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4:16 O'CLOCK P.M.

THE HONORABLE W. ROBERT BLAIR,

SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR



GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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A Roll Call for attendance was taken and indicated that all were present with the exception of the following:

Representative Robert E. Brinkmeier - no reason given;  
Representative Charles M. Campbell - no reason given;  
Representative James D. Carrigan - no reason given;  
Representative James Y. Carter - no reason given;  
Representative Raymond W. Ewell - no reason given;  
Representative Gene L. Hoffman - no reason given;  
Representative Thomas R. Houde - illness;  
Representative Raymond J. Kahoun - no reason given;  
Representative James G. Krause - illness;  
Representative Wilbur H. Lauterbach - no reason given;  
Representative Edward Lehman - illness;  
Representative Robert E. Mann - no reason given;  
Representative Michael H. McDermott - no reason given;  
Representative James D. Nowlan - illness;  
Representative Romie J. Palmer - no reason given;  
Representative James Philip - illness in family;  
Representative Matt Ropa - no reason given;  
Representative John W. Thompson - no reason given;  
Representative Gale Williams - no reason given;  
Representative Frank C. Wolf - no reason given.



Doorkeeper: "All who are not entitled to this House Chamber, will you please retire to the Gallery? Thank you."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "The House will be in order. The invocation will be given by Doctor Johnson."

Johnson: "We pray. Dear Father in Heaven, during the days in Session of this 77th General Assembly, we have so often invoked your presence and your blessings upon this House, upon all its Members and staff. We have prayed so often because of our conviction that when we call, you assure us that you will hear. The many moments of invocation now call for a moment of recognition and thanksgiving. We thank You, Lord, for the strength of Body and Mind, with which you have endowed the men and women who have served in this House. We thank you for their dedication and for all of the service which they have given, not only to their constituents, but to all of the People of our State, upon those who will complete their service in this Session, we bespeak your benediction as they go about the tasks that now lie before them, and upon those who return to the 78th General Assembly, we invoke your continuing favor that renewed with vigor from upon high, they may assume and wear the mantle of legislative responsibility with honor and with success, and now, Oh Lord, bless each one of us and as with Abraham of Old, make us a blessing too many. Lord Bless them, and keep them. Oh Lord, make your face shine upon them and be gracious to them. Oh Lord, lift up your countenance upon them and give them



your peace. Amen."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Roll Call for Attendance. Borchers 'present'. Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Meyer."

Meyer: "Mr. Speaker, if the record could show Representative Philip is excused because of a death in the family."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "The Journal will so indicate. The Lady from DuPage, Mrs. Dyer, is present. Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Ewell."

Ewell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for ah.... as a matter of information, I would like to call the attention to Mr. Gilbert of the Chicago Tribune, and introduce Representative Frank Smith, and Representative Roman Kosinski, so that they can be properly identified hereafter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Union, Mr. Choate."

Choate: "Mr. Speaker, would you please have the journal show that Representative Krause is absent because of illness."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "The Journal will so indicate. Messages from the Senate."

F. B. Selcke: "A message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. Mr. Speaker - I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has adopted the following Senate Joint Resolution, the adoption of which I am instructed to ask concurrence of the House of Representatives, to wit, Senate Joint Resolution No. 82, Resolved by the Senate of the 77th General Assembly of



the State of Illinois, the House of Representatives, concurring herein, and when the two Houses adjourn on Tuesday, January 9, 1973, they stand adjourned signe die. Adopted by the Senate, January 9, 1973. Kenneth Wright, Secretary."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde."

Hyde: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I now move that the House concur in Senate Joint Resolution No. 82."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "The question is on the gentleman's motion to concur in the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 82, which is the signe die adjournment resolution. All those in favor, say 'aye', the opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the House concurs in the Senate action. The gentleman from Cook, Mr. Kipley."

Kipley: "Mr. Speaker, will you please have the Journal show that Representative Nowlan is absent because of illness?"

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "The Journal will so indicate. Resolutions." All right, we're pleased to have a Member of the U.S. Congress, ah... Congressman Edward Derwinski there in the center aisle. All right, on the calendar ah.... on the Order of Constitutional Amendments, Third Reading, appears ah.... SJR CA 78, on which the gentleman from Sangamon, Mr. Jones, desires to be heard. All right, the gentleman from Sangamon, Mr. Jones."

Jones: "Ah.... Mr. Speaker, I would appreciate the attention of the entire House, because this is a very important con-



sideration. Ah.... Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we have before us, in Senate Joint Resolution 78, a Constitutional Resolution, to put a proposal before the voters at the next General Election, which will in effect do away with annual sessions. As provided for in the Resolution, the General Assembly would be in Session for six months only in each calendar year of the term. In the even number of years, we would only consider Revenue, and appropriation matters to send alone, or the House and Senate together, could call a special session at any time and likewise could the Governor. In my opinion, this would improve the end result of our legislative efforts, and greatly reduce the cost of the legislative branch of our State government. However, I have some additional consideration, which I believe should be incorporated in this Resolution. For one, we would operate the Committee structure in the periods between when we were not in formal sessions, sip out the uses and nonproductive bills, refine and distill the bills so that we do approve in the Committee, so we will have meritorious legislation ready for floor action during our legal six months. Research and staff backup would result in a much better legislation for all consideration by the House and Senate. Secondly, the subcommittees and the regular standing committees, of the Appropriations Committee could make a study indepth of the needs for the funds being asked for by visiting the institutions, the prisons, the Mental Health facilities,



the universities and so forth and see how the money is being spent. We could all be better informed as to how the taxpayers money is being expended. The Constitution provides that such referendum shall be put before the People at a General Election not less than 6 months after enactment of this Resolution. So we have the opportunity of passing this Resolution as it appears before us today or postpone action now and take up a summer proposal with any of your added refinements in the coming 78th General Assembly, knowing that we have plenty of time in which to take action to meet the deadline of the 1974 General Election. Bills to do this have been prefiled by Representative John Hirschfeld. Mr. Speaker, I submit the alternatives of this House and respect its decision, but if the House does not desire to ah... take up the matter today, it will be postponed and taken up at the next General Assembly."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, we can now go to the question of Resolutions. Agreed Resolutions."

F. B. Selcke: "House Resolution ah... 913. Terzich et al. House Resolution 914....."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, just a minute, for what purpose does the gentleman from Cook, Mr. Simmons, rise?"

Simmons: "Ah... Mr. Speaker, I tried very hard to follow the Speaker just finished, and I understood him to say that we were going to vote on this whether ..... to see whether or not we're going to pass this Resolution."



Hon. W. Robert Blair: "No, ah... actually I didn't have the Resolution read a Third time. I just went to that order and said that the gentleman had requested the opportunity to make a statement with regard to the proposal."

Simmons: "Well, is it his wish to try to pass it? Well, his remarks didn't sound that way. The gentleman from Sangamon, Mr. Jones."

Jones: "Ah.... Mr. Speaker, as I did say, that this is an optional procedure. If we wish to take a vote on it today we could, but the other option would be to ah.... not consider it today and take it up at the next General Assembly with some refinements that may be added." If the House would wish to take a vote on it, I certainly have no objection to this."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Simmons, you want to conclude?"

Simmons: "Well, of course, I won't be here in the next session. I think this is a good resolution. I would like to see it passed."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Cook, Mr. J. J. Wolf."

J. J. Wolf: "Point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker. Ah.... I don't have a printed copy of this ah.... Constitutional Amendment on my desk, and I was wondering if there is a requirement that it be printed on the desk before it's voted on like any other Bill?"

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Well, it hasn't been read a third time, so it is not up for consideration yet. Gentleman





from Sangamon, Mr. Jones."

Jones: "Mr. Speaker, in response of the inquiry, it would seem that.... that with 52 members coming in in the new 78th General Assembly and we have time to accomplish this before the next General Assembly, that we ah... not vote on it at this time."

Honable W. Robert Blair: "All right. Now ah.. to the order of resolutions. Agreed resolution."

F. B. Seicke: "Ah.. House Resolution 914. Regner et al. House Resolution 915. Hood et al. House Resolution 916. Hyde et al. House Resolution 917. Ah.. Garmisa et al. House Resolution 918. Giorgi. House Resolution 920. M. J. Madigan. House Resolution 921. Hyde et al. House Resolution 922. Hyde et al. House Resolution 923. Hyde et al. House Resolution 924. Hyde. House Resolution 925. Hyde. House Resolution 926. Terzich et al. House Resolution 927. Katz et al. House Resolution 928. Choate et al."

W. Robert Blair: "All right. The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde."

Hyde: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Ah.. This is.. these are the agreed resolutions. House Resolution 913 extends.. extends our deepest and most sincere sympathies to the family and friends of the heroic firemen who lost their lives in Chicago, January 6, 1973, at the Forum Cafeteria. House Resolution 914 is ah.. a congratulatory resolution ah.. congratulating



George Lindberg upon his ascendance to the Office of Comptroller. House Resolution 915 commends and congratulates David R. Christiansen of Kankakee Illinois upon his receipt of the Chicago Tribune Outstanding Achievement Award. House Resolution 916 congratulates our former colleague, Ed Madigan, upon his ascendancy to the congress. House Resolution 916 mourns the tragic passing of the great athlete Roberto Clemente. House Resolution 918 ah.. memorializes congress to examine the long-term energy needs of the nation and to develop appropriate policies ah.. to prevent recurrence of an energy crisis. House Resolution 920 congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Orlando of Burbank, Illinois, on their silver anniversary. House Resolution 921 congratulates our former colleague, George O'Brien, upon his election to congress. House Resolution 922 honors Fredrick Sourman upon his receipt of the Eagle Scout Award. House Resolution 923 congratulates Helmit Welke upon his receipt of the Eagle Scout Award. House Resolution 924 ah.. is an appointment by the Speaker of five members to approve the Journals of the House from Journal #161 to the end and these are Mr. Jones, Gibbs, Rose, Londrigan, Tipsword which were appointed on House Resolution 813. Ah.. House Resolution 925 ah.. suggests that the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that we are ready to adjourn and to inquire if the Senate has anything further to communicate with us. House



Resolution 926 ah.. congratulates Archbishop Quigley Council of the Knights of Columbus upon its golden anniversary. House Resolution 927 congratulates Mr. and Mrs. James Bare, the proud parents, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted W. Bare, the proud grandparents, of the Bare quintuplets. House Resolution 918 ah.. expresses the sorrow of this body upon the death of the Honorable ah.. Harry S. Truman. I now move, Mr. Speaker, adoption of the agreed resolutions."

W. Robert Blair: "Ah.. all right ah.. Question is on the adoption of the agreed resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'."

Members: "Aye".

W. Robert Blair: "Opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the agreed resolutions are adopted. Further resolutions."

F. B. Selcke: "Ah.. House Resolution 919, Roscoe Cunningham, et al."

W. Robert Blair: "Does the Gentleman from Lawrence, Mr. Cunningham desire recognition on this matter?"

Cunningham: "Mr. Speaker, may Resolution 919 be read, please?"

W. Robert Blair: "All right. Ah.. read the resolution."

F. B. Selcke: "House Resolution 919. Cunningham, et al.

Whereas the Members of this House believe that the present Paris negotiations will be determined either of peace or war into an American triumph or disaster in the Viet Nam involvement. And whereas the Members recognize the ideological differences between.. among the



peoples and nations involved which have forded every effort by our national leaders and their predecessors in the never-ending struggle for peace with honor. And whereas the enemies' perpetry and intransigence have provoked an extraordinary response by our heroic armed forces design to hasten the determination of hostilities and return of our prisoners of war. And whereas in this crucial historic moment, any weakening of the national unity gives aide and comfort to the enemy. Therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the 77th General Assembly, State of Illinois, that we express our support of the national administration and its efforts to bring just peace to all man everywhere the world wide and our wishes of success and God speed for the Paris negotiations. and be it further resolved that we implore all Americans to stay their criticism of our national leadership pending the outcome of the Paris negotiations and that we salute the members of our armed forces for the discipline, courage and dedication that their lives exlemplify."

W. Robert Blair: "All right. The Gentleman from Lawrence, Mr. Cunningham."

Cunningham: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Weber and I were struck almost speechless that this resolution wasn't acceptable as an agreed resolution. For on behalf of myself, I'm going to waive oral argument



except to say that we move the House that the Rules be suspended in order that this resolution might be heard now. The Resolution is couched in the very most general of terms. It is.. represents an expression of good will be the Members of the House on either side of the aisle. That the cause of peace is of national significance and importance. Surely to God, anybody who takes pride when they play the star-spangled banner or says with pride, 'I am an American' can vote for this resolution. It is an unspeakable tragedy that the Members of this House in the 77th General Assembly would adjourn without having some written record expressing their concern in the success of the Paris negotiations. I respectfully move that the rules be suspended, that this resolution might be adopted."

W. Robert Blair: "Objection has been heard to the Gentleman's request for unanimous consent to suspend the provisions of Rule 53 a. The Gentleman now.. Who objected? Ah.. Mr. Katz objected. Mr. Schneider objected. Mr. Yourell objected. Ah.. but it only takes one for unanimous consent not to be unanimous. Does the Gentleman from Lawrence ah.. Mr. Cunningham now ah.. put a motion with respect to the matter? The Gentleman from Macon, Mr. Borchers."

Borchers: "Ah.. Mr. Speaker and fellow Members of the House. As cosponsor of this resolution I would like to call for



a motion of vote on this resolution. I so move. An oral motion."

W. Robert Blair: "No ah.. that's allright.. I.. your motion is to suspend the provisions of rule 53 a for the immediate consideration of adoption of the resolution. Now, ah.. that is a proper motion to be put. The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Meyer, desires to be heard on that."

Meyer: "Isn't that a non-debatable motion? Point of order."

W. Robert Blair: "Motion to suspend is not debatable. But in the past, when matters have been argued on the merit the Chair has allowed some latitude with regard to it. All right. The question is on the Gentleman's motion to suspend the provisions of Rule 53a so that House Resolution 919 may be considered at this time. So all those in favor will vote 'aye' and the opposed 'no'. Gentleman from Macon, Mr. Borchers, on the motion."

Borchers: "Mr. Speaker, first it's my ah.. ah.. voting device is still on the blink. I would like to advise whoever's in charge that I would like to see it repaired by tomorrow. But now.. so I vote 'aye'. Now I would like to have a word or so explaining my vote. Though not apparent on the board, it's apparent in my heart. One of the first precedence of war is that to conquer is to divide and conquer. Well, we are being divided. This hurts nothing for the House to make such and to pass such a resolution. It merely indicates that we are



against the idea of falling into the trap of the enemy of dividing and conquering. This has nothing to do with the influencing of the negotiations in Paris. It merely puts this House on record that at this delicate time in international relations and negotiation that we would like to back our official representatives in what they are trying to do. The division we have in this country of this apart is disastrous for any type of negotiation. So I think we should vote 'yes' ah.. as just a mere symbol of our unity for peace and a just end of this war."

W. Robert Blair: "The ah.. Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Carroll."

Carroll: "Point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker."

W. Robert Blair: "State your point."

Carroll: "What does is take for this motion to be successful?"

W. Robert Blair: "89 or two-thirds of those voting on the issue."

Carroll: "Thank you."

W. Robert Blair: "The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Kosinski."

Kosinski: "Mr. Speaker, may I explain my 'no' vote?"

W. Robert Blair: "Yes, proceed."

Kosinski: "Ah.. I personally feel that I have enough problems with the State of Illinois without being concerned with Federal problems, hence the 'no' vote."

W. Robert Blair: "Have all voted who wished? The Clerk will take the record. Gentleman from Union, Mr. Choate. Record the Gentleman, 'no'. The Gentleman from Cook,



Mr. Simmons."

Simmons: "I'd like to request a poll of the absentees."

W. Robert Blair: "Well, the Gentleman's request is in order ah.. At this time the roll call stands at 53 'ayes' and 24 'nays'. The Clerk advises that the 2/3 requirement would be 40.. ah.. all right, the required amount is 52 and now we stand at 53 on the roll call. The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Simmons."

Simmons: "I withdraw my motion."

W. Robert Blair: "All right. The Gentleman withdraws his motion. The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Maragos."

Maragos: "I reiterate my motion that the absentees be polled. Gentleman from Lawrence, Mr. Cunningham."

Cunningham: "Mr. Speaker, we thought that the results had been announced."

W. Robert Blair: "The results have not been announced."

Cunningham: "Then we asked as parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker, if it's proper under the rules to ask for a polling of the absentees when the proponents of the bill have already prevailed in establishing the two-thirds required. These people who didn't vote have no concern in it."

W. Robert Blair: "Well, ah.. the fact is that the Chair has not announced the roll call at the time that the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Simmons requested a poll of the absentees. I sought advice from the Clerk where we stood on the 2/3 rule. And it was ascertained at that





time the roll call stood ah.. ah.. I vote over that necessary for ah.. suspension of the rule. Now.. ah.. I've recognized the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Maragos, ah.. he's put his motion prior to the time I requested ah.. ah.. ah.. recognized him. So I think it ah.. ah.. would be improper of the Chair ah.. to ah.. ah.. pre-emptorally deny that request when as a matter of record, for the roll, has not been announced. Ah.. so he has asked for a poll of the absentee. Bergot votes 'aye'. Les Cunningham votes 'aye'. Ah.. the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Maragos."

Maragos: "Would it facilitate the work of the House if we had a new roll call. And maybe by that time there will be less absentees on the board if the Speaker wants to do it."

W. Robert Blair: "Ah.. Well, I don't think.. I don't think we need any new ones to facilitate anything. Ah.. we ah.. we do not have an uncomplicated.. we do not have a complicated roll call. The roll call machine's working. All right. Does the Gentleman persist in his demand?"

Maragos: "Yes, I do."

W. Robert Blair: "All right. The Clerk will poll the absentees."

F. B. Selcke: "Alsop. Arrigo. Borchers. Boyle. Bradley. Brinkmeier. Brunmet. Calvo. Caldwell. Campbell. Capuzi. Carrigan. Jimmy Carter. Chapman. Colitz. Conolly. Corbett. Craig."



W. Robert Blair: "Chapman says 'no'."

F. B. Selcke: "Ah.. Davis. DiPrima. Downs. Dyer.  
Epton. Ewell. Fennessey. Felck."

W. Robert Blair: "Fennesey, 'no'."

F. B. Selcke: "Gibbs. Glass. Granata. Hamilton. Hamilton  
'no'. Hanahan. Hill. Hirschfeld. Gene Hoffman.  
Ron Hoffman. Holloway. Houde. Jacobs. Janczak.  
Kahoun. Karmazyn. Keller. Kennedy."

W. Robert Blair: "Kennedy, 'no'."

F. B. Selcke: "Kleine. Krause. Laurino. Lauterbach.  
Lehman. Lenard. Londrigan."

W. Robert Blair: "Lenard 'no'."

F. B. Selcke: "Mann. Markert. Matijevich."

W. Robert Blair: "Matijevich, 'no'."

F. B. Selcke: "Ah.. McDermott. Meyer. Neff. Nowlan. D.  
O'Brien. O'Hallaren."

W. Robert Blair: "O'Hallaren, 'no'."

F. B. Selcke: "Palmer. Philip. Rayson."

W. Robert Blair: "Rayson, 'no'."

F. B. Selcke: "Redmond. Ropa. Rose. Scariano. Schisler."

W. Robert Blair: "Schisler, present."

F. B. Selcke: "Schlickman."

W. Robert Blair: "Schlickman, explain your vote."

Schlickman: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

As I understand it, the leadership of this body determined  
that this resolution was of controversial nature and  
therefore, should not be presented to us as an agreed



resolution. What we are voting on now is not the merits of the resolution but the suspension of the rules. Absent of showing of a demonstrable emergency, I vote 'no'."

W. Robert Blair: "Schlickman, 'no'."

F. B. Selcke: "Shea."

W. Robert Blair: "Shea, 'no'."

F. B. Selcke: "Ike Sims."

W. Robert Blair: "Ike Sims, 'no'."

F. B. Selcke: "Smith."

W. Robert Blair: "Smith, 'no'. DiPrima.. DiPrima votes 'aye'. Ah.. Mr. Flynn, gentleman from St. Clair."

Flynn: "Mr. Speaker, how am I recorded?"

W. Robert Blair: "How's the Gentleman recorded?"

F. B. Selcke: "Gentleman's recorded as voting 'aye'."

Flynn: "Change that to 'no', please."

W. Robert Blair: "Change the Gentleman from 'aye' to 'no'."

Mr. B. B. Wolfe, the Gentleman from Cook, for what reason do you rise?"

Wolfe: "How am I recorded?"

W. Robert Blair: "How's the Gentleman recorded?" Oh, we're not quite there yet. We haven't finished polling the absentees."

F. B. Selcke: "Stedelin."

W. Robert Blair: "Stedelin, 'no'."

F. B. Selcke: "Taylor. Telcser. Jack Thompson. Art Thompson." Tipsword."



W. Robert Blair: "Tipsword, present."

F. B. Selcke: "Tuerk. VonBoeckman."

W. Robert Blair: "VonBoeckman, 'present'."

F. B. Selcke: "Wadell. Richard Walsh. Walters. Harold Washington. Welsh. Williams. Frank Wolf. B. B. Wolfe."

W. Robert Blair: "Ah.. B. B. Wolfe, 'no'."

F. B. Selcke: "Yourell."

W. Robert Blair: "Scariano, 'no'. Walters, 'aye'. Yourell, 'no'. Carter.. Richard Carter did you get your.. Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Richard Carter."

Carter: "Mr. Speaker how am I recorded?"

F. B. Selcke: "Gentleman is recorded as voting 'no'."

Carter: "Would you allow that to stand?"

W. Robert Blair: "Okay."

W. Robert Blair: "There are 58 'ayes', 55 'nays' and 7 present. All right. Ah.. the Gentleman's motion from ah.. Macon to suspend having failed to receive the required vote is hereby declared lost. Further resolutions. Is that it? Gentleman from Union, Mr. Choate. Oh, ah.. further resolutions. Read the resolutions. Oh, this is a resolution that was adopted on the agreed resolutions list and ah.. the Gentleman from Union is requesting that it be read."

F. B. Selcke: "House Resolution 928. Choate et al.. Whereas the members of this body join with the people of this nation and all the free world and all the free people of



the world and their leaders in deeply mourning the death of one of the greatest benefactors and leaders that they and this nation has ever known in the Honorable Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States of America. And whereas his humble origins in LaMar, Missouri, in his long period of preparation on the back side of the desert in virtual national obscurity while he was educated in schools in Independence, Missouri. A farmer for 11 years on the family farm in Grandview, Missouri. He served in his country's military forces in France in World War I. A failure in a small business enterprise and a presiding judge of the country court in Jackson County Missouri, where as we can now clearly see in retrospect a period of special preparation for the providencial roll he was to play in world affairs. and whereas he burst on the national scene in 1935 at the age of 50 as the junior Senator from our historically and economically and closely entwined sister state of Missouri and ten years later was thrust into the presidency by the death of President Franklin Deleanore Roosevelt in which office in the next 7 and 3/4 years he did so many things of world significance for peace, the common man, and equality and oppornity for all that his life mirrors those leaders chosen by God in the scriptures who were taken from humble origins, given a long and arguous period of preparation and then lifted



to the highest positions of leadership for the uplifting of the life of the people and whereas his accomplishments in national and world affairs which calls for his decision and his alone include whether to drop our exclusive development, the atomic bomb on Japanese cities and end the war at a great costs of life or allow a very probable greater loss of life to take place by not dropping the bomb, whether to develop the hydrogen bomb, whether to use force to repel the 1950 communist inspired assault on South Korea and whether to recall a great and popular general, General Douglas McArthur to all of which he answered 'yes' in his characteristic, straight forward, courageous, trust inspiring, unpretentious way. And whereas in 1947 he saw the necessity to battle the encroachment of communism first in Greece and Turkey and then in all parts of Asia and to do establish what became known as the Truman Doctrine, a far sighted policy which led into the Marshall Plan.. a plan that was necessary to rebuild Europe for its defense liberty from the same source of encroachment. And whereas the United Nations has organized in San Francisco, California for the promotion of World Peace, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was founded for military protection of North Atlantic countries against communism and the Berlin Airlift operated for 327 days and defeated Russia's purpose which was the keep the United States,



Great Britian, and France out of Berlin.were all history making events and must look to his administration as our chief executive for their origin and foundation. And whereas as often happens, great world leaders are not spared descent among people of their own country and this man of destiny had his full measure of this in the railroad and mine strikes of this nation and he met them straight on as only an honest man devoid of guile with great courage and integrity of purpose could and whereas he leaves a proud heritage to mourn his passing the persons of his widow, Bess who was his boyhood sweetheart and his faith and devote partner for 53 and beloved by all of us, his daughter Margaret Truman Daniel, four grandsons of the Daniel, Clifton Truman 15, William Wallace 13, Harrison Gates 10 and Thomas Washington 6, his sister, Mary Jane as well as all the peace loving and equal opportunity seeking people of the word. Therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives 77th General Assembly, State of Illinois, that we join for the people of this nation and all the people of world and their leaders in expressing our deeply felt loss upon the death of the Honorable Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States of America and a benefactor of all mankind. May we express our heartfelt sympathy to the members of his bereaved family and that a suitable copy of this preamble and resolution be presented to his widow,

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Mrs. Bess Truman."

W. Robert Blair: "The Gentleman from Union, Mr. Choate."

Choate: "Well, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. In the day that we are living in today we hear many people being critical of America and things that are happening. And maybe we have just witnessed one of the things that's wrong. I'm absolutely appalled at the attention this legislative body and the guests of this legislature has given to the resolution that was just read. A resolution that I would hope we would adopt unanimously to one of the greatest Americans that ever grazed the face of this earth. I know of no man, woman or child in the history of this great country of ours that has had a greater respect and love for this nation and yes, for America as he hoped it would be than did Harry S. Truman. I know of no man, past or present, that has said to the people of all of this world, that yes I love and respect America but I want all peoples of the world to be free and to enjoy the things that we live.. that we have in America. And dedicated his life to the extent that he would attempt to bring world peace and the betterment of all mankind regardless of national origin, regardless of party affiliation, regardless of race, creed or color. Mr. Speaker, I ask the Democratic Members in our Conference recently if they wanted to be cosponsors of this resolution honoring this great American and they





were unanimous. I would say, Mr. Speaker, if it's the sense of this legislative body that all Members become cosponsors of this resolution. Thank you."

W. Robert Blair: "All right. Any members of our side wish to have their names placed on the resolution, they can advise the Clerk and ah.. I'm.. they will become cosponsors of the resolution. It has already been adopted on the order of agreed resolutions." The ah.. Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde."

Hyde: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. With very mixed feelings; I now move that this 77th General Assembly do stand adjourn sine die."

W. Robert Blair: "All those in favor of the Gentleman's motion say 'aye'."

Members: "Aye."

W. Robert Blair: "The opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the resolution is adopted."

