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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Wale Akinosun who is with the Schaumburg Community Church in Schaumburg, Illinois. Pastor Akinosun is the guest of Representative Mussman. 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. Pastor Akinosun."

Pastor Akinosun: "Good morning. I crave your indulgence for a couple of minutes this morning because it is truly an honor for me to be here in the middle of greatness. For just a couple of minutes, I'll tell you I was born and raised in Africa. I grew up in Europe, went to school in Europe, lived and worked across Europe. And now, I have... I live and pastor in... in America. And one of the things about this great country is that many times the influence that we have across the world, sometimes we take it for granted because we are in the middle of greatness. And for those of us who are in here today, I want to thank everyone for what you do. The influence that we have across the world, it starts in here and places like this in the Capitol. And in every which way, a word that I just want to leave this morning is this that to remind us, because I'm sure we all know it; there are three sets of laws that govern mankind. One is the laws that we make between men. Things like, when you live, you pay taxes. When you get to a stop light, you stop when it's red. There's a second set of laws that are physical. The laws of the world as we know them, laws of gravity says when you throw an object down... up, it must

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come back down. And then, there are spiritual laws which says that whatever you do, you're going to sow it back in return. It's the law of harvest. Every one of us, who is in this room, has been serving, and there's no way that you can give out good and not get good back in return. And it is my prayer for everyone here that as you sow out the good in your hearts, that you will reap the harvest of goodness more for ourselves individually, for our families, and even for the country at large. God bless you as I lead us in a prayer this morning. Eternal King of Glory, I want to thank You for this great country. Thank You for the work that You're doing through the people that You have called and You have chosen by Yourself. Every one of us, who is in this room, listening to the sound of my voice this morning, I ask, Oh Lord, for wisdom from on high from every one of us. The kind of wisdom that You gave Solomon, that he was able to lead a diverse nation and a diverse people. According to Your word, that at the end of the day, it was always good and only good for his people. Father, I thank You because Your name will be glorified. And the God of all creation, who knows the end from the beginning, will guide us and direct us in everything that we do. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. And the people said, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We'll be led in the Pledge today by Representative Morthland."

Morthland - 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."

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Speaker Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Rep...
Representatives Coladipietro, Hatcher, McAuliffe, Nybo, and
Tryon are excused on the Republican side of the aisle
today."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect
the excused absence of Representative Lyons."

Speaker Lang: "Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. 111 Members
being present, we do have a quorum. We're ready to do our
business. Representative May."

May: "Thank you, Speaker. I rise on a point of personal
privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please state your point."

May: "I would like the Members to help me welcome to Illinois,
right behind me, stand up, we have six dynamic women, half
of the IWIL class that is here training. IWIL is a program
to train progressive leaders to run for public office...
progressive women leaders to run for public office. So,
look at them. Ask them their names. We'll be seeing them
here in our chamber, here in the Senate, on our city
councils, on our park boards, on our... our county boards
throughout the State of Illinois, leading us to the
greatness that we had in the invocation this morning. If I
can just... I don't want to name them all, but Alyssa Knobel,
who has been wonderful in teaching me about social media
and marketing, a dynamic woman from Highland Park, others
from throughout this state. Let's welcome them and wish

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them well as they run for office and serve the people in our great state."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Welcome to the House chamber. Representative Unes."

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "State your point, Sir."

Unes: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to welcome some very special people with us today in the House chamber. To my right is my aunt, Fran Thomas. And also with us today are my mom and dad, Dave and Marie Unes. I'd like to welcome... welcome them to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "House Joint Resolution 80, offered by Representative Currie.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two houses adjourn on Thursday, April 19, 2012, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 12:00 noon, or until the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 12:00 noon, or until the call of the President."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, the Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 945, offered by Representative Connelly. House Resolution 946,

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offered by Representative Osmond. House Resolution 947,
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offered by Representative Osmond. House Resolution 952,
offered by Representative Osmond. House Resolution 953,
offered by Representative Cole. House Resolution 955,
offered by Representative Turner. House Resolution 956,
offered by Representative Mathias. House Resolution 957,
offered by Representative Mathias. House Resolution 958,
offered by Representative Mathias. House Resolution 959,
offered by Representative Mathias. House Resolution 961,
offered by Representative Lyons. And House Resolution 962,
offered by Speaker Madigan."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Mathias."

Mathias: "Can I get a little silence, please? Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to welcome everyone today to please come at 11:00. Hopefully, we'll be there at that time, to the Old State Capitol, where we will have the Yom Hashoah Service, as we do every year, which is the Holocaust Remembrance Day, and I invite everyone to please join me there. It is truly a memorable and moving experience. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Mathias. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Jack Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government

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Administration reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2844, Senate Bill 3452, Senate Bill 3508, recommends be adopted is House Resolution 849, and House Resolution 920."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to announce next week, we have the House/Senate softball game, and we're going to be having practice again on Tuesday, at the same ball... ball field that we had practice last night on Washington and Amos. So, everybody bring their spikes and uniforms down and, hopefully, we'll have another victory next year... next week."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. D'Amico. Speaker Madigan in the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, we'd like everybody to take their seats. We have some special guests, some very special guests today. And so, if the Members would take their chairs, and the staff would retire to the rear of the chamber. All right. Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 920. Read the Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 920.

WHEREAS, In 1963, Coach George Ireland led the Loyola Chicago Ramblers to the NCAA basketball championship; the team lost only 2 games that season and led the nation in scoring with 91.8 points per game; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ireland and the Loyola University teams of the early 1960s are considered by many to be responsible for ushering in a new era of racial equality in the sport by shattering all color barriers in NCAA men's basketball; and

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WHEREAS, It is difficult to appreciate what Coach Ireland and his team went through, starting in 1961, in breaking what had been a longstanding "gentleman's agreement" to not play more than 3 African-American players; and

WHEREAS, During the 1962-1963 season, Coach Ireland played 4 African-American Loyola starters in every game; the Ramblers became the first team in NCAA Division I history to play an all African-American lineup, doing so in a game against Wyoming in December of 1962; and

WHEREAS, In 1963, Loyola shocked the nation and changed college basketball forever by starting 4 African-American players in the NCAA Tournament, as well as the championship game; and

WHEREAS, Despite their success during that season, players had to endure terrible bigotry, including racial taunts and abuse; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ireland received countless pieces of hate mail from the KKK and other racist individuals and tried to shield his team in every way possible; and

WHEREAS, The team remained focused on the sport they loved, despite knowing that police surrounded the sports facility because violence might erupt at any moment; and

WHEREAS, Loyola's defeat of 2-time defending NCAA champion Cincinnati, in overtime by a score of 60-58, was the crowning achievement in the school's nearly decade-long struggle with racial inequality in men's college basketball, highlighted by the tumultuous events of that year's NCAA Tournament; and

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WHEREAS, Loyola's 1963 NCAA title was historic, not only because of the racial makeup of Loyola's team, but also because Cincinnati had started 3 black players, making 7 of the 10 starters in the 1963 NCAA Championship game African-American; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago has many storied sports teams, but the Loyola Ramblers basketball team of 1963 and Coach Ireland hold an exalted place because they are the only Division I Illinois basketball team to win a national championship, and because they paved the way for the long-overdue integration of races in college basketball prior to the 1964 Civil Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, All 5 starting players from the national championship game graduated from Loyola with degrees; several went on to earn advanced degrees in law and business; and

WHEREAS, The journey of the Ramblers is not just the story of an underdog team overcoming great odds to beat favored Cincinnati, a much larger basketball program that held the number 1 ranking and had won the previous 2 national championships; the real significance of this coach and this team is the lasting impact of their bravery for having broken the racial barrier in college basketball that had been allowed to prevail for decades; and

WHEREAS, The 2013 Hall of Fame induction season will mark the 50th anniversary of the Loyola Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, Both Coach Don Haskins and the players of the 1966 Texas Western College Miners have been inducted to the Naismith Hall of Fame in recognition of their achievement

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as the first all-African-American college basketball team to win the national championship; therefore, be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we wholeheartedly urge the relevant authorities to nominate and induct Coach George Ireland and the 1963 Loyola Chicago basketball championship team into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Resolution. Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The... the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. We have three of the players from that team with us today. And first, we have Dick Rochelle. Next, Jerry Harkness. Next, from the southwest side of Chicago, John Egan. I listened to that final game on the radio from a place called the University of Notre Dame, Southbend, Indiana, but we were all very, very happy for the Loyola Ramblers. And today, Jerry is going to speak for the group and bring remarks and regards to the Illinois House of Representatives. Jerry."

Jerry Harkness: "Thank you very much, Mike. One thing I'd like to first thank everybody that sponsored the Resolution. A long time coming, but glad to have it. Another thing I'd like to say that a lot of people don't put a lot of emphasis on and that we were very proud that, of the nine players that graduated, they all graduated, we all graduated with a total of 19 degrees. Vic Rouse, who tipped the ball in to win the championship had five degrees; one

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doctorate and, boy, he was just awesome. Though, of all the things that I like to put emphasis on, that is one of them. A couple other things that we know what we went through. There was some difficult times, but what basketball does is amazing. The guy that I shook hands with as we went on the court in the Mississippi State/Loyola game when Mississippi had to sneak out to play us, to play us, and he and I, the... the captain of the team, have gotten to be best of friends. He passed away and I went to the funeral, to give you an idea, and right next to his casket was a picture of me and him shaking hands at half court. When I went in... when I came in, the whole family was in tears. That'll give you an idea what sports can do to bring people together. Awesome. Another thing that happened to me, this is our 50th year, and I tell Egan that 'cause Egan tells me that everything that I've accomplished came as a result of him. That's the way Egan talks. But the... the one thing that I like, and we can talk, as I indicated, about all of things that happened last... 50 years ago, but because of all of the things that happened, I got an opportunity to work for Quaker Oats. I was the first African American and they wanted me to go to the north side of town in Winnetka and places like, which meant that I should stay on the north side of Chicago since my... my territory was so close. But I went to get a... an apartment on Winona Street, someplace up there and this guy came to me, we liked the apartment, we were very happy with it, and we put a deposit down on it. Then we went a couple days later on and they gave me back the deposit and told me, no, somebody else had already... and I could tell in the

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eyes that they were lying. That was 50 years ago. Three weeks ago, the guy that did that called me up and apologized after 50 years, and he invited me to an event. He is the head of the medical league, National Medical Society of America, and he's going to be inducted and he invited me to that event. So, I don't like to put emphasis on the past. I want to, as far as Loyola is concerned, think of things that have happened as a result of the past. And the old sayings jump in my mind. I was really shocked that he apologized 50 years later for not allowing me to get a... a place. That's what basketball can do. As I indicated finally, Rich Rochelle, 37 years in the field of education, vice principal, and my attorney friend, Jack Egan. He never loses a case. So, final comments, Porter Moser, if you know of anybody that can play basketball and Grace, the athletic director, we're all here. We want to come back and have another championship. Thank you very much."

Speaker Madigan: "We're going to hear something from the southwest side of Chicago, St. Rita Parish. Jack."

Jack Egan: "Thanks, Mr. Speaker. Jer... Jerry was chosen to speak for us, and I'm not going to try to outdo Jerry. But what I would like to say that I never had an opportunity to say 50 years ago, I wanted to thank the House because my uncle, who was a Member of the House of Representatives 50 years ago, passed a Resolution. We didn't even know it was being passed. It was mailed to me, and I still have it at home. I couldn't find it, but I'm sure I'll get a copy of it today. But the other reason I wanted to not only thank you, but I

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wanted to thank the Speaker because, as Jerry has alluded to, I went on to law school and I don't think for a second I would ever have gotten out of law school without Mike Madigan. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Were those the outlines? All right. The further the story on that is that even in those days I was a... even in those days I was a hard worker and in law school then, they would tell you to outline. That you would... you work with the cases and do your outlines and have those outlines available when you wanted to prepare for the examination. So, I did a good job on... on outlines, but I was not prepared to share them with everybody, but life being as it is, why some how or another, they got into somebody's hands and there was a general distribution of the outlines. We don't need to go into how it happened. All right. So, it was... 1963 was a great time in Chicago and in Illinois because of the accomplishments of the Loyola basketball team. And I think that Jerry hit the nail on the head when he explained the academic success of all the players on that team. And we all know that that's not the... the norm nowadays for successful college sports teams, and it's a problem, and better for everybody if they did things today the way they did things at Loyola in 1963. So, gentlemen, we're very, very pleased that you came here today. Thank you for joining us. And Jerry, thank you for your wonderful remarks. And... that's correct and is it... and in... there's, in Room 300... in the conference room, in Room 300, there'll be cake available to continue with the celebration. And Mr. Dunkin seeks recognition."

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Dunkin: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In light of this wonderful celebration and recognition of your history and our state's history, today is history. Today is our very own Speaker's 70th birthday. Let's give him a round of applause. Happy birthday."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you very much. I'm at the point where I am trying to forget about the birthdays, but thank God they keep coming. Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First off, happy birthday."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you."

Bost: "Fifteen years ago was the day that the Speaker actually was to the point that he could retire, and he stood here on this floor and looked around the room and said, today, I am... I'm maxed on my retirement and I... and I can actually leave at any time. Our side of the aisle went up, and for cheers, and he looked out and said, not today. I was just wondering, today? Just checking."

Speaker Madigan: "All right. So, Mike, I'll get back to you on that. The players are going to be down here in the well greeting people and taking pictures. We can start that right now and then we'll move on to other business with Mr. Lang in the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative May, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2947. Representative Verschoore, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee

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action taken on April 18, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3324, Senate Bill 3809. Representative Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary II - Criminal Law reports the following committee action taken on April 19, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2520, Senate Bill 2819, Senate Bill 3430... correction, Senate Bill 3423, Senate Bill 3579. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 948, offered by Representative Osmond. House Resolution 954, offered by Representative du Buclet. And House Resolution 960, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. These are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Lang: "House Resolution 845... I'm... I'm sorry. House Resolution 849, Representative Jehan Gordon. Representative Gordon."

Gordon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 849... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 849 would designate April 21, 2012, as the Lifeline Pilots Appreciation Day. Lifeline Pilots is an organization in central Illinois that does free flights for families in need of medical assistance. They've also done flights to take supplies to places like Joplin, Missouri; Haiti, as well as a lot of other countries that have dealt with significant storms. Lifeline Pilots has actually flown more than 1.7 million miles. All volunteer pilots have flown those miles. I'd love for the Body to all join as co-Sponsors on this Resolution. And I'm open for any questions at this moment."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. And now, seeing no further business to come

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before the House, Leader Currie moves that the House, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 24 at the hour of 12 noon. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House does stand adjourned. Representative du Buclet, you want to sneak something in?"

Du Buclet: "One quick point of preference, please."

Speaker Lang: "Go for it."

Du Buclet: "I understand that the women... Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership were already recognized, but some more have arrived. I just want them to stand up so we can recognize them and give them a round of applause. And thank you, Representative Lang... Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. And the House does stand adjourned."