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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson for the Committee on Rules, reports the following committee action on May 4, 2016: approved for consideration, referred to the Consideration Postponed Calendar is House Bill 6200."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cellphones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most precious and sovereign God, the giver of both life and strength, we realize that this is truly the day that You have made and we, Your people, we honor it. So God, as we pause before Your most holy presence, we offer You our hearts, we offer You our minds, and we offer You our lives. God, we cast upon You all of our cares, all of our worries, all of our weaknesses. And we ask of You, awesome God, for Your great strength, for Your infinite wisdom, and for Your divine guidance. This we ask in Your precious Son's name, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "Be led in the Pledge by Mr. Cavaletto."

Cavaletto - 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 Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Monique Davis is excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the Journal show that Representative Jeannie Ives is excused this afternoon. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. We have 116 Members answering the quorum call and we do have a quorum. Chair recognizes Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege?"

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Mitchell, B.: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in the gallery on the Republican side, if they would stand, I'm honored to have as a guest of Senator Chapin Rose and myself the fifth-grade class from Mahomet, Illinois, in Champaign County. Let's give them a big House welcome. Thanks for coming. And I have another one. And then I have the mayor of Downs, Mike James is the guest of Representative Dan Brady. Downs is split between Representative Brady's district and mine. So welcome, mayor."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to all of you. I hope you enjoy the proceedings of the House today. Mr. Beiser for some introductions."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Beiser: "I'd like to have the Body's attention if I could please, briefly. In the Speaker's gallery, to our left, is a very, very good friend of mine: James Gray, his wife Dottie, and

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our good friend John Simmons. And we have recognized James previously on April 13 with House Resolution 1152. It recognizes James achievement as the longest-serving President of the Alton branch of the NAACP. He has served.. when his term's up at the end of the year will be 26 years. James is noted not only for that, but for his being the first African American elected to be a Union Representative at Amoco Oil. He's also the first African-American Union President at a major oil refinery. But most importantly, I think, and this gets to the heart of what James Gray is all about, is that he has started programs for our disadvantaged youth in our area: the Back to School/Stay in School Program that gives out backpacks at the beginning of every school year, a C-average scholarship program, a Christmas shopping trip at our local department stores, and he takes every year a group of young people to the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee. So James is known for all of that and he deserves those accolades. But I think in my opinion what makes James a special person is, and I think this is said simply, but it hits to the core of what he is, he's simply a very, very good person. And I want to thank him for being a good friend. I want to thank him for serving the NAACP, and I want to thank him for being here. And please give him a warm welcome, and a warm thank you for his service."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations. Thank you for joining us today.

We appreciate all your hard work. Mr. Stewart is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

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Stewart: "I'd like the House today to recognize the eighth-grade students of... Jeanette Ashby and Mike Rowson of the West Carrol School District, which is the consolidated school district of Mt. Carrol, Savanna, and Thomson, who's up in our side of the gallery. And I'd also like to recognize the mayor of Savanna, Mayor Tony McCombie, and the mayor of Thomson, Mayor Vicky Trager, who are here this morning."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for joining us. Mr. Wheeler."

Wheeler K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege?"

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Wheeler K.: "Thank you, I'd like to recognize two amazing public servants from the Fox Valley area up in the gallery behind me today. We have Montgomery Village President, Matt Brolley and Montgomery Village Administrator Jeff Zoepfel. Please give them a big warm Springfield welcome from me and Representative Andersson as well as Representative Batinick and Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Lang: "Good to have you here. Mr. Pritchard is recognized."

Pritchard: "This is a clean sweep of the front row, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege?"

Speaker Lang: "You know, I couldn't have said it any better myself. Please proceed, Sir."

Pritchard: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to introduce my Page for today, Oliver Keicher over here, his dad is up in the balcony, two great individuals from the Sycamore area. If you need drinks or something, just push that blue button for Oliver over here. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Mr. Sims."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead, Sir."

Sims: "On the Democratic side of the aisle behind me, we are joined by District Director Michael Boyd and the men of Alpha Phi Alpha. Today is the annual Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the Illinois Capitol. I have the great pleasure of being a member of this august body as does Leader Riley and Leader Turner as does Representative Welch. So, I would like the Body to join me in welcoming the men of Alpha Phi Alpha to Springfield for our annual Alpha Day at the Capitol."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, gentlemen. Thanks for being in the House chamber today. Mr. Clerk, Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 148, offered by Representative Currie.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the House of Representatives adjourns on Thursday, May 05, 2016, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 12:00 noon, or until the call of the Speaker; and when the Senate adjourns on Friday, May 06, 2016, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 10, 2016, or until the call of the President."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor... Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 1068. Representative Feigenholtz."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 1068."

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS that we designate the date of May 4th, 2016 as the Illinois Epilepsy Advocacy Day in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 1068 recognizes the nearly three million people in this country and many of whom live in the State of Illinois and have a very, very active group here today. I believe they are up in the gallery, that I would like to... for the Body to acknowledge. And I would appreciate support for this Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Representative Feigenholtz for an announcement."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you. Members of the Body, I'd like to remind everyone that tomorrow we will commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day at 11 a.m. at the Old State Capitol. You are all invited to attend."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead, Sir."

McAuliffe: "On his way up to the gallery is the great Mayor of Rosemont, Brad Stephens, who will... did buy lunch for everyone. Just like to give him a warm welcome for all he does for the Village of Rosemont and the State of Illinois. Thanks, Brad."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, mayor. Happy you're with us today. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 1207. Representative Hernandez."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 1207, be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS that we along with his family and friends mourn the passing of Henry 'Hank' Martinez."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez: "Thank you Speaker. Henry 'Hank' Martinez was the first chairman and the only chairman of the Illinois Latino Family Commission since its inception. Henry was born in Chicago to parents who came from Guanajuato, Mexico. Henry 'Hank' Martinez became a larger than life figure in the southeast Chicago region. His life was marked by sacrifice and service, commitment, and struggle. And he leaves behind a legacy of advocacy and institution building on behalf of the Latino community and especially Latino youth and veterans. Throughout his life, Hank played various roles. Among them: community organizer, youth advocate, state worker, consultant, journalist, social worker, executive director, Latino community leader, and devoted father. In over six decades of service, he was an action-oriented leader that accomplished many firsts on behalf of the Latino community. Hank dedicated his life to provide guidance for youth and to empower Latino communities. He was the founder and executive director of the Mexican Community Committee, established to reduce crime and gang activity and the first entity of its kind in the southeast community of Chicago. He was the founder and director of the Latino Resource Institute of Illinois, which also houses an Illinois Welcoming Center and Family Advocacy Center. He served as senior supervisor at the Chicago Area Project, which addresses juvenile delinquency in some of

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the poorest communities of the city. Hank launched the first Latino community college program, 'Projecto Venceremos' in southeast Chicago, which was later adopted by the City Colleges of Chicago. He also served as part of Governor Ogilvie's Spanish Speaking Peoples Study Commission in the early 1970s, one of the first Latino commissions in the nation. Over three decades later convinced that more than ever Latinos needed a voice inside State Government, Hank Martinez became the visionary force behind the creation of the Illinois Latino Family Commission. Becoming its chairman in 2010 and leading the efforts to fight for Latino equity and inclusion, Hank was a United States military veteran, who served in the Korean War and made it his mission to ensure that Latino veterans have a voice and access to well-deserved supports. He founded the Latino Veterans Committee of the Illinois Latino Family Commission, to provide a forum to connect Latino veterans throughout the state to resources and to each other. He led the efforts to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial in south Chicago that stands as a testament today to his commitment to fellow veterans. He was an active member of the American G.I. Forum and numerous boards, councils, and commissions throughout his many years of service and advocacy. He had a degree from Roosevelt University, the University of Chicago, and a master's degree in Juvenile Justice from Chicago State University. He leaves behind his partner in life and wife Linda, his amazing daughters, Alison and Kristal, who are here today in the gallery, and a brand new baby grandson named Henry after his Grandpa. The years did not weaken Hank's resolve to fight for

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the Latino community. He continued to be a tough advocate until his last days. His resolve only matched by his big heart. Hank left an indelible footprint on the lives of many Latinos across the State. We will miss your force and spirit, but we'll never forget the lessons and visionary leadership and courage you taught us. I look for the adoption of House Resolution 1207."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Thank you, Representative. Page 7 of the Calendar under the Order of Resolutions, HJR 119, Mr. Unes. Mr. Unes. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 119, offered by Representatives Unes and Butler.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of Illinois Route 9 in Tremont beginning at the intersection of Old Route 9 and ending at the intersection of Baer Road as the "Deputy Craig Whisenand Memorial Highway"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at all suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name of the "Deputy Craig Whisenand Memorial Highway"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Deputy Craig Whisenand, the Tazewell County Sheriff's Department, the Mayor of the City of Tremont, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Unes."

Unes: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It is my somber privilege today to present to this chamber, House Joint Resolution 119 honoring Deputy Craig Whisenand from Tazewell County who was killed in the line of duty last year. Deputy Craig Whisenand was responding to a call on August 11, 2015 when he was unfortunately involved in a fatal car accident. Craig left us way too soon. On May 24 of this month, he would have been 45 years old. Amongst the many members of his loving family he left behind are his wife, Steffany; and three young children, Hunter, Carter, and Sophie; his parents, Phyllis and Vern; and his sister, Krista. I remember well the morning we learned of his passing and the overwhelming sadness that was expressed by the community especially from his friends and his colleagues, of whom there are just far too many to count. As I waited in line for over three hours at his visitation, I knew in an instant that Craig was clearly well loved and well respected by those who knew him, making this tragedy all the more difficult. Deputy Whisenand represents the sacrifice that our police officers make each and every day they put the uniform on. That sacrifice, of course, is the ever present possibility that they may come home either seriously injured or worse, not at all. The ultimate sacrifice is something that our officers and their families don't necessarily expect to ever have to realize, though especially in today's dangerous world, they are no doubt always aware of its potential. Never the less, they all continue to take that risk having determined that fulfilling that unique calling to serve and protect their community remains far too important

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to ignore. We must always be both mindful and grateful for this daily sacrifice, and to thank all of our law enforcement officers and their families for what they do for us especially when it means placing themselves directly in the path of danger and potential heartbreak. Today, however, I would like to lift up this spirit of gratitude especially for the family, friends, and colleagues of Deputy Whisenand who have joined us in the Speaker's gallery today. May you always keep and cherish the memory of Craig and allow his memory to encourage and inspire you to live each and every day, with the highest degree of integrity, commitment, and loyalty to serving the greater good of our society. Mr. Speaker, I know that Representative Butler would also like to say a few words, so after all speakers, I respectfully ask for a moment of silence and for all Members to be added as cosponsors to House Joint Resolution 119. And Steffany, please know that you are and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers, and from the bottom of my heart, I want to say thank you for sharing Craig with all of us. God bless. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Unes moves that all Members of the House be added as cosponsors. Is there leave? Leave is granted. The Chair recognizes Mr. Butler."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In this week that we honor our fallen police officers at the memorial outside here, it's fitting that we honor Craig and his family here today. This certainly is a tremendous loss for all of us who know Tazewell County and are familiar with it. Craig was a wonderful human being, a devoted public servant, obviously a great family man, a great wife... a great husband, excuse me... just a

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wonderful man. And Steffany, I would just like to say, it's a small measure of gratitude that we can honor Craig in this way when people pull into Tremont, when they drive down Route 9, and they see the sign. Just remember that he'll always be with us. He'll always be in our hearts. And it's just a small... small something that we can do as Members of the Illinois General Assembly to honor him. And to Sheriff Huston, I know it's got to be tough on your department, but thank you for carrying on for what you do. We'll always remember Craig and happy that we could do this small bit in his honor today. And thank you to Mr. Unes for taking the lead on this."

Speaker Lang: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Sims is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Sims: "Mr. Speaker, in the gallery on the Democratic side of the aisle behind me, we have some wonderful young ladies who have come here to Springfield to see how... see what we do. We have some young ladies here with the Democratic Women from the South Suburbs from schools representing Hillcrest High School, Bloom High School, Bloom Trail, Homewood-Flossmoor, and Crete-Monee. If they could stand and be recognized, I'd like to welcome them to Springfield. Give them a Springfield welcome."

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Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you for joining us today. House Joint Resolution 121, Mr. Cabello. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 121, offered by Representative Cabello.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the State Route 59 overpass over Interstate 90 the "Trooper Chong Soo Lim Memorial Overpass"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Tollway Highway Authority is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name of the "Trooper Chong Soo Lim Memorial Overpass"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Trooper Lim and the Executive Director of the Illinois State Tollway Highway Authority.

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Cabello."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Joint Resolution 121 does designate the state route overpass over I-90 as Trooper Chong Soo Lim Memorial Overpass. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is fitting that we start our police memorial week with the honors of memory... remembering our officers that have... have fallen. I apologize, it's not an easy thing for me to do knowing that I have lost friends, and sometimes the words just are not going to come out as I try to hold back my tears. It is highly fitting that the Illinois General Assembly pays honor and respects to the

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individuals who have given their lives in the line of duty. Trooper Chong Soo Lim was killed in the line of duty on June 6, 1995 at the age of 29. Trooper Lim was killed on interstate I-90 in the westbound at mile marker 18.3 when his patrol car was struck from behind as he was conducting a traffic stop on the Northwest Tollway. Trooper Lim had been a state policeman for five years and he was a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Trooper Lim was born in South Korea and moved here with his family to the United States in late 1970. Trooper Lim patrolled District 3 in Chicago upon his graduation from the Illinois State Police Academy and was transferred to the midnight shift in District 15 in Oakbrook, just one month before his passing. Trooper Lim has been... was not on the department as long as some of our other fallen, but there's still stories from some folks that knew him. A retired chief from the Metropolis Police Department says he first met Chong in the spring of 1994 in Streamwood, Illinois. They both experienced a microburst that caused some major damage to businesses along Barrington Road. Trooper Lim was assigned to the Chicago district and was called to assist with perimeter control. As he was sent to assist the supervision of the Chicago area because it was busy, this chief found this young energetic trooper that was full of life. He truly enjoyed his job. He told me that he was hoping to start a family soon and was curious about the benefits of working District 15 and compared the time that he had on the Illinois State Police. Of course our conversation was interrupted many time to handle the task at hand, the chief

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said, and Trooper Lim found his way to come back and continue the conversation. He was really impressed with him, the chief said. He was eager to learn, showed genuine care for the people he served. He knew that he was a role model for others. In future conversations, they spoke about to being role models for Asians as Trooper Lim was one of our first Asian troopers. There are a lot of law enforcement... he misses him, the chief says. And it gives him great solace in keeping the friends of both that he had made with the family. He said it was a great loss to the Illinois State Police family. A retired master sergeant said that he assisted Chong in a hit and run crash. And while the offenders... whom the driver, who was drunk and revoked for the last 25 years, refused to cooperate. Due to his intoxication, he refused to cooperate because he thought Chong was Vietnamese. Chong tried to explain that he was Korean and a state trooper. However, the intoxicated man would not believe it and was... he thought that there was a conspiracy. And for a few more minutes of being unsuccessful in convincing the suspect to cooperate, they had to take him into custody, but it was with minimal resistance. Chong remained professional and was respected to the man at all times. That was his nature... a true professional and leader. And I think that says everything about our law enforcement community, 99.9 percent of the officers are good men and women. The family of Trooper Lim is behind us, up here, if you have the opportunity of stopping by and saying thank you. We appreciate your son. We appreciate the job that he did. He helped many people that you will never know. And believe it

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or not, he is still... because I believe that all of our fallen officers are still protecting us but in a different way. Mr. Speaker, I would request the adoption of this Resolution and please add all Members. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Cabello moves that all House Members be added as cosponsors. Is there leave? Leave is granted, and all House Members will be added as cosponsors. The Body will take a moment of silence. Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed will vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and the Resolution is adopted. House Joint Resolution 124. Representative Wallace. Mr. Clerk. Representative Wallace is recognized."

Wallace: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I rise to ask this Body to support a measure that would implore Congress to take up again Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Many of you may know that in 2013 that particular Section of the Act was weakened to such an extent as to make it ineffective. I'm asking that as we honor and move forward toward General Elections that we make sure that we ensure that every citizen of the United States of America has access to the polls and access to exercise their right to vote. I encourage everyone to support this Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes' opposed; 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 1194. Representative Cassidy. This Resolution has already been adopted. I misread my notes. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 1194, offered by Representative Cassidy.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Tema Posalska Bauer on her 100 birthday and we wish her many happy and healthy years to come."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I want to first of all recognize the son and son-in-law of Mrs. Bauer, who is one of the most remarkable human beings I've ever met. Many of you are familiar with Michael Bauer, Mrs. Bauer's son, because of his many efforts in public service over the years including serving now on our Holocaust Memorial Commission. He is joined in the gallery by his husband, Roger Simon. Mrs. Bauer is an amazing example of the resilience of a human spirit and is a survivor of the Holocaust that we will be speaking of her experience and others tomorrow at the memorial. But I just want to... to draw all of our attention to the amazing survivor story that Mrs. Bauer represents. She went through more than any of us could possibly hope to endure and I am so pleased that we are able to help her celebrate her hundredth birthday in this way. So I thank you for your indulgence."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Feigenholtz is recognized."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to stand with my colleague and good friend, Representative Cassidy, in honoring the life of this woman rich with history. Things that we can learn about the Holocaust and the spirit of people

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that survived probably the most incredibly heinous act in the history of the world. Michael and Roger are very good friends, they're constituents, they are great... committed to public service. And I, too, would like to recognize her on this amazing day."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'... excuse me... those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions. Members, we're not finished with our business yet."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 1201, offered by Representative Lilly. House Resolution 1203, offered by Representative Bradley."

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 Resolution is adopted. Clerk... excuse me... the Chair recognizes Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to remind everyone on May 11, the women... Conference of Women Legislators will be hosting our COWL event, *A Little Bit of Late Night*. And I'm hoping everyone has that on their schedule. Also, today at 4, the cast of *A Little Bit of Late Night*... we will be meeting in the Stratton at 4:00, room number 349C on the third floor. And I know we have some fantastic talent here in the great Capitol. Also on behalf of Kelly Burke... Representative Kelly Burke, please remember to make your pledge and buy your tickets to raise money on behalf of COWL for the young women who are seeking higher education academia in the area of

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public services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. God bless you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you Representative. I bought my tickets. Representative Tabares is recognized."

Tabares: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on the point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Tabares: "I just want to let everybody know that today is Latino Unity Day and many organizations... Latino organizations are here at our State Capitol. We have the Illinois Latino Family Commission, the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, as well as other organizations who are letting us know about issues important to Latino communities. And we have an agenda, a calendar of many events taking place today. And one in particular will be taking place this afternoon is the Café Con Leche with Legislators. We're talking about education access and equity for Latinos. But before that, we're going to have many advocates down here visiting us at our state's offices. So be sure to be on the lookout for them. They'll be... we'll be having some Legislative visit its. And we're going to wrap up Latino Unity Day at the Old State Capitol. There's going to be an Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus reception, celebrating Cinco De Mayo. And that's going to be taking place at the Old State Capitol on 6th and Adams Street. So we just want to invite everybody and let you know that today is Latino Unity Day and just want to thank you for your time today. So thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Meier."

Meier: "Point of personal privilege."

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Speaker Lang: "Go ahead, Sir."

Meier: "Directly behind me from the City of Breese, I have the mayor, Charlie Hilmes, and the city administrator, Tim Scheleper. I'd like you all to welcome them to Springfield today."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the House chamber. Thank you for joining us. Mr. Clerk, under the Order of Consideration Postponed, there is House Bill 6200. Representative Ammons. Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. On your desk is a small sheet of paper and I will not read the entire thing. I want to thank my colleagues for your positive votes on two Fridays ago. House Bill 6200, the Family Connection Bill. This Bill will put children in connection with their families by lowering the cost of prison phone calls. This is an excellent Bill for us to work with families, DOC, as well as our provider to lower the cost as much as humanly possible. And today we ask for an 'aye' vote on this important piece of legislation."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative, we've had a number of conversations and thank you for your cooperation and collegiality. Just want to summarize our discussions and kind of make a record as this moves along. I've encouraged you and I've encouraged DOC to meet and talk and make sure that there's some... from my perspective, there's got to be an accommodation here. What's going on right now, I agree with you is not right or fair. At

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the same time I want to hear from the department so that what happens ultimately is also fair to, you know, DOC. Which... you know, how... how do you see this moving forward in light of the continued negotiations?"

Ammons: "Yes. So... so my office has spoken with DOC on a number of occasions trying to see what it is they want. We've not got clarity from them. But we are willing to work with our Senate Sponsor, Senator Collins, who I met with this morning. I did share openly with her that there was still some communication that need to take place with DOC. She says she is willing to take that up in the Senate. And because she's my senior Member I will definitely support the efforts that the Senate put forward on this issue."

Sandack: "Good. Thank you. To the Bill and I commend the Representative on this Bill for at least the effort she's employed and I hope she continues should there be continued discussions in the Senate that she involve herself because she knows the Bill well. This is one of those Bills where it may not be fully soup yet but the concept certainly is right for a better solution. So I commend the Lady on trying to make a difficult situation a heck of a lot easier for people, not only in DOC, but more importantly for the families of those outside who need to connect with their loved ones and still stay in touch. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Thapedi."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Thapedi: "Representative, just... I'm going to need a little clarification. And first of all, I want to commend you on a

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job well done and pushing this across the finish line in the House. But with respect to legislative intent, it's my understanding from reading the analysis, and I know that sometimes our analyses are not completely accurate, if you could shed some light on the FCC ruling and what the intention of your Bill is in light of that FCC ruling."

Ammons: "Yes. So, the FCC ruling set what we would consider as a ceiling of a rate. But the FCC did not deal with states setting their floor, nor did they deal with the commissions, the ancillary fees and all of the other things that are heaped on top of the per minute cost. And so our Bill's intent is to lower this cost for families. And we are intending to do that by addressing the commission, addressing the ancillary fees, and setting the floor of what our rate needs to be."

Thapedi: "And I can certainly appreciate that. But also in reviewing the analysis, it indicates that some of the states were actually resistant to the FCC ruling, and in fact, filed lawsuits with respect to that ruling. Did Illinois do the same thing?"

Ammons: "Illinois has not done that, they could, I guess, if they wanted to."

Thapedi: "So, then it would be fair to say then that Illinois is taking the position by not litigating the issue as other states are doing but to move proactively and address the FCC's concerns. And that's what you're doing here by means of this legislation."

Ammons: "Yes, we've been working with DOC and I think DOC understands this issue. And they do want to work with us to get something done that is fair for our families. And so we

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hope to continue to work on this with Senator Collins in the Senate to make sure that we have it not only soup, but that our families are saved the millions of dollars that they have to pay out of pocket just to talk to a person who happens to be incarcerated."

Thapedi: "Thank you, thank you."

Ammons: "Thank you so much."

Thapedi: "Mr. Speaker, I urge an 'aye' vote on this important piece of legislation."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I would like to commend the Sponsor for bringing forth this groundbreaking legislation. It is so incredibly important for those of us that are out here free in the world to be mindful that there are families that are dealing with incarcerated family members. And oftentimes, most of those individuals are not going to spend the remainder of their lives in a jail cell. They're going to have to come back into society. So the ability to keep relationships and communications open with their family is so important so that we can begin to reduce the recidivism rate that we have in Illinois. And a simple means along with many others to help facilitate that is merely being able to afford telephone conversations to keep the ties that bind between families together. So again, thank you so much for being this truly groundbreaking legislation forth. I commend you for your effort. Thank you for your leadership on this. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Feigenholtz."

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Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, want to commend Representative Ammons for bringing this Bill forward. I cannot tell you as a Legislator how many calls we get in our district offices about these problems and for you to be able to move forward with this and resolve this is commendable. In the Adoption Reform Committee, we passed House Bill 5551, where we heard from incarcerated parents that one of the reasons they lose custody of their children, without even knowing about it, is because the communication systems are so difficult and expensive and out of reach. And as my colleague, Representative Gordon-Booth, just said, we should be keeping families together not tearing them apart. And so, I commend you on this and encourage support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Time to record yourselves, Members. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 69 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. And now leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Thursday, May 5 at the hour of 10 a.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 1202, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Joint Resolution 147, offered by Representative Butler. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of Senate

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Bills. Senate Bill 2216, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 2322, offered by Representative Butler, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2613, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 3021, offered by Representative Daniel Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 3284, offered by Representative Christian Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. First Reading of these Senate Bills. First Reading in full of Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #30, offered by Representative Turner.

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to add Section 3.1 to, and to amend Sections 2 and 3 of Article IV of, the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COMPOSITION

(a) One Senator shall be elected from each Legislative District. Immediately following each decennial redistricting, the Senate, by resolution, shall divide the Legislative Districts as equally as possible into three groups. Senators from one group shall be elected for terms of four years, four years and two years; Senators from the second group, for terms

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of four years, two years and four years; and Senators from the third group, for terms of two years, four years and four years. The Legislative Districts in each group shall be distributed substantially equally over the State.

(b) One Representative shall be elected from each Representative District for a term of two years.

(c) To be eligible to serve as a member of the General Assembly, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 21 years old, and for the two years preceding his election or appointment a resident of the district which he is to represent. In the general election following a redistricting, a candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any district which contains a part of the district in which he resided at the time of the redistricting and reelected if a resident of the new district he represents for 18 months prior to reelection.

(d) Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by appointment as provided by law. If the vacancy is in a Senatorial office with more than twenty-eight months remaining in the term, the appointed Senator shall serve until the next general election, at which time a Senator shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy is in a Representative office or in any other Senatorial office, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the term. An appointee to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as the person he succeeds.

(e) No member of the General Assembly shall receive compensation as a public officer or employee from any other governmental entity for time during which he is in attendance

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as a member of the General Assembly. No member of the General Assembly during the term for which he was elected or appointed shall be appointed to a public office which shall have been created or the compensation for which shall have been increased by the General Assembly during that term.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

(a) Legislative Districts and Representative Districts shall each, in order of priority, be substantially equal in population; provide racial minorities and language minorities with the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice; provide racial minorities and language minorities who constitute less than a voting-age majority of a District with an opportunity to control or substantially influence the outcome of an election; respect, to the extent practical, communities of interest; be compact; respect, to the extent practical, municipal boundaries; and be contiguous.

(b) In the year following each Federal decennial census year, the General Assembly by law shall redistrict the Legislative Districts and the Representative Districts, subject to the hearing and notice requirements of subsection (c). A bill passed by the General Assembly pursuant to this subsection shall be presented to the Governor not later than June 3. The foregoing requirement shall be judicially enforceable. If the Governor approves the bill, then the Governor shall sign it by June 10 and it shall become law. If the Governor vetoes the bill or makes specific recommendations for change to the bill, then the Governor shall return it with his or her objections or specific recommendations by June 10 directly to

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the house in which it originated whether or not the General Assembly is in recess or adjourned. Any bill not so returned on or before June 10 of that year shall become law. A vetoed bill or bill returned with specific recommendations for change shall be considered in the manner set forth in this subsection notwithstanding any provision of Section 9 of this Article to the contrary. Not later than June 15, the originating house may either override the Governor's veto or specific recommendations for change by a record vote of three-fifths of the members elected or accept the Governor's specific recommendations for change by a record vote of a majority of the members elected. If the originating house passes the bill by the required vote, then it shall be delivered immediately to the second house, which, not later than June 20, may take the same action as the originating house by the same record vote requirements applicable to the originating house. A bill having received the required record vote in both houses shall become law and shall take effect immediately notwithstanding any provision of Section 10 of this Article to the contrary. If no redistricting bill for the Legislative Districts or Representative Districts, or both, becomes law by June 20 of that year, then the General Assembly may not redistrict by law for the remainder of that year, except as provided in subsection (f). If no redistricting bill for the Legislative Districts or Representative Districts, or both, becomes law by June 20 of that year, then the Senate may redistrict Legislative Districts and the House of Representatives may redistrict the Representative Districts, as applicable, by resolution

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adopted by a record vote of three-fifths of the members elected to that house, subject to the hearing and notice requirements of subsection (c). An adopted redistricting resolution shall be filed with the Secretary of State by the presiding officer of the house that adopted the resolution not later than July 20. If no redistricting resolution is filed for the Legislative Districts or Representative Districts, or both, by July 20, then not later than August 20 the Senate Redistricting Commission shall redistrict the Legislative Districts and the House Redistricting Commission shall redistrict the Representative Districts, as applicable, each in a manner consistent with subsection (e).

(c) In the year following each Federal decennial census year, the Senate and House of Representatives shall each establish a committee to consider proposals to redistrict the Legislative Districts or Representative Districts, as applicable. Each committee shall conduct at least five public hearings statewide to receive testimony and inform the public on the applicable existing Districts, with one hearing held in each of five distinct geographic regions of the State determined by the respective committee. All hearings of a committee shall be open to the public. The Chairperson of each committee shall, no later than six days before any proposed hearing, post a notice with the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as applicable. The notice shall identify any measure and subject matter that may be considered during that hearing. The notice shall contain the day, hour, and place of the hearing. If a committee favorably reports a redistricting resolution or bill redistricting the

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Legislative Districts or Representative Districts, or both, as applicable, then the committee shall conduct at least one final hearing in each of five distinct geographic regions previously determined by the committee in order to receive testimony and inform the public of the proposed Districts. All hearings of a committee shall be open to the public. The Chairperson shall, no later than two days before any proposed hearing, post a notice with the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as applicable. The notice shall identify any measure and subject matter that may be considered during that hearing. The notice shall contain the day, hour, and place of the hearing. After the committee completes the required hearings, then the Senate or House of Representatives, or both, as applicable, may amend a redistricting bill or resolution and may take final action on the bill or resolution.

(d) As soon as practical, the General Assembly shall make available to the public, the Commissions, and the Special Masters all Federal decennial census data it receives from the Federal government and any other data required by law. The General Assembly shall provide a means by which members of the public may submit redistricting proposals or comment on or obtain a copy of any proposal submitted to the Senate, the House, a Commission, or a Special Master.

(e) By February 1 of the year following each Federal decennial census year, a Senate Redistricting Commission shall be constituted and consist of ten members, no more than five of whom shall be members of the same political party. The President and Minority Leader of the Senate shall each appoint

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five persons to the Commission, no more than two of whom shall be Senators and at least three of whom shall be persons who do not hold an elected or a political party office, are not employees of the General Assembly, are not employees of a political party, are not immediate family members of a member of the General Assembly or Congress, and are not lobbyists as defined by law. By February 1 of the year following each Federal decennial census year, a House of Representatives Redistricting Commission shall be constituted and consist of ten members, no more than five of whom shall be members of the same political party. The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint five persons to the Commission, no more than two of whom shall be Representatives and at least three of whom shall be persons who do not hold an elected or a political party office, are not employees of the General Assembly, are not employees of a political party, are not immediate family members of a member of the General Assembly or Congress, and are not lobbyists as defined by law. An "immediate family member", for purposes of this Section and Section 3.1, is a person with whom the person has a bona fide relationship established through close blood or legal relationship, including parents, siblings, children, spouses, and first cousins. Persons appointed to each Commission should reflect the racial, ethnic, geographic, and cultural diversity of the State. The members shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled within five days by the authority that made the original appointment. For each Commission, a Chairperson and

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Vice Chairperson shall be chosen by a majority of all members of the Commission. Each Redistricting Commission shall conduct at least ten public hearings statewide to receive testimony and inform the public, with two hearings held in each of five distinct geographic regions of the State determined by the respective Commission. All hearings of a Commission shall be open to the public. The Chairperson of the Commission shall, no later than six days before any proposed hearing, post a notice with the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as applicable, who shall immediately make the notice available to the public. The notice shall identify any measure and subject matter that may be considered during that hearing. The notice shall contain the day, hour, and place of the hearing. Each Commission shall conduct the public hearings by April 1 of that year and must file a report with its respective chamber regarding its hearings, including hearing transcripts. Each Commission shall also file a copy of its report and hearing transcripts with the State Board of Elections, which shall make the report and hearing transcripts available to the public. If no law redistricting the Legislative Districts or Representative Districts, or both, takes effect by June 20 and the Senate or House, as applicable, fails to file a redistricting resolution with the Secretary of State by July 20, then the applicable Redistricting Commission, by resolution adopted by a record vote of at least six Commissioners, shall redistrict the Legislative Districts or Representative Districts, as applicable. If a Commission adopts a redistricting resolution, then the Commission shall conduct at least one

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public hearing in each of the five distinct geographic regions previously determined by the Commission in order to receive testimony and inform the public of the redistricting plan. The Commission must complete the required hearings prior to filing an adopted redistricting resolution with the Secretary of State. All hearings of a Commission shall be open to the public. The Chairperson of the Commission shall, no later than two days before any proposed hearing, post a notice with the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as applicable, who shall immediately make the notice available to the public. The notice shall identify any measure and subject matter that may be considered during that hearing. The notice shall contain the day, hour, and place of the hearing. The Commission shall file an adopted resolution with the Secretary of State not later than August 20. If a Redistricting Commission fails to file an adopted resolution by August 20, then the Supreme Court Judges most senior from each political party represented on the Supreme Court shall jointly appoint one person to act as Special Master to redistrict the Legislative Districts and a different person to act as Special Master to redistrict the Representative Districts, as applicable. A Special Master shall be a person who does not hold an elected or a political party office, is not an employee of the General Assembly, is not an employee of a political party, is not a member of the General Assembly or Congress, is not an immediate family member of a member of the General Assembly or Congress, and is not a lobbyist as defined by law. The Special Master shall be appointed and certified to the Secretary of State not later than August 27.

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The appointment of the Special Master by any Supreme Court Judge shall not be considered an actual or potential conflict of interest for which the Judge shall recuse himself or herself from any action concerning redistricting the House and Senate. The Special Master may consider any redistricting plan filed by members of the General Assembly, the applicable Commission, or members of the public. The Special Master shall conduct at least one public hearing in each of the five distinct geographic regions previously determined by the applicable Commission in order to receive testimony and inform the public of the redistricting plan. The Special Master must complete the required public hearings prior to filing a redistricting plan with the Secretary of State. All hearings conducted by a Special Master shall be open to the public. The Special Master shall, no later than two days before any proposed hearing, post a notice with the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as applicable, who shall immediately make the notice available to the public. The notice shall identify any measure and subject matter that may be considered during that hearing. The notice shall contain the day, hour, and place of the hearing. The Special Master shall file a redistricting plan for the Legislative Districts or Representative Districts, as applicable, with the Secretary of State not later than October 5.

(f) If a redistricting bill, resolution, or plan is invalidated in whole or in part by a court of competent jurisdiction or a redistricting plan is not filed with the Secretary of State by October 5, then the General Assembly may redistrict by law.

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(g) A redistricting resolution or plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force and effect of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of State.

(h) The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People of the State by the Attorney General.

SECTION 3.1. CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

(a) Congressional Districts shall each, in order of priority, be substantially equal in population; provide racial minorities and language minorities with the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice; provide racial minorities and language minorities who constitute less than a voting-age majority of a District with an opportunity to control or substantially influence the outcome of an election; be compact; respect, to the extent practical, communities of interest; respect, to the extent practical, municipal boundaries; and be contiguous.

(b) In the year following each Federal decennial census year, the Senate and House of Representatives shall each establish a committee to consider proposals to redistrict Congressional Districts. Each committee shall conduct at least five public hearings statewide to receive testimony and inform the public on the applicable existing Districts, with one hearing held in each of five distinct geographic regions of the State determined by the respective committee. All hearings of a committee shall be open to the public. The Chairperson of

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each committee shall, no later than six days before any proposed hearing, post a notice with the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as applicable. The notice shall identify any measure and subject matter that may be considered during that hearing. The notice shall contain the day, hour, and place of the hearing. If a committee favorably reports a bill redistricting Congressional Districts, then the committee shall conduct at least one final hearing in each of five distinct geographic regions previously determined by the committee in order to receive testimony and inform the public of the proposed Districts. All hearings of a committee shall be open to the public. The Chairperson shall, no later than two days before any proposed hearing, post a notice with the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as applicable. The notice shall identify any measure and subject matter that may be considered during that hearing. The notice shall contain the day, hour, and place of the hearing. After the committee completes the required hearings, then the Senate or House of Representatives, or both, as applicable, may amend a redistricting bill, and may take final action on the bill.

(c) As soon as practical, the General Assembly shall make available to the public all Federal decennial census data it receives from the Federal government and any other data required by law. The General Assembly shall provide a means by which members of the public may submit redistricting proposals or comment on or obtain a copy of any proposal submitted to the Senate, the House, a Commission, or a Special Master.

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(d) In the year following each Federal decennial census year, the General Assembly by law shall redistrict the Congressional Districts, subject to the hearing and notice requirements of subsection (b). A bill passed by the General Assembly pursuant to this subsection shall be presented to the Governor not later than June 3. The foregoing requirement shall be judicially enforceable. If the Governor approves the bill, then the Governor shall sign it by June 10 and it shall become law. If the Governor vetoes the bill or makes specific recommendations for change to the bill, then the Governor shall return it with his or her objections or specific recommendations by June 10 directly to the house in which it originated whether or not the General Assembly is in recess or adjourned. Any bill not so returned on or before June 10 of that year shall become law. A vetoed bill or bill returned with specific recommendations for change shall be considered in the manner set forth in this subsection notwithstanding any provision of Section 9 of this Article to the contrary. Not later than June 15, the originating house may either override the Governor's veto or specific recommendations for change by a record vote of three-fifths of the members elected or accept the Governor's specific recommendations for change by a record vote of a majority of the members elected. If the originating house passes the bill by the required vote, then it shall be delivered immediately to the second house, which, not later than June 20, may take the same action as the originating house by the same record vote requirements applicable to the originating house. A bill having received the required record vote in both houses shall become law and

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shall take effect immediately notwithstanding any provision of Section 10 of this Article to the contrary.

(e) If no bill redistricting Congressional Districts becomes law by June 20, then the Supreme Court Judges most senior from each political party represented on the Supreme Court shall jointly appoint one person to act as Special Master to redistrict the Congressional Districts. A Special Master shall be a person who does not hold an elected or a political party office, is not an employee of the General Assembly or Congress, is not an employee of a political party, is not a member of the General Assembly or Congress, is not an immediate family member of a member of the General Assembly or Congress, and is not a lobbyist as defined by law. The Special Master shall be appointed and certified to the Secretary of State not later than June 27. The appointment of the Special Master by any Supreme Court Judge shall not be considered an actual or potential conflict of interest for which the Judge shall recuse himself or herself from any action concerning redistricting. The Special Master may consider any redistricting plan filed by members of the General Assembly or members of the public. The Special Master shall conduct at least one public hearing in each of five distinct geographic regions determined by the Special Master in order to receive testimony and inform the public of the redistricting plan. The Special Master must complete the required public hearings prior to filing a redistricting plan with the Secretary of State. All hearings conducted by a Special Master shall be open to the public. The Special Master shall, no later than two days before any proposed hearing,

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post a notice with the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House who shall immediately make the notice available to the public. The notice shall identify any measure and subject matter that may be considered during that hearing. The notice shall contain the day, hour, and place of the hearing. The Special Master shall file a redistricting plan for Congressional Districts with the Secretary of State not later than October 5.

(f) If a redistricting bill or plan is invalidated in whole or in part by a court of competent jurisdiction or a redistricting plan is not filed with the Secretary of State by October 5, then the General Assembly may redistrict by law.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to redistricting beginning in 2021 and to the election of members of the General Assembly beginning in 2022. This was First Reading in full of Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #30. Committee Reports. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on May 04, 2016: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2255, Senate Bill 2260. Representative Costello, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on May 03, 2016: do pass Short Debate Senate Bill 2410. Representative Cassidy, Chairperson from the Committee on Juvenile Justice & System-Involved Youth reports

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the following committee action taken on May 03, 2016: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2524. Representative Verschoore, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment reports the following committee action taken on May 03, 2016: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2963. Representative Sims, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal reports the following committee action taken on May 03, 2016: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 211, Senate Bill 2221, Senate Bill 2252, Senate Bill 2343, Senate Bill 2465, Senate Bill 2601, Senate Bill 2872. Representative Mayfield, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing Oversight reports the following committee action taken on May 04, 2016: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2137, Senate Bill 2440. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 04, 2016: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 320, Senate Bill 2331, Senate Bill 2386, Senate Bill 2459, Senate Bill 2512; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 1062, House Resolution 1135, House Resolution 1176. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary-Civil reports the following committee action taken on May 04, 2016: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2286, Senate Bill 2354, Senate Bill 2358, Senate Bill 2741, Senate Bill 2783, Senate Bill 2823. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on May 04, 2016: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 629, Senate Bill 2173. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following

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committee action taken on May 04, 2016: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 460, Senate Bill 2984, Senate Bill 2985. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."