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The Senate met pursuant to the directive of the President.
Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-5(c)2, the Secretary of the Senate conducted the perfunctory session.
Silent prayer was observed.

REPORTS RECEIVED

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following reports:

Department of Healthcare and Family Services Annual Report, Medical Assistance Program Fiscal Years 2012, 2013 and 2014, submitted by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Women and Minorities in the Illinois Labor Force, submitted by the Department of Employment Security.

OEIG Bilingual Employee Report, submitted by the Office of the Executive Inspector General.

Safe Routes to School Construction Program Annual Report, submitted by the Department of Transportation.

Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Board Fiscal Year 2014 Activities, submitted by the Department of Transportation.

Crossing Safety Improvement Program, FY 2016-2020 Plan, submitted by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

2014 Annual Report on Accidents/Incidents Involving Hazardous Materials on Railroads in Illinois, submitted by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

LIS Biennial Report, 2013-2014, submitted by the Legislative Information System.

Illinois State Toll Highway Authority OIG Summary Activity Report for the Time Period October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, submitted by the Illinois Tollway.

Illinois Park and Recreational Facility Construction Grant Program Biennial Report, Fiscal Year 2014, submitted by the Department of Natural Resources.

2015 Annual Report - The Costs and Benefits of Renewable Resource Procurement in Illinois Under the Illinois Power Agency and Illinois Public Utilities Act, submitted by the Illinois Power Agency.

9-1-1 Services Advisory Board Report, April, 1, 2015, submitted by the 9-1-1 Services Advisory Board.

2014 Angel Investment Program Report, submitted by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

DJJ Quarterly Report, January 1, 2015, submitted by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

3 Year Budget Forecast, FY 2016 – FY 2018, submitted by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

The foregoing reports were ordered received and placed on file in the Secretary's Office.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

The following Floor amendments to the Senate Bills listed below have been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

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Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 46
Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 141
Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 155
Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 156
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Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 764
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Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1381
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Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1714
Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1854
Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1877
Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1898
Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1947

The following Floor amendments to the Senate Resolutions listed below have been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Resolution 140
Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Resolution 142

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

JOHN J. CULLERTON
SENATE PRESIDENT

327 STATE CAPITOL
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62706
217-782-2728

April 8, 2015

Mr. Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
Room 403 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a Perfunctory Session to convene on April 8, 2015.

Sincerely,

[April 8, 2015]

s/John J. Cullerton
John J. Cullerton
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno

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April 7, 2015

Mr. Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
Room 403 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby appoint Senator Don Harmon to temporarily replace Senator James Clayborne as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Assignments. In addition, I hereby appoint Daniel Biss to temporarily replace Senator James Clayborne as a member of the Senate Committee on Assignments and Senator Donne Trotter to temporarily replace Senator Kimberly Lightford as a member of the Senate Committee on Assignments. These appointments will expire upon adjournment of the Senate Committee on Assignments.

Sincerely,
s/John J. Cullerton
John J. Cullerton
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MINORITY LEADER

CHRISTINE RADOGNO
SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER · 41st DISTRICT

April 7, 2015

Mr. Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
401 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 3-5(c), I am hereby appointing Senator Chris Nybo to temporarily replace Senator Althoff as Minority Spokesperson of the Senate Committee on Assignments. This appointment is effective immediately and shall automatically expire upon adjournment of the Senate Committee on Assignments.

Sincerely,
s/Christine Radogno
Christine Radogno

[April 8, 2015]

Senate Republican Leader

cc: Senate President John Cullerton
Assistant Secretary of the Senate Scott Kaiser

CHRISTINE RADOGNO
SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER · 41st DISTRICT

April 7, 2015

Mr. Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
401 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Luechtefeld to temporarily replace Senator Rezin as a member of the Senate Appropriations II Committee. This appointment is effective immediately and will automatically expire upon adjournment of the Senate Appropriations II Committee.

Sincerely,
s/Christine Radogno
Christine Radogno
Senate Republican Leader

cc: Senate President John Cullerton
Assistant Secretary of the Senate Scott Kaiser

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENTS

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its April 8, 2015 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Commerce and Economic Development: **Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 275; Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 276.**

Criminal Law: **Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 567; HOUSE BILLS 1336, 1337, 1377, 1404 and 1516.**

Energy and Public Utilities: **HOUSE BILL 313.**

Environment and Conservation: **Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 544; HOUSE BILLS 227, 1362 and 2495.**

Executive: **HOUSE BILLS 175, 228, 422 and 1285.**

Financial Institutions: **HOUSE BILL 2814.**

Human Services: **HOUSE BILLS 1566 and 2483.**

Insurance: **Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 452.**

Judiciary: **Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 141; Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 157; Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 158; HOUSE BILLS 95, 363, 488 and 1319.**

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Licensed Activities and Pensions: **HOUSE BILLS 1345 and 1496.**

Local Government: **HOUSE BILLS 219, 220, 245, 299, 405, 417, 1363 and 2744.**

Public Health: **Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 344: HOUSE BILL 1407.**

State Government and Veterans Affairs: **HOUSE BILLS 200, 362, 1365, 2416 and 2797.**

Transportation: **HOUSE BILLS 182, 198, 246, 364 and 2515.**

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its April 8, 2015 meeting, reported that the Committee recommends that **Senate Bill No. 1600** be re-referred from the Committee on Executive to the Executive Subcommittee on Special Issues.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its April 8, 2015 meeting, to which was referred **House Bills numbered 123, 132, 1361, 1418, 1498 and 2628**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill be placed on the order of second reading without recommendation to committee.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 257

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Josephine Lucas of Marengo.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 258

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Katherine Mary Durkee of Harvard.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 259

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Christian Eugene "Gene" Trummel of Crystal Lake.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 260

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Howard Parker Price of Lake in the Hills.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 261

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Terrie T. Hoven of Island Lake.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 262

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Esther Chloe Sturm of Wonder Lake.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 263

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Edward Frank Lewakowski of McHenry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 264

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of David L. Pedersen.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 265

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Teresa Suzanne Ponio of Island Lake.

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 266

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Robert E. Schultz of Marengo.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 267

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Ida M. Krause of Harvard.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 268

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Robert Waldo "Bob" Frantz of Huntley.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 269

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Linda Weidner of McHenry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 270

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Melvin R. Nelson of McHenry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 271

Offered by Senator Mulroe and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Patrick E. Mahoney of Western Springs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 272

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Dean Cornell Cunat of McHenry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 273

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Margaret Manke of Woodstock.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 274

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Jeannette C. Starritt of Crystal Lake.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 275

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Doris M. Speaker of Richmond.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 276

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Lawrence R. Heckathorne of McHenry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 277

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Anton Joseph "Papa Tony" Cervený of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 278

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of John F. "Johnny Walker" Walker of McHenry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 279

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Walter "Butch" Barry of Harvard.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 280

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Michael Stephen Ferguson.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 281

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Juanita L. Braid of McHenry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 282

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Geraldine L. Knutson of Harvard.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 283

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Andi Lynn Swenson of Harvard.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 284

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Benjamin Allison of Crystal Lake.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 285

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Eileen F. Stevens of Woodstock.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 286

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Leonard J. "Len" Sieracki of McHenry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 287

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Paul D. Yaney of Spring Grove.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 288

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Donald R. Pfau of Spring Grove.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 289

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Diane L. Schwind of Richmond.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 290

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Clara R. McAndrews of Bull Valley.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 291

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Thomas George Treptow.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 292

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Dzemaal Mulasmajic.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 293

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Irene Gundelach of Marengo.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 294

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Phyllis Fondakowski of Woodstock.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 295

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of John J. Kuberski of Crystal Lake.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 296

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Ronald F. Frey of McHenry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 297

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Louise Magdalena Dahlman of Marengo.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 298

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Fred E. Ufert of Wood River.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 299

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Harry H. "Hank" Sonnemaker, Jr., of Dunlap.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 300

Offered by Senator Manar and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Robert Henry Dilliard of Belleville.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 301

Offered by Senator Morrison and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Roscoe Garrett of Lake Forest.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 302

Offered by Senator Morrison and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Howard Jones, Jr., of Lake Forest.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 303

Offered by Senator Morrison and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Walter Franz Veile.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 304

Offered by Senator McConaughay and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Thomas M. Stock of Lake in the Hills.

By direction of the Secretary, the foregoing resolutions were referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

Senator Manar offered the following Senate Joint Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

WHEREAS, The Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success has documented the critical role that higher education plays in economic recovery and growth, particularly in ensuring that this State has an educated workforce to meet the needs of business and industry; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success recommends that the Board of Higher Education, in consultation with other State agencies for education, employment, and economic development, "increase the number of high-quality post-secondary credentials to meet the demands of the economy and an increasingly global society"; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois has committed to the goal that 60% of its workforce will hold a high quality college credential by 2025 to ensure its economic future; and

WHEREAS, Most recent projections from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce are that 70% of Illinois jobs will require post-secondary education by 2020; and

WHEREAS, Currently, only 42.5% of the State's nearly 7 million working age adults (25-64 years old) hold at least a 2-year college degree; and

WHEREAS, There is a critical need for Illinois institutions of higher education to increase the number of post-secondary degrees in fields of critical skills shortages, such as healthcare, construction, computer technology, public safety, and mechanical fields; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' economic success requires providing college credentials aligned with current and future workforce needs at the State and regional levels; and

WHEREAS, Achieving workforce needs depends upon additional strategic State investment in higher education along with improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of the higher education system; and

WHEREAS, Working age adults attempting to return to school to complete certificates and degrees in high-demand fields face many barriers to success; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Council of Community College Presidents has recommended that the community college system be allowed to grant 4-year baccalaureate degrees for nursing and other applied career areas; and

WHEREAS, The development of post-secondary degree programs should be predicated on evidence of the needs of Illinois residents rather than institutional interests; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Board of Higher Education has the statutory authority and responsibility to review all applications for new academic degree programs for public community colleges and universities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Higher Education Commission on the Future of the Workforce within the Board of Higher Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall be comprised of 11 members, including one senator appointed by the President of the Senate; one senator appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; one representative appointed by the Speaker of the House; one representative appointed by the Minority Leader of the House; and 7 members appointed by the Board of Higher Education to represent a cross-section of the education, employment, and economic development community, as well as experts in quality post-secondary degree creation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission's study shall include, but not be limited to, the following;

(1) examining and analyzing current and projected workforce needs for each economic region of the State and post-secondary degree and credential production capacity and goals;

(2) identifying State, regional, and national partners available to support efficient and effective delivery of post-secondary credential and degree programs aligned with regional workforce needs;

(3) determining current policies and practices in Illinois being utilized among Illinois' public and private colleges and universities for partnerships for degree completion;

(4) examining opportunities for expanding post-secondary certificates and associate's and baccalaureate completions using effective and efficient strategies and partnerships between high schools, technical schools, community colleges, and 4-year colleges and universities;

(5) developing distance and online learning as well as competency-based credits to serve place-bound and adult learners, including military personnel and veterans;

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- (6) examining incentives for students to enter and complete degree programs in critical needs areas, particularly aimed at underemployed and displaced workers;
- (7) examining improvements in student advising, including articulation, transfer, and acceptance of credits to streamline education pipeline to the workforce;
- (8) providing incentives, including financial assistance, for working adults and individuals with substantial college credit but no degree to complete their college degrees; and
- (9) analyzing best practices implemented in other states for incentivizing certificate and degree completion, including incentives for students and for colleges and universities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall submit a report to the General Assembly and the Governor 6 months from the formation of the Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor, the Chairperson of the Board of Higher Education, the Chairperson of the Illinois Community College Board, the Chairperson of the State Board of Education, the Chairperson of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the chairperson of the Employment Security Advisory Board, and the President of each public and private college and university in this State.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 2125. Introduced by Senator Delgado, a bill for AN ACT concerning appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

SENATE BILL NO. 2126. Introduced by Senator Collins, a bill for AN ACT concerning appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

SENATE BILL NO. 2127. Introduced by Senator J. Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT making appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

SENATE BILL NO. 2128. Introduced by Senator Harris, a bill for AN ACT concerning transportation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House by
Mr. Mapes, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the members of the Illinois General Assembly to remember the many sacrifices and contributions to the cause of freedom made by the outstanding men and women who served in combat and gave the ultimate sacrifice; and

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WHEREAS, Gary J. Vasquez was born on November 12, 1974 in San Jose, California; he later moved to Highland, where he graduated from Highland High School in 1992; he subsequently earned his Bachelor of Arts in Theater from Illinois State University in 1996; he married Sarah Kramer of Chesterland, Ohio on October 14, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Gary Vasquez entered the United States Army in January of 2000 as a Cavalry Scout; after receiving Advanced Individual Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he was assigned to Troop A, 1st Battalion of the 17th Cavalry Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Gary Vasquez began the Special Forces Qualification Course in 2002 and subsequently earned the coveted Green Beret; his perseverance in becoming a Green Beret fueled his great advancements within the military; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Gary Vasquez's dedication and passion for his career was evident when he relayed stories about his missions with a sparkle in his eye and a soft excitement in his voice; and

WHEREAS, When Sgt. Gary Vasquez wasn't deployed or on a training mission, he would spend time talking about and planning for his own family with Sarah; he said that if he couldn't work for the Army as a Special Forces Sergeant, his career would be as a father to his children; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Gary Vasquez's military education includes the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, the Air Movement Course, the Survival Evasion, Resistance, and Escape Course, the Basic Airborne Course, the Warrior Leaders Course, the Ranger Course, and the Special Forces Qualification Course; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Gary Vasquez was the recipient of numerous awards and decorations, including 2 Bronze Star Medals, 2 Army Commendation Medals, 2 Service Medals, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Ranger Tab, and the Special Forces Tab; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Gary Vasquez was one of 3 soldiers who gave their lives defending America's freedom on September 29, 2008, when his vehicle hit an enemy improvised explosive device while conducting a combat reconnaissance patrol in the vicinity of Yakhchal, Helmand Province, Afghanistan; he was riding with Capt. Richard G. Cliff, Jr. of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina and Sgt. First Class Jamie S. Nicholas of Maysel, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Gary Vasquez was survived by his wife, Sarah; his mother, Margaret DuHasek, who passed away on August 1, 2014; a brother, Barry DuHasek; and a sister, Keely Vasquez; he was preceded in death by his father, Frank Vasquez, a lieutenant colonel who served in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Gary Vasquez was buried with full military honors at Saint Joseph Cemetery in Highland; flags in the State of Illinois were also flown at half-staff in his honor from October 9-11, 2008; therefore, be it

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 160 between the intersection of Broadway and Poplar Street in Highland and the intersection of West 4th Street and West 2nd Street in Trenton as the Sgt. Gary J. Vasquez Green Beret Memorial Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name of the Gary J. Vasquez Green Beret Memorial Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Sgt. Gary J. Vasquez, the Mayor of Highland, the Mayor of Trenton, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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Adopted by the House, March 3, 2015.

TIMOTHY D. MAPES, Clerk of the House

The foregoing message from the House of Representatives reporting House Joint Resolution No. 5 was referred to the Committee on Assignments.

READING BILL FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES A FIRST TIME

House Bill No. 2640, sponsored by Senator Steans, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

At the hour of 10:13 o'clock a.m., pursuant to **House Joint Resolution No. 59**, the Chair announced the Senate stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 12:00 o'clock noon, or until the call of the President.

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