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Speaker Hoffman: "The House will come to order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the Pastor of Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield, Illinois. 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."

Wayne Padget: "Let us pray. God of love, let us be more like you. The more we meet with one another in our Session, let our comments, ideas, and plans be to edify, comfort, and encourage one another. Pray that we treat one another how we would like to be treated for this sums up the law and the profits. Father, let our actions be motivated by our love for one another. I pray that you continue to guide us. This we pray, Amen."

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

Burke - 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 Hoffman: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Greenwood is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side. Leader Greenwood."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record show that Representatives Carroll, Conroy, Didech, Evans, Gong-Gershowitz, Barbara Hernandez, Lilly, Moylan, and Slaughter are excused today."

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

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Welter: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representatives Halbbrook and Sosnowski are excused for the day."

Speaker Hoffman: "The record shall so reflect. Have recorded themselves who wish? Have recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 99 Members being present, 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 April 3, 2022: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 180; approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading are House Bills 1023, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1321, 1465, 1568, 1569, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1573, 1661, and 1655. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 792, offered by Representative Mah; and House Resolution 795, offered by Representative Lewis, are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hernandez."

Hernandez, L.: "Speaker, I move that Representatives Guerrero-Cuellar, Cassidy, Meier, Niemerg, Morrison, McLaughlin, Wilhour, and Miller be allowed to participate and cast their vote remotely."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hernandez has made a Motion that Representatives Guerrero-Cuellar, Cassidy, Meier, Niemerg, Morrison, McLaughlin, Wilhour, and Miller be allowed to participate and cast their votes remotely. This is a roll call vote. All in favor 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this Motion, there are 69 voting 'yes', 20 voting 'no', 5 voting 'present'. And these Members shall be allowed to vote remotely. And the Motion is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Is Representative Cassidy?"

Cassidy: "Cassidy is present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy is present. Is Representative Guerrero-Cuellar present?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar is present. Is Representative McLaughlin present?"

McLaughlin: "Representative McLaughlin is present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative McLaughlin is present. Is Representative Meier present?"

Meier: "Present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Meier is present. Is Representative Miller present? Is Representative Morrison present?"

Morrison: "Yes, I'm present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Morrison is present. Is Representative Niemerg present?"

Niemerg: "Representative Niemerg is present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Niemerg is present. Is Representative Wilhour present?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I have two more Honorary Pages, and that would be my two grandchildren, Leah Payne and Logan Payne. Leah is nine, and Logan is seven. And welcome to the Capitol."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stava-Murray, for what reason do you rise?"

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Stava-Murray: "I have with me today some very special guests. I have my husband, Sean Stava-Murray, my son, August Stava-Murray, my daughter, Millie Stava-Murray, and my other daughter, Evelyn Stava-Murray. So, if we can give them all a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome. Representative Kifowit."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Sir. Today is April 3, and this is a day that my son turns 20 years old. I called him and asked him what he was doing for fun on his birthday, and he said, 'Mom, I'm on duty all day.' So, he's of course in the Navy, as you all know, on active duty. And unfortunately, his birthday weekend was for duty. But I wish to put in the record that everybody wish him a great 20th birthday nonetheless."

Speaker Hoffman: "We shall now move to the Order of Resolutions. On page 11 of the Calendar appears House Joint Resolution 79, Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One moment, please. Just... I'm assuming... we had two Resolutions. I'm assuming this is the one with the correct spelling. I apologize for not... well, thank you. So, this Resolution, House Joint Resolution 79, designates a section of Route 30 in Kendall County from Douglas Road to River Road as 'Herschel Luckinbill Road'.

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Herschel Luckinbill was a Navy guy, and he was very active. Veterans and leaders of the Fox Valley communities, including but certainly not limited to Aurora, Montgomery, and Oswego. And we are honoring him. He did pass away earlier last year. And we just thought it would be befitting myself and Representative Keith Wheeler, along with the other Representatives of the area, to memorialize him. He served two tours of duty during Vietnam aboard the USS O'Brien, the first American ship to receive direct hits from the enemy during the Vietnam War on December 23, 1966. He often recalls the story that one day he went to bed with his shipmate and friend on the bunk on top of him, and then after the bombing, his shipmate lost his life, and he will never remember him. And he never forgot... or he would never forget him, and he would never forget saying goodnight to him that night. Herschel lived in Montgomery, and he worked for the VFW, the American Legion. He served 20 times... 25 times as the guardian for the World War II veterans on the Honor Flight Chicago. He did fundraising for more programs than I can even list on the Resolution. He was instrumental in bringing the Vietnam memorial wall to Aurora and Oswego, along with being instrumental in the traveling Middle East Conflicts Wall of Honor to Illinois, the first trip outside its home state. And that Mid East Conflict Wall was very moving for the veterans that served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and it's a fitting memorial to those that we have lost in that conflict as well. He was a leader of the Fox Valley Breakfast Club. He had leadership roles that... actually he took over that leadership role because previously, as we recall, the late Senator

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Mitchler started the Veterans Breakfast Club, and he was a World War II veteran himself. So, he passed away in Charlotte, Tennessee after recently moving there at age 75. He is survived by his wife, Eva, sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and several other family members. And so, this is a befitting tribute to an individual who was dubbed 'Mr. Veteran' in our local newspaper. And with permission from the Body, I would move that all Members be added to this Resolution. And I would appreciate your support. And I believe Representative Wheeler has comments to add."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Wheeler."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I want to say thank you also to Representative Kifowit for leading on this. This is a... for our area, it's a really important moment. Herschel Luckinbill was a friend of everyone's, but he was truly a friend of veterans and veteran causes. He had an ability to keep veterans front and center in our community like no one else could. And all the things that Representative Kifowit had mentioned that he had done was in great collaboration with so many people. I was really proud to have him as a constituent of mine because he had no fear, by the way, of reaching out to ask for support for those adventures. And when you realized some of the scope of his imagination and his vision for how to keep veterans celebrated in our community, it was beyond scale for what most of us could imagine. And the fact that he brought The Moving Wall for Vietnam to our community, practically twice, is befitting of the fact that there were tens of thousands of people there each time. He was really a tremendous person to be around. To

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have gone to school with his kids, my wife went to school with his kids in high school. What a great family. Just a person we should all look up to, and I'm grateful that we have named a part of a very, very busy road in our area for him to keep his memory alive in our community. So, thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "This will require a roll call vote. Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 79. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Cassidy votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'. Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar votes 'yes'. Representative McLaughlin."

McLaughlin: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'yes'. Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Meier votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Morrison votes 'yes'. Representative Niemerg."

Niemerg: "Representative Niemerg votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Niemerg votes 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, could we add all Members as Sponsors of the Resolution? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this Motion, there are 104 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this, having received a Constitutional Majority, the Motion passes. Moving to page 14 of the Calendar, Representative Gabel on House Joint Resolution 652. Leader Gabel. Out of the record. On House Resolution 654, Representative Zalewski. Representative Zalewski, please proceed."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 654 designates a Frederick Law Olmsted Day in Illinois. Frederick Law Olmsted was a renown landscape architect who designed a great many things in Illinois and.. including my home town of Riverside, Illinois. The society wishes to honor his achievements, and I would ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, Representative Zalewski moves for the adoption of House Resolution 654. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Yingling on House Resolution 687. Out of the record. Representative Andrade on House Resolution 691. Out of the record. Representative Mussman on House Resolution 694. Please proceed."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the chamber. House Resolution 694 is a request of Pet Partners Therapy Animal teams in recognition of all the thousands of animals who are working all across our hospitals, nursing homes, schools, hospice centers, and more to interact with people in distress, such as veterans, seniors, patients, and students facing challenges and those approaching the end of their life,



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providing significant comfort. And we want to just make sure that we acknowledge these therapy animal partners and their special day in April 30 of 2022. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mussman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 694. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On page 14 of the Calendar, we return to House Resolution 652, Representative... Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution was brought to me by the Respiratory Health Association, which is a public health organization, a health leader since 1906. This is a Resolution that will designate March 16 as day of remembrance in honor of those who have been lost to this pandemic and recognize those frontline workers who have sacrificed by tirelessly laboring to protect the health of Illinoisans. Appreciate it. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of House Resolution 652. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Excuse me. The Resolution is adopted. Moving to page 16 of the Calendar, appears House Resolution 732, Representative Caulkins. Please proceed."

Caulkins: "Thank you, Mr. Leader. This is a Resolution designated as a Historic Preservation Week in the City of Decatur. This is from May 15 to May 21 of this year. As we all know, historic preservation is very, very important. It helps us with stimulating growth, revitalizing our neighborhoods, and

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fostering local pride. So, I can remind you all that Decatur, named after Commodore Stephen Decatur, a great hero in his time. And we also claim President Abraham Lincoln was his home in Lincoln Homestead Park. We are also the site of the wigwam where, in 1860, Abraham Lincoln was nominated to be the President of the United States. So, I would ask for your support in naming Historic Preservation Week in Decatur from May 15 through May 21."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Caulkins moves for the adoption of House Resolution 732. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 732 is adopted. Leader Greenwood."

Greenwood: "Mr. Speaker, the Democrats will request a caucus meeting immediately upon adjournment in Room 114."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Welter."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, the House Republicans request a caucus immediately following Session in Room 118."

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you, Leader. So, the Democrats will be in Room 114 caucus. And the Republicans in Room 118 caucus. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Greenwood moves that the House... excuse me. Representative LaPointe, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

LaPointe: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Tonight is a very special night that I hope lots of us know about. We have a very important sports game tonight. It is the Women's Championship for NCAA Division I Women's Basketball. The University of South

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Carolina is playing against UConn. And of course, we have another important game tomorrow night. This is really important. Women's basketball in particular, for many of these young women who have played their hearts out from when they were kids, this is it for them. This is the end of the line. I have watched lots of women's basketball growing up. I'm thrilled to watch the game tonight. DH Browns is going to open for us. Tipoff is at 7 p.m. So, if anyone, if we get out of here at reasonable hour, wants to join us at DH Browns to watch the University of South Carolina play UConn, we would love to have you. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Weber."

Weber: "Personal point of privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your personal point of privilege."

Weber: "Thank you. I just wanted to remind Members that today is the third day into Child Abuse Awareness Month. As of last week, there's been some new names added to that list of children who have been left behind by the State of Illinois. Since January, Sophia Davis, Damari Perry, Zaraz Walker, Tamsin Miracle Sauer, and now, as of last week, Navin Jones have died from child abuse despite extensive contact with DCFS. I'd like this Body to take a moment of silence in honor of these beautiful lives that have been lost way to soon and to reflect on what we are here to do and what we can do to protect children as we go farther in Session this next week for the children of Illinois."

Speaker Hoffman: "The Body shall observe a moment of silence. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

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Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 791, offered by Representative Ammons. House Resolution 793, offered by Representative Severin. And House Resolution 794, offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Greenwood moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. 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 Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Greenwood moves that the House stand adjourned until Monday, April 4, at the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And we are adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5738, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5739, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 3201, offered by Representative Yang Rohr, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. First Reading of this Senate Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."