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Speaker McPike: "The House will come to order. It is with great sadness that we announce the death of former Member and Supreme Court Justice Horace Calvo. We would ask that you keep him in your prayers today. We'll be led in prayer today by Gary McCants, who is with the Bethel AME Church in Kewanee, Illinois."

Reverend McCants: "May we bow our hearts. Oh, Lord, as we come, we come giving You thanks and honor and all praise. We ask that the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts will be acceptable in Thy sight, oh, Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen. Oh, God, as we come this day, we do give You reverence and honor, and we do come this day as an Assembly, welcoming home our own Mary Leone, she who is here today with her son Jesse, just returning from Operation Desert Storm. We thank You, oh, God, that while she was away, unfortunate things happened, but we thank You, Lord God, that You returned her here safely, and we ask that You continue to watch over all those who are gathered here. Remember the families, oh, God, of those who are yet away from home. Bless these, thy Members of this House, as they conduct the business of this State today, and as we continue, oh, God, to do the things which You have called us to do, we'll give you the glory, we'll give You all honor, and we'll give You the praise, and in the name of Thy dear Son, Jesus, we pray. Amen."

Speaker McPike: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Deering."

Deering - 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 McPike: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative

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Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans are all here today. No excused absences."

Speaker McPike: "Thank you. Representative Matijeich."

Matijeich: "Mr. Speaker, on this side of the aisle, let the record reflect the excused absence of Monroe Flinn."

Speaker McPike: "117 Members answering the Roll Call; a quorum is present. The Chair would like to announce that the visitation for Supreme Court Justice Horace Calvo is this evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Fletcher Funeral Home in Edwardsville, and the funeral will be tomorrow at 10 a.m. at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in Glen Carbon, Illinois. If the Members would please take their seats. If the Members would take their seats, and the staff would clear the aisles, please. If the Members would please take their seats. Speaker Madigan in the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "Would the Members please be in their chairs. Staff retire to the rear, or the side of the chamber. Representative Phelps will now lead us in singing 'God Bless America'."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, please read House Resolution 647."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 647, offered by Speaker Madigan, Representatives Curran and Currie."

WHEREAS, The members of this body and the citizens of the State of Illinois have shown concern and support for the brave men and women who risked their lives in our armed forces; and

WHEREAS, It is a grateful country that welcomes back the men and women who have gone into harm's way in order that freedom and justice might not perish from the earth; and

WHEREAS, Those who handle the trauma and casualties of war perform a task of significant importance in the preservation of

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our freedom and way of life; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure and pride that we welcome Sergeant Mary Leone on her return from the Persian Gulf; and

WHEREAS, Mary Leone is the only employee of the General Assembly who actually served in Desert Storm; she originally joined the Army in February, 1981, while she was in high school; she received basic training in Missouri and advanced training in Oklahoma in September of 1981; she was stationed in Germany for three years active duty as part of the 72nd Riflery Brigade; and

WHEREAS, A member of the 92nd Medical Battalion of the Army Reserve, Mary Leone was activated two days before Thanksgiving of 1990 and left Springfield for Fort Sheridan on the day after Thanksgiving for duty in Rihayd, Saudi Arabia; and

WHEREAS, Mary has one son, Jesse, who is six years old and will be promoted to the second grade on June 4; Jesse saw his mom on May 29, 1991, for the first time since December 2, 1990 when his guardians took him to meet his mom's unit when they arrived at Fort Sheridan, north of Chicago; and now that they are back together, Jesse hopes to teach his mom to ride a two wheel bicycle since Jesse learned to ride his bike without the training wheels while his mom was gone; and

WHEREAS, During the war, Sergeant Leone, a single parent, exchanged letters and pictures regularly with her son, family, friends, and co-workers in the states; she described her job during the war with the following words: "Since the war has begun, we have been on full alert and have been attacked nearly every night with Scud Missiles..... My job is to plot incoming Scuds that may have chemicals, so that when we dispatch our ambulances, we will know if the area is contaminated. I send out chemical downwind messages and weather reports and help dispatch

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ambulances..... When the ground war starts, I may be going with our chemical officer to a decon site to decontaminate casualties"; and

WHEREAS, Because of security purposes, no packages could be sent or delivered to the Persian Gulf during the war; however, the day that security was lifted, Mary called with a special order - licorice, three bottles of hair color gel, the latest Soap Opera Digest, the National Enquirer, and Cosmopolitan; and

WHEREAS, Mary, a secretary for Speaker Madigan's Issues Development Staff, said she will never complain about her civilian job again; "Any day in Springfield is better than the best day in Saudi Arabia"; upon returning to the United States, Sergeant Leone said the best sight next to seeing family and friends was seeing the green grass and trees of Illinois; therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor Mary Ann Leone for her excellent service to Illinois and her country during Operation Desert Storm; we commend her for her unselfish attitude and willingness to answer her nation's call; and we offer our thanks to her family, friends, and co-workers who managed her affairs, cared for her son, took extra assignments at work, wrote letters, and prayed daily for her safe return; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and resolution be presented to Sergeant Mary Ann Leone as an expression of our deep respect and admiration and with our sincere wishes for health and happiness in the future.

Speaker Madigan: "On the Resolution, Representative Curran."

Curran: "Mary, I met you... I don't know, six, seven, eight years ago, when Minnie O'Beirne, our friend, my administrative assistant, your buddy brought you into my office, and you

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started to work there, and it was great having you there. It was tough to lose you to somebody who could offer you a lot more money. It was fascinating to watch you walk down Second Street and to see your family and friends and everybody applaud you. It was a time that I think must have been really special for you, to come back home and hear the band playing, and it's...there's an envy, I think, that all of us will always have, for those of you who've returned after doing such an important job and returned to such fanfare...deserved. I think Minnie, who as you know and many of the Members here know, died about three years ago. Minnie would be looking down upon you now and really proud. She would be very happy that you returned, and she would be very happy at the job that you did. Welcome home, Sergeant."

Speaker Madigan: "Those in favor of the adoption of the Resolution will signify by saying 'aye', those opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, the Resolution is adopted, and if Mary and Jesse would come up to the podium, we'll present them with the Resolution and ask Mary if she has some words of wisdom for us."

Leone: "Thank you very much. I'm going to try not to cry...been shedding a lot of tears of happiness since I came home, and I'm really happy to be here. I don't want to get into a long speech about how proud I am to be an American, but after spending six months in Saudi Arabia, I'm real proud, and I want to say a special thanks to everyone for all their love and support, and for caring so much, and for everything that they've done for me, and for making me feel so special. It made it all worthwhile, and I want to say a special thanks to Jane and Candy for taking such good care of my most prized possession, Jesse, and I want to say a special thanks to Mary Jane for taking care of everything

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for me and the problems that I left behind, and I just love everybody and I'm so happy to be home. Thank you very much."

Speaker Madigan: "Mary and Jesse will now take down the ribbon from the Clerk's podium, and we ask the Members to take down the ribbons from the microphones on their desks as Representative Phelps will lead us in a song again. David."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Capparelli, for what reason do you arise, Sir?"

Capparelli: "Mr. Speaker, for the Members of the House...our ballgame that we usually play with the Senate is next week on the 11th. We're going to name it after Pete Miller who passed away two weeks ago. From now on it'll be known as the Pete Miller Annual House-Senate game. On our side of the aisle, Pam Munnizzi will be going around, and I would expect that all our Members on this side at least give her \$10, and on that side, Gordon Ropp will be doing it. For the Members who'll be playing, come to my office, we have a uniform for you. Gordon Ropp or I will be there to give it to you if you come in tomorrow. Tomorrow will be practice at about 4:00 o'clock, Gordon? At Springfield High School, so please be there and practice. What? Oh, listen, and some of the money this year that we're going to collect, we usually give it to some charitable organization, we are going to send \$500 to the Leone fund because she lost all her furniture."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Ronan, for what purpose do you rise, Sir?"

Ronan: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I just want to make an announcement concerning the Transportation Committee. We are going to meet today at 2:00 o'clock to deal with the subject of high-speed rail, and at 3:00 o'clock we will be hearing the

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Bills that are posted. So for the Members of the Transportation Committee, I need you there for the entire meeting. We are going to hear legislation at 3:00."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Ropp. Representative Gordon Ropp."

Ropp: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. An announcement for those who are interested in playing in the House-Senate softball game. Tomorrow night, as soon as we adjourn our committees we will be having practice in the Springfield diamond which is a block west of the Capitol, so I would suppose somewhere around 4:30 we would be getting together to have practice. Everyone that is interested in playing, come on out. We're only going to have one practice, so we'll need to really work it out tomorrow night."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Keane. House Joint Resolution 23. Read the Resolution, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Joint Resolution 23, Representative Keane has filed a Motion to table the Resolution."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Keane moves to table the Resolution. Any discussion? Hearing none, leave is granted. The Resolution is tabled. Consent Calendar, Second Day, on page 7. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Consent Calendar, Second Reading, Second Day. Senate Bill 41, a Bill for an Act to amend the Alton Lake Heritage Parkway Law. Senate Bill 43, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 115, a Bill for an Act to amend an Act concerning experimental organ transplant procedures. Senate Bill 118, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 137, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Library Districts Act. Senate Bill 140, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. Senate Bill 169, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Insurance Code. Senate Bill 191, a Bill for an

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Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 192, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 220, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 240, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 262, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act. Senate Bill 462, a Bill for an Act to amend the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act. Senate Bill 527, a Bill for an Act to amend an Act concerning mammogram testing. Senate Bill 637, a Bill for an Act to amend the Wildlife Code. Senate Bill 649, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 686, a Bill for an Act to amend the Circuit Court Clerks Registration Act. Senate Bill 724, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 1023, a Bill for an Act to amend the Comprehensive Health Insurance Act together with Committee Amendment #1. Senate Bill 1098, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Employees Group Insurance Act. Senate Bill 1286, a Bill for an Act to amend the Wildlife Code. Senate Bill 1316, a Bill for an Act in relation to wildlife. Second Reading of these Senate Bills.

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 646, offered by Representative Balthis; 648, Hultgren; 649, Daniels; 650, Munizzi; 652, McGuire; 653, McGuire; 654, McGuire; 655, Wojcik; 656, DeJaegher and House Resolution 657, DeJaegher."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Matijevich moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed, 'nay'. The Resolutions are adopted. Death Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 651, offered by Representative Munizzi, with respect to the memory of Mary Soritch Matich."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Matijevich moves for the adoption

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of the Death Resolution. All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'nay'. The Resolution is adopted. Representative Matijevich now moves that the House stand Adjourned until 12:00 p.m. tomorrow noon. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed, 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. The House now stands Adjourned until noon, 12:00 o'clock tomorrow. First Special Session will now come to order. The Attendance Roll Call for the...from the Regular Session will be used for the First Special Session. Representative Matijevich now moves that the First Special Session stand Adjourned until 12:05 tomorrow. Representative Giorgi, are you seeking recognition?"

Giorgi: "Mr. Speaker, just for an announcement, tomorrow morning from 7:00 to 10:00, there'll be a video lottery demonstration on the computer audit of the machine, the security and the integrity of the system. Everyone's invited at Bauer's. 7:00 to 10:00."

Speaker Giglio: "Alright, the First Special Session now stands Adjourned 'till 12:05 tomorrow...excuse me. Alright, Representative Lou Jones in the Chair."

Jones, L.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I would like for you to take just one minute. I would like to introduce some special guests to the United States from the Republic of Zaire, and also some special guests from Chicago, and bear with me in pronouncing these names. We have Mr. Bossekota, W'Atshia, special Economic Advisor to the President of the Republic of Zaire and the President Fondaide...Zaire. Mr. Bossekota Mr. Malumba Musambay. Prime Asiel Ben Israel, Chairman of First Africa Corporation. Mr. Edward Davis, president and CEO of First Africa Corporation. Mr. Gregory C. Turner, vice-president of Central African Affairs and President of African America Investment Corporation. I would like to welcome them to

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Springfield. Just one minute. I would like to take this time to have Mr. Bossekota say a few words."

Mr. Bossekota: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the Illinois Legislature. It's indeed an honor and pleasure to be with you this afternoon. Through the diligent efforts of Senator Howard Brookins, Representatives Donne Trotter and Lou Jones, the businesses of the State of Illinois will enjoy a special and privilegeprivileged position in the future development and economic activity of the Republic of Zaire. Our multi-million dollar mining industry will look to your heavy equipment companies. Our vast hydro-electric potential will seek Illinois technical assistance. Our 35,000,000 citizens will become consumers of Illinois corn and grains. This concept of state-to-state economic relations is not unique, but something tried and tested by Frankfort, Africa. My government is ready and willing to work side-by-side with Governor Edgar, Senator Brookins and others to strengthen each other economically, and we are ready today. I urge you to send a serious fact-finding trade delegation to Zaire and draw your own conclusions about the variability and potential of our direct relationship. Lastly, I want to share with you a thought. If Zairian and African iron ore, gold mines, copper reserves, timber develop and maintain Europe until this day, why not Illinois, our new partners with the talent and the technology to convert us from borrowers to lenders? I look forward to the image restructuring of these new partnership and welcome you to actively supported economic development of Africa, which will benefit your state as well. I want to thank you, the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate, for this heartwarming reception, and will continue my praise of The State of Illinois to the President of Zaire, as well as our private

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sector. I urge you to become our partners in progress.

Thank you."

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