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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk? Will our guests in the gallery please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Steve Patzia, Cherry Hill {sic} (Hills) Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois.

PASTOR STEVE PATZIA:

(Prayer by Pastor Steve Patzia)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Please remain standing for the Pledge Allegiance. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Lisa Yuscus, Blueroomstream.com, seeks permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, permission granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of April 20th, 21st, 22nd, 25th, 27th, and 28th, 2016.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senators has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the... Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journal just read by

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the Secretary. There being no objections, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Monday, January 9th, 2016 {sic} (2017).

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. -- Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcript.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter moves to -- to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 2591 through 2594, offered by Senator Morrison and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 2595, offered by Senator McConchie and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Resolution Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 2590, offered by Senator Clayborne. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Messages from the House, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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A Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 550.

Together with the following amendments which are attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendments 2, 3, and 4 to Senate Bill 550.

We have received like Messages on Senate Bill 2051, with House Amendments 1 and 2; Senate Bill 2872, with House Amendment 2; and Senate Bill 2901, with House Amendments 1 and 4. Passed the House, as amended, January 9th, 2017. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of 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 concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 513.

Together with the following amendment which is attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 513.

Passed the House, as amended, January 10th, 2017. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Michon Lindstrom from WAND seeks permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, permission granted. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 2799.

Together with the following amendments which are attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2799.

Passed the House, as amended, January 10th, 2017. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately? The Committee on Assignments, please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately. Senator Sullivan in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The Senate will come to order. Lee Milner, with the Illinois Times, requests permission to take still photographs. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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 170.

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Offered by Senator Lightford, and adopted by the House, January 10th, 2017. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House. It is substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - House Joint Resolution 147, House Joint Resolution 170, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 513, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2, 3, and 4 to Senate Bill 550, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2799, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2872, and Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 3319, and Senate Resolution 2590.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. We're going to go to the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrences on Senate Bills. Shh! Ladies and Gentlemen, Supplemental Calendar No. 1. We're going to go to the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills. We're going to start with Senate Bill 2872. Senator Raoul, you wish to proceed? Indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2872.

Signed by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Raoul, on your motion. Mr. Secretary, take it out of the record for the moment, please. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, let's go to Senate Bill 2799. Senator Collins, would you like to proceed? Indicates that she does. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2799.

Signed by Senator Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins, to your motion.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Amendment No. 2 is a trailer bill to the Employee Sick Leave Act. When we passed this legislation, there were a number of inconsistencies and technical changes that needed to be made. Those changes have been made and now we have an agreed-upon bill. Originally, the bill was opposed by certain business groups, such as IRMA and IMA. We went back to the table and structured language that -- in which we have agreement. And I would ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for a question. Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

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Senator Collins, the definition of "personal sick leave benefits" is being revised to exclude long term disability, short term disability, insurance policy, or other comparable benefit plan or policy. For purposes of legislative intent, does this exemption also include a major disability plan that is jointly run by a union and their employer?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Yes, Senator Hastings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings? Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I think this is a great bill and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCARTER:

Question of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for a question. Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, the -- I do believe the original form of this bill, when it left here, there was quite a few people in opposition to it. You just mentioned that IRMA and IMA are now supporting the bill. Can you tell us -- explain to us the changes that took place that brought these folks in, took their opposition away, and perhaps might take those who voted against this originally, their

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oppositions away?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Senator. I'll be glad to. Here's a summary of some of the changes that might be of interest to you. The -- in the changes, it clearly states that the law's intent is to cover both paid and unpaid time provided to employees to care for themselves or family members. It also articulates that disability and insurance policies are not considered paid or unpaid time off. It add -- it adds to the term -- it adds the term "stepchild" to family members covered, addition of "domestic partner" for consistency between Section 10(a) and (b). In use of leave Section, it allows the employer to request a health care professional's note if the employee uses sick time to care for a family member under the same terms that may apply if the employee uses sick time for themselves. In the use of leave Section, it adds the word "earned", because not all employees use an accrual system. Perhaps, more importantly, it cleaned up the collective bargaining language to simplify it, that this law does not overturn a CBA.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter. Is there any further discussion? Any further questions? Seeing none, Senator Collins, do you wish to close? Senator Collins. No. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2799. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there

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are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2799, and the bill is declared passed. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, we're still on Supplemental Calendar No. 1 on the Order of -- Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills. Mr. Secretary, let's go to Senate Bill 2872.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2872.

Signed by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul, to your motion.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2872 is a product of recommendations coming out of the Governor's Criminal Justice Reform Commission. There are three major components of the bill. The bill, Senate -- 2872 allows the Criminal Justice Information Authority to make plans for comprehensive trauma recovery services for violent crime victims in underserved communities with high levels of violent crime. It also expands access to earned sentence credits awarded by the Director of the Department of Corrections after consideration of -- of an individual's risk and needs assessment or similar assessment issued by the Department. And it allows for judicial discretion in imposing probation for individuals convicted of certain drug offenses and individuals with prior acts. It provides that individuals with Class 2 or higher felony firearm or sex offenses with a prior Class 2 or higher felony convictions are not

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eligible for probation. And individuals convicted of his or her second Class 1 or higher felony are also not eligible for probation. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, over the course of the last couple of the years -- couple of years, the Criminal Justice Reform Commission formed a -- a -- a -- a bipartisan body, formed of stakeholders and legislators in both Chambers on both side of the aisle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Shh... Please, Ladies and Gentlemen, let's keep the visiting down. I'm sorry, Senator Raoul. Please continue.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I've had detailed discussions on how we deal with one of our major problems in the State and that is the overcrowded nature of our prison system. We currently have nearly forty-eight thousand inmates in a -- a system designed to house thirty-two thousand. We've got difficult work on a lot of fronts that we're -- we're attempting to work on in the Senate. Just yesterday, was trying to work on a package on a bipartisan basis. I think we have a responsibility to do difficult work and to demonstrate that we can do this work on a bipartisan basis and this is a front that I commend the Governor for taking on early -- early on in his administration by signing an Executive Order to create a criminal justice reform commission to do this difficult work. Oftentimes, a -- a seemingly politically -- unpopular work, but it's the right work to try to move towards an individualized treatment of offender. If we're going to reduce recidivism, if we're going to create safer communities, we have to be smarter about how we go about it. We can't just be reflexive and -- and -- and -- and -- and reduce judicial discretion. I urge your support for this bill

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and I will yield for any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator McConnaughay, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Thank you, Mr. President. And will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions. Senator McConnaughay.
SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Thank you. Senator Raoul, this has been a pleasure to work with you on the Criminal Justice Commission and to be here today to present this very comprehensive piece of legislation that will really -- hopefully, I think our intent is in -- and many, many hours of discussion that we have had at the -- the Commission to really look at how we can take our failed policies of the past and make different sorts of decisions that empower DOC, empower our judges to make decisions that are -- are meant to help individuals get back on their feet, to get back into society without costing us any sort of public safety concerns. And so I just have one question I wanted to ask you. Does this bill require that every person who's being considered for sentence credit to over -- undergo a full risk-needs assessment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

No. The Department of Correction {sic} (Corrections) is in the process of implementing risk assessment and part of this -- and part of that process is doing a prescreen of people coming

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into custody. Only those who are identified as either medium or high risk of reoffending are then subjected to a full risk and needs assessment. Because a prescreen is part of the validated tool, the prescreen determination that a person is low risk would satisfy the requirements of this bill. The Department also uses other assessments and evaluations in the course of a person's incarceration and reentry planning that satisfy the requirement that there be some type of objective assessment or evaluation of -- that the Director can consider when determining the award of earned sentence -- sentencing credits.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McConnaughay.

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Under Section (F-3), the exceptions to the new judicial discretion expansion for second-time Class 2 felony violations only applies to Class 2 felony or greater sex offenses or Class 2 felony or greater firearm offenses. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McConnaughay.

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

...bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the -- to the bill, Senator McConnaughay.

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Thank -- thank you. I ask for a Yes vote on a piece of

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legislation that has the capacity to make a huge difference in the lives of individuals who have -- who have made mistakes, who have made mistakes, but yet are trying to get back on their feet and become productive members of society, take care of their families. At the same time, the second part of this bill deals with helping victims, victims of crimes in high-crime areas. And -- and evidence shows that -- that when we don't assist people who are victims of traumatic crime, that the propensity to -- to take on a criminal activity later on in their life increases. So I ask respectfully that everybody cast a Yes vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Raoul, do you wish to close? Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Again, I'd like to thank the Governor and thanks particular Senator McConnaughay and Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth for -- and -- and Leader Durkin for their -- their work on this and I urge a Aye vote on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2872. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 41 voting Aye, 4 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2872, and the bill is declared passed. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, still on Supplemental Calendar No. 1 on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills. Let's go

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to Senate Bill 513. Senator Bush, on Senate Bill 513. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 513.

Signed by Senator Bush.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bush, to your motion.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. This is just extending our EDGE credit program, which would be ending at the end of 2016. We're extending the program to the end of April while the General Assembly continues to work on a new program that will be called THRIVE. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCARTER:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for questions. Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, why did we only extend it to this time? Why didn't we just extend it to the end of the year?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

You know, that's -- that's a good question. I -- I believe that, you know, we certainly felt that that would be enough time

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for us to work on and get the new program in place.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

You know, I don't know if anybody has that much certainty that we can put a big package together, especially a new program that's being proposed by the Governor. I mean, I don't know if anybody has that much confidence that we're going to get this done in that short amount of time. And -- and also, it's -- it's about predictability for those that are actually benefiting from it right now. Can they -- can they count on till April? Or can they count on it till the end of the year? And this is whether you think it's right to have an EDGE credit or not. But I'm not sure that -- I guess, I'd like to be positive and say that, you know, we're going to get this done, but I've seen discussions on this -- this program in the past and there's some big differences in opinion on it. Some don't think it should exist at all, and then if it does exist, should it only -- it should be limited. I -- I -- I haven't even seen a start to -- you know, discuss that publicly yet. And I -- I wish this would actually be extended till the end of the year. I think that would be a much wiser decision. If we come up with something by April -- this date, it would obviously supersede this and it would -- and, you know, the -- the existing EDGE credit then go away.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Did you want a response? Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Senator, for your remarks. We certainly can extend it again should the work not be done. I am very hopeful, however.

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Senator Althoff and I have a bipartisan bill. The program is called THRIVE. There are some limitations, a lot of changes, and an attempt to really codify. I -- I really hope we're going to have good bipartisan support. But if that shouldn't happen, certainly we can extend the EDGE credit program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Before we go to our next question, Kelsey Gibbs with WCIA 3 requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. As the sponsor of the legislation that actually addresses many of the concerns that not only this Body, but the House Chamber, expressed over the use of EDGE credits, I am grateful to the fact that we have a piece of legislation that's being carried by my chief cosponsor to extend the program. It will allow those businesses who are currently in the pipeline or in the process to continue to move forward and have the assuery {sic} that the State of Illinois is committed to this program. The problem has been - and it's our bill, Senator Bush's bill and I - that we have been working very, very feverishly with the Department of Economic Opportunity -- Commerce and Economic Opportunity to address all of those issues and the abuses and the inconsistencies of the EDGE program. I believe that Senator Bush and I, because of our proximity to the Wisconsin

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border, have utilized the EDGE program almost more frequently than most of us. And what this bill does is it actually gives us the opportunity to work now collaboratively with our House Members and bring them into the fold and let them know exactly what it is we're trying to do. So, I stand in strong support of the extension for four months. I believe it was four months to ensure that we work on the new program and make it better, more transparent, and more uniform, and address all of those concerns. So I would urge an Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he {sic} (she) will yield for questions. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Bush, I want to go back to the conversation that you had with Senator McCarter. In response to his question of the four-month extension, explain to me and the Members again the virtue of four months. Why is that good?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

You know, I would suggest that four months is as good as five months, six months, seven months, or a year. I would say all of them are fairly arbitrary. But the real intent is that the program is in place for those that are already in the pipeline. This is

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not for -- for new applications for EDGE. So, I guess the belief is just that four months gives that enough time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay, Senator Bush, you said something there at the end that confused me. You said that the four-month extension is good for proposals that are already in the pipeline, but is not for new applications. So, let's do a hypothetical here. I am a -- I am someone who is considering investing in Illinois and creating, let's say, twenty-five or fifty jobs in your district and -- do you need something, Senator Bush? Sure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

My -- my apologies, that statement was incorrect. It does include new applications.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Bush. So, let's go back to the hypothetical. I am someone who is thinking about investing several million dollars into plant and equipment in your district or my district. I'm going to create however many jobs is required in order to qualify for the tax credit. I'm thinking about doing that right now. Now, anyone who's in the private sector understands that in order to get any value at all from the tax credit, you've got to have time to build and construct, get everything put together, hire the workers, and have 'em working,

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and that's not four months. I don't know what that is, but that's something closer to four years than four months. So, the notion that, well, they're all kind of random, you said a moment ago -- you -- you said a moment ago that whether it was four months, or five months, or six months, or a year, they're all kind of random. I would respectfully but adamantly disagree with that. They may be random numbers in terms of pressure to negotiate a new package or something like that here in this building, but the EDGE tax credit isn't about the people in this building or in this Chamber or over in the House. It's about the people out there who we are asking to invest their dollars into our State to create jobs for our constituents. So, given that, I -- explain to me again, if not the virtue, the reasoning behind the four-month extension.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

So, the four months isn't for the benefits. It's just for the agreement and the benefits agreed upon will go beyond those four months.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay, I completely did not understand that. So, let's go back to -- let's go back to my hypothetical -- let's go back to my hypothetical of the person who is planning on investing several million dollars into plant and equipment to create whatever above the threshold required in order to qualify for the EDGE tax credit. Okay. Let's go back -- okay, that person -- this -- this bill that you're sponsoring, let's say it passes the Senate, it goes to

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the Governor, he signs it. Okay, that person -- explain to that person, whether it's your constituent or mine, explain to them whether or not they are going to be able to access the benefits of the EDGE tax credit program that will be in law.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

So, they would be able to access the current benefits, providing the agreement was completed by the end of April.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay, thank you. Because that's -- that's the issue here. The person who is considering investing those millions of dollars in your district or mine or any other of the fifty-seven Senate districts in this State will not do that. They will not do that, because they know it's going to take longer to ramp up a project than four months. And if -- if -- if the four-month deadline is about just political pressure or policy pressure in here to get something done, then I understand that. But the EDGE tax credit program is about creating jobs for the people who don't work in this building. And so, in that light, the four-month extension is literally worth almost nothing - almost nothing - because no one's going to start anything new with a four-month window and no guarantee coming out of this building - and we really can't blame anyone for not being able to count on anything that comes out of this building. They're not going to start anything new. I have received three calls, Mr. President, three calls from employers - two in my district, one just outside of my district - who -- who,

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when the Majority Leader announced that she was going to file an extension for four months, called me and laughed and said, "Does anyone in that building understand the private sector and investment and creation of jobs? Because a four-month extension is sure evidence that they don't." Senator, I understand that you've picked this up on concurrence. It was your decision whether or not to file the motion or not. I'm not saying there aren't good reasons -- some good reasons in this building why to make it four months, but it sure doesn't make sense for anyone out there, who this tax credit is really supposed to benefit, including, most importantly, Mr. President, the people who don't have jobs who might have jobs if this extension were something of a reasonable length. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Bush, to close.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you. May I suggest, if this was so important, that the Governor's administration would have had a program in place before the end of the year. May I suggest, if this program was so important that we let people know that we're open for business, the administration would have had, again, an extension. One of you would carry that bill. This came over to me. I'm happy to carry it. They extended EDGE. Speaker Madigan, I'm sure, directed Currie to carry this and I am happy to be carrying it. It says to businesses, we're open for business in Illinois. We understand that we want to be competitive, but we want to put a program in place that codifies not just new businesses, but that also makes sure then when we are trying to keep a business in Illinois, it is

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not done by individual legislators, that it is done by law. I'm looking forward to putting a good bill together. This is good that we are extending and I would appreciate an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 513. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 48 voting Aye, 7 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 513, and the bill is declared passed. Okay, Mr. Secretary, Ladies and Gentlemen, let's go to Senate Bill 550. Senator Steans, you would like to proceed? Indicates that she does. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 2, 3, and 4 to Senate Bill 550.

Signed by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, to your motion.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, thank you very much, Members of the Senate. This bill we've passed once already 48 to 5. We still had work to do and we've now been able to get primarily to an agreement. I don't know of any opposition any longer on this bill. Let -- let me remind you, it does three primary things. This bill is requiring schools to collect and analyze water samples from drinking

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fountains and kitchen sinks in schools that serve pre-K through fifth-grade students in buildings that were constructed before January 1st, 2000, and test them for lead. Second, it asks the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Public Health to work together to promulgate rules to ensure children in licensed daycare facilities are protected from lead water. And third, it asks the water suppliers to do two things: identify lead drinking water pipes in their systems through a lead service line inventory as they're going in and doing construction to identify where they have lead pipes, so we can develop an inventory of that; and provide notification -- ask -- also ask the water suppliers to provide notification to residents when there is construction going on, on the water system, so that they could take steps to flush out their water systems and prevent ingesting lead. We've seen there's been problem. So this is critical. Any -- we know that any source of lead in bloodstream, particularly for kids, is highly problematic and this way we will know now that we -- protecting our -- our kids from ingesting any lead. Certainly urge an Aye vote and really appreciate the work the House did to get this to an agreement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Ladies and Gentlemen, we heard this in committee and -- and

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I know this is much smaller than it was when it -- when it began. Also, you know, protecting our kids is important. Lead in water is an issue. The -- the unfortunate thing about this bill, however, is that we are putting one more mandate out there for schools. This could have been -- this could have taken place in, I think, a better way, in a better format. One of the things that took the -- took -- took the Management of School Board Alliance {sic} to neutral on this was that the -- we now allow the life safety funds to be accessed to pay for remediation. So that's, you know, that's a good thing. But we could have accomplished the same thing by the State Board sharing the data that they accumulated from the schools that were tested, showing that three percent of them had issues - and, actually, even sharing more than that; they could have shared the information about how it was remediated, whether that was by replacing water fountains or, actually, you know, going after the -- the delivery systems in pipe. But, instead, we continue, in the name of, you know, caring for our kids - which we do - by providing more government. We didn't have to provide this much government in this situation. We could have shared with our schools the way to address this and given them the ability to address this by access to the funds. I -- I hope that, in the future, we look at a more limited approach. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Steans, you wish to close? Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 2, 3, and 4 to Senate Bill 550. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 2, 3, and 4 to Senate Bill 550, and the bill is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, at the bottom of our Supplemental Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3319. Senator Tom Cullerton, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's motion.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 3319.

Signed by Senator Tom Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Tom Cullerton, to your motion.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is just a small fix from the recent election where they made a mistake and published something in the local paper from thirty-three days, as opposed to thirty days. This would only apply to DuPage County. It would only apply for this election.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Nybo, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR NYBO:

To the bill, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the motion, Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Mr. President, actually. I -- I apologize for that. I want

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to thank Senator -- I want to thank Senator Cullerton for bringing this bill to -- to the Floor, of which I just received notice that it was coming yesterday. I think this bill is endemic of larger problems that we have with our DuPage Election Commission. I think Senator Cullerton would agree with that. It's unfortunate that this has happened. I'd ask for a Yes vote, but I'm also hopeful that by this time next year, the DuPage County Election Commission may either no longer exist or exists in a very significantly different form. It's sad that it came to this, but I'm glad that there is a fix. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Cullerton, do you wish to close? Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

I'd just ask for an Aye vote and to let Senator Nybo know that there will be a bill to take care of the election commission, as well, this Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 3319. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 3319, and the bill is declared passed. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, still on Supplemental Calendar No. 1, we're going to go to the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. And we'll start with House Joint Resolution 147.

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Senator Brady, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 147, offered by Senator Brady.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Joint Resolution 147 is to name a section of 9th Street in honor of Springfield police officer David Tapscott, who died in the line of duty. Officer Tapscott was involved in a crash on 9th Street while responding to a disturbance call. In honor of his service, this section of 9th Street between Converse and Ridgely Avenues would be designated as the "Officer (David) Tapscott Memorial Street". Representative Butler sponsored..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Brady, excuse me just one second. Ladies and Gentlemen, could we have your attention here, please? Ladies and Gentlemen, quiet, please. Shh! This is an important resolution here. Senator Brady, please continue.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you. As I was saying, Officer Tapscott was killed in the line of duty on 9th Street. We're honoring this section of the street for his service to our State and our community. And I'd ask, along with Representative Butler, that you support this resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the resolution? As this resolution requires the expenditure of State funds, it will

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require a roll call vote. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Joint Resolution 147 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required -- constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, let's go to House Joint Resolution 170. Senator Lightford, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution No. 170, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lightford, on your resolution.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Joint Resolution 170 is the goal to designate the 25th Avenue overpass in Bellwood as the "Mayor Frank A. Pasquale Overpass". The mayor is retiring. He's served for over forty years in public service in several positions - as the Village Trustee, as the Memorial Park District Commissioner, and as Mayor. Prior to him becoming an elected official, he was an educator, and he never lost his passion of learning and teaching. It's our goal here to just acknowledge -- acknowledge the work that he's done and allow a sign to be displayed for his efforts as the 25th Avenue overpass. I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, as this resolution requires the expenditure of State funds,

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it will require a roll call vote. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Joint Resolution 170 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Joint Resolution 170, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Leader Trotter in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, as you can see, I have a...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

May we have some order, please? Hello? Thank you.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Leader Trotter. As you can see, I have a large contingency here with me today. I have a lot of family and some friends here today and I'd like to take a moment and introduce 'em. First of all, being she's standing right here, this is one of my four granddaughters, Elaine Sullivan. Starting over here on the -- my left, your right, my son, Luke; sitting down - if you could stand up - my -- his wife, Charlene, and my newest granddaughter, Rosie Jane; my brother-in-law, Mike Merna, my -- Mike McCarthy, excuse me; my sister-in-law, Theresa Merna; as you all know, my wife, Joan, is here; my nephew, Daniel Merna; my

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sister-in-law, Sheryl Sullivan; my sister, Mary Lewis; my brother, Bill Sullivan; my brother-in-law, Bud Lewis; my brother-in-law, Buddy Vineyard; my good friends, John, Sheila, and Elena Miller - I'll talk about them later; my son, Mark; and his -- his fiancée, who they got engaged yesterday, Kelly; my sister, Patricia - stand up, Trish, if you would; and I know that my son, Matt, and his wife, Kelly {sic} (Karla), are out with our other granddaughters, Molly and Audrey. Did I forget anybody? But I'd like everybody to give them a warm welcome here to the Senate today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. You have got a wonderful family. Thank you, Senator Sullivan. Thank you, sir. Thank you for all of your service. Thank you. Senator... Senator Noland, you seeking recognition?

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. While we're approaching these resolutions and we got a little time, I'd like to also introduce my family that's here today, very proud of. Many of you have met them before, but you'll meet them now for the last time. And I'd like to also introduce some staff and a gentleman from my -- my home district, of the 22nd District. First of all, my district director, Rich Jacobs, who has been with me through thick and thin, he's here today, joined by his husband, Judge John Dalton, from Kane County - two individuals I'm very proud of. My two children: Claire, just turned fourteen, and very precious to me. Stories to be told about her. She's great. She's a beautiful kid. And the wild one here, Lucien Laude Noland, who we all have fond memories of, and of course, my wife, my beautiful wife, who's been through all the challenges that we -- we all face, that you're all familiar

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with, is here today. I ask that you give them a final and warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

May we all recognize the -- the Noland family? Welcome to Springfield. And contrary to what you said, I'm sure you'll be back in some kind of capacity as we go forth. Thank you very much, Senator Noland. Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Stand for purposes of presenting a resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

A resolution. Is this resolution Senate Resolution 2590, sir? Clayborne?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes. Yes, it is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Yes. Okay, please proceed, sir.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. "Resolved, by the Senate of the 99th General Assembly"...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Oh, Senator. Sorry. The Secretary will do that honor.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 2590, offered by Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. This resolution requires a committee of three Members of the Senate to be appointed - two Members to be appointed by the President, one member to be appointed by the Minority Leader - to approve the final Journals of the Senate of the 99th General Assembly where such Journals have not, prior to the adjournment of

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sine die, been approved by the Body as a whole.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Thank you very much. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator, to close.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Question is that Senate Resolution 2590 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. On a voice rollcall. Ayes. The Ayes have it. In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Please stand at ease. (at ease) Senator Althoff. Hi back. How you doing? Happy New Year. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 6630.

Passed the House, January 10th, 2017. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Can we please come back to order? We're going back to the regular Calendar, page 3 on the regular Calendar, to Resolutions, Senate Resolution 2582. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 2582.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2582)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I kind of liked the idea, when we did Senator Forby's resolution, of -- of me being the one to wait till the end, so I could do the rebuttal after all those nice things they said about Forby. But I have some people back in my office that I have to go back to, so I'm not going to be able to do the rebuttal. I'm going to start off with the nice things to say about Senator Noland, with the exception of a big disagreement that we had when we first met. He was trying to take on Steve Rauschenberger, who I knew to be a really good Senator, a tough guy to beat, but that was his political opponent and we found a, I thought, a legal way, a technical way, to knock Rauschenberger off the ballot. It would have saved us the chance of -- you know, making sure we -- we won that race. And I thought this was great. It was going to save us money and Mike Noland's going to get elected. He said, "I don't want to knock him off the ballot. I want to beat him at the -- at the ballot box." I was like, "Mike, please." So we -- that -- that was the first disagreement that we had and, sure enough, he was a phenomenal campaigner. And Senator Rauschenberger did not win that election because of the hard work. When you read the resolution, you know there's a couple things that I have in common that I'm proud of, the fact that I was in the military, not in the Navy on active duty, like Mike was, but the fact that there's fewer and fewer veterans that we have in the General Assembly and it's something I think which, service to the country, is worth noting at times like this. And I forgot that I -- I thought that I was only --

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the only public defender that was in the General Assembly, because I worked in the public defender's office for -- for five years, and Mike did that as well. By the way, as an aside, when I first campaigned for State Representative, even though I had been a public defender, I didn't really share that with my constituents that I was a public defender, instead I suggested that I worked in the criminal court building and that I had the highest conviction rate of any lawyer that worked there. So I'm not sure if -- if -- if Mike and I had the same record in that regard, but... The fact is, though, that we know from Mike's record here that he has been so willing to take on unpopular positions. He stands up on the Floor, in our caucus, and says, "We have to do this. We have to vote for this bill because it's the right thing to do." And when others would say, "Yeah, but that's not going to be an easy vote." He just says, "That's what we should do." And it's with that clarity and that conviction that allowed him to repeatedly convince his constituents that that's what they wanted and that's how he -- he got elected. And, finally, one other thing that I think we share and that is, Mike has a great family, even his twelve-year-old son, who -- who's here probably very much against his will, but he's down here to say -- to see us say goodbye to his father, and as a result of Mike's decision to not run again, he's going to have the opportunity to spend more time with his family. So with that, I want to congratulate Mike for all his hard work and I wish him the best in the future.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mike, like all Members, you have

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brought your unique perspective and style to the -- to this Body and we will miss that for sure. The Senate President actually referenced something that I think is one of your most outstanding characteristics and that is the fact that you have the courage of your convictions; the fact that you have, in fact, taken difficult positions. Sometimes we over here are going, "Holy cow! Man, I can't believe he did that." But you do what you believe in and the fact that you're leaving here because of the courage of your convictions is really something to be noted. Unless you weren't convinced that you could do a great job in Congress, and you took a flyer on that, an up or out, which, quite frankly, I don't think many of us would do, that really demonstrates that you're somebody who believes in what you try to do, and for that reason, I know you're going to be successful in the next chapter of your life. But know that you will always be a part of our hearts here and we wish you the best. Thank you for your service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Thank you, Leader. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution. I think all of us can relate to when we first come to the Senate that maybe some of the veteran Members have a hard time remembering your name and that was the case with me and Mike, sitting right near each other. The first several days on the Floor, he called me by the wrong name, but he was always close. The wrong name always started with a "C" and was Irish. So -- and -- and with Cullertons and Connellys in this Chamber, that's -- can -- can be expected, but he -- we went on to tease each other about it over the last four years and he would just about every week call me by another Irish last name

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that started with "C" and wasn't mine. So it was, "Hey, Cassidy." "Hey, Culligan." "Hey, Callahan, what are you up to?" I think he -- he probably pulled up the Dublin Yellow Pages or White Pages on his -- on his laptop and went through all the "Cs". And I -- I -- I guess I knew something was up yesterday. He came here and said, "Hey, Castinada." And I said, "That's Spanish or Italian, or something. You're out of Irish names, Mike. It's time to go." So it -- seriously, the one thing I -- I would like to say about Mike, I served with him on the Criminal Law Committee, which was referenced he was the Chairman of, and I have to say, during my four years here, that's one of my favorite committees to serve on. And it -- a lot of it has to do with Mike's leadership there. I -- every year, I -- at least once or twice, I have a group of students come from a high school in my district as part of a job shadowing program. They come here to shadow me. They've expressed interest in possibly pursuing a career in -- in politics or government. So, you know, I want to give 'em a good tour and have 'em see what's going on here in Springfield. I always make sure to schedule those dates when the Criminal Law Committee is meeting, because, you know, I think that's the -- the kind of committee you want outsiders to see. I -- I don't know if you can say that about all the committees I served on. Could definitely say that about the Criminal Law Committee, because it -- it was like a civics class. We -- we had in-depth discussions about really important issues and I think in -- more so than went on in any other committee I've -- I've served on. And they were always even-handed discussions and sometimes, you know, there were pretty volatile issues, but just as Mike is -- is very even-tempered, that's the way the debate always was in that committee. He's a -- a fair

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person, a respectful person. You can disagree with Mike without him being disrespectful. I think that's a lesson that all new Senators need to learn and certainly Mike helped teach me that during my first couple of years here in the Senate, so I want to thank him for that. I want to thank his family for sharing him with us. And we're going to miss you, Mike.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

I don't know about even-tempered, but Leader Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Michael and the Noland family, we were legislative neighbors, and unlike Senator Cunningham, you knew my name right away and used it often, freely, and many times when I was nowhere to be found. So, you know, we worked very well together. I want to note that because we were neighbors, we attended numerous meetings, panels, gave legislative updates together, and you were always a joy to -- to work with. From a perspective of shared issues, I'm just going to look at you and say D300, U46, Fox Waterway, fire districts versus municipalities. We -- we had a host of issues that we didn't always agree on the pathway to get there, but we always agreed that we were going to work collaboratively together to get to a solution that was benefitting our shared constituency. I really appreciate that courtesy. With regard to your chairmanship: I am not an attorney. I am nowhere even near an attorney, and yet oftentimes, with legislation dealing with domestic violence, I appeared in front of your committee. You were gracious; you were helpful; you were accessible; you were very, very kind to someone who oftentimes got in the middle of her explanation and had no idea where she was going. So I do, I wish you well. I wish your family well. You

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will have him home and, you know, in your safe haven. With all your future endeavors, be well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Michael, there's always kind of a special relationship that you have with Senators that -- that come in together in an election. There was -- there was seven of us that were elected in 2006 and came into the Senate that next year. There was the three "Mikes" - there was Michael Bond, Michael Frerichs, and yourself. There was Dan Kotowski. There was Matt Murphy - I saw Matt here before - and there was Linda Holmes and myself. And we were the Class of -- of 2007 and that -- that always kind of has a special -- special meaning, because we went through that together. Now after today, Linda and I are the only ones left of that class. So, I don't know what that says about us, Linda. But -- but I think that the -- the one thing that I've always appreciated about our friendship and about your service here to the Senate is that you're the real deal. You know, I've -- I've never, ever seen you stick your finger in the air to try to see which way the wind was blowing. If you thought it was right, it was right, and you're a man of your convictions and I wish you the best. I don't want you to get up on any roofs, because we share that in common. We fell off the roof in different times together. So take care of yourself and the best to you and your family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Noland, I have been looking

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forward to this opportunity, not -- not your farewell, but just the resolution and the opportunity to speak a little bit. But first, I -- I'm going to -- I want to thank your family, not just for being here today, which is a tremendous thing, but your willingness to share Mike with us, because, to be sure, it doesn't matter what district you come from, it doesn't matter what party with which you affiliate yourself, when you enter public service in the Illinois Legislature, your family comes with it, and so thank you for that. Now, there is a very little known term in the Illinois General Assembly that you probably haven't heard of before. It's called -- they're -- it's called "kitchen table names". "Kitchen table names" are the names of other legislators that when a legislator comes home from Session week and sits around the kitchen table with the rest of their family and talks about Springfield week, "kitchen table names" are the names of people who make them beat their head against the wall, and I wonder if -- sometimes I think that I became a kitchen table name in the Noland household a little bit. Senator -- Senator Noland and I, sometimes in -- in our service together, have acted like we actually got an extra stipend for disagreeing with one another. And -- and -- and -- and we have, we have, we absolutely have, but it was always -- it's always been respectful and it's always been cordial. I -- there's a couple things -- things that you've brought to the General Assembly which to me have been exceedingly important in the service here. One -- one is your background as a public defender. Now I'm a former prosecutor, so you and I come from different backgrounds on that issue as well. But for every prosecutor, or former prosecutor, who serves in this Chamber, we need a public defender, just like for every employer in this

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Chamber, you need an employee. You have to have balance and balance just isn't about Republicans and Democrats or Chicago versus downstate. It's balance in backgrounds as well, and you provided that for me and for other Members in the Chamber. Even more importantly, is your service to this country in the United States Navy. My oldest son is beginning his last semester at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and as much as I like to think that I admired and have always had respect for people who were willing to don the -- the -- the uniforms of the United States Armed Forces and serve and protect, I think that when Jon left for West Point that that respect exploded. Thank you for your service, Senator, in that regard. Thank you for your service here in the Illinois Senate. You will be missed very much. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mike, have you noticed a theme? Every speaker, I think, either said it or certainly implied it, that you are a man of conviction. You're a man of your convictions and I think it didn't take your colleagues very long to understand and to realize that you believed what you believed and, as Senator Koehler said previously, come hell or high water, you were going to do what was right, what you believed -- believed was the right thing to do. And I think that's -- that's a -- that's a true -- that's -- that's an honorable man. That's a true public servant. You never faltered from what you believed and -- boy, I tell you, in this -- in this day and age and with the jobs that we have to do, that's not easy to do. We all know that. And so I just want

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to say thank you for being a friend. Thank you to your family, Veronica. It's been great to get to know you and your family over the years. Thank you for your service and thank you for being a friend.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution. Senator, it's been an honor and a pleasure to serve with you. As our colleagues echoed the same sentiments over and over, you are a man that never had a hidden agenda. Whether we agreed or disagreed, you believed in you were doing the right thing for your district, and that's all anyone can do. You always conducted yourself as a gentleman. Thank you for your service to your country. You know, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, you know, when someone joins the military and they are given different jobs, so to speak, for their career, well, Noland picked to be a corpsman or a medic and that -- that tells you something, that he wanted to take care of the Marines or the Navy personnel when they go into combat, and that is one heck of a job - excuse my language on the Senate Floor - but that shows you what kind of person you are. You served your country well. You served your district well. You've got a great family. I wish you all the best, my friend. God bless you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

To the resolution. You know, a lot has been said already about Mike, and Mike and I, I -- I want to say, go back to the -- the reception that we have for new Members, and Mike and I were

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talking and I talked about some of the committees that I was on and Mike obviously voiced his opinion about his expertise, and if you know Mike, he -- he's -- he's an expert in a lot of things. But, you know, I -- I -- I say that in -- in all sincerity, what was said, and -- and Mike and I had this conversation all the time. I told Mike, I said, "You are a true believer." And Mike is. Mike's a true believer in the process. Mike's a true believer in -- in, as people said, his convictions. Others have said his convictions. But I want to say, it's not just his convictions, it's the fact that Mike is passionate about the process and Mike is passionate about helping and doing those things that are right. I think sometimes Mike was a little bit too aggressive, but that's -- that's who Mike is. And I remember one particular time Mike was going to introduce a bill and I said, "Mike, if I were you, I wouldn't surprise this person. I would at least go talk to him and -- and let them know ahead of time that -- what you're thinking." And -- and Mike being the person, he did -- he did. He -- he went and talked to that -- that person and -- and he kept his conviction and he did what he thought was right. So I -- I truly appreciate Mike. But I want to tell this -- this one story, and I debated if I was going to tell this story, Mike. We're in the middle of the -- well, at the end of the election, I think it was, Mike, and -- and you call around and you say, hey, how are -- how's the election going? And is there anyone you can help at the last minute? And -- and people had written Mike off. I don't know if you remember that, Mike. And Mike called me. I don't know if it was the middle of the night; I -- I -- I remember it was late. And we're talking on the phone and I said, "Mike, they've -- they've kind of written you off. They said you're not

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going to win." And being as passionate as Mike is, he says, "I am going to win." And he says, "If you write me this check, I will win." And I said -- I said, "Mike, they say you're not going to win. I mean, they've looked at the numbers, Mike. They've -- they've done an assessment." Mike says, "If you write me this check, I will win." And, obviously, I wrote Mike the check and Mike won. And that says a lot about the fact that I didn't -- and -- and, you know, you -- you've been here long enough that people believe, even when they know they're not going to win, that they're going to win. And I say this and I think it will always be true, and I think Leader Radogno touched on it a little bit, Mike, you are a winner and I appreciate the fact that I had an opportunity to serve with you. God bless you and your family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution. New Members here are initiated in lots of different ways. It's not just that dreaded 3rd Reading of your first bill. Senator Noland initiated me when I did my first person-to-person, Member-to-Member roll call. I will never forget, and it's embedded in my memory and in everything I will ever do here, walking up to him and asking him for his vote, because he challenged me, he questioned me, he told me no. He didn't say go away, he said come back, 'cause I want you to persuade me. And so I did. I continued to talk to him. It was an invaluable lesson. It's something that -- I know all of us learn different things, but this is what I will always carry with me from Mike. I will miss his candor. I will miss his commitment to his values and I just wanted to rise and thank him

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for his service. The people of his district have been very, very well-served. And best wishes and much success in your next chapter. Thank you, Mike.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Next, Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution. A lot's been said, Mike, that I -- I would repeat, but I did want to just get up and say thank you for your service. We've served on the Criminal Law Committee for -- since I've been here, six years. It's always a lively discussion and interesting discussion, and -- and I think it's been said before, there are more prosecutors on the -- the committee or former prosecutors than there are public defenders - and I think you're maybe the only public defender on it - but you always rose to the occasion and provided that balance that was -- was needed in the committee. And I really just want to tell you thank you for your -- your passion, your dedication, your thoughtfulness and service, and best of luck and -- and best wishes to you and your family. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. I guess it's rebuttal time. I -- I had the opportunity of knowing Mike prior to him joining the Illinois Senate. Matter of fact, I preceded him. I was the honorary Senator of Kane County before Senator Holmes and Senator Noland got elected. And if I'm correct, I gave both of youse your first check that night. In my speech, I said, "Anybody running for the Senate come and see me afterwards." And I gave 'em without

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Clayborne's feelings. I -- I was open to it. But I got to know Mike after -- you know, from speaking at Kane County to knowing him in the Illinois Senate. And it's been said by many people about his conviction. One thing I never worried about Mike was, when he ran for office -- and -- and I also gave him a check for this congressional race that he ran for, because no one could outwork him. And it wasn't only just thinking about what he wanted to do or what -- how he felt on an issue, it was door-to-door. His first campaign for the State Senate, I drove out to Elgin and I met with him out there and I said, "Do you want to have lunch?" He said, "No, I don't have time," he said, "because I have a window of opportunity to knock on doors and I'm going to knock on every door that I can possibly knock on at that time." And when he got elected, that same feeling came into the Illinois Senate. If I work harder than anybody, I'll get something done, and he felt about that. And he -- I don't think he's ever going to stop. I -- I got to tell you one thing, this isn't the last time we're going to see Mike Noland. It might be the last time we see him as an Illinois Senator, but I guarantee you, he will be doing something, somewhere, in a capacity for the good of the people of his area. His heart is as big as this building. His feelings towards everybody is as big as this building. But his compassion is probably even bigger, because Mike feels very strongly about a lot of positive things. I think we in the Senate were privileged to have him here, but the people of his district will look back in the years to come and say, we miss Mike Noland, because they will realize the things he did for his district. It's always a bittersweet day to say farewell, but I don't think I ever want to say goodbye. God bless you and good luck to everything you do in

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the future.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Resolution.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mike, when you first joined the Senate, you and I hit it off immediately. You asked a lot of questions. You were very inquisitive, which is good, as we all are when we first join this -- this esteemed Body. I gave you a -- a -- a lot of advice, especially regarding some of the legislation that I passed, because some of it you didn't understand, and so you were open to hearing what I had to say so that you could better understand the direction that I was headed in. And I learned so much from you, as -- as well, as an individual. And so I learned from you that you are a very loyal person. You are committed. You're very focused. You know, not many times were you distracted from everything that was going on around here. And I remember when we were holding the redistricting hearings and we -- or I came to your district and I said, "Mike, just give a real brief introduction and just talk for no more than two minutes, Mike. Okay?" Mike talked about fifteen or twenty minutes, you know, and I said, "What?" I kept looking at my watch, because we -- we had a -- we had a schedule going on and Mike kept talking and talking and so I said, okay. But I learned so much about Mike, because there was no need in his opinion to rush nothing. He took his time and he -- so that he can very clearly articulate to his constituents what was going on

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that day and the process and that we wanted to hear from -- you know, we wanted to hear from the constituents, you know. And so when I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Noland, found out that we had so much in common because she as well as I both attended Monmouth College and so we had some things in common and so it -- it helped with the relationship, Mike. And I am really going to miss your loyalty and your dedication. And I don't think that your constituents really realize how much they're going to miss you, but they won't know it until you're gone. So I wish you well. God bless you. And anything that I can do, let me know. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

...you. Your seatmate, Senator McGuire.

SENATOR MCGUIRE:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Resolution.

SENATOR MCGUIRE:

Senator Noland, I have been privileged to be your seatmate for almost five years, as we together have occupied this space, this pair of desks, once occupied by another retiring statesman, President Barack Obama. And during my time at your right elbow, I have learned a number of things about you. One thing I've learned, as has been noted by many speakers, is that you really are a man of the people. You've been a whirlwind in your district. You've been ever-present. You've paid attention to constituents of all stations and all means. And you've also displayed your common touch here in Springfield by staying at the Mansion View. With your retirement, I'll be the only incumbent Senator still

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lodging in that famed motor court. I've also learned, as Leader Clayborne pointed out, that you're a man of great knowledge and great interests, many areas of expertise - sports, American history, literature, popular music - and you have never hesitated to draw on that knowledge to fashion some puns, which you have always generously shared with me during debate here on the Floor of the Senate. And also, as everyone else has mentioned, you really are a man of courage and convictions. To put it in the vernacular, Mike, I admire your guts. You've been in the vanguard of the progressive agenda on issues, such as decriminalizing marijuana and advocating for a graduated -- graduated State income tax. And when we finally achieve those goals, it'll be because you helped plow the hard ground. And, finally and obviously, you're a great family man. As we see today and as we've noted on previous days when your family has joined us, when they're here, the bulldog legislator turns into a softy and you just beam, you exude, you shine like the sun with love and pride in your family. Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for your service. All best wishes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Van Pelt.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

To the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Resolution.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

I just wanted to stand up and -- and say a few words about Senator Noland. He's been a tremendous blessing to me. I came into the Senate with no political background, no experience in

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politics at all. Had -- had a heart full of passion from the community. And one of the things -- I knew I didn't know a whole lot getting here, but one of the things I did know is that you never just go to one person to ask a question that you don't know the answer to. You ask five of 'em, so you can -- might get -- be able to figure out what the truth is. But that was never the case with Noland. Noland not only told me the truth every time, based on -- even went back, checked with other Members of the -- of the Chamber, but he also shedded {sic} light on the process for me, helped me to get around some of the challenges I was faced with in the Criminal Justice -- in the Criminal Law Committee. I came here to fight for criminal justice and I just thank God that Noland was there, as a leader and a compassionate person that cared, not only about the politics of the day, but he cared about the concerns of the people, and so I'm happy to have served with Noland and I just wanted to tell you that I know that whatever you do after this, you should do well, because a good man cannot be held down. Thank you so much, Noland, for your service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

To the resolution.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

So, Senator Noland and I had the privilege of being office neighbors for my first two years in office and I want to say thank you for all of your support. I've reached a lot of milestones in my life since I've entered the Senate - having a child, getting

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married, graduating from law school. You were there for me throughout the entire time. It was a very isolated office, so we were able to establish our own caucus. We had the "Woodford Reserve Caucus" and it's where we enjoyed many a libations and then we also took the Woodford Reserve Caucus off campus to enjoy many more libations and that's where we came up with every name to call Bill Cunningham. It's where we came up with every person to hit up for a check. It's where we taught him new dance moves and what the new music is out in the -- out in the community. But this "Woodford Reserve Caucus" brought the -- a different side of -- of Mike Noland out and it's a side that I was -- I was proud to get to know. One of the best things that came out of the "Woodford Reserve Caucus" is what to say in caucus to really tick off Tony Muñoz. It was the best. But all kidding aside, when I think of Mike Noland and for the tenure that I've known him, I think of three words - values, determination, and family - and not in that order. But, values - Mike chooses the harder right over the easier wrong every time. It may take a long time for -- for him to explain it, but he always chooses the harder right. And that's one thing that I really appreciate from a fellow service member. That's one thing that we're taught - always choose the harder right over the easier wrong. Determination - Mike has a letter in his office from Senator Dick Durbin because Mike didn't always win his elections. Mike lost a few in order to get to where he was and it said, "Keep on trying, Mike, and never give up." And Mike never, ever, ever, gave up. He was the most persistent guy - sometimes annoying, because he's so persistent - but it was -- he's -- he's just so persistent and that's why he's so successful. And the last thing that I hold near and dear to my heart is Mike's value

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towards his family. There's not a day that he came into the office where he didn't mention Veronica, where he -- oh, he mentioned you a lot, just want to let you know. He mentioned Lucien. He mentioned Claire. He loves you guys more than anything in this entire world and I hope you know that. Mike, from a former Army officer, I want to say "fair winds and following seas". It's not goodbye. And for the first time in fifteen years, beat Navy. Thanks, Mike.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

The last to speak, the former State's Attorney from Madison County, Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

To the resolution.

SENATOR HAINE:

Resolution, I'm sorry. That beat Navy just threw me off, but -- that's a radical thought. The -- to talk about Mike Noland is to talk about a Member of the Senate who came here after struggles with defeat. He came here to make a mark, to advance the common good and he's accomplished all of those goals. Senator Cassidy referred - I'm sorry - referred to his tenure as Chairman of the Criminal Law Committee and I -- and, Mr. President, I was an assistant public defender and I - you can ask some of the older crew in Madison County - I was very good and I decided after three years that my clients were, by and large, lying to me and telling the truth to the cops, so I switched sides. Mike Noland, Senator Mike Noland, as Chair of that committee, did an absolutely remarkable job in, as referred to by Senator Righter and Senator

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Cunningham, provided balance. He provided an intuitive sense of balance. He -- the witnesses who appeared, many of them laypeople who are troubled. They have been victims, they are next of kin of victims, and these are emotional testimonies and they want -- they come to us in the classic constitutional mode of seeking a redress of grievance against the system that they perceive to have failed them. And our perceptions may be somewhat different, but the Chairman of the committee always, always took care that they left there with a feeling of inclusion, of having their day in court, of being treated with respect by the Members of this Senate. And he -- he did it to us, too. He was a -- a calming influence and we -- some of us on the committee, certainly not me and certainly not Senator Righter, but some of us on the committee could ruffle feathers. Senator Noland never, ever ruffled feathers. He was a -- again, someone who was concerned about decorum, about moving the bills and free debate. That's the essence of this process. I want to refer to two bills that -- he has many accomplishments, as far as legislation being passed into law, but two bills stand out - one a success and one not a success. The one that was not a success was the Harper Valley {sic} Community College venture, which he pursued with vigor, which would have allowed a community college to offer a four-year degree, actually for law enforcement personnel, which was ironic. It had intense, vehement opposition from the universities. He pursued it day after day, Session after Session, and finally got it on the Floor. I think Senator Dan Kotowski was the final sponsor who took it to the Criminal Law Committee of all things and it passed out of there because of the Chairman's influence and didn't go anywhere on the Floor. But the point is that he pursued it. It -- it was in his district's

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interest and he never wavered from his -- the people who came to him asking for help. The successful bill, which I think is a landmark, was the bill establishing a -- a tolling of the statute of limitations if police agencies are derelict in their duties in rape kits. This grew out of a scandalous situation in a city in Illinois and one of the victims of a terrible sexual assault came to testify. Statute of limitations, Ladies and Gentlemen, are a -- a third rail. Senator Raoul and I were not enamored with this bill, initially, because statute of limitations are analogous to the Fifth Amendment in the -- in the sense that they prevent the State from bringing old charges, where it is very difficult for a defendant to offer a defense. It shifts the burden to the defendant, the accused, to prove a negative. Now we've changed that over the years if there's objective evidence, such as DNA. But Senator Noland had an interesting and a compelling argument, which swayed us. And that argument was if law enforcement is derelict, then the statute is tolled, which is an important principle that is a distinction in willy-nilly changing a statute of limitation. That is a landmark statute in my opinion. It did not get enough commentary in the bar journals, but it should in the future. His tenure has been marked by accomplishment, dedication, absolute integrity, unfailing courtesy to all, not only in this Chamber, but those who come here to seek remedies. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I thank Senator Noland for his service. Senator Michael Noland, you have enhanced the common good by what you have done here. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Thank you very much. The question is, shall Resolution 2582 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All opposed, No. In the

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opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Noland, as your last opportunity, would you like to make some remarks on the Senate Floor?

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. And I'm sure you in particular cannot wait to hear what I have to say.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

You didn't die. I will get you later. We're -- we're fine.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Let's not you and I get started. It has been a true joy and, I have to tell you, I never would have expected so many wonderful comments. I am truly moved. I'm not sure that anyone could be prepared for this moment and I -- so -- but I will just simply say what - more or less as I've always done - what comes from the heart here. First of all, as you all know, we need to -- to thank staff, you know, because without staff -- and I have had topflight backup and people that have had my back over the last ten years that I've been down here. Paige Windgassen is currently my LA. She's done a fantastic job over the last three years -- two, two and a half or so, right in through there, where she's been not -- not only my LA, but my communications director down here. Couldn't have had a better LA down here. So thank you very much. Melissa Macomber, who was her predecessor, awesome job as well. And I've had so much help down here. Ashley Jenkins in the Criminal Law Committee. I could go on. And, you know, you always make the mistake of not mentioning somebody, so I'm going to be careful and probably end there with the staff, except for the exception of my district staff -- staffer Rich Jacobs, who when I first begged him to come aboard the campaign and to -- to work in the office, was very resistant,

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but I promised him the ride of his life and I -- I hope I haven't disappointed. So thank you so much. And then, of course, your family. And by the way, Sullivans, I'm going to try to make my comments as brief as I can here. Okay? 'Cause there are far more Sullivans here than there are Nolands. But my little guy, Lucien, who has -- and -- and Claire, who've showed up to all of these parades and events and all the things that we go through as public servants, they've been there for that. I wish I could tell you, kids, that you're not going to have to do that in the future, but there's more to come, sorry to tell you. But -- and they'll do it, they'll do it willingly, and they'll do it with an open heart. My wife, my wife Veronica, you know, what can you say, you know, when you're blessed to have somebody who has stood by you? As you've watched her just today, is symbolic of how she has continually stood by me over the last fifteen, sixteen years or so. And I've got to share a couple of stories with you. First of all, when I first ran in 2002, somebody else was supposed to run for State Rep. I was not wanting to run for State Representative, not wanting to be a politician. I really wasn't. But that individual decided for whatever reason not to do it and I remember talking about this with Veronica, saying, "You know, in our area, in the Elgin area, there cannot be any more free rides to Springfield. We need a two-party system." And we're sitting there watching television and she says to me, she says, "You know, you have to do this. You have to do this, because the next time that you complain about what's in the newspaper or you talk back to the TV, I'm not going to take you seriously." Yeah. And there's -- it's -- there's always more reasons, but that was one of the main reasons why I got into this. And then I remember on the eve of

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election, it was October of 2002, she says to me, she says, "So, Mike, what does the job pay?" And I looked around and I looked up and down and I said, "I don't know." Yeah, right now it pays nothing, right. Yeah. Absolutely, and she's put up with that, too, on more than one occasion. Don't complain. But at any rate, she says, "You know, what does it pay?" And I didn't know and she asked, too, "Well, okay, what about benefits?" I said, "Benefits? I don't know. I don't know." She said, "Yeah, you know, like -- like health care and a pension, you know, these sorts of things." She said, "Work with me, Mike, here. Work with me. You know, we just had a baby." We had just had Claire. We were planning on -- on having Lucien. And she was very concerned about our future, and rightfully so. But I didn't know what I was getting into, but she got into it with me anyway, and she has stood by me every step of the way. Sweetheart, you are the greatest. Thank you so much for that. And, you know -- so I ran a few times, as you probably know. I wasn't elected at first, but when I was finally elected in 2006, came down in 2007, I sat back and I looked up at this ceiling and I said to myself and I looked around, I said, "I -- I've got to be dreaming." You know, and never in my wildest dreams - I have to tell you - would I ever have imagined that I would participate in some of the most historic votes that any of we legislators have ever participated in, in the history of the State over the last ten years. Never would I have imagined that I - and I hope that you never, ever have to - preside over the impeachment of a seated Governor, then have my name on the resolution that put the -- put the question on the ballot for recall of a Governor. That was my resolution - very fortunate to carry that. Would not have imagined that, however reluctantly, I would have voted to

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repeal the death penalty in Illinois, help establish civil unions and marriage equality. I think about my parents, who passed away, unfortunately, in the early nineties and I think that they would have been proud of all of the things that we've been able to accomplish together. And, you know, understandably so, people would ask, "Well, what are you going to do now?" And, well, I have my law practice, which is coming back to life, and I will still remain active locally in local politics. You can count on that. Some have asked and I can understand they asking, you know, "Well, why would you give up all that you've worked for to run for Congress?" And all I can tell you is I fall back on my earlier life experiences and my time in the Navy, and I was a sailor who really never sailed anywhere, but I did learn this, you know, ships, ships are safe inside the harbor, they are, but that, that is not what ships are for. I'd much rather set sail out upon an unforgiving, perhaps foreboding ocean than to wonder for the rest of my life what might lie on the other side. I want to thank nearly all of you in this Chamber in one way or the other, especially, of course, those on our side of the aisle, who helped me reach the other side. So many of you did more than probably what you could have and some of you even did more than what you should have to further assist. And those of you on the other side of the aisle, you kooky kids over there, you were smiling. I -- maybe you just wanted to see the back of me, but you were smiling and saying nice things and I -- all of you on some level were doing that and I thank you for that. So now -- but while I'm waxing a little philosophical, I want to share with you just a couple of lines - a few lines from a poem that my grandfather passed on to my mother, who was his daughter-in-law. Some of you may have heard

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it. It was called -- it's called "Desiderata" and it opens up and it entreats us to go placidly amid the noise and the haste and to avoid loud and aggressive persons, for they are vexations to the soul. And I suppose I could stop right there because you and I both know that this room is full of some loud and sometimes aggressive people. Me? Really? I'm not aggressive. And if we're not, we don't fit that description, we probably sit next to somebody who is -- who does. Just checking, see if you're giving me that "well, if the shoe fits" look, you know. But -- and the -- and the -- and the poem goes on to say, "do not feign affection". I don't think anybody here would ever accuse me of that. And it goes on to say -- and this is the salient point that I want to draw from this, because I want to share with you, I think, an important concern, and that is that we should as far as possible without surrender be on good terms with everyone. I had a sense -- I want to take exception to something that Senator Forby said couple of -- a couple of weeks ago. I do agree with him. We have earned the notion that we don't get along down here in Springfield, and certainly in Washington, on balance, overall, but in this Chamber, in this Chamber, it has been different. I remember -- it is different now. I remember when I first came down here. We had Frank Watson on one side, as a leader. We had Emil Jones on the other. And Frank -- and both of 'em taken apart and set aside, we all liked them. Frank had his way. I'll never forget. He would come in here at the end of May, he would hold up the budget and he would slam it down and he would say, "This is outrageous!" And we'd be off to the races as far as a debate goes. And Emil Jones on the other side, a towering figure, would present some of the most soaring oratory that any of us would -- would sit audience

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to. And we loved him. He was our -- he was our leader, spiritual and otherwise. Soaring. But we had tension in the room and it was difficult to walk across the side of the aisle, each aisle, this aisle. It's not that way now. I do see you walking across the aisle. I see far more green lights up there on that board than red. And I've seen bridges being built over the last eight, nine years or so. And I want to make special -- I want to commend you, President Cullerton, and you, Leader Radogno, for having not only enabled us to do that, but to have taught us to a very large extent how to be on good terms with each other - and the people of the State of Illinois need to know that - and to all of you, my colleagues, who have made that so. It's absolutely true. But as I say that, I also want to share with you a concern. The bridges that we build are very important. We should continue to do that. But there are some bridges - some bridges - that need burning. And when I mention this -- when I say this, I am not singling out any individual. I don't care what anyone says, I really don't, but there is a situation here, where -- and I would say this, I learned a long time ago, Central Illinois, in my grandmother Christina's Sunday school class, that we condemn not the sinner, but the sin, and the sin is on every one of us who maintains a system whereby any one of us can maintain control over either Chamber under this roof or either party outside of it. Burn that bridge and pass the torch. Ten years would be enough for any leader, Majority or Minority, to pursue an agenda and accomplish some important work on behalf of the people of the State of Illinois. So I urge you to do that. And I will conclude, as "Desiderata" concludes, assuring us and encouraging us that despite all of the drudgery and the sham and broken dreams in the

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world, it is still a beautiful world and we should strive to be happy. As I leave here, I leave here with not a single broken dream and I wish you all the greatest happiness. I'm not so good at goodbyes either, so I'll just simply say that this is so long for now. I hope that -- that you will return my phone calls until we meet again, and that when we do meet again, that you'll recognize me. Thank you and God bless you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Thank you so very much. Please everyone rise and send our - our colleague off. Thank you for your work, your leadership, and wish you the best in the future. Continuing on your regular Calendar, page 3, we go to Senate Resolution 2581. Secretary.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 2581.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2581)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Thank you very much. Mr. President, you want to begin the accolades or do you wish to end it?

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. I -- my meeting is over, so I would be able to stay on the Floor. I would prefer, since -- since I can stay out here, to reserve any comments I might make until the end, assuming that there are people who are seeking recognition. If there's no one seeking recognition, then I'll proceed directly to my comments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Seemingly, he has one or two friends.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Well, then I'll wait for them to go first then. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

The resolution, sir.

SENATOR HARMON:

I vividly remember my first meeting with John Sullivan. We were -- it was in the spring of 2002. We were each nominated to run for election in the November election. We went through the orientation of candidates and got a sense of the -- the place here. And we went down to the old Rathskeller for lunch and we sat at a table and had lunch. It was an hour and a half or two hours, talking about everything. Just -- and my initial reaction was, "My God, what a wonderful guy. He would be a great Senator. It is such a shame he will never win." And he proved us wrong. And I've joked often that we Democrats never owned the 47th District, we just rented it. But there was nobody but John Sullivan who could have run in those elections and won and so well represented that district. None of us in this Chamber are indispensable, but, John, there are few people who will be missed as broadly and as deeply as you will be. Your unflappable presence in the Chair has kept a calm on this Chamber more times than you would ever recognize, but beyond that, just your presence among us as the -- the most uncommonly decent man I know. You are just one of a kind and you brought far more to this Chamber than you might recognize, but I guarantee you that we all recognize it. There is no one like you and you, my friend, will be missed deeply and for a long time. But don't be a stranger. Godspeed to your wonderful, loving

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family and it has been such a pleasure to come to the farm and get to know everyone. But you will be missed and I'm going to put my microphone down before I start crying too.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Well, I, too, have to start with our first meeting. I was actually asked by Laura Kent Donahue, who you beat, to be the Farm Bureau Adopt-A-Legislator for Schuyler County. And my visit there had been set up for right after Election Day and I assumed, of course, I would go out there and I'd be with Laura, and she lost, and I was so fully prepared to really, really not like you, because you weren't supposed to win. But when I was out there - and you hadn't even been sworn in - I think we were at -- it was the Shell station with a -- with a little breakfast area attached and I was with the Farm Bureau and you came in and it was like, oh, well here's John Sullivan, and you were just so nice and bright smile, and so, okay, well maybe he's not all that bad. So you right away had me a little bit disarmed. But by virtue of my association with the Schuyler County Farm Bureau, I've had many opportunities to be out in your area and just a few fun things I remember: doing a bike ride and, I think, Joan and I riding into the town square with the band playing and I thought, wow, this is really cool, really, really fun; or the -- the weekend at a bed and breakfast - and there is a bed and breakfast in Schuyler County - that my husband and I stayed with then. It was a hundred and eight degrees. That was the takeaway from that weekend. It was really, really warm. But, again, it was just such a great experience because you've always treated me so wonderfully when

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I've been out that way. I've enjoyed getting to know Joan. We've had grandchildren in the time that we've been here, so I feel like we're -- our lives are -- are kind of similar in terms of the track that they've taken. That's just the personal side. I have to add, though, to what Senator Harmon said in terms of your addition to the positive demeanor of this Chamber, you're terrific in the Chair. I will really, really miss that. You always have a smile on your face. You always treat people respectfully and that's the way that we advance the ball here and, for that, you will be missed. And I know that you've been a great example to a number of people in this Chamber. So, hopefully, that attitude will continue after you're enjoying a very happy retirement with your family. Thanks again for your service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution. Senator, my experience is somewhat different. I thought - in 2002, we were all downtown waiting for all the election results to come in - and John pulled it off. So we were all very ecstatic. President Jones was so amazingly impressed that we arrived back and John had like a whole posse, like, everywhere he went, here comes about ten staff people walking behind him, and I'm like, who is this guy? Who do he really think he is? I had no help at all for my first term. So I'm thinking, "Oh, he's all special. They're giving him everything he wants", and then Emil put him in Leadership and I'm like, whoop-de-doo, and time goes by and he's always smiling and it's -- when you don't like 'em, you're like, why is he always smiling? And, you know, and I'm thinking, who is this guy? And

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so I thought it would be the best to my benefit to find a common ground where I could approach Senator and we found that in Western Illinois University, good old Macomb, Illinois. I'm a Leatherneck and I loved my experience in Macomb and I told John, I say, hey, you know, I'm a good ol' Leatherneck and we began to bond around the issues in Macomb and Western Illinois University. And then I decided, let me just listen up a little bit and I thought that John adds so much value to the Leadership team. He questions everything. Any and everything I was thinking, he asked that question. So I didn't have to ask the question, he already do it. As soon as the discussion is over, John's the first person to question the President. I love that about you. I love that you know how to get straight to the facts. You clear the understanding. You want to know how it affects downstate Illinois and I actually learned so much from you about the rest of the State and everything else that was going on outside of the Chicago and suburban areas. So I can't thank you enough for just being you and who you are and what you brought to the Chamber, and I'm going to try some of your skills in the Chair. So, don't worry, in your absence, you've passed the torch on and I'm going to try to keep the Floor calm and use some of your skills. And I just wish you nothing but the best. You have a beautiful family, lovely wife, you always talk about home, and I think we all learned a lot and there's a lot of takeaways. So thank you so much, John. I'm so glad we became friends. Thank you for your vote on minimum wage. I -- I begged you for that time and time again. I thought -- I said the people of Macomb could use this, John, and so John stood up for what he believed in. He supported that initiative and I just can't thank you enough for your service and God bless you.

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Happy retirement and I hope to see you around.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. First, inquiry of the Chair, if I might. I wonder what a Member should do in this instance. I've been notified by the State Fire Marshal that we may have exceeded the appropriate capacity for the Senate Chamber because of the presence of Senator Sullivan's family. John, I -- there are times, if you serve in this Chamber for really not very long, when you encounter people and you - when you come here, you assume they're going to be in your party - when you encounter people who -- who -- who -- who have an effect on you that was completely unexpected. All of us have had our John Sullivan moments, starting with Senator Harmon described his. Mine is a little bit different in that a - - Senator Sullivan and I represent very similar districts, but they're on different parts -- they're in different parts of the State, completely different regions of the State. And one day, he was reached out to and asked to come all the way to Mattoon - this was several years ago - to speak to the City of Mattoon's Rural-Urban Rotary Club luncheon. And he agreed without -- without thinking about it and came all the way over and gave a fabulous speech to three-hundred-plus people there and talked about the urban culture and the rural culture and working together. We talk about, again, Republican versus Democrats, and upstate versus downstate, but we -- we have to connect in more different ways than that. After -- after the speech, I was approached by more people than I can remember who said, "Wait, that guy's a Democrat?" And -- and -- and that really, I mean, it -- it spoke to -- it

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spoke to John's -- the measure of practicality he has in him, which I think is something that we're raised with and something that we bring here with our life experience and you certainly do. But it -- it -- it also, to me, it spoke -- it -- it -- it spoke much more to the fact that we all come here with a core philosophy, the things with -- that -- in which we believe, and our challenge in order to become an effective public servant, in a Body filled with people who come from different parts of the State and have different beliefs, is to maintain that core but inject into it a degree of practicality that allows you to, as the phrase that's been used here, move the ball forward. I'm not sure that I've served with anyone in my nineteen -- nineteen years in Springfield who achieved -- who has achieved that balance better than John Sullivan. A few years ago, I had a guest here in the Senate and after the day was over - we had some Floor action, Senator Sullivan spent some time in the Chair, Mr. President - and the guest made a comment about something that he saw from Senator Sullivan that day was - and -- and if you've been here any measure -- measure of time, you've seen it, in fact, you've seen it enough times that we don't think about it that much - and that is when the Chamber gets a little noisy and we're moving along on 3rd Readings, this "shh", and then when -- and then the Chamber immediately, immediately quiets down. Now, we're all used to that. Right? But the person who was with me that day was like, "Wow, that was amazing. I mean, that's what a first-grade teacher does. Right?" And for someone to sit in the Chair in a Body like the Illinois Senate and look out among all of these men and women, all dressed up in their Sunday best, doing important work, and all the egos that are in the building and for him to be able to go "shh" and suddenly you

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could hear a pin drop in the Chamber, was remarkable. And my thought was, that's John Sullivan. That's the measure of credibility and respect that he has maintained in this Chamber from literally day one of his service in -- until he departs tomorrow at noon. To John's family, all of you, and the five brothers that are not here and their families as well - six brothers that are not here - thank all of you for sharing John with us. He has been an incredibly effective legislator for the people of his district while maintaining those core beliefs which were instilled with him -- instilled in him as a young child and he carries today. John, to say that it has been an honor to serve with you and that I've made a lifelong friend in you is a dramatic understatement. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Sandoval. To the resolution.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

John and Joan, congratulations to get into this stage in life. It's -- it's been a journey. I was John Sullivan's first seatmate. We both came together and we sat right there where Cullerton and, I believe, Biss sit and we -- we were there for a couple terms and you could have brought the two most opposite people together as we entered into a new career, a new -- this new journey of being Senators, and -- coming from opposite ends of the spectrum, from downstate to inner-city Chicago. I'll make -- I'll make it brief. It only happens to me, right? It only happens to me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

This isn't about you. Continue, sir, please.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

I'm going to start to cry now. John, you are clearly a

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testament to what it is -- a Senator is by definition. You've clearly made your mark, not only in your district and your community downstate, but as well as upstate. You have been -- for many of us - those of us from Chicago, Cook County, the collars - you've been there for us. You've allowed us to improve the quality of life of -- of our people, my people, our people, as you would say - our people, Marty, our people. And so that -- not too many people come to this -- this Chamber and have that impact of really changing the quality of lives of people that we serve in the rest of the State. You're truly a reflection of what it is to be a country gentleman. You are a gentle giant as a Senator, but you're firm and you can be stubborn and you can be very set and -- you and I have had some differences along the way, but because we were able to develop a -- a -- a relationship in the early years that transcended as we both became more matured and developed in our roles as Chairman of Appropriations, as Chairman of Transportation, we were able to resolve all those different viewpoints and, for that, I am grateful and thank you. And we've both had personal challenges throughout the years and we've always called one another when we've had those and that's a sign of a relationship. And I haven't had that relationship with many people in this Chamber and I'm glad it was with someone like you. You've got a beautiful family, you got a great-looking wife. And your children, I like that, you know, my children, when they first met your children, they were really impressed. "Boy, those Sullivan boys are good-looking. They got that chiseled look, you know." They got that chiseled look and -- and I'm just -- I'm just happy that you're happy and that you're moving on and you're going to do -- and move on to the next stage in life, you and Joan and your

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family and the grandkids, and I wish you great health and -- and lots of love that I know that is shared between you and your family and Members back here. And, you know, all I can say is, vaya con Dios, mi amigo. We love you. Take care.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

To the resolution.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you. John, lovely Joan, and the entire Sullivan clan, 'cause that's what you really are, is a clan, you know, congratulations. John, you have cultivated a stellar and an honorable career. I really am going to be very sad -- I am, listen to me, saddened that you're -- you've chosen to leave, but you've chosen at the top of your game. You are the true definition of a statesman. You are an experienced, respected leader. But now I'm not going to cry anymore. I'm going to tell you my funny story about John Sullivan. John, everyone knows that the most important thing in your life truly is your family and it's large. So imagine my distress when we walk in the Capitol Building together and I look at you and your face is one large mess of scratches, and I spend the entire - see laughing - I spend the entire day going to committee, being on the Floor, looking at that face, thinking "What the heck? What happened?" So I finally get enough courage to ask you what's going on here. And you tell me the story of going out, doing your work, being on the farm, and trying to close the large garage door and a cat falls out of the top, onto your head, onto

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your face, and scratches it. Now I was imagining some horrific story - that wasn't horrific enough - but it -- it just, again, goes to show you that, you know, what you see isn't always the story that you get. You aren't only a wonderful statesman, you are truly a family man, you work the farm, you are a true reflection of your legislative district. I am extraordinarily happy you chose to leave at the top of your game, but, again, this Chamber will miss terribly your level-headed, balanced, you know, southern gentlemanly-like approach to the legislative process. Congratulations and I wish you all the best.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

The southern gentleman from southern Illinois, Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

The resolution.

SENATOR FORBY:

John Sullivan. I want everybody in this room to remember that name - John Sullivan. First year I come in the Senate here, John, I had a -- a officemate. His name was Barack Obama - today, President of the United States. The last several years, you've been my officemate. Maybe John Sullivan, President of the United States. Sounds good, John. I can tell people he was my officemate. It's been a great time, John, to be down here. John and I, in the office - a lot of people would come in and start talking about legislation and talking about this - we came in, "John, was it too wet to get in the fields today?" "How's the corn crop?" "What kind of yield is it making?" This is something that, you know, kind of farmers talk about. And talked to John today, just a

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little bit, and he said, "You know, when we leave, there's not going to be really too many more farmers around here." But, John, I -- I don't think you're going to have to worry about that. You got a farmer in disguise - Terry Link. Terry Link said he'll take care of the farm stuff from now on. Said, you and John will not have to worry about none of that stuff. So we got a load off that. We don't have to worry about that. It's been a good ride, good run. Whatever we done, John's always been there. When I needed something, I could always go to John's office. And, you know, I'm a little radical every now and then and all that kind of stuff - "Now, Gary, let's simmer down. It's not all that bad. Let's just take it easy. This is the way it is." It was great to have John Sullivan as an officemate and as a Senator and as a great farmer. A wonderful family. Family's always been in the office of mine and it's unbelievable, most friendliest people that you ever met in your life. And this guy here has been in business. Another thing I say about John that a lot of people hasn't experienced, how you've been in business with your family. It's a challenge - I have - but John does a great job. His family's always there. I know they have their ups and down, everybody has that, but he's kept 'em together. He's still going. John, I'll never forget you, you and your family. And if you do become the President of the United States, I want to come to Washington, D.C., and see you. Thank you, John.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. I also have an inquiry of the Chair.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

State your inquiry.

SENATOR LINK:

Now that Senator Sullivan's retiring, does that mean no fair queens are coming to Springfield anymore? I mean, this guy, I swear to God, I didn't know how many came out of his area. You know, I -- I had the opportunity, Senator Harmon, of meeting John Sullivan that same year. It was at the State Fair we met. And we had a little bit different type of discussion. John was real down that day. He wanted to run. He was running hard, but he felt he had no chance, whatsoever, winning. And I said, "Well, you picked the right guy to talk to, because not only did no one give me a chance of winning, including my wife," I said, "I not only was elected, I was re-elected." And John and I talk about that talk, because I think we revitalized his campaign that day to say there is hope to do that. But then, John gets elected and I see Jeremy Flynn up in the gallery, who was formerly known as John Sullivan's shadow, because John would sit here and I said to President Jones at the time, I said, "Why'd we elect this guy?" I said, "You don't allow him to vote on anything. He hasn't voted on one of our issues." He said, "We want to keep him around." I said, "Why? You know, I mean if he doesn't vote on anything, why are we keeping him?" But as it worked out, you got to know the real John Sullivan after a while, a guy that -- you're right, whoever said it about being inquisitive. There's probably been no person in the twenty years that I have served in this Chamber that has been more inquisitive. And I don't care what the subject matter was, John wanted to know every detail about it and what the effects were. Were they good effects, bad effects? Were there long-term effects,

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short effects? Every effect of a legislation. And former Senator Denny Jacobs said to me, "Does he ever stop asking questions?" But the point was, those questions not only were good for him, they were good for all of us, because a lot of us did not want to ask those questions that he was asking, but we wanted to know the answers. And I got to tell you, I learned a lot by sitting next to John. I learned -- Gary, I know a lot about agriculture that I didn't know before. I guarantee you that. And I know when -- what the yields were, what -- when you -- when you plant, when you don't plant, what weather affects and all that. You learn that from sitting next to somebody. But I also had a privilege that's similar to yours. My first time down here, the guy sitting next to me was Barack Obama. Two years later, he asked me a favor, "Would you move over two seats?" Because we put a person named Lisa Madigan in between us. But I have to tell you, I feel very proud of sitting next to those - and, Lisa, if you're listening, I still love you - but I've never had a seatmate that I not only respected, I can say dearly in my heart was John Sullivan. We talked about family. We talked about health. We talked about every issue you can think of about what was pertaining to us. And it wasn't the kind of questions that you get up to somebody and then you say, how you doing? And you hope they don't answer. When we would do it, it was sincere of wanting to know everything about one another. And I remember John whispered to me one day, he said, "I'm going to retire." He says, "You're the only one that knows besides Joan." And I said, "Well, we can't talk about it in here. Let's go have dinner." And we had dinner and -- and I honestly can say I almost was on my knees saying, please don't do it, because my plan was that we would leave together at that one day.

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And I know a few of youse, I think, had wished I'd left first, I know. But the point is, I could say right now I have been blessed in life with many of things, with my family and all of that, but there will be a big hole in my heart starting tomorrow and I say that from the bottom of my heart that I truly, truly will miss not the Senator John Sullivan, but the person John Sullivan, and it's going to be a sadder day for me tomorrow, but I was blessed with all the days that I've had the privilege of being with him. John, to you and your family, God bless you and thank you for being here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator McCann.

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

The resolution.

SENATOR McCANN:

John, you and I are legislative neighbors. My northern boundary is your southern boundary, and after redistricting, after I was here for four months, the map changed and I actually picked up a little bit of your southern territory. It's now in my current district. We have a lot in common, as our districts have a lot in common - agriculture, transportation, higher ed, education in general, a lot of State assets in both of our districts, a lot of people, a lot of working families to man those State assets. Something else that we have in common is that, as has been discussed, I don't -- neither one of us was supposed to win. We both took on dynastic families from the other party and no one ever thought I'd be here and it sounds like nobody ever thought you'd be here. And here we are. And I know that when you and I

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would go to events in -- in cities and counties on our border, we would sort of size one another up in the beginning, kind of like two pugilists walking around the outer edge of the ring, just sort of sizing one another up. And I could tell from the very first time that we -- we spoke at an event to the next time and the next time and the next time, we both surprised one another repeatedly, because all we would ever say was we want to do what's best for our districts and what's best for the people of Illinois. It wasn't about party. It was about what was doing the best for the people. I remember about a year or two after I got here, I came in - we were in committee - we were in recess here, of course, and you were standing over here about in this area and you had some visitors from your district. I was listening to you give -- you were giving them a tour, basically. And as I came up behind you, I think at first, maybe, you thought that I was eavesdropping and of course I was just trying to get to my desk, but before you caught me listening, I had one of the finest times of my life listening to you tell those folks why you decided to run for office and why you were here, about how you'd always had an infatuation with history and civics and family and community and doing the right thing. And as I listened to you give that little speech to those folks, I thought, my goodness, we're here for the same reason. We really truly are. And I remember a couple of years later, two years ago, two years ago in Veto Session, the last day of Veto Session, I came to you. I -- I -- you were Chairman of the Agriculture Committee and I had an issue that I really wanted to bring. I wanted to get it through committee. I wanted to bring it to the Floor. I wanted it to get a vote. It's actually the law of the land today, because you interceded on my behalf with

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the President of the Senate. You listened, you put people ahead of party, you did what a statesman and a public servant is supposed to do. And so I truly am going to miss you. I've respected you from day one. As those pugilists circling the ring, I had a healthy respect for you from day one. But as our relationship grew, that respect grew, and the dynamic changed, I not only respect you, I think the world of you. I want to be like you and I hope that you know that you are appreciated and I want your family to know, because there's no one who sacrifices more than our families. To your family, thank you for sharing John with us. We greatly appreciate it. To you, my friend, you're a scholarman -- scholar, a gentleman, a statesman, and a true public servant. Godspeed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

To the resolution.

SENATOR HOLMES:

John. I got to know John actually before I was elected. I was, again, running in a district that a Democrat was not supposed to win and I would go out walking every day. About once every couple weeks, I'd get a phone call from Senator Sullivan, who would just call to encourage me. That meant so much to me as I did this, to have somebody who really didn't even know who I was reaching out to me and telling me that it was worth it, that that knocking on doors was really going to be what could get me to win that seat. I'm not sure I believed it, but I kept doing it. So, I want to thank you for that encouragement. At least I want to -- I -- I

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think I want to thank you. There's days I'm not so sure that winning that election was the greatest thing in the world. It's been a little bit of a tough couple years lately. Politics is sort of an ugly business, particularly in the past couple years for us here, but I want to say one thing. You have always held yourself above the fray. You are, as others have -- have -- have stated, what I look at in this business as being a true statesman. That is the highest compliment I think you can be paid on what you do day after day in this Chamber and you have been an example for so many of us to follow. You have been my mentor, because after I was elected, I was put on the Ag and Conservation Committee. Now, mind you, I'm from Aurora. I -- I mean, I am -- don't have a lot of farms in my neck of the woods. I'm, of course, north of I-80, so here I am brand new, sitting on the Ag Committee, listening to all of these issues that have to do with farming. What a lot of people didn't realize - and I don't know that I realized at the time - was also in the Ag Committee, that's where all the hunting bills went through. Wow! That was a revelation to this animal-loving northerner, who certainly wasn't out hunting in my life and it wasn't part of my upbringing. So these bills would come across. Well, always Senator Sullivan, as the Chair of that committee, he was my mentor and I would often look to him as to how we were voting on these issues. So, yes, certainly on those ag issues, I followed his lead. On the hunting ones, I remember youth hunting, because I -- I remember somebody standing in committee, going -- and -- and me thinking, why are we doing this? And then there's people like Senator Sullivan, "Because our youth needs to be hunting." And me thinking, they do? So -- but I would follow his lead and go along and do that. Then a couple years

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ago, I'm, you know, sort of feeling my wings as we're doing this and getting a little more independent on some of these issues, then came the bobcat bill. John, I -- I -- I think it's fair to say that you and I were a little bit on opposite sides of the fence on that one. And I do remember Senator Sullivan walking up to my desk as we're about to debate this issue and saying to me, "Are you going to talk?" My button's pushed. Of course I'm talking. And we know when I'm talking, I'm arguing passionately from the heart on this issue. And I said, "Are you going to?" And he says, "Not until you do." And me thinking, great. So, of course, I do my big passionate speech. I'm there. I'm wearing my bobcat hat. Oh, yeah, we're talking about this issue. I do my speech, just - - then Senator Sullivan gets called on. So Senator Sullivan stands up and what does he do? He plays the "I am the statesman". Senator Sullivan rationally argues why this bill should be passed. Ultimately, it gets passed and I walked up to his desk and I said, "Don't you ever wait until I do my passionate argument and you stand up there like the statesman you are and rationally argue in favor of a bill." Again, another great lesson. I am going to -- I vow I am going to try to be a little more statesman-like, following your example. But before I do that -- and I wish you the best, you and your family. Thank you so much for being such a wonderful mentor and leader for so many of us. I appreciate that, but I do want to give you a bobcat hat before I go. Thank you, my friend. I love you and I'll miss you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution. John, it's

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been an honor and a pleasure to serve with you, my friend. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, let me tell you about a man that came here as a farmer, auctioneer. Well, you're one very effective legislator, my friend. When our colleagues said that he asked a lot of questions over the years in caucus, he did. But you know what, he asked them, but he really wanted to learn an issue, and you did, from budget issues to everything else. We come from two different -- I come from the City of Chicago. He's a downstater. A lot of times we vote on different issues, some that affect his -- what's good for him, some what's good for me. So there was times we didn't vote together on certain things, but he was always a gentleman and he was honest if he couldn't be with me and I was honest that -- if I couldn't be with him on it. And that's all you can ask, you know, and when you have a friend like that, it truly means a lot. You moved up in the Leadership pretty fast, but you were effective, effective for your district - you brought home a lot of money, even though you were supposedly a target. But, no, honest, it's -- it's been an honor and a pleasure and you were one of the best in the Chair that I've ever seen in my time in the Senate. So you really kept it good, working the Calendar through for many hours at a time when there was -- end of the budget season. Over the years, I've had a couple of debates that got a little nasty and you were there to calm everything down. So, my friend, I wish you the best to you and your family. God bless you. You deserve it. And not very many -- few legislators can leave the way you're leaving by saying, I had enough. It's time for me. God bless.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Mulroe.

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SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, and to the resolution. John, you know, our districts are miles apart and there are certain things that our districts don't -- don't have in common, but, personally, I think we have a lot in common. You're from a big family. You have a bunch of brothers. I have a bunch of brothers. You have a bunch of kids. I have a bunch of kids. I really feel like there's a special bond that -- that we have together and I'll never forget that. I'm going to -- there's a ton of stories to talk about with respect to you, John. I'm -- I'm going to miss the St. Paddy's Day parties. I'm just going to miss you. But probably the most -- the biggest thing that I'm going to miss is when you come up to me and say, "Johnny, Johnny, Johnny Mulroe". So, that was important to me and I -- I got to tell you, from what -- listening to people, it's like John Sullivan's the equivalent of, hey, I'm having -- you remember your first baby - Senator Harmon, Senator Radogno, Senator Holmes. Well, I have my first too. So you were part of the Member -- new Member orientation with me, and Senator McCann was -- was there as well, and, you know, he took us through our steps and one of the steps was you came down to the Senate Floor and you talked about this -- voting switches and how they were the yellow button or red button and a green button, and -- and you basically told us, "Hey, do what is best for you, your district, and if at all you're not sure, then go with your party." And then John stopped and he sort of gazed at the -- the board and said, "There's an exception to that, though; when you see a Sullivan bill up there, you can forget about the red and the yellow, just hit the green." There's another story that I'm not going to tell that, you know, you and I have together, my -- my

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first vote on the Senate Floor. That'll be between us for the rest of our lives. I just want to -- you are just a great guy. I -- I -- you know, you are a statesman, everything, but you're just a great guy. Your family's so lucky to have you. You're -- you are so lucky to have them. Whatever the ingredients are -- there are to make a great guy, your mom and dad will be very, very proud of you. I'm going to miss your laughter, your leadership, your advice and guidance, but most of all, I'm going to miss your friendship, John. Best of luck to you and your family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

The resolution.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

So, John and I -- I guess unfortunately on his part, I spent a lot of time up in John's office. We laugh, I tell stories, I think sometimes John thinks that -- that I'm off a little bit by some of my discussions, but I -- I enjoy John and -- and spending time up there. But, you know, it -- it's been said John's very well respected and it's because of his character and who he is. John presents himself as a elected official who's concerned about the issues that are presented, whether in -- in caucus or just generally talking on the Floor or in whatever appropriate setting. He asks questions because he truly believes that he was sent here for the right reason and to do the right thing, and he has demonstrated courage throughout the time he's been here to stand up and make decisions, be loyal, and stick to his commitment. You

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know, I was reflecting back on some stories, but I'm not going to tell a story because a lot of people have talked and I know people are tired of us standing up, but this is a testament to who you are and how people really feel about you, John. So I was sitting here and I pulled up this quote and I truly think it reflects who John is and his approach to his job here in the Senate. It's by a gentleman - I have no idea who he is - his name is James Clarke. At least he starts off with a good first name. It says, politicians think of the next election; a statesman {sic} thinks of the next generation. And I truly think that reflects who you are, John, and your commitment here. God bless you and your family. Joan, thanks for sharing John with us. God bless you, John.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, to the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

The resolution.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, John, for your service, for being a great image of public life, especially with Joan and your family. It's no wonder you won with all your brothers knocking on doors; they thought it was you knocking on doors. I must say your conduct as President of the Senate in the Chair was the best I've ever seen. We've had great presiding officers and one of which is in the Chair now, Senator Trotter, Senator Link. Senator Hendon was arguably the highest octane. But you were the best combining that demeanor with a consideration of the process, and I personally believe that the hallmark of American democracy is not necessarily what we pass,

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but it's the process, how we get there. We hear all sides and we hear them civilly and we have respect for one another, and that's you. I just have three anecdotes involving you, one of which involves Senator Sandoval. Early in my first term, your first term, and Senator Sandoval's first term, Senator Sandoval introduced a bill, which I think I, to put it mildly, I said aloud, "It was the dumbest bill I've ever seen and there's no way in 'blank' I'm going to vote for this bill." You came into my office and said, "Senator Sandoval thinks you're angry at him." And I -- I really wasn't, Martin. I -- I was not. "Can you see your way to vote for this bill?" This was after what I said. And we worked it out. I said, "Okay, Senator Sullivan, if he tweaks it this way, I'll vote for the bill." And that's exactly what happened. The next bill involved your bill in Ag and I've always voted with you in Ag, but you had one bill that increased the percentage of ethanol in gasoline - to what I thought was an astronomical amount - for the corn growers, obviously. And you came to me, "Can you vote for this bill?" I said, "John, I -- I represent a refinery. I have more marijuana farmers than I do corn farmers. I can't vote for that bill." "Okay." So I didn't vote for the bill. The third bill was my levee bill, which involved the Metro East, which I worked with Senator Watson on. Thankfully, Senator Watson was also a statesman, who saw the interests of his area and my area was the same, as Senator Clayborne's. It involves a -- a quarter-cent tax passed without a referendum, setting up another local unit of government, and it would reconstruct the federal levee system with this money, defying the laws of gravity. Certainly, the current Governor would have vetoed it. And in any case, you came to me and said, "There's no way I can vote for this bill.

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The drainage districts are opposed to it", because I preempted the authority of my local drainage districts and subordinated them to this new entity - frankly, because of local issues involving scandals, and then Senator Watson would have never gone for the bill. In any case, it passed. I said, "John, don't worry about it. I got the votes thanks to Senator Watson and people on my side of the aisle." It was the next year there was flooding on the Mississippi. Your levees were breached. You came to me the following Session and said, "I need your vote on my levee bill." I said, "Really? Well, what does it do?" He said, "Essentially, I took your bill and copied it." And I said, "John, you have my vote." But in any case, here's a man who came here, never forgot his roots, was always a gentleman, as was -- has been referred to, his integrity was beyond question, he was easily -- if you looked up the word "skepticism" in the dictionary, John Sullivan's picture would be in there, because he was the most skeptical Senator I've ever met. If you said something, he would look at you and almost grab your lapel and say, "Repeat that again. Tell me again. Explain it again." Then he'd explain it again and then I would say, "Well, how do you feel?" "I'll get back to you." But that's the essence of a Senator in my -- my opinion. Thank you, John, for your service and thank you, Joan, for letting him serve. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution. I've always wanted to experience what a filibuster would feel like. So, John, I -- I -- I think people must really like you here. But it's --

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I think it's kind of amazing that -- that we all have kind of stories about when we first met John Sullivan. I have my story about that. It was in 2002. It was the election. It was the primary, in fact. I was working on behalf of Senator George Shadid on his campaign, because he had primary, and we were down at Lewistown at the Farm Bureau. Remember that? And after -- after you got up and -- and spoke and -- and talked to the audience, I leaned over to George and I said, "You know, this guy is good. This guy is really good. He doesn't have a hell of a chance of winning, but he's really good." And I think that as -- as you -- after you won that election, I thought, I guess the -- the moral of that story is that nobody doesn't like John Sullivan. And you're a tireless worker. You're -- you're somebody who really, I think, embodies what it means to be a statesman and to be a public servant. Some time ago, before the era of our current President-elect, there was a lot of political, you know, words given to the -- the fact of family values. And sometimes -- they were real and sometimes they were just facades. You know, that's kind of how you got elected. But, John, you've really epitomized that. Your family, your values, what you do, is really the best of what Illinois has to offer and really the best of what America has to offer. And I thank you for that and I look forward to a continued friendship with you and Joan and the rest of your family. Best of luck.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

To the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

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To the resolution.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

I won't belabor the point here. Obviously, a lot of people have spoken and have said what I wanted to say much better than I could, but, John, I have a lot of respect for you and I think Senator McCann hit right on the head - you are the definition of a statesman and you are exactly what I want to be for my district. Many people might know, but you are the only Democrat Senator with two Republican State Reps and I was the only Republican Senator with two Democrat State Reps. And I can't tell you how many times, when there was a -- a -- a vote or a controversial issue from one side of the aisle or the other, I can't tell you how many of our staff or -- or lobbyists said, "You got to be like John Sullivan. You -- you got -- you got to vote your district." And that's exactly what you did and that's what made you a good legislator and somebody that -- that I look up to and really, really want to be like. And aside from that, I mean, we -- we have a lot in common. We're both farm -- farm kids, both like hunting, both very involved in the outdoors, we both sat on the Ag Committee together. And a quick story. Many of you might not know, but I was never involved in any kind of politics before I got elected, so when I came down here, after the first month or two, I actually talked to Senator Sullivan after an Ag Committee, and in my mind, before I came down here, I thought Republicans stick with Republicans, Democrats stick with Democrats, and that's just the way it is. Well, I started talking to Senator Sullivan, I'm like, oh, my gosh, it's like, we -- we believe in the same thing. And I called my wife that night. I'm like, you know, I don't think this is going to be that bad. It's like, I talked to this -- this

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Democrat Senator and I talked to him for quite a while and we're on the same page. And then the next day I met Senator Harmon and I'm like, oh, my God, it's... And I think you're probably the only other Senator in this building, Senator, just because of our background, that if it were socially acceptable, whenever there's a disagreement, we would both sign on to the fact that we would go outside, beat the piss out of each other, and come back and have a beer and get something done. With that being said, Senator Sullivan, thank you so much for your service. Thanks for being a good friend, somebody that I could work with on -- on your side of the aisle, and thank you to your wonderful family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Wow, I just hope when I leave here, I get one-tenth of the things that are being said about you, John. I really mean it. So as I in my last day of my first term, there -- there are Members that I really have looked to and -- and -- and wished that I was more like them. I tend not to be incredibly diplomatic. I -- I tend to kind of speak from a -- a point of passion. But the thing that I will so miss about you is, whenever I'm sitting in a committee with you - I served on one with you - and I'd be thinking in my head, gosh, I really don't know how to ask this question, but I don't really like this and I'm not really sure, and sure enough, you ask that question and you ask it in such a way that you actually sound incredibly intelligent - when my fear is I'm about to sound like an idiot when I ask it. So, I will so miss that and I really mean it. This morning in -- in State Government, I was thinking, I'm going to try to channel John Sullivan when

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he's gone. I just so respect you and I can't imagine to be hearing all the accolades that you're hearing and for your family to be hearing is because you are truly loved, respected, will be so missed by people on both sides of the aisle. You know, and I come from an area too where it's not always going to be a Democrat that comes from there and I believe many times that's where incredible legislators can come from, because you absolutely must represent that district and put the people you represent before your party many times, and I saw you do it over and over again - may not have always agreed with you, but I so respect you and I really mean that. And, boy, your family is lucky. They really are and I bet they're going to be really glad to have you back, not driving - I think it's nine hundred miles across your district. I -- I don't know how you cover it. I've got an hour and it's difficult for me to maintain, you know, a really good relationship in those furthest districts. I didn't think I'd have a lot to say, so I'm -- I'm going to sit down. But I really mean it, John, I just -- I have thought the world of you. I think you're an incredible legislator and I am going to do my best to learn some things from you. Thank you so much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution. John, so many people have said practically everything that we can ever think of about you and it speaks volumes, not only of how your colleagues feel about you, but also how someone of your stature can get elected to a -- to a -- a -- a district such as the one you've represented for so many years. And I know I -- I am definitely

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going to miss you. I've learned a lot from you. I especially learned a tremendous amount when -- when I joined the Leadership team and you always had a -- a different perspective on whatever the matter we discussed and I really appreciated that, because it -- it allowed me to take a look at you differently, because you were always thinking out of the box, instead of, you know, the regular status quo, and I really appreciated that actually. And you heard me mention earlier that Veronica Noland and I both attended the same school, Monmouth. Well, several years ago, I showed up for homecoming and John was there also, because at that time, that was a part of his district. And John was speaking and he saw me walk in and then he said, "Hey, there's another Senator in the house." And they said, "Who?" And they turning all around. Then he said, "Senator Mattie Hunter is here. She's an alumni of Monmouth." You know, and they looked at me and says, "Oh, you're Donnie's sister. We know Donnie." My brother and I went to -- to Monmouth together, you know. And so whenever I return back to -- to Monmouth, I'll say, "Well, I'm Senator Sullivan's friend, since you know him better than you know me." You know, which is -- which is a great thing. But, John, I really appreciate the way you cherish your family. You get your -- your family involved. They come down here. They've been coming down here for the past fourteen years and I just think that that's such a beautiful thing. And so -- my -- I -- I remember my -- my -- my late mother always saying that if you don't have family, you have absolutely nothing. So, John, you have so much -- so many riches because you have your family. And thank you very much. I really appreciate you and I am going to miss you. Bye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

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Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution -- or motion, excuse me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

To the resolution.

SENATOR MANAR:

Resolution. Thank you. John Sullivan, D-Rushville. John Sullivan, D-Rushville. For a moment, everybody should think how surprising that is still to people today, that not only could a man from a small town in Schuyler County get elected to this Chamber, but do it in the manner in which he did. In many ways - and I think this should be said again here on the Senate Floor today - John Sullivan rewrote the playbook in downstate Illinois on how to get elected to this Body. It was unusual. It was unprecedented. I would go as far to say that he is a "once in a generation" politician from downstate. Very few people expected him to win in 2002. We've -- we've talked about that a little bit today, but he did. He took out an entrenched incumbent and he won in dignified fashion. Many people didn't expect him to get reelected to the Senate when he ran for reelection, but he did, always putting forward that dignity as an individual and as a person. I do want to share my first -- I think my -- I think my first encounter with -- with Senator John Sullivan, D-Rushville. Just want to keep saying that a little bit more while we have time. It was right after the 2002 election and Vince Demuzio, typically when he had to drive more than about ten miles, would call me and ask me to drive him, and so fresh off of this upset election, Senator Demuzio called me and said, "Hey, I need to -- need you to

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drive me to Rushville." And I said, "Why am I driving you to Rushville, Vince, just curious?" And he said, "Oh, I got to go get on Sullivan's good side because we have a new Member of the downstate caucus." So we drove to Rushville, and if I remember this correctly, John, you had a victory party - I think it was in a community building, maybe in the park - and so we got there a little bit late and when we pulled up, we had to park, I think, a quarter mile away and walk to this building. And when we walked through the front doors, there were about two times as many people than the building could hold packed into this room. There were tables full of homemade food. There was an atmosphere that was completely euphoric when you stepped foot into this room and it was clear to me that this man had something special. He had something special, because you only needed to listen to one conversation to understand that the family and friends and people that he met along the way were true believers in him and they knew that they had accomplished something tremendous with his first election to the State Senate. And I left that -- I left that gathering -- I left that gathering, on the way home, thinking I want to be like this man. I want to be like this man, because he's doing it for the right reasons and he's in this business for the right reasons. So, John, I want to thank you for a couple of things. I want to thank you for your friendship, clearly, your advice - you being a mentor to me. I want to thank you for your patient demeanor. As a Member of this Chamber, in its heated moments, its most heated moments, you were its most guiding voice in the Chair as a presiding officer. Thank you for being a gentleman in all aspects of what you do here, in committee, in private conversations, in any role as our downstate leader. Thank

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you for always leading as a gentleman. Thank you for coming here from a small town. You know, with -- with your exit and Gary's exit, I think -- I think I'm the only one left and I appreciate what you have done for small rural communities that dot the landscape of downstate Illinois. And for downstate Illinois, thank you for being our unwavering voice, unwavering voice for downstate Illinois during your years here. I think you're the only auctioneer I know that -- that listens more than he talks, so thank you for being a listener and thank you for walking through the doors of this Chamber every day, every -- every single day to be a voice of reason for this institution. Now rewind the clock back to when you -- I've never asked you this -- this question, but -- but when you made the decision to run for the Senate, I can't imagine what went through your mind to weigh the pros and cons of choosing to leave private life and entering public life, because you were faced with a race that I don't think anybody would have told you anything other than, this is going to be an uphill battle, John, if you choose to do this. But you and your family chose to do it anyway. With no guarantee of success, with every mountain ahead of you, you chose to step into public life and be a public servant. Thank you for doing that. And for me, personally, thank you for making me a believer - a believer in our process, in our democracy that someone like you can get elected and have an influence on what we do here in the State Senate. And to Joan and to your family, I was reminded again what makes you you, and when you see the Sullivans sitting here, that is evidence of who John Sullivan is, as a husband and a father and a brother and a -- and a grandfather. And it's been said many times, but I, too, want to extend my thanks for everyone sharing John Sullivan, D-Rushville,

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with us here. And I'm in your position, I think, that you were in many years ago, where you miss birthday parties and you miss, you know, things that are momentous occasions in your family and you can't get those back, because once time goes, it's gone. But I want you to know, I want your family to know that despite the fact that you can't get those times back, what you did here was meaningful and what John Sullivan did here left its impression on this Body and on the Senate. So, John, thank you for coming here. Thank you for making a difference and I am thankful that I have been able to serve with John Sullivan, D-Rushville. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you. To the -- to the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

To the resolution.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

I think, John, that I am going to miss you the most. I'm going to get -- I don't know how I'm going to do every time we're down in Session when you, you know, pass by my office, you know, always had that smile on your face, you know, like to come in and take my coffee. Let me -- let me share something about the coffee, because it is funny. I remember when I was -- first came here in 2002. We got elected together. I -- I was on the M floor. I remember that President Barack Obama was the office right next to mine and he would always come by and steal my coffee. And I think we have something going, Senator Forby. I think that "President Sullivan" sounds pretty good, don't you think? And I think it's

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all in my coffee. So I have decided that here wrapped in a nice green is the Puerto Rican coffee that you just love the most. I am going to -- and I can send you a supply from the neighborhood. From the neighborhood, we can always -- I can always send you the supply, 'cause I know -- Joan, I'll show you how to make this - very little. I mean, if you give him more than probably a cup a day, he'll probably be wired for a week. That's enough. That's why I'm always wired, right here. But more important, John, I'm going to miss you, 'cause, you know, one of the things, on a personal note, back in 2008, when I -- I -- I was very ill and I was actually on life support. When I came off that life support, one of the very first phone calls I got was from you and I couldn't hardly speak, because I had been -- I had a botched dental work and that almost killed me, but you always called me, and even though I couldn't say a whole -- a whole lot to you, you always, you know, checked in, you know, mostly on a weekly basis after I came out of the hospital, and you know what, that always meant so much to me, because it proved that you're such -- not only my colleague, but my friend, and I'm going to miss that the most. I'm going to miss the fact that you are a great human being. You know, you represent your district in a -- in a fashion that I think -- when we talked about Democrats and Republicans in your district, people voted for you because of who you were, not because you were a Dem or -- and that you represented a Republican district. They -- they love you because you've shown a certain sense of -- of -- of -- of showmanship when it comes to, you know, voting your district, representing your district, but more important is caring about the people that you represent and not only in your district, but across the whole State. Many times when you didn't agree with

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something that I was going to present here, you would always come to me and talk to me and say to me, "Iris, I can't be on this vote with you." But I -- and I understood it because everybody has to vote their district. But I think around here being -- when you serve your time as the President, I think there is not going to be anyone that can actually be like you, you know, and I think many of us want to be like Mike, but in this case, be like John. Thank you very much to Joan and the Sullivan family, thank you very much for sharing him with us. I know that hopefully he's going to keep himself busy, 'cause I know usually when people are at home and -- I know you might have a list, Joan, of things for him to do around the house, so make sure that you keep adding stuff just to keep him busy. But I don't -- I hope you come down and visit us here, John, so we don't -- I don't think we'll ever forget you, but we definitely want to keep seeing you around here and, like I said, I'm going to miss you, 'cause I'm going to miss that daily walk in front of my office and -- and just that smile. Thank you very much for everything you've done.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Leader McGuire.

SENATOR McGUIRE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the promotion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Yeah. Well, we -- we have a vacancy. You never know.

SENATOR McGUIRE:

To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

To the resolution, sir.

SENATOR McGUIRE:

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Senator Sullivan, this afternoon, you've been described as well-nigh the ideal Senator and that's deserved - don't be giving me that look, please - because of the qualities that you bring day in and day out to your work and our lives. And I wish to comment on one of them, one of your qualities, and that's your quality of being true. Now "true" covers a lot of ground - genuine, authentic, devoted, loyal, accurate. And I wish to speak about three ways in which I've seen you being true. One is to your district. When you leave Rushville, when you leave that vastest -- most vast district in the State of Illinois, you do not leave it in your rearview mirror. You assiduously seek out the views of your constituents. You listen to them and you act on them. Recently, we were discussing the school funding bill. There was a debate on the Floor and you mentioned that you have - what is it? - thirty-some/forty-some school districts in your legislative district and you spoke to every superintendent. I had to gulp hard and think how many districts do I have and how many did I seek out? How many superintendents did I talk to? Another way in which I believe you've been true is to yourself, and your proclivity for asking questions has been much commented upon. We've seen that in committee. We've seen that in caucus. We've seen that on the Floor. We've seen that in meetings of the "pizza caucus" at Gabatoni's, especially when Dan Kotowski begins to tell a story. If you have a question, you ask it. If you have a doubt, you try to resolve it. If you have an idea, you test it and you test it against the interests of other people in order to be fair. I wish to praise you with one of my favorite lines from one of Antigone's plays {sic}. John, you do not allow your first thought to be your only thought, and that's one reason we so often seek

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out your judgement on the most difficult issues facing this Chamber. The third way in which I've observed you being true is that you are true to the ideals, the customs of this Body, the Illinois State Senate, and your skill in the Chair has been much commented upon. With no disrespect to any other Members of Leadership, you're the MVP of the rostrum. You're the "grand champeen". And you've -- you've used your position there, of course, in your auctioneer's presence and auctioneer's skills, to command this Body in the -- in the most beneficial way, moving us through a lot of bills, as has been noted; curbing our excesses when decorum is being violated, perhaps time is being wasted; and also in the kind ways that you've been instructive to error-prone relative newcomers like me, who don't yet have a mastery of the procedure. So, John, I want you to know - please know this - that your influence in this Chamber will endure. You have entered the conscience of the Illinois State Senate. And for all that, my friend, you have our appreciation and our admiration and every best wish.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, John, I'd like to say thank you so much for having your resolution after mine. Okay? Because, quite honestly -- yeah -- and -- and, you know, all of your family here is testament to the fact that - and I think this is true of any of us looking into our -- our caller IDs and the - the list that we have in our cell phones - that we always find more Sullivans than just about any other -- other name. And there's a good reason for that and the reason why you are being

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heralded here today is not just because you have, obviously, a very large family, but after what Senator Manar, the story that he shared, it's very apparent to me, your very warm heart, and obviously you've touched many lives. And I'm not surprised at that. When we first got down here, when I was first elected, as you've heard others say, you were the first to reach out to me and you brought your entire family that was in attendance that day to my reception. And I got to know you. My wife got to know Joan and we've been close associates ever since. When I got down here, being from Elgin, which is on the outskirts, as you all know, of the Chicago metropolitan area, and having grown up on a farm in Central Illinois, I was a little -- I was somewhat rudderless. I -- you know, I had progressive ideals and Senator Haine would say, you know, your -- come up with the ideas that I came up with was just another one of Mike's extravaganzas. Right? And I -- I didn't know whether I belonged in -- in a suburban caucus or downstate caucus. I was already a member of the suburban caucus and felt as though I wasn't getting enough information or I needed something more. And I came to you and I asked if I could be a member - and you were the leader of the downstate caucus at the time - and you allowed me in. The others were a little skeptical, understandably. But you -- you -- you welcomed me with -- with open arms. And, I will tell you this, every time we have met in caucus and every time that we have discussed, obviously, these very contemporary, moral issues, whether they happen to deal with the budget or otherwise, I've always want -- wanted to hear first, before I ever spoke or I ever offered my two cents, what John Sullivan thought and what he felt, because I knew so many times you would present the argument that was necessary to be made, not

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just for downstate, but I would tell you for the entire State. There are those who would argue in this room - and maybe most of 'em are on the other side - that Illinois is a red State with a blue tip. You have represented that moderating voice in the State of Illinois that I'm not sure I've heard anyone else here be able to -- to present, so I want to note that. And I'll share a quick story with everyone and that is that I thought I was being clever once when I had a fundraiser down here at, I believe, the Crowne Plaza and I -- the thing I thought I was being clever about was the fact that I thought, well, I'll just have my fundraiser next door to the downstate caucus and then surely everybody will come over to see me as well. Right? Well, I was really fortunate, most of 'em wrote checks and -- and I benefited greatly by -- by my efforts, I'm -- no doubt. But not nearly as many people showed up and the reason why that was, was because John Sullivan was holding court next door and I knew it. And so, you know, that's further testimony to how much you're going to be missed down here. I'll close here and say your story here, and from what I've heard from others, reminds me of an old saw, and that is that every movie that you ever think of, every movie that we ever -- you can -- every story that's ever told really comes down to basically two propositions and that is that it's either a story about a local boy goes out into the world or a stranger comes to town. You think about all the movies that -- that have been made, they can probably be digested down to that. John Sullivan, you are that local boy, no doubt, that has gone out into the world and we're going to miss you - the Senate will, I'm going back as well. But I know that this Body and the rest of the world is going to miss you dearly and you're going to be returning back to where you have come from.

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And you're going to touch even more lives and, from there, hopefully enjoy a -- a new journey with you and your family that somehow, in some way, we will all be a part of. Thank you, sir, for your service. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Resolution.

SENATOR BISS:

I was initially not going to speak, because I thought maybe one or two other folks might and because the story that I feel compelled to tell is like my favorite story, period, and so I think I've probably told all of you this story one place or another, but I just felt that you don't want to pass up the chance to in public thank someone who has the character of John Sullivan. So -- so I thought I should say this on the record in public. But it -- it concerns a time very late in a recent Session when we were in town over a Memorial Day weekend and so my family was able to join us here and we were all on the Floor together, Karin and me and our two boys, Elliot and Theodore. And every parent in the room knows that you kind of can't help but sort of judge and evaluate people based on how kind they are to your children. It's just some kind of human thing. And Elliot was -- got tired of hanging out over here and so he walked back and sat with John for -- for -- for quite some time and they just sat and talked by John's desk for a long time and Elliot fell in love with John, 'cause that's what all of us do when we get to spend some time with him. But -- but

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after really quite a while of this intense discussion, it was time for John to present a bill. So Elliot had to come back up and sit with me and we sat here in this chair together and listened to John present a bill, but it was a gun bill and so the debate went on forever. So the two of us were just kind of sitting there listening to this debate, and like most bills that John carries, he had worked things out meticulously, put a tremendous amount of effort into it and it was a -- a well-thought-out, pretty big package that was important to him and it was going to pass easily. But there were some people who come from districts like mine and some groups that I'm closely allied with who just thought that while it was sort of almost okay, it wasn't quite -- wasn't quite all right to vote for. This was not a bill that Senator Kotowski was voting for and I doubt Senator Harmon voted for it, and on an ordinary day, I would have just voted No without hesitation. And it came time to the end of the very lengthy debate and the bell rang and my finger was reaching forward to go to the red button and I just thought, you know, this -- this bill really isn't so bad. I -- I don't know. And I heard, "Have all voted who wish?" And, you know, the Kotowski red light went up and the Harmon red light went up and I thought about some folks in my district who would be expecting a red light from me and my hand moved closer, but then I thought, I don't know, there's really a lot of reasonable material in this bill and he put so much work into it and it means so much to him, and "Have all voted who wish?" gets said again, and Elliot reaches for it and hits the green button and the person sitting in the Chair says, "Mr. Secretary, take the record." And I burst out laughing too. And Elliot said, "Daddy, what's so funny?" And I said, "Well, you know, sweetheart, I

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didn't really know what I was going to do there, but I guess you decided for me, so thank you." And he said, "Daddy, I like Senator Sullivan and I like his ideas." And that's just about what we all strive to be, somebody who, whether you're six years old or sixty years old, whether you're listening to the emotion and the tone of voice and the conviction or looking under the hood of policy details, somebody everybody trusts. Somebody whose judgment is just judgment that we know to be sound, that we know to be sober, that we know to be thoughtful. People have talked about John's inquisitiveness. You know, as a newer Member, I see the questions you ask in caucus as much more for us than for you. When you raise your voice in caucus to ask a question, I think I'm not at all alone among people with less seniority than you, that we stop everything and we listen, because we know that the question's going to illuminate something and the answer's going to illuminate something, too. I -- I feel really, really lucky to have learned from you, to have watched you, to have gotten to know Joan a little bit, to have spent a absolutely delightful evening in Rushville thanks to your remarkable hospitality. I very, very much hope it's not the last night like that. And I just will end by saying what I said in public that night, across the county border in Cass County in Beardstown: We go around our districts and meet people who assume the worst of all politicians, every day of the week, and every time I meet someone who has that attitude I just wish they could meet John Sullivan, because John Sullivan is exactly what our founders had in mind when they envisioned the kind of statesman who ought to be in this place. Thank you very much. God knows I'm going to miss you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

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Leader Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I -- I rarely speak on goodbye resolutions, but this time I'm -- feel a little compelled to do so for my good friend and seatmate, Senator Sullivan. In the Book of Kohelet, which is a book written by King Solomon -- Solomon, one of the kings of Israel, he writes that a person is called by three names: One which his father and mother call him and {sic} her; a second which other people call him and her -- or her; and a third, a name which he or she gains for himself or herself as a result of his life -- conduct in life. The Rabbis teach us that the third prong, the last one, a name which he or she gains for himself or herself is most challenging, because we're faced with a lot of countless temptations as we go through life. John, I've known you for several years and your name is golden. You're extremely honest, truthful and caring, and a sincere individual. You're the voice of reason in our caucus. I've never heard anyone say anything bad about you, unless they're talking about your bad jokes. You're always worried about how -- how other people will react to what you say and how you act. You made this life -- job enjoyable, although we face some turbulent times in our country and the State of Illinois. You'll sorely be missed in this Chamber and I will sorely miss you. My blessing to you for -- John, is that you will -- you and Joan will have continued good health, live long and prosperous lives, and continue to see good things and good things for your children and your grandchildren. Good luck.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

President Cullerton, to close.

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SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. You know, my wife is on her way down to -- today for the inauguration for tomorrow and -- and it's unfortunate she's not here yet, because Pam and I have had -- she would like to be here, 'cause we have had such a great time over at the Sullivan house in Rushville. Been there a number of times and the most memorable, though, was the first time, because, see, in Chicago, we see people walking dogs. We have some squirrels. Every once in a while, you see a rabbit. There's birds - I don't know the names of 'em. And that's about it for me for animals. But in this guy's backyard, there were these animals. I had no idea what their names were. I didn't know what their gender was or that they didn't even -- some of them have a gender. And I thought it would have been nice if John would have kind of explained that to me and Pam, but instead he pulled a horrible practical joke on me, because he taught me how to milk, what I thought, was a cow. I know you're laughing. I don't even have to finish, do I? Took me forty-five minutes, but I had a friend for life. And by the way, this farm -- this farm, you'd think that the farm would have like corn and turns out what he was growing there, appeared to me, what -- he was growing pipes. He had these pipes growing in his front yard and he told me that's where he makes most of his money. So I really, really had a lot -- lot to learn and it -- but I needed -- needed to learn that, because Pam and I -- that was one of the first times we got out around the State and I got to know his district. We went to mass, as a matter of fact, in -- in Rushville. It -- in the job I have, we get involved in campaigns and we hire pollsters and we try to win as many races as we can. So, on a number of John Sullivan's races,

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we would have this pollster, national pollster. I remember one time he was running at the same time that Barack Obama was running and I called the pollster -- actually, it was the first poll we did. I was so curious to see what was going on and the pollster said, "Well, I just can't tell you, I -- I -- I can't understand this." He said, "Barack Obama's losing by, you know, fourteen points", or something like that. "He's from Illinois, but he's popular in Illinois. He's going to win Illinois, obviously, but he's losing by fourteen points. This guy, Sullivan, is ahead by like fifteen." He said, "I've never -- I do polls all over the nation." He said, "This guy is a political" - that's his term - "a political freak". He -- he just -- he just -- he just couldn't believe it. And by the way, I -- I'm the dean of the Senate, John. There's been a lot of Democrats who have left the Chamber and we've done these resolutions. I don't think I've ever heard as many Republicans get up and say very sincerely how much they -- they missed you, how much they respect you and I'm sure they're sincere, but don't let it go to your head, because, of course, they're happy you're leaving, because we couldn't -- they couldn't beat you and we couldn't get anybody to even run. And -- and that's such a -- a tribute to you. In listening to the resolution, I was reminded about your efforts in the capital bill. And I told people -- I went to your district a number of times - Quincy, love Quincy - and I would tell your constituents that you didn't, despite your -- well, I shouldn't say despite your efforts. That it -- it was fair to say that you did not get your fair share of the projects in the capital bill, you got a lot more than your fair share of the projects in the capital bill. If I haven't -- if I didn't hear the word {sic} "Macomb bypass", it was embedded -- it was

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embedded -- in fact, I needed a bypass myself before -- because I heard it so many times. It was embedded in me. And I was very happy to work with you, because I didn't have a bypass that I needed to pass, so your -- yours became mine. The -- it was referenced - Senator Haine reminded me - about the fact that people told me that it seemed like John Sullivan was everywhere in his district. That's because he had these John Sullivan impersonators. They were -- his brothers were out working those -- those parades. So, it -- it really is a -- a -- a sad thing that you're leaving, John, but I know that you -- when you told me about it, that you were doing it for your family, for your business, and as we know, and as your family knows, there's different ways of leaving here. Some people lose an election and then we do a resolution for 'em. John didn't lose an election. Unfortunately, many times we have to do death resolutions and people leave that way. But this is the way to go, a resolution with your family here, head held high with a very proud record. And I wish you the best and we're not going to be the same without you. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

The question is, shall Senate Resolution 2581 pass. All in favor will vote Aye. All opposed, Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Leader Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Well, wow! You folks know I'm a pretty emotional person, so I'm going to try to get through this as best I can. But I want to just start out by thanking a few people first of all, some are here and some couldn't be. But Sheila Miller - Sheila, stand up if you will, please - was my Macomb district office director and

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she and I pretty much started together. She's been running that Macomb office for fourteen years. She has -- she has treated our constituents with respect, with honor, she was tenacious on issues, trying to find a solution to a problem. She's been a friend, but I -- one of the things I'm most proud of Sheila and her accomplishments is that she had a -- she ran an internship out of my Macomb office and I don't know how many young people came through that -- internship program, but it was dozens and dozens and dozens and some of them are even here today and some of them went on to work in government, but all of them came away with a real understanding of what it means to represent people and to try to find solutions to problems and how to find those solutions. And I think every one of those interns would say to you, Sheila, thank you. You were tough on 'em sometimes, but they needed it. But you were there and I just want to say thank you for your friendship and for your hard work, and also to your husband, John Miller, and your daughter, Elena, just -- just true dears to -- dear friends to Joan and I. Second person I want to thank is Joan Hester. Joan could not be here today. She was my office director in my Quincy office. And I can say that, without a doubt, I got more compliments from my constituents about Joan. She was kind and caring and tenacious on issues and she would follow up and call people back and she would try everything that she possibly could to -- to fix a problem or an issue that a constituent had. And I would get phone call after phone call and email and personal notes just telling me how much they appreciated what Joan Hester did for them. And, Joan, if you're listening, thank you. And the third person is up in the gallery, Jan Hohl. Jan was my Legislative Assistant here at the Capitol for, I don't know, seven or eight or

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nine years and Jan -- all of us know the tough job that an LA has. Right? They're the gatekeeper. They're the -- the deflector. They're the, you know, yes, we want to see these folks and, no, we don't want to see those folks, and -- and I tell you what, she ran an office that was -- that was just quite incredible. She -- she had so many other talents. She was my -- she was my editor. She was my writer. She was my voice of reason. How many times I said to her, "Jan, do you think this is a good idea?" And she'd either say, yes, but most often she'd say, no. And, of course, she was right. So, Jan, thank you for your friendship and for all your help over these last few years. Jan also retired at the end of the year and I didn't get a chance to do a -- to recognize her on the Floor, so I -- I -- I want to just take this minute to -- to thank you for your service here to the State of Illinois as well. The staff - I tell you what, there's just an -- so many young, incredible individuals - we all know that - both sides of the aisle, that -- that we've come to know over the years, that we have developed friendships with, that -- let's -- let's face it, they've made us look good. Right? They're there to help us articulate or research or come up with a solution to the problems that we face and I'm not going to try to thank all the staff, some still on staff, but many that have gone on to bigger and better things, but you know who you are and thank you, all of you, for - for your hard work. To my colleagues, what an experience this has been. What a ride we have had. What -- we all know that we -- we stand up on the Floor when there's a controversial bill and we debate it and we argue it and we've been even known to get into a shoving match once in a while - very rare - but at the end of the day, whether you're on either side of the aisle, we can look

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at our colleagues without exception and say that they are a friend and we can say that because we all know that we're all fighting for our districts and our constituents and the issues that we believe in. And they may be different than my belief. We may have a difference of opinion, but we all have enough respect for each other to know that they're -- that our colleagues are doing what they believe is right and what they believe in their heart. We're doing what we believe is right, what we believe in our hearts. And so that respect creates a friendship that, you know, you just don't find everywhere in life. You know, when we come into this Chamber and when I walk up the steps of the Capitol every time and I look up at that dome and I think, you know, what an honor it is, but it's all about the people that I have met - the -- my constituents back home, my volunteers during election, the staff and the people under here, and of course our colleagues. I will never forget my colleagues. Some have come and gone, the ones that are here now, but thank you so much for that friendship. And then finally, my family - and I'm not going to be able to do this without crying, I know that, but I'll do my best. Several of you spoke about the fact that I should not have won elections, because of the makeup of the district and so on and so forth. And there are a lot of reasons that I won my elections, a lot of good volunteers, a lot of hard work, but, without a doubt in my mind, the one -- the one most important reason that I was able to win elections is because of my family - and as you can see, this is only a small, small part of those -- of my family. My brothers and my sisters and my in-laws and my nieces and my nephews and cousins and cousins and cousins and cousins all came together and, just out of supporting family, they worked so hard and tirelessly

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for our campaign. And finally to my wife, Joan, to our children, my daughters-in-laws {sic} and future daughter-in-laws {sic} and to my grandkids, thank you for your support, your love. It's been an honor. I have no regrets. I have zero regrets. I'm really glad that I chose to do this - that we chose to do this. I would have done a few things different looking back, but no regrets, and I just want to tell all of you thank you. It's been an honor to serve.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Thank you, Leader Sullivan. Thank you very much and to your wonderful family. We all need family like that. We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. Opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and the motion carries. And the resolutions are adopted. President Cullerton in the Chair.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Clayborne, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I move that the Senate of the 99th General Assembly adjourn sine die.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

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Senator Clayborne moves that the Senate adjourn sine die. All in favor will say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the Senate of the 99th General Assembly stands adjourned sine die.