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Speaker Gabel: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. 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 the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Padget."

Wayne Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly father, we lift up the leaders of our state and all those that you have set up in places of authority to rule and govern. We pray that they would rule our land and many institutions with wisdom and integrity. We pray that each one would carry out their various responsibilities with honesty and for the benefit of the state. Clothe each one of them with righteousness and justice as we pray that all selfish ambitions will be laid aside and that your plans and purposes are fulfilled for the well-being of all citizens. May your ways be known in our state and your name be lifted up in these corridors of power. Guide us into the ways of peace, justice, and truth. This we ask in your son's name, Amen."

Speaker Gabel: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Randy Frese."

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

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Harris: "Madam Speaker, let the record reflect that Representative Jones is excused today."

Speaker Gabel: "Leader Welter is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Welter: "Madam Speaker, let the record reflect that Representative Ozinga is excused for the day."

Speaker Gabel: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 116 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 5, 2021: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Joint Resolution 11, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Resolution 35. Representative Willis, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption & Child Welfare reports the following committee action taken on May 4, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar is Senate Bill 107, Senate Bill 651, Senate Bill 1904. Representative Harper, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on May 4, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar is House Bill 1657... correction, Senate Bill 1657, Senate Bill 1658, Senate Bill 1878, Senate Bill 1879. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on May 4, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar is Senate Bill 499, Senate Bill 1753, Senate Bill 1876. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on May 4, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar is

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Senate Bill 515. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on May 4, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar is House... correction, Senate Bill 640. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on May 4, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar is Senate Bill 2515. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on May 4, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar is Senate Bill 505. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on May 5, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar is Senate Bill 1830. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on May 5, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar is Senate Bill 46, Senate Bill 71, Senate Bill 255, Senate Bill 277, Senate Bill 337, Senate Bill 595; do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 139; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 116. Representative Mah, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 5, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar is House Bill 194... correction, Senate Bill 194, Senate Bill 214, Senate Bill 1632, Senate Bill 1682, Senate Bill 1723. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on May 5, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar is Senate Bill 1913; do pass Short Debate is

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Senate Bill 676. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 266, offered by Representative Greenwood; House Resolution 267, offered by Representative Cassidy; House Resolution 268, offered by Representative Brady; and House Joint Resolution 43, offered by Representative Ammons, are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Gabel: "Members, an announcement. This is 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 or 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. On page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution... House Joint Resolution 2, offered by Representative Yednock."

Yednock: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Joint Resolution designates... 2 designates a section of Route 6 in the City of Marseilles that runs from the intersection of Route 6 and Jefferson Street to Route 6 on Main Street as the 'SGT Michael J. Vangelisti Highway'. A little bit about Sergeant Vangelisti is he was born in Ottawa in June 26 of 1947, and he graduated from Marseilles High School in 1965. Sergeant Vangelisti attended Southern Illinois University and Bradley University before enlisting into the U.S. Air Force in 1967 and entering active duty in the following year. Sergeant Vangelisti served with the 17th Special Operations Squadron, the 14th Special Operations Wing, and the 7th Air Force as an aerial gunner. Sergeant Vangelisti was serving in Vietnam and was about to embark on a mission when the aircraft he was

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aboard suffered a mechanical malfunction, leading it to crash in a dry rice paddy shortly after takeoff. Sergeant Vangelisti is buried in the Riverview Cemetery in Marseilles in LaSalle County in Illinois. And again, this House Joint Resolution 2 seeks to designate a section of Route 6 in the City of Marseilles that runs from Route 6 intersection to Main Street. I'm asking for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Gabel: "The Body will take a moment of silence. There being no further discussion, Representative Yednock moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 2. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 'ayes', 0 'nays', 1 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 3, Representative Yednock."

Yednock: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Joint Resolution 3 also adds to a section of Route 6 in Marseilles that runs through the intersection of Route 6 and Oakdale on Main Street. U.S. Army Specialist Eugene Treest... Norman Eugene Treest was born in Aurora in 1947 and graduated from high school in 1965. Specialist Treest was sent to Vietnam in 1966, where he served as a medical corpsman with the HHC of the 1st Battalion, 8th Calvary Regiment, 1st Calvary Division. Specialist Treest was wounded during patrol and succumbed to his injuries on July 5th of 1967 when he was 20 years old. Because of his impeccable service and sacrifice, Specialist Treest was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Medical Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, and the one service star in Vietnam Campaign

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Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. Specialist Treest is buried in Riverview Cemetery in Marseilles in LaSalle County. And again, I'm asking to rename a section of Route 6 in the City of Marseilles under 'SPEC Norman Treest Memorial Highway'. Thank you."

Speaker Gabel: "Representative Yednock moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 3. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 16 (sic-116) voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 4, offered by Representative Yednock."

Yednock: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Joint Resolution 4 asked to designate the Utica River Bridge as the 'Ralph E. Snell Memorial Bridge'. Private Snell served in the member.. as a member of the 136th Infantry, 33rd Division, U.S. Army and participated in the New Guinea and the Philippine campaigns. Throughout his years as service, Private Snell was known for this inspiring leadership and indomitable fighting spirit. His fighting spirit was cemented on May 6, 1945, when his infantry unit was met with heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire while maneuvering through a treacherous terrain. It.. they encountered quickly, resulting in men wounded. Having realized this, Private Snell took the combat initiative, punching forth alone, his valiant resolution led to the destruction of the enemy weapons and its crew. Although injured himself, he fought on with his fellow soldiers to

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destroy three additional Japanese strong-points, assisted in securing enemy positions, and captured the hill. Private Snell returned to the United States in 1945 and was honorably discharged at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois in November of that same year. On June 9, 1946, Private Snell was awarded Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second highest award for conspicuous gallantry above and beyond the call of duty. Along with the Cross, Private Snell received the Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and two Bronze Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Medal, and one Bronze Battle Star with the Purple Heart. HJR4 seeks to designate the Utica River Bridge as the 'Ralph Snell Memorial'. I encourage an 'aye' vote on this. And please take a moment of silence."

Speaker Gabel: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Representative Yednock moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 4. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 116 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And the Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Resolution... House Joint Resolution 7, offered by Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Joint Resolution 7 supports the passing of the Abolition Amendment to Congress. The Abolition Amendment would remove the punishment clause, also known as the slavery loophole from the 13th Amendment of the United States, which allowed prisoners to be used as cheap or free labor. The 13th

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Amendment of the United States was passed by Congress on January 31 of 1865 and ratified on December 6 of 1865. The 13th Amendment reads that, 'Neither slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to this jurisdiction.' The Abolition Amendment would effectively remove the punishment clause from the 13th Amendment. House Joint Resolution 7 outlines... outlines the punishment clause of the 13th Amendment, permits incarcerated populations to be used as cheap or free labor by the companies and businesses. House Joint Resolutions support the idea that no American should ever be subject to involuntary servitude, even if they are incarcerated. House Joint Resolution indicates that the removal of the punishment clause from the 13th Amendment would be critical to rooting out the systematic racism that we have in our nation. House Joint Resolution outlines... I'm sorry. House Joint Resolution 7 outlines that the 102nd General Assembly support the passing of this Amendment. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Gabel: "Representative Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Gabel: "She will."

Batinick: "Representative, I just have a quick question for you 'cause I want to fully understand. And we've gone back and forth on this on our side trying to understand exactly what you're trying to do here. Would this prohibit the State of Illinois from requiring... requiring people who find themselves in prison from doing work?"

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Flowers: "Let me just... let me just read to you what it says. House Joint Resolution 7 supports the idea that no American should ever be subject to involuntary servitude, even if they are incarcerated. See, the reason why that's important, because you have to understand that since the beginning, African Americans have provided free labor to this country. And even incarcerated, they are providing free labor. But you forget that these men, who are providing free labor while they're incarcerated, they have families that need their support. And so, if they're working, they should be paid. And yet, when they get out of jail, for those who are lucky enough to live long enough to get out of jail, they cannot find a job. And so, this Resolution is saying that slavery in the United States should never exist again. And that has been the cause of institutional racism, one of the causes of institutional racism in this country. And this Resolution deem to eradicate that."

Batinick: "Okay. So, in other words, if prisoners are to work, they would have to be paid then, correct?"

Flowers: "Yes."

Batinick: "I just wanted to clarify it for my Members."

Flowers: "Yes."

Batinick: "Thank you. Madam Speaker, is this... does this require a roll call vote or is this Joint Resolution a voice vote?"

Speaker Gabel: "It would be a voice... voice vote."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Gabel: "Representative Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And, Representative Flowers... Leader Flowers, thank you for bringing this forward. We've

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had a lot of discussions over the past week about this Resolution. And just for historical context for the 13th Amendment, Illinois led the way on the 13th Amendment. It was President Lincoln, it was Senator Lyman Trumbull, whose statue is right outside these doors, that authored the 13th Amendment. And the Illinois Legislature, this Body and the Senate, were the first Legislature to act, the next day after the U.S. House passed the 13th Amendment. So, Illinois has... has a tremendously historic role in authoring and ratifying the 13th Amendment. I think this is the right thing to do. I... when I saw that this had been introduced on the congressional level last fall, I paid attention to it. I think there's questions, like Representative Batinick asked, about how this will go in the future if this... if this Amendment... this would be in addition to... this would be a 28th Amendment to the Constitution, if I'm correct. It's not changing the language in the 13th Amendment. It's adding language that would make sure involuntary is barred... slavery and involuntary is barred if you've been convicted of a crime. If that's the way that I read it correctly, right?"

Flowers: "Well, it's my intention is to change the language of the 13th Amendment to remove the clause that talks about... the Amendment would effectively remove the punishment clause from the 13th Amendment."

Butler: "And I think if... the research that I've done on the congressional level, the House and Senate Joint Resolutions would actually add language as a 28th Amendment instead of... instead of revising the 13th Amendment, I believe."

Flowers: "Oh, you're right. You're correct. Thank you."

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Butler: "Yeah. So... so, I think... you know, I think this is the right thing to do. The fact that the 13th Amendment was written at a time where we may have viewed things differently, but it did abolish slavery. This is an extension of that, that continues to work on this that I think is important, and important for Illinois as a leader on this. I will say there are several State Constitutions that have similar language to the 13th Amendment in their State Constitutions. Because this language was based off of the Northwest Ordinance language actually, before the 13th Amendment. So, several State Constitutions have this similar language. Two states, in particular, this last fall, Utah and Nebraska, Republican states, abolished... took this language out of their State Constitution. So, almost the exact same language that's in the 13th Amendment, they actually had, by voter referendum this fall, both of those... both of those states took that language out of their State Constitutions, as we look at this particular language and how it impacts people today. So, I think that that gives us sense to our colleagues about the importance of this across the country. If states are looking at their own Constitutions with the same language and taking action, that's happening, potentially, on the federal level, it's probably a good thing to do. So, I support this, and I appreciate... I appreciate the work that you've done on this and the conversations that we've had over the last... the last week or so on this. So, thank you, Representative."

Speaker Gabel: "Seeing no further discussion, Leader Flowers moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 7. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion

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of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Joint Resolution 9, offered by Leader Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Joint Resolution 9 urges the state to support Family First Prevention Service Act to help decrease the number of children who enter into foster care. The First Family Prevention Act was signed into law as a bipartisan budget of 2018. The law provided an opportunity for a positive change and supports of ongoing effort to transfer our child welfare system by keeping children and teens safely with their own families to avoid the often traumatizing experience of unnecessary placement into the foster care system. The Act aims to prevent children from entering into foster care by allowing the federal reimbursement for mental health services, substance use to treat... substance use treatment, and in-home parenting skills. It also seeks to provide the well-being of children already in foster care by motivating the states to reduce the placement of children in congregate care. With an improved Title IV-E plan, the state would have the option to use the Title IV-E funds to prevent the placement of children and youth in foster care and to provide up to 12 months of mental help services, substance abuse treatment, and in-home parenting training for families who are at risk in the child welfare system. Decreasing the number of children newly enrolled into the foster care system by providing family federally reimbursable services to families at risk entering the child welfare system. And I would move

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for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 9. And would appreciate that."

Speaker Gabel: "Seeing no discussion, Leader Flowers moves for the adoption of House Joint 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 Resolution is adopted. We have House Resolution... House Joint Resolution 14, offered by Representative Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Madam Chairman. House Resolution 14 is brought forth as a result of the work conducted by the Business Interruption Insurance Task Force that was created under the 101st General Assembly. The task force was charged with studying the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on businesses and the need for changes to business interruption insurance policies based on those impacts and include recommendations for legislation. This Resolution seeks to urge Congress to pass much-needed support for business and address the issues related to business interruption insurance. And very pleased to be joined by Representative Jones on this work and on this task force. Appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Gabel: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Hammond moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 14. 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. We have House Joint Resolution 16, offered by Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Joint Resolution 16 calls on the United States Congress to enact legislation

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making Washington, D.C. the 51st state in the union. Washington D.C. has over 700 thousand residents, more than the States of Wyoming and Vermont, comparable to the States of Alaska and North Dakota. However, these 700 thousand Americans have no U.S. Senators, no voting representation in the U.S. House, no ability to control their own budget. The city that is the seat of our great government, a 47 percent African American city, is an emblem of disenfranchisement. The United Nations Human Rights Committee has called on U.S. Congress to address the lack of political equality in the District of Columbia. The United States House has already taken action in this direction. They passed HR51 earlier this year. So, this Resolution... Resolution, excuse me, simply calls on Congress to support this measure and give full representation to the 700 thousand residents of the District of Columbia. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Gabel: "Representative Ugaste is recognized."

Ugaste: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. We'll ask for a roll call vote. Okay. Also, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Gabel: "He says he will."

Ugaste: "Representative Guzzardi, if I understand you correctly, you believe this should be done in order to address disenfranchisement. Is that correct?"

Guzzardi: "Yes."

Ugaste: "Okay."

Guzzardi: "Among other reasons, yes."

Ugaste: "Among other reasons. And what... those other reasons being?"

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Guzzardi: "You know, many of the central premises of our government include, as you've seen on the license plates of Washington, D.C. for many years, no taxation without representation is one of those key issues. The residents of Washington, D.C. have served in the U.S. military and various armed conflicts dating back hundreds of years. They pay their taxes, and yet, they have no voting representation in the United States Congress. It's a matter of equity. It's a matter of franchise and democracy. I believe it's a matter of fundamental human rights."

Ugaste: "And the District of Columbia, as it exists currently, has existed in this situation for well over 200 years. Is that correct?"

Guzzardi: "That's correct, yes."

Ugaste: "There was an agreement amongst our founding fathers, actually, that placed the Capitol in Washington, D.C. as such?"

Guzzardi: "Not at the nation's founding, of course, but it was eventually moved to Washington, D.C., yes."

Ugaste: "To the Resolution. Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution states that the Congress shall exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever, over such district, which shall not exceed 10 square miles, as may, by either by cession of the particular states or by sale of the state and that they will exercise authority over all places. So, it's within the Constitution that this must remain. As far as the case for the people not having voting rights, well this district has existed for 200 years. So, anyone who has moved there... or whose family has moved there within the last

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200 years, who has chosen to stay there, has known that they will not have representation. That the District of Columbia, by our Constitution, will be governed by the Government of the United States and that they are subject to such laws. Now, the District of Columbia's metropolitan area has over 6.29 million people, and that consists of people in both Maryland, Virginia. And if people were looking to still work and be in that area, they could live in those areas and commute into the area. So, I think that the question of whether or not those people, who are inhabitants or the residents of the District of Columbia, are in need of representation, should they so seek it, they could have it. And that they have ample notice and opportunity to determine how it is they wish to be governed. Thank you."

Speaker Gabel: "Representative Halpin is recognized."

Halpin: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just, with respect to the previous speaker, I acknowledge that Article 1 has been in the Constitution since the beginning. The exact thing that he quoted. But the Constitution also originally said that the people in the United States in the southern states that looked like the people that live in Washington, D.C. now, generally, were only three-fifths of a person. There's always a chance to change wrongs from the past, and this is a good example of it. And I certainly encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Gabel: "Representative Guzzardi to close."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a couple of quick points. First of all, to the Representative's point about the Constitution. The Resolution before the U.S. Congress will maintain those constitutional parameters. It will simply

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shrink the area of the capital and create a new state from the leftover area. But to the broader point, I simply don't think that we ought to be endorsing the notion that, for someone who lives in the United States, to receive the full rights and privileges of citizenship they should have to pack up their bags and move next door. I think that everyone who lives in this country deserves equal representation under the law. And I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Gabel: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Guzzardi moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 16. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 71 'ayes', 42 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 20, offered by Representative Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Joint Resolution 20 designates a portion of Old Highway 136 from East 950th to East... Madam, could we have some order in the chamber, please? Thank you. House Joint Resolution 20 designates a portion of Old Highway 136, East 950th Street to East 750th Street between Macomb and Colchester as the 'Lieutenant Colonel John Stein Memorial Highway'. Lt. Col. Stein was commissioned into the United States Army and transferred to the United States Air Force. During his military career, he flew 3,901 hours. He volunteered for the rescue mission that he was flying when he was killed in Afghanistan on March 23, 2003. During his military career, Lieutenant Colonel Stein received a

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Meritorious Service Medal, an Air Medal, an Arial Achievement Medal, an Air Force Commendation Medal, and an Army Commendation Medal, and an Army Achievement Medal. He is survived by his wife, Barbara. And I would ask that we take a moment of silence."

Speaker Gabel: "And the Body take a moment of silence. Representative Hammond moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 20. 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 this question, there are 116 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 21, offered by Representative Bos."

Bos: "Thank you, Madam Chair. House Joint Resolution 21 designates a portion of Illinois Route 137 from Illinois Route 21 to Butterfield Road in Libertyville as 'Army SPC Wesley R. Wells Memorial Road'. Wesley was killed in action in Eastern Afghanistan during a fight with Taliban and Al-Qaeda insurgents, fighting for our country in Operation Enduring Freedom on September 20, 2004. Wells joined the Army after the September 11 terrorist attacks and told his friends and relatives that he wanted to make a career out of protecting his country. Wesley was born and raised in Libertyville, attended Libertyville High School, and has a numerous family and friends still in the Libertyville area, including his mother, Joan Neal. This small act is the least we can do for his sacrifice. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Gabel: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Representative Bos moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 21. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 116 'ayes', 0 'nays', and 2... and this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 23, offered by Representative Hurley."

Hurley: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, and congratulations. I am here for House Joint Resolution 23. It involves the Illinois ABLE program. ABLE standing for Achieving a Better Life Experience. The Illinois ABLE program has created a pathway to greater financial independence for Illinoisans with disabilities and their families, incentivizes employment of people with disabilities, and increases economic self-reliance and person-centered independence for many individuals with disabilities. House Joint Resolution recognizes state agencies and departments for their excellent service to people with disabilities across the state and looks to gain support from these agencies and departments in helping Illinoisans with disabilities achieve a better life experience through the ABLE Act. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Gabel: "Representative Hurley moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 23. 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 Joint Resolution 25, Representative Elik."

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Elik: "Thank you. Today I present House Joint Resolution 25, a memorial highway naming Resolution, which names approximately two miles of West Delmar Avenue in Godfrey from Pierce Lane to Valhalla Cemetery as 'The Captain Jake Ringering Memorial Highway'. Captain Jake Ringering was a fire captain from the Village of Godfrey who passed away in the line of duty on March 5, 2019 at the age of 37. Captain Ringering fire service career began in 2001, and he joined the Godfrey Fire Protection District in 2010, where he attained the rank of lieutenant, and later captain. Captain Ringering was the lead instructor for the Godfrey Fire Protection District and taught fire science at Lewis and Clark Community College. He held numerous certifications in advanced courses and also earned his EMT license. Jake Ringering was truly a public servant and countless individuals are alive today because of his service to the community. When he died in fire service two years ago, he left behind his wife, Allison, and three young children, his parents, siblings, extended family, his fire department colleagues, and a community who deeply mourn his loss. This is an initiative of the Mayor of the Village of Godfrey. And he and I, and Captain Ringering's family, feel this memorial highway is a fitting tribute to him and pays respect to him permanently in the Village of Godfrey. I ask for your 'aye' vote, and I would ask that the Body take a moment of silence."

Speaker Gabel: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Representative Elik moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 25. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 'ayes', 0 'nays'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared adopted. House Resolution... House Joint Resolution 26, offered by Representative Elik."

Elik: "Thank you. House Joint Resolution 26 names approximately one mile of Godfrey Road from Stamper Land to Crestwood Drive in Godfrey as the 'Eldon 'Twirp' Williams Memorial Highway'. Twirp Williams was a beloved and respected member of the Village of Godfrey. He started his public service in Godfrey in 1957 as the justice of the peace and a township trustee, then he served as the Godfrey tax assessor for 40 years. In 1999, he ran for the Godfrey Village Board and served on the board until his death in 2018. He was an Air Force veteran and worked as a realtor in the community for 50 years. Twirp was still working as a realtor at the time of this death on October 16, 2018 at the age of 87 years old, when he was tragically murdered while preparing a house to sell. He leaves behind his wife, Jackie, his daughters and their families, including his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, numerous other family members still grieving this tragic and shocking loss. This is an initiative of the Mayor of the Village of Godfrey who was very close with Twirp. And he and I, and Twirp's family, feel that this memorial highway is a fitting tribute to him and pays respect to him permanently in the Village of Godfrey. I ask for an 'aye' vote and for a moment of silence."

Speaker Gabel: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Representative Elik moves for the adoption of House Joint

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Resolution 26. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 116 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 28, offered by Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Joint Resolution 28 designates 76th Street in Keithsburg from Jackson Street to Illinois 17 as the 'PO2 Robert Holloway and PO3 Ronald Crose Memorial Highway'. Mayor Henshaw reached... the Keithsburg mayor reached out to me and asked me to run this Resolution. It recognizes, as I said, Petty Officer Second Class Robert Holloway who was killed in South Vietnam, off the shores of providence and military region. He died through nonhostile action. He was 24 years old, and he died in the South China Sea. Chief Petty... I'm sorry. Petty Officer Second Class Holloway is well-remembered in his community and continues to receive birthday wishes on his memorial hall. You can find his name on Panel 13E, line 48, of the Vietnam Wall Memorial. Petty Officer Ronald Alan Crose was 22 when he was killed in South Vietnam also. He died of hostile action and encountered an explosive device. He entered the service 21 June... or 21 November 1964, served three years, three days. He, too, could be found on the Vietnam Wall Memorial, Panel 30E, row 75. These two gentlemen are remembered and memorialized at the Keithsburg memorial site in Keithsburg, Illinois with a bench with their photos and little bit about each of them. I would

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ask for a moment of silence and reverence in recognition of these two great Americans. Thank you."

Speaker Gabel: "Body will take a moment of silence. Representative Swanson moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 28. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 116 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared adopted. House Joint Resolution 29, offered by Representative Bennett."

Bennett: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Joint Resolution 29 designates the portion of Illinois Route 251 as it travels through a small town called Minonk, Illinois as the 'Joseph C. Clegg Memorial Highway'. Joseph C. Clegg was a soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Western Theater of the American Civil War during the siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi, a fortress city that dominated the last Confederate-controlled section of the Mississippi River. The Union victory at Vicksburg was a major turning point in the Civil War and was declared by President Abraham Lincoln as a 'key' to defeating the Confederacy and by Confederate President Jefferson Davis as 'the nailhead that held the South's two halves together.' He was killed in action on May 22, 1863. Clegg is an example of dedication and sacrifice to preserve a more perfect union, and it is fitting that we remember his ultimate sacrifice. I ask for a moment of silence and for an 'aye' vote, please."

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Speaker Gabel: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Representative Bennett moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 29. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 116 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 30, offered by Representative Bennett."

Bennett: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Joint Resolution... excuse me, #30 designates the portion of Illinois Route 171 between Illinois Route 83 and U.S. Route 45 as the 'Atomic Veterans Highway'. It is appropriate to remember the many sacrifices and contributions to the cause of freedom made by the outstanding men and women who have served the United States Armed Forces. And whereas, from 1946 to 1962, the United States conducted approximately 200 atmospheric nuclear tests, more than all other nuclear states combined at that time. And whereas, approximately 400 thousand servicemen in the U.S. Army, Navy, and Marines were present during these atmospheric tests, whether as witnesses to the tests themselves or the post-test cleanup crews. The Manhattan Project was the code name in the American-led effort to develop a functional atomic weapon during World War II. And why this road? This road basically is named after the Red Gates Woods Forest Preserve. It also was the original site of the Argonne National Laboratory site and disposal site. The Red Gate Woods is the burial ground of Chicago pillars and the world's very first nuclear reactor, as well as other reactors that were built

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and buried during this Manhattan Project. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Gabel: "Representative Bennett moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 30. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 116 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 31, offered by Representative Bennett."

Bennett: "Thank you, Madam Chair. House Joint Resolution 31 designates the section of Illinois Route 9 between South Washington Street and High Street in a small town called Paxton, Illinois as the 'Trooper Marvin C. Archer Memorial Road'. Paxton is a small town in the southern part of the district, roughly 4 thousand people. Illinois State Police Trooper Marvin Archer, a World War II veteran, was killed in a gun fight on June 18, 1946 while attempting to apprehend two vehicle thieves at the intersection of the Illinois Route 45 and 9 near Paxton. Trooper Archer was shot and died on the scene. Trooper Archer served two years with the Illinois State Police and then two years as a combat engineer in the Pacific during World War II. He returned to his state police during the six months before his death. Trooper Archer is an example of the dedication and sacrifice of the Illinois State Police, and it is fitting that we remember his sacrifice. I ask for a moment of silence and for an 'aye' vote, please."

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Speaker Gabel: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Representative Bennett moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 31. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 116 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared adopted. House Joint Resolution 32, offered by Representative Bennett."

Bennett: "Madam Chair, thank you. House Joint Resolution 32 designates Illinois Route 47 as it travels through Gibson City as the 'William Eugene Campbell Memorial Highway'. Gibson City is a small town of roughly 3500 people. Illinois General Assembly pays honor and respect to the truly great individuals who have served our country and, in doing so, have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Like many others facing the draft, Campbell was called to serve in the U.S. Army on August 12, 1968. Just under a year into his service, on August 2, 1969, Campbell was killed in action. The first and only casualty in Gibson City. He received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, the Veteran (sic-Vietnam) Campaign Ribbon, and the Combat Infantry Badge. Campbell's heroism and willingness to sacrifice his own well-being was an inspiration to his entire platoon. His bravery and devotion to a duty and his fellow soldiers were in keeping with the highest traditions of

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military service. I ask for a moment of silence and for an 'aye' vote. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Speaker Gabel: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Representative Bennett moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 32. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 116 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared adopted. House Resolution 20, offered by Leader Flowers. House Resolution 20, offered by Leader Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Madam Chairman and Members of the committee. I have House Resolution 20 and... House Resolution 20 calls on Congress to introduce legislation to create a new National Infrastructure Bank, which would enable our nation to erect a new infrastructure platform appropriate for the 21st century. House Resolution 20 also addresses the National Infrastructure crisis, which has been deeply affected... which has deeply affected the State of Illinois. Illinois has thousands of deficient bridges, roads, water systems. The state has given... the state was given a grade of a C+ back in 2017 on the Infrastructure Report Card from the American Society of Civil Engineers and a D on the states of its roads. While Illinois can partially finance future infrastructure projects, House Resolution 20 proposes a creation of a National Infrastructure Bank to provide necessary funding for the infrastructure project for all states. The National Infrastructure Bank would be modeled from the Alexander

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Hamilton First Bank of the United States and the National Bank. In theory, the bank would repurpose existing treasures to use for these projects. Several iterations of the National Infrastructure Bank has been proposed in the past with President Obama and, most recently, the backing of the proposed legislation in February of 2008. The bank is established to capitalize at \$3 to \$4 trillion by monetizing existing treasury debt. The bank would also offer holders of the debt the right to buy the stock in the bank at a higher interest rate, one to two percent, above the Treasurer interest rate. Plans for repayment will be written into arrangements made between the banks and the states. The creation of the bank was endorsed by many labor organizations and institutions, and 16 other states have filed similar Resolutions. And I would urge for its adoption. Thank you."

Speaker Gabel: "Leader Flowers moves for the adoption of House Resolution 20. 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 24, offered by Leader Flowers."

Flowers: "House Resolution 24 urges the history of eugenics movement in the United States to be introduced in U.S. history courses. The term eugenics was first coined in the late 1800s and comes from the Greek root word for 'good' and 'origin' or 'good birth'. Eugenics involves applying principles of genetics and hereditary for the purpose of improving the human race. Eugenics claimed that the science... scientific ability to classify individuals and groups as fit and unfit. The unfit were defined by race, mental and physical disability, the

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country of origin, and poverty. Eugenics was widely accepted by academics, politicians, intellectuals, governments, courts. In 2010, the Eugenic Record Office at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory on Long Island was found. The focus of the American eugenic movement was the elimination of negative traits, if you can imagine. The undesirable traits such as poverty, mental health, dwarfism, promiscuity, criminality were often concentrated, supposedly, in poor and uneducated and minority populations. Supporters of the eugenic movement helped to pass legislation for forced sterilization people deemed to have undesirable traits. This resulted in forced sterilization of 64 thousand individuals in the United States. The eugenic movement even gained support from the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1927, the case of *Buck v. Bell*, the court ruled that the State of Virginia had the legal right to forcibly sterilize a young woman named Carrie Buck for her promiscuity. Adolf Hitler proudly stated to following and implementing the laws of several American states that allowed the prevention of reproduction of the unfit. The Nazi defense of the Nuremburg trial even called *Buck v. Bell* as justification for the German sterilization program. While Illinois did not pass any eugenic related sterilization laws, the General Assembly did pass a law in 1915 which would allow for the indefinite institutionalization of any person deemed to be feeble by an expert. The dark history of the United States eugenic movement is not widely recognized and rarely appears in any of our school books. House Resolution 24 is urging the history of the eugenic movements in the United States to be included in the history books to encourage people

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of Illinois to educate themselves on history of the eugenics in the United States. And I move for its adoption. Thank you."

Speaker Gabel: "Leader Flowers moves for the adoption of House Resolution 24. 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. On House Joint Resolution 11, offered by Representative Batinick. I understand there's an Amendment on this."

Batinick: "Yes. Can I adopt the Amendment, please, Madam Speaker?"

Speaker Gabel: "Representative Batinick moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed '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 Gabel: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I was talking to one of my colleagues a second ago about how difficult some of these Resolutions are. And I can... I can tell you from first-hand experience, it's extremely difficult and daunting to do a Resolution for somebody that grew up down the street from where you live and played at the same park as some of your kids, but that's what I'm doing right now in trying to honor Private First Class Andrew Meari. He was on patrol and a vehicle-borne suicide bomber approached his squad and his squadmates, and he stepped in front, absorbing the blast, and paid the ultimate sacrifice. So, what House Joint Resolution simply does is designates a section of Illinois Route 59 from Caton Farm Road to Route 126 as 'PFC Andrew Meari Memorial

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Highway'. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote, and I would ask for a moment of silence. Thank you very much."

Speaker Gabel: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Representative Batinick moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 11. 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, take the record. On this question, there 116 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. On House Resolution 165, offered by Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today I have House Resolution 165. What it does is provides that Public Act 101-237 is named Ta'Naja's Law. As you recall, very sadness of this little girl who was just two years old in Decatur and lost her life. And it was the very big House Bill 1551 that came of that, due to her loss of life. And thank you to the Members that were here at that time. It was a very difficult time for all of us, and I feel like we really did make some good progress with DCFS. And this way her name will have a special meaning on Ta'Naja's Law. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Gabel: "Representative Scherer moves for the adoption of House Resolution 165. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 195, Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's nice to see you up there. House Resolution 195 simply urges Congress to remove the \$10 thousand cap on the SALT deduction. As everyone well

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knows, as part of President Trump's Tax Cut and Jobs Act, he capped the deduction we can take on our state and local taxes at \$10 thousand, effectively putting our residents at an extreme disadvantage. This urges Congress to remove that cap and offer... go back to allowing us to take full advantage of a provision that we were taking advantage of a long time ago. And I would ask for passage of the Resolution."

Speaker Gabel: "Representative Morgan is recognized."

Morgan: "Thank you, Madam Chair. I would ask for a roll call vote on this."

Speaker Gabel: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Zalewski moves for the adoption of House Resolution 195. All those 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, take the record. On this question, there are 110 'ayes', 1 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. Representative Batinick, for what reason do you rise?"

Batinick: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And you do look wonderful up there. I am rising to excuse Marty McLaughlin for the rest of the day. Thank you."

Speaker Gabel: "Representative Halpin is recognized on House Resolution 83."

Halpin: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. At the beginning of this year, the Quad Cities area lost someone who had a substantial impact on our area, particularly in his home City of Silvis. On January 2, 2021, Joseph A. 'Joe' Terronez passed away at the age of 91. Joe was born in a boxcar in the Silvis rail yards,

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as many in our area, especially Hispanic Americans were at the time. Joe attended public schools in Silvis and East Moline, and married Rebecca Herrera in 1948. Together they had eight children. In 1951, Joe joined International Harvester as a repairman. In his time there, he joined the United Auto Workers, later becoming a leader of the union, advocating in solidarity for better wages and working conditions for his union brothers and sisters. Joe also fought for working people as a proud Democrat. And in 1963, entered into public service as First Ward Alderman in Silvis. Then after serving in that position for 26 years, Joe became the first elected Hispanic mayor in the State of Illinois, serving from 1989 to 1993. During his tenure, Joe worked tirelessly to both honor the city's Hispanic heritage and to prepare for its future. Honoring our past, Joe worked with others for years to have Hero Street, USA recognized. I've spoken about Hero Street before in this chamber. Second Street in Silvis, Illinois was the home of eight Mexican American selfless heroes who gave their lives serving this country in combat in World War II in Korea. And in addition to establishing the name Hero Street, USA, and the memorial park located there, Joe would often visit local schools and libraries to teach children about its importance and promoted the family's tragic but proud history in our armed forces. And for his service, in part, Joe was made an honorary member of the Mexican American Veterans Association. Looking to the future, Joe provided mentorship and assistance to Hispanic candidates for office in the City of Silvis, other local municipalities in Rock Island County. Hispanic and Latino representation in

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local government today in Rock Island County, which we are extremely proud of, is due in large part to Joe's efforts. Those efforts were recognized locally and nationally. He received the Civic Leadership Award in 1985 and was given the National Hispanic Hero Award at the United States Hispanic Annual Leadership Conference in 1996. He was recognized most recently as Grand Marshal of the Silvis Moonlight Parade in 2019. Joe was deeply committed to both his family and his Catholic faith. To this day, the Terronez family reunions and celebrations are well known and are as full of life and joy as Joe, himself, was. Joe would often say that his strength and pride came from the City of Silvis. And there's no doubt that, in turn, Joe was the source of pride and strength for the city. So, please join me in solidarity in applauding Joe's life, his work and service to the city, its veterans, and the entire working class. Thank you, Joe."

Speaker Gabel: "Thank you, Members. This Resolution was adopted previously. Representative Guerrero-Cuellar, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Gabel: "Proceed."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Members, today the Mexican American communities throughout the United States have an opportunity to proudly celebrate, without fear, their Mexican heritage. Now, more than ever, our country and our great State of Illinois should be more inclusive of the people who have worked to foster our state with a diverse language, food, culture, and religions. I am humbled to be standing on this floor to highlight the meaning of Cinco De Mayo,

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celebrated in some regions as Mexico, specifically in the State of Puebla and the United States, in honor of a military victory of 1862 against French forces led by Napoleon III. Fifty years after declared... after Mexico declared independence from Spain, the goal of the French was to halt the U.S. power in North America by maintaining a monarchy establishment under Maximilian of Austria in Mexico. However, the Mexican army forces, under the command of General Ignacio Zaragoza, defeated the French troops in the famous Battle of Puebla, a state southeast of Mexico City. The victory became a symbolism of Mexican resistance. And as a proud China Poblana, a name to women of the region who wore traditional dress style, as I am wearing a traditional dress shirt, hand embroidered by the women of Puebla, Cinco De Mayo is especially important to me because I identify with the State of Puebla where my parents migrated from. But today, in this chamber, I represent my heritage and my parents. And thank you very much for having me here today and this opportunity."

Speaker Gabel: "And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, May 6, 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 to order. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2182, offered by Representative Walker, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2661, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate

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Bill 2665, offered by Representative Ortiz, a Bill for an Act concerning government. First Reading of these Senate Bills. They'll be referred to the Rules Committee. Committee Report. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 5, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 116, House Resolution 126, House Resolution 138, House Resolution 191, House Resolution 193, House Resolution 205, House Resolution 212. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."