rigid muscles, impaired posture and balance, loss of automatic movement, speech changes, and writing changes. This is a disease that we will continue to bring awareness of in the State of Illinois. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. If there's no further discussion, Representative Greenwood moves for the adoption of House Resolution 48. 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. Representative Lilly for House Resolution 55. Representative Lilly, do you want me to just come back to you in a second? I'm happy to. Thank you."

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Representative Welter for House Resolution 62. Representative Welter, you have a Floor Amendment. Would you like to explain the Floor Amendment so we can adopt it first?"

Welter: "Yeah, the Floor Amendment just changes the scope of the audit at the suggestion of the Auditor General."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Walter... Welter... I'm sorry... moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Representative Welter, House Resolution 62."

Welter: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I will comment as well. Congratulations on your role up there today in the Chair. It is great to see you up there. House Resolution 62 directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the state's response of the management of the COVID-19 outbreak, specifically, at the LaSalle Veterans' Home. There is no opposition to this. I... I would stress to those in this Body, after the outbreak at the Quincy home, there was a similar request of the Auditor General. We're asking for a similar process to take place with LaSalle to understand the processes that were broken down, the failures of the state, and really what we can build on so that we never put our veterans in this situation again when simple protocols could've been put in place to mitigate the loss that occurred at the LaSalle Veterans' Home. That is why I suspect the Auditor General's

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report will come back with our improvements and changes that may need to be made."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative Welter. This Resolution requires an actual vote, Members. There's no further discussion, Representative Welter moves for the adoption of House Resolution 62. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On the question, there are 111 'ayes' and 0 'nays' voting in support of this Resolution. Having received a Constitutional Majority, the Resolution is hereby adopted. Representative Cassidy, for which reason do you seek recognition?"

Cassidy: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Ammons: "Please state your point, Ma'am."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And let me just add to the chorus of, you look mighty fine up there. It's nice to see you in that role. I rise today to share some news. Yesterday, when we took... when we came in and gaveled in, we heard about several of our colleagues who lost parents over the weekend. When I got back over to Stratton, I learned that our Page, Aaron Bailey, had also lost his mom over the weekend. Aaron has always been there for us. He takes such good care of us. I am taking up a collection, and many of you have already given, to help show our support and love for him. He was a caregiver to his mom. He was here yesterday. He knew that we were coming in and, in spite of his family's loss, he came here to do his job. And just please see me, I have a card.

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And I just want to make sure that we give him our love and support."

Speaker Ammons: "The Body will take a moment of silence for our colleague. Thank you, Members. Thank you, Representative Cassidy. Continuing with the business of Resolutions, I return to Representative Lilly for House Resolution 55."

Lilly: "Thank you, Madam Chairman. I rise on today, Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly, to introduce House Bill... excuse me... House Resolution 55. It declares August '21 as the Black Business Month in the State of Illinois. It resolves to eliminate redlining and to develop and implement laws and policies to provide equal opportunities for black entrepreneurs and African American-owned businesses. August is National Black Business Month. I love to introduce this Resolution to the State of Illinois. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative Lilly. If there's no further discussion, Representative Lilly moves for the adoption of House Resolution 55. 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. Continuing with Representative Lilly, House Resolution 56."

Lilly: "Thank you, Madam Chairman. Again, House Resolution 56 declares May 20, 2021 as Stop the Bleed Day in the State of Illinois. It is so important that many of the trauma injury... injuries that are occurring to the citizens of Illinois, we must begin to create techniques and tools that allow us to stop the bleeding. On May 20, 2021, we're asking for it to be

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Stop the Bleed Day in the State of Illinois. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative Lilly. There's no further discussion, Representative Lilly moves for the adoption of House Resolution 56. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. And in the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Moving to House Resolution 78, Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And it's wonderful to have you up in the Chair. Congratulations for being there. Today I present House Resolution 78. It urges the vaccination plan for COVID to be made fully transparent and readily accessible to the public. I'm especially concerned about the rural areas of our communities. And this was actually originated in probably November or December. So, things are much better. We want to make sure that things continue to be provided for all communities, not just certain ones. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative. If there's no further discussion... sorry. Representative Bourne, you seek recognition?"

Bourne: "Thank you. An inquiry of the Chair. I see that there is an Amendment to this Resolution."

Speaker Ammons: "That Amendment was already adopted previously."

Bourne: "Okay, thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Ammons: "The Sponsor will yield."

Bourne: "Thank you. Representative, is your Resolution suggesting that the Pritzker Administration has not been distributing vaccines to every community in a fair way?"

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Scherer: "Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't catch that. Yes, I... this... like I said, this came back in November or December. And Representative Bourne, as you know, in our areas, there was some problems."

Bourne: "Yes. And I'm seeing that the numbers are from January. Do we know that the numbers have improved? I just have questions of why we're adopting this Resolution now and what your concerns are with the Pritzker Administration's distribution of the vaccines."

Scherer: "Yes, the numbers have improved, to your first question. And secondly, I just want to make sure that things continue on the right path. I feel it's very important that people get vaccinated. I might add that I've had both of my vaccinations and had no problems, even though I have lots of allergies. And originally, we thought that could be a big concern."

Bourne: "Thank you. Representative, I certainly share in your concern of getting vaccine access to our rural communities. Just have questions on the outdated nature of this Resolution, but I will still plan to support it since I also have concerns with the Pritzker Administration's handling of the COVID pandemic."

Scherer: "The reason that it's outdated is, as you know, Resolutions don't always move through the House at breakneck speed. So, it's been a... just a process to get it across the finish line. And then, there was a technical error that had to be corrected as well. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Ford, do you wish to speak on this Resolution? Please proceed."

Ford: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Ammons: "She indicates she will."

Ford: "Thank you. Representative, thank you for bringing this Resolution to the General Assembly. In my opinion, it raises the awareness about how important it is for people to consider or take the vaccine. Do you think today's Resolution will add to the promotion and reduce some of the hesitancy on vaccines?"

Scherer: "Thank you for mentioning that, Representative Ford. That is precisely why, when asked if I wanted to continue forward with it, I said, 'Yes, I'm very concerned that not as many people are getting the vaccine as we need for herd immunity.' Most recently, I saw that it was just 30 some percent, and we need to be at 70 some percent for herd immunity. I know, especially in the southern parts of the state, I saw some out of town guests this weekend, and they said no one in the south is wearing masks or getting vaccinated. So, that makes it even more important. I feel that it'd just be so readily available. We don't want people to have to go through any effort at all to try to get it. Thank you for the question."

Ford: "Yes. Well, I thank you for using your platform to do such an important job at raising awareness. And I'd like to congratulate all those that have decided to take the vaccine to do their part, and also congratulate those that's considering. And hopefully, we can get as many people in the State of Illinois to consider or take the vaccine so that we can better improve the health and safety in the State of Illinois and end this pandemic in our great state. Thank you very much, Sue Scherer, for your Resolution."



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Scherer: "Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. If there's no further discussion on this Resolution, Representative Scherer moves House Resolution 78. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. And in opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 82, Representative Hurley."

Hurley: "Thank you, Madam Chair, and congrat... Madam Speaker, and congratulations. House Resolution 82 is National Caregivers Day. National Caregivers Day was created in 2015. So, House Resolution 82 declares February 19 of 2021 as Illinois Caregivers Day to recognize caregivers across the state whose compassionate care enables millions of Illinoisans who are aging or have a disability to remain as independent as possible in their homes, especially during the unique circumstances of COVID-19 and the pandemic. And although the day has passed, I still think we should celebrate caregivers. So, thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative Hurley. If there's no further discussion, Representative Hurley moves for the adoption of House Resolution 82. 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. House Resolution 105, Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Madam Chair... Madam Speaker. And I, too, enjoy the beauty that's in this well today. Thank you. HR105 acknowledges the importance of having high quality education system in our society and benefits all of our Illinoisans. The Resolution encourages the General Assembly to make

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education as priority in budget... its number one priority in budget. It is time that we fund education as our number one priority and we... and not negotiate education. It's time to fund. With that, I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative Lilly. Representative Lilly moves for the adoption of House Resolution 105. 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. Thank you, Representative Lilly. House Resolution 136, Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Resolution recognizes PTSI Day. What we're trying to accomplish with this Resolution is to talk about post-traumatic stress, not as a disorder, but as an injury. Post-traumatic stress affects veterans, but they also affect individuals that have had trauma in their lives. Anything from an accident, a natural disaster, an illness of a beloved, and many others. So, to call it a disorder is truly incorrect. And for this Resolution, it is to start changing the narrative that post-traumatic stress is an injury, and with help and assistance in the mental health field, that it can heal and not to stigmatize it as a disorder. Thank you for your support of the Body."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of House Resolution 136. 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. Representative Swanson, for what reason do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Swanson: "Point of personal privilege."

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Speaker Ammons: "Please state your point, Sir."

Swanson: "Madam Chair, I'd like to recognize my seatmate, Avery Bourne, and her husband, Aaron, as they celebrate their wedding anniversary today. Congratulations."

Speaker Ammons: "Congratulations, Representative. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Bolin: "The following committees will meet at 2 p.m. this afternoon. The Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools Committee will meet in Virtual Room 1. The State Government Administration Committee will meet in Virtual Room 2. And the Higher Education Committee will meet in Virtual Room 3. Again, those are all 2:00 meetings. At 3:00 the Revenue & Finance Committee will meet in Virtual Room 3, the Appropriations-General Services Committee will meet in Virtual Room 1, and the Appropriations-Public Safety Committee will meet in Virtual Room 2. Those are the 3:00 committees. At 4:00 the Veterans' Affairs Committee will meet in Virtual Room 3."

Speaker Ammons: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 247, offered by Representative Reick. And House Resolution 248, offered by Representative Windhorst."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Leader Harris moves for the adoption of 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. Mr. Clerk, please read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution #38, offered by Representative Harris. Be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, April 29, 2021, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 4, 2021, or until the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 4, 2021, or until the call of the President."

Speaker Ammons: "Leader Harris moves 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 for the House to stand adjourned until Thursday, April 29, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. 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 4073, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1588, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1714, offered by Representative Swanson, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1740, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 1751, offered by Representative Ann Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2226, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning safety.

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Senate Bill 2294, offered by Representative Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2435, offered by Representative Harris, a Bill for an Act to revise the law by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."