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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2320, offered by Representative Ugaste, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. First Reading of this Senate Bill. Introduction and First... introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 175, offered by Representative Blair-Sherlock. House Resolution 176, offered by Representative Sosnowski. House Resolution 180, offered by Representative Will Davis. House Resolution 189, offered by Representative Nichols. House Resolution 190, offered by Representative Nichols. House Resolution 194, offered by Representative Weaver. House Resolution 195, offered by Representative Swanson. House Resolution 196, offered by Representative Hoffman. House Resolution 198, offered by Representative Rashid. And House Joint Resolution 28, offered by Representative Niemerg. Committee Reports. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2023: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 54, House Bill 2447; approved for consideration, referred to the order of Consideration Postponed is House Bill 2520, House Bill 3479, House Bill 3572, and House Bill 3957."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led today by Pastor Stephen P. Greer. Pastor Greer is with Pekin First Church of Christ in Pekin, Illinois. Pastor Greer is the guest of Representative Weaver. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance."

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Pastor Greer: "Father, I ask you today that you bless the men and women who serve in our State Legislature, that you would not only bless them but their families who sacrifice for them to be here. Father, I pray that you'd bless their work today and the rest of the Session. I pray that you give them the wisdom that's necessary and the discernment to decide the issues for our state. I thank you that these men and woman have given their time and talents to serve us. The job is not easy and, unfortunately, is not always appreciated by us, the citizens, as much as it should be. May they feel your presence and know that you appreciate their service and sacrifice. My prayer is that you encourage them in the difficult times and help them to celebrate those times of successes. In a world of noise that many times is distracting and hateful, that you would give them a calm spirit and the peace to do their work, that you would give them the ability not to be distracted but remain focused on that which is important. May you lead these men and women in a direction that would improve our lives as citizens of the State of Illinois. I ask that they will feel your love and know that in their souls that the work that they do is important not only to us but to you. You've ordained government as one of the three institutions that you've created for the betterment of mankind, and I thank you for these men and women today who serve us. May your blessings be on this Assembly, and I just pray that your guidance and presence would be in their lives. Amen."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Meyers-Martin."

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Meyers-Martin - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Manley is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Manley: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Collins, Crespo, Davis, Hirschauer, and Jones are excused today."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Keicher is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Keicher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let the record reflect that all Republicans are here to conduct the people's business."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 113 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2023: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2447."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Stuart, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Stuart: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Stuart: "Thank you. I just want to take a minute to introduce to the Body a Page that I have with me today. I have Danni Cary

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here. And she is joined with... by her parents, Keri and Dan, who are up in the gallery. If we could wave to them. And Dan is a member of the city board in Caseyville in my district. Danielle, I apologize, this might take a few minutes. She's a sophomore at Collinsville High School. She's recently received the Congressional Award Gold Medal, which is the highest level of congressional recognition available to civilian youth. It requires participants to demonstrate a commitment to their personal growth and to community development. They have to actively engage with their work for two years. It takes a minimum of 400 hours of public service, 200 hours of physical fitness, and a 5-day expedition. She started work on this award at just age 13 in 2020, which is the youngest that you can enter that program. Some of the things that she's done, she taught herself the ukulele, completed scuba diving certification, earned a second degree black belt in Taekwondo. She also volunteered with the Caseyville Library and the Disabled American Veterans, and the Girl Scouts. She had an expedition to the Caribbean nation of Curacao, where she hiked and scuba dived to familiarize herself with the landscape, history, and culture of the island. In addition, she has completed her Girl Scout Gold Award by partnering with a local hospital library to introduce new sensory activities for pediatric therapy patients and sensory-friendly events for Collinsville residents. She's also about to complete her Presidential Volunteer Service Award, which will require an additional hundred service hours. If that's not enough, as I said, she's a sophomore in high school. She's also actively involved in Collinsville

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High School, member of lots of different clubs, a member of student council. Oh, and she just happens to run long distance with the cross country and track teams as well, too. So, she's a pretty stellar star. I'm trying to recruit her to stay in our universities here in the State of Illinois. Please welcome her to the Capitol."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader McCombie, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

McCombie: "A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

McCombie: "Thank you. Good after... good afternoon, everybody, and welcome back to Springfield. Today... today, we have a wonderful group of women up in the Speaker's Gallery. If you could all please stand. These ladies are guests of some of our members from all around the state, Emerging Women Leaders. This is an event that we launched during Women's History Month. We invited our members to recognize emerging women leaders in our districts. And it's been an honor to have them here today, and they do wonderful things throughout their own communities and throughout our state. They are moms, daughters, students, business women, non-for-profit executives, community volunteers, educators, and first responders. Most importantly, they are individuals who have impacted others. Women leaders who are adding their voices to conversations about important issues to us all. Women telling their stories. Today, they met with Lieutenant Governor Stratton and I. They've also met the Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lisa Holder White. And after this, they're going to be touring the Capitol with the Architect of the Capitol, Andrea. All

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remarkable women sharing their insights and taking the time to spend with our guests to hear their voices. I think I can speak for everyone when I say we have an amazing day learning from one another, to hear about what each emerging leader experiences at home, and how leaders in our Capitol... how we can work together to bring positive change across our state. I know our state will be in good hands with the number of capable, driven, loving, and hardworking women we have coming up through the ranks. Please join me in giving them a very warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Davidsmeyer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a couple of points of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Davidsmeyer: "Today... earlier today I was joined by some other emerging leaders, young women who are the state championship IHSA Competitive Dance Division for the 1A State of Illinois Dance Division. They... unfortunately, they had to... because we started a little bit later today, they had to get back to school. So, they're not in the gallery with us, but I wanted to take the time to recognize them. This is... this is the first time that... that dance has been an IHSA sport. So, it's exciting to have a... an IHSA championship dance team. But for years, they've been competing in the IDTA State Finals. My sister was a... a state champion with the Jacksonville J'ettes for four years. And they continued that as well this year with a championship IDTA State Finals. They were champions in the AA Lyrical/Contemporary category and placed second in the

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AA Open Pom, and third in the AA Grand Champions. They actually went to nationals this year, where the J'ettes ranked 12th in the nation in both the Large Varsity Jazz and Large Varsity Pom categories. So, we've got some amazing athletes coming out of Jacksonville. I know some of them are going to continue their dance careers after college. One of those individuals, Leah Hoffman, who's on the State Champion Jacksonville J'ettes, was named Miss IDTA, which is an award given to the top soloist by the Illinois Drill Team Association. Leah's been dancing probably just about since she's been... since she was born, and she's going to continue on at Indiana University on their dance team. Unfortunately, as I said, they can't be here 'cause they had to head back to school, but if we can still give them a round of applause, I would really appreciate that because it's well deserved. And... and I have one more point of personal privilege, and this one will be really short. On Sunday, I celebrated my grandfather's 100th birthday. He's from the greatest generation, served in Europe in World War II, Purple Heart, just an amazingly kind and caring individual, and I want to wish him a happy birthday."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Weaver, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Weaver: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Weaver: "Today, I have with me a Page for a day, a young man named Anthony Buckner, who's about like family because he's my Uncle Steve's little brother in Big Brothers Big Sisters. So, I'm not sure how that tree works out, but I think that we're

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related. Anthony is a smart young man. He's a sixth-grade student. His favorite subject is science. He really enjoys playing basketball, playing soccer. He's also a big baseball fan. Wants to grow up and be a professional baseball player. Unfortunately, he's a Cardinals fan. When I told him that I'm a Cubs fan, he said, 'Well, they're okay.' So, that's very kind of him. And I also think that we can learn a lot from Anthony because he's one of six kids. And so, I think any time you're... you're one of six, you get a really good education, how to work with people that offer... often have differing views. So, thanks so much for coming, Anthony. And also, just really quickly, I want to thank all the women who came down today. I have two guests here with me, Crystal Strode and Natalie Hendryx, and of course Kelly Vincent as well. And I'm just so proud of all that you guys are doing at home in Henry County for the State of Illinois. So, thanks everybody who came in today. Appreciate you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative McLaughlin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

McLaughlin: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today on what is and should be acknowledged as the most important day for the State of Illinois. And what day is that? That is Tax Day, my friends. It is the final day to pay your federal and state taxes, which funds and finances all the programs that we sponsor off this floor. Our forefathers felt so strongly about taxation, they created a new nation, but look where we are now. We have over 82 individual taxes collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue, and that doesn't include some of the recently proposed progressive taxes from the state.



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And now I read over the weekend Chicago and the brand-new mayor has many new taxes as well. Please join me and strive on this floor to stop and end the tradition of doing less, spending more. Please join me in trying to do more but spending less. In the interest of time, I will not read through the 82 taxes. I tried to last night. It took over 15 minutes. So, I will spare you, and I don't have enough antacid to go around. So, please remember whose money we spend on this floor and spend it wisely. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Kelly, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Kelly: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Kelly: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today, I have the sad duty to rise and speak in remembrance of not one but two fallen heroes who gave their lives in service to others. Firefighters risk their lives every day to rescue those who are having the worst day of their lives. Since 1858, the brave members of the Chicago Fire Department have embodied their motto, 'We're there when you need us.' Carrying out this invaluable public duty has a cost. This cost is never light, but sometimes it is especially crushing. Tragically, this is one of those times. In the early morning hours of Tuesday, April 4, Firefighter Jermaine Pelt died in the line of duty battling a fire in the West Pullman neighborhood that destroyed one house and damaged two others. Firefighter Pelt courageously stayed at his post, even as the fire worsened to the point that firefighters were ordered to evacuate the building. He fell just before he was able to get out of the building. Two

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other firefighters were injured, but they recovered. The very next day, fire department Lieutenant Jan Tchoryk was lost while battling a two-alarm fire on a 27th floor of a high-rise in the Gold Coast. A Navy veteran of Desert Storm, a 26-year veteran of the Chicago Fire Department, Lieutenant Tchoryk literally spent and gave his whole life in the service of others. Those who step forward selflessly to serve our state and our communities are the best of us. When they pay the ultimate price, it is left to us to keep their honored memories alive. It is left to each of us to live in a way that is worthy of these sacrifices. Jermaine Pelt and Jan Tchoryk embodied a standard of a courage, high ideals, and strength of character to which we all should aspire. This has been a horrendous two weeks for the Chicago Fire Department and Local 2, and I ask that you keep them in your prayers. And I would ask for a moment of silence."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "The chamber will have a moment of silence. Thank you. Representative Ford, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ford: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Ford: "I'd like to wish a friend of mine a very happy birthday. It was on the 15th, the original Tax Day. Please join me in wishing Representative Camille L. Lilly... is it L... Lilly a happy birthday. Happy birthday, Camille."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Didech, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Didech: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

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Didech: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to take a moment today to recognize that it is Yom HaShoah, the Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day. Today is a day where people across the world remember the victims of the Holocaust and honor their memory. The victims included 6 million Jews, hundreds of thousands of people with disabilities, Romani and gay men, and millions of allied forces and civilians who fought against and suffered under Nazi rule. Today, we remember these victims and we mourn their untimely death, but on Yom HaShoah, we also remember the heroes. During the Holocaust, heroism came in many forms by many people who oftentimes risked everything to save the lives of people who they didn't even know. People like Irena Sendler, a Polish social worker who famously smuggled Jewish children out of the Warsaw Ghetto, provided them with new identifications, and secured their shelter with Polish families. Even after she was arrested, imprisoned, and tortured by the Gestapo, Irena Sendler never revealed the locations where she placed these Jewish children. And all the ordinary people who risked their own lives by allowing Jews to hide in their attics and in their basements as the Nazis went door to door hunting for Jews. Those ordinary people, they were heroes. And the Jewish mothers and fathers who held their children's hands and comforted them as they walked together into the gas chambers, yes, they were victims, but I think they were heroes too. There are people in the world today who still need heroes. And when we say phrases like 'never again', that's not merely a remembrance, it's a call to action. There are people who need heroes in our own country and in our communities. And people fleeing persecution in

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places like Ukraine, or Afghanistan, or Central America. So, today, I challenge all of us in this room to reflect on how we can be there for people who need us, especially when it isn't easy and especially when it requires risking everything. And I'll ask for a moment of silence for the victims of the Holocaust."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "The chamber will have a moment of silence. Thank you. Representative Severin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Severin: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Severin: "It's my honor to have in the... up in the... upstairs on the fourth floor, on the Republican side, Mr. Bryan Drew. His wife is one of the Emerging Women Leaders today, and I'd like to introduce him on the House Floor today. If he would stand, please. Bryan Drew from Benton. He's a good friend and a good advocate for the citizens of the State of Illinois. Thank you for being here, Bryan."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Blair-Sherlock, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Blair-Sherlock: "Hello. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. I just want to take a moment to acknowledge that April is Autism Awareness Month, and I love someone with autism. And I think it's important that we take a moment and we learn more about this special... these special people who are on the spectrum and who could use our help and

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our understanding. So, I just wanted to take a moment to acknowledge that. Thank you so much."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Hammond, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hammond: "Thank you. Madam Speaker, a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Hammond: "I would just like to call to the Body's attention that today is Republic of Ireland Day in the State of Illinois, recognizing Ireland's independence from Great Britain in 1949. As first-generation American and a proud daughter of two of those immigrants, I would just like to acknowledge this day and give Illinois a round of applause for recognizing this day. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Fritts, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Fritts: "Point of personal privilege, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Fritts: "Thank you. I just wanted to give a quick shoutout to a colleague on our side of the aisle who celebrated his 60th birthday last Thursday. Representative Joe Sosnowski. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "On Order of Resolutions. On page 4 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 14, offered by Leader Haas. Leader Haas is recognized."

Haas: "Thank you. This Resolution is a Resolution that I brought to the House Floor last General Assembly, but it got tied up in the Senate. So, I'm reintroducing it this year. It passed

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through the House Transportation Committee unanimously also. So, House Joint Resolution 14 seeks to recognize basketball Hall of Famer Jack Sikma and designates a portion of Illinois Route 1 from Wichert Road in St. Anne, which is where Jack Sikma got his start, as the 'Honorary Jack Sikma Road'. Mr. Sikma attended St. Anne High School, played college basketball at Illinois Wesleyan, where he was named a three-time NCAA Division III All-Star and chosen by the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin as the Most Outstanding Player three years in a row. He was inducted into the D3 Hall of Fame, the Small Schools Basketball Hall of Fame, and the College Sports Communicators Academic All-American Hall of Fame. In the 1977 draft, Jack was a first-round pick, going eighth overall to the Seattle SuperSonics. He had a very successful career playing for both the SuperSonics and the Milwaukee Bucks. It... was selected to seven consecutive NBA All-Star teams. On September 6, 2019, Jack Sikma was named... or was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Again, this Resolution seeks to make a portion of Illinois Route 1, where Jack was born and raised, as the 'Honorary Jack Sikma Road', and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Haas moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 14. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. On page 4 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we

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have House Joint Resolution 15, offered by Leader Haas. Leader Haas is recognized."

Haas: "Thank you. I bring House Joint Resolution 15. This Resolution pays honor and respect to a truly great individual who served my district and our community and, in doing so, made the ultimate sacrifice. This Resolution is set to honor and designate the 315 Overpass on I-57 as the 'Sergeant Marlene Rittmanic Memorial Highway'. Sergeant Marlene Rittmanic of the Bradley Police Department gave her life in the line of duty on December 30, 2021. She and her partner, Officer Tyler Bailey, who was seriously wounded by a gunshot wound and is still recovering and working on his recovery today, were responding to a nuisance call of a dog barking at a local hotel when they were brutally attacked and shot. Sergeant Rittmanic did not survive. Sergeant Rittmanic was a 21-year law enforcement veteran. She began her career as a deputy with the Iroquois County Sheriff Department in 2000. She joined the Bradley Police Department on February 13, 2007, where she was promoted to sergeant on September 2, 2014. Sergeant Rittmanic was widely recognized as a leader in the community policing. She was known for her ability to speak to members of the community with respect while meeting them where they were in their life, understanding their true needs, and working together with them to find a solution. Sergeant Rittmanic was awarded the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in 2020 in recognition to her commitment to the Bradley and Kankakee County communities. Please join me in honoring Sergeant Rittmanic. I request an 'aye' vote and would ask for a moment of silence."

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "The chamber will take a moment of silence. Leader Haas moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 15. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. On page 3 of the Calendar, under Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 4. Representative Rosenthal is recognized."

Rosenthal: "Sorry, I've got to get my glasses on to read. House... House Resolution (sic-House Joint Resolution) 4 recognizes... it's highly fitting that the Illinois General Assembly pays honor and respect to the truly great individuals who have served our country and, in doing so, have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. And Daniel Kick was born on January 26, 1948 and grew up in Riverton. He attended Riverton Grade School and graduated from Riverton High School in 1966. And after graduating from high school, Daniel Lee Kick enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to South Vietnam of September 25, 1967. And PFC Kick served with the 1st Marine Division, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, H&S Company. And whereas, from February 13 through February 23, 1968, the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines were engaged with heavily-armed and well-entrenched North Vietnamese Army forces as part of the Tet Offensive in the City of Hue, South Vietnam. And for six consecutive days during the fighting, PFC Kick continuously risked his life by performing medevac and resupply missions for his embattled unit in the face of small



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arms fire, automatic weapons, and rocket fire. His actions were undoubtedly directly influential in saving the lives of many of his fellow Marines. And whereas, while on a medevac run on the evening of February 16, 1968, PFC Kick's vehicle was ambushed by the enemy, and he was mortally wounded. PFC Kick was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and he was also awarded the Vietnamese Military Merit Medal and the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm from the South Vietnam government. His name can be found on panel 40E Line 7 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the IL Route 54 bridge crossing the Sangamon River near Riverton shall be designated as the "PFC Daniel Lee Kick Memorial Bridge"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name "PFC Daniel Lee Kick Memorial Bridge".

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Rosenthal moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 4. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 11... 8, Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes. The Resolution reads:

WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General Assembly pays honor and respect to truly great individuals who have served our country and, in doing so, have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation; and

WHEREAS, Their sacrifice and service is a reminder that freedom is not free but comes at a cost; and

WHEREAS, We should always remember the men and women who helped preserve the freedoms that we all enjoy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Old U.S. 50 in Clinton County as the "Clinton County Veterans Memorial Road"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name "Clinton County Veterans Memorial Road"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Clinton County Board and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Meier moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 8. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 112 'ayes', 0 'nay', 1 voting

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'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 11, Representative Yednock is recognized."

Yednock: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today, I'm asking for passage of House Joint Resolution 11. It is highly fitting that the Illinois General Assembly pays honor and respect to truly great individuals who have served our country and, in doing so, have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

WHEREAS, U.S. Army Specialist 4 Norman Eugene Treest was born in Aurora in 1947; he graduated from Ottawa High School in 1965; he enlisted in the U.S. Army on May 18, 1966; and

WHEREAS, SPC Treest was wounded on December 18, 1966, and he returned to Vietnam on April 20, 1967; and

WHEREAS, While on patrol on July 1, 1967, SPC Treest was wounded a second time and succumbed to his injuries on July 5, 1967; SPC Treest was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of Route 6 in the City of Marseilles that runs from the intersections of Route 6 and Oakdale Street to Route 6 and Main Street as the "SPC Norman Treest Memorial Highway". I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Yednock moves for adoption of House Joint Resolution 11. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113

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'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 12. Representative Yednock is recognized."

Yednock: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Joint Resolution 12 seeks to designate the Utica River Bridge in LaSalle County as 'Ralph E. Snell Memorial Bridge'. I'll just say, Private First Class Snell was a member of the 136th Infantry, the 33rd Division of the U.S. Army. He entered service in 1942 and was stationed at various camps in the United States. Private First Class Snell was in various war campaigns, including New Guinea and the Philippine Campaign and returned to the United States November 4, 1945, honorably discharged in '45. The Resolution seeks to honor Private First Class Ralph Snell for his combat efforts. On May 6, 1945, the 136th Infantry was met with heavy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire from flanks and the caves on the reverse slopes. As it reached the crest of the hill, a machine gun on the right flank opened and wounded four men. Private First Class Snell moved forward alone and destroyed the weapon and its crew and directed his fellow soldiers, destroying three Japanese strong points. Although wounded himself, he led his soldiers forward and secured enemy positions, captured the hill, and only allowed him... and only allowed himself to be evacuated when the rest of them were out. I ask for us to vote favorably to name the bridge under his honor."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Yednock moves for adoption of House Joint Resolution 12. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 18. Representative Harper is recognized."

Harper: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm pleased to present House Joint Resolution 18, which creates the Task Force on Black Immigrants to study the state of black immigrants in Illinois and to provide recommendations on how to assist them. This Resolution passed the House unanimously last year but was not called in the Senate. I know of no opposition, and I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Harper moves for adoption of House Joint Resolution 18. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 'ayes', 0 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 22, Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today, I present House Joint Resolution 22. It designates the IDOT, District 6 Headquarters in Springfield as the 'James L. Easterly Building'. This was a request of Secretary Osman, and he said that he was a magnificent person and well due the honor to have the building named after him. And happy to answer any questions. Appreciate an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Scherer moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 22. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. Leader Mah is recognized."

Mah: "Madam Speaker, the Democrats would request a caucus immediately in Room 114."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Madam Speaker, the Republicans would request immediate caucus in Room 118."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Republicans and Democrats will be caucusing upon adjournment. Representative Moeller, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Moeller: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Moeller: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I know today is a very busy day at the State Capitol, but I want to make sure that all of the Members know and are welcome to attend the Illinois Environmental Council reception that's happening this evening from 7:00... or from 4:00 to 7:00 at 520 East Capitol. So, all are invited, and it's sure to be a great time. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Meyers-Martin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Madam Chair. As probably all of you have heard, Representative Will Davis was in a car accident a week ago today and then suffered a subsequent medical

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emergency. I just wanted to say that he is doing better. He is awake and he is speaking, but I just ask this Body to keep him in your prayers until he can return back and be my seatmate. So, thank you so much."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 177, offered by Representative Lisa Hernandez. House Resolution 178, offered by Representative Weber. House Resolution 179, offered by Representative Burke. House Resolution 181, offered by Representative Hoffman. House Resolution 183, offered by Representative Ugaste. House Resolution 184, offered by Representative Hammond. House Resolution 185, offered by Representative Meier. House Resolution 186, offered by Representative Andrade. House Resolution 188, offered by Representative Hirschauer. House Resolution 191, offered by Representative Hirschauer. House Resolution 192, offered by Representative Will Davis. House Resolution 193, offered by Representative Buckner. House Resolution 197, offered by Representative... correction, Representative Mason. House Resolution 199, offered by Representative Didech. And House Resolution 200, offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Manley moves for adoption of Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing... allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Manley moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 19, at the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those

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opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 33, offered by Representative Gabel, is referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."