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Speaker Smith: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led today by Pastor Hope Graves. She is the Online and Communications Pastor at Northwoods Community Church in Peoria, Illinois. Pastor Graves is the guest of Representative Weaver."

Pastor Graves: "God, you are a God who cares for us and loves us, each and every single person in this room. Thank you for the life that you have given us, lives that we too often take for granted. History is riddled with tumultuous periods of time marked by hate and violence and, unfortunately, we are not immune. As we wrestle with the shooting in Nashville, we lift up the victims, Evelyn, Mike, Hallie, Cynthia, William, Katherine, and their families and community. Lacking the words to even put thoughts together, we are often left with one simple question. Why? But the answers prove to be far more complicated. And so, today I pray that we would not be paralyzed in our questioning, that we would not be held back by our fear. Instead, I pray that you would make it clear to each of us what our role is in this and so many other great issues we are facing today. Show us what it means to... for us to turn our prayer into action. As we are united in our grief, I pray that we would be even more united in our problem solving. I pray that the Illinois government would become known for its unity, that they would see each other as people first and Legislators second. I pray for wisdom, humility, giving up of pride, and the ears would be quick to listen, mouths would be slow to speak, and emotions slow to anger. Give them your eyes to see each other how you do. I believe that you created each person in this room with a special and

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unique set of gifts, talents, and purpose, and that that purpose has led them to be in this room today, playing such a vital role in our government. I pray for clarity of mind and clarity of purpose, and for everyone here, and that they would enter into their workday with boldness and courage. And looking ahead to spring break, I pray that it would be an incredible time of rest for each of them. I pray for meaningful time spent with family and friends and that you would use that time to rejuvenate and reenergize their hearts for the work ahead. God, we lift up our cities, our state, and our nation to you, praying that your hand would be over us all, delivering peace and hope in every space where it is needed. And I pray that you would be with every Legislator here, in every meeting, conversation, phone call, email, every single step of their day. It's in your mighty name that I pray, Amen."

Speaker Smith: "Thank you, Pastor Graves. Please remain standing while Leader Manley is recognized."

Manley: "Good afternoon, everybody. Representative Sharon Chung is a professional violist, performing with orchestras in Decatur and Peoria. She holds degrees in performance from Illinois Wesleyan University and Northwestern University. And she is honored to be playing for you all on the floor today."

Chung: "(Playing of *Amazing Grace*.)"

Speaker Smith: "Thank you, Representative Chung. I thoroughly enjoyed that. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by our brand-new Member, Representative Gill."

Gill - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands,

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one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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

Manley: "Good afternoon, Speaker. Let the record show that Representatives Burke, Collins, Costa Howard, Jones, Moeller, and Ness are excused today."

Speaker Smith: "Thank you, Leader Manley. Let the record show that Representatives Burke, Collins, Costa Howard, Gabel, Jones, Moeller, Ness, Robinson, and Welch are excused. I'm sorry. Leader Keicher, for the reported absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Keicher: "Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Wonderful to hear your deep voice this morning from the dais. The Republicans have Dennis... Representative Dennis Tipsword and Representative David Friess excused today."

Speaker Smith: "Let the record reflect Representative Friess and Tipsword are excused for today. Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 107 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on March 29, 2023: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 119 and House Resolution 132. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution

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170, offered by Representative Scherer, is referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Representative Caulkins, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Caulkins: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Caulkins: "Good morning. I have a Page with me today. Patti Krueger is with me from Decatur, a wife and a mother of a daughter and three boys. She and her husband, Jake, reside in Decatur. Patti works as an intake coordinator and family advocate for the Family Justice Resource Center. In 2021, Patti was awarded the advocacy... Parent Advocacy Award. She's also won the American Bar Association Reunification Hero Award for her endless work on child welfare reform by helping reunite over 14 families. Patti is a member of the Lincoln Series Leadership class of 2023. She is also in her second term as secretary of the Macon County Republican Women, and she serves as the series program manager for me. Please welcome Patti Krueger to Springfield."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Carroll, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Carroll: "First of all, thank you very much, Leader. You look great up there in the Chair. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Carroll: "Yes, I have some guests here in the gallery, if they wouldn't mind standing up for us. We have... we have Illinois state diving champion, Matthew Yuan, with his parents, Zen and Fang. Now, here's the part about Matthew that's really impressive. He started diving when he was nine years old, and

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he just took up the sport then. He went from playing soccer to doing that. And he is a finalist for the National Junior Championships as well in the 14-to-15-year age, which makes him top 12 in the nation. He's an incredible young man. He's a sophomore, which means that Glenbrook North will be bringing home at least two more diving championships. Is that true? And thank you guys for coming to Springfield and continue the great work. And if we could give them a round of applause, I'd greatly appreciate it. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Cassidy, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Cassidy: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Cassidy: "So, I am joined today by Pete the Cat. Pete the Cat is a project of... sorry... Beckham Evans, who is a kindergartner at Rochester Elementary School. His dad may be familiar to some of us. He's up in the gallery. Josh Evans from IARF. The kindergartners have a project where they have Pete the Cat with them for the day, and Josh thought it might be fun if we got a picture with Pete. So, after... after I'm done here, meet me down at the well and let's all get a picture with Pete for Beckham's project."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Cassidy, will Pete ride on your lap on the ride home? Thank you. Representative Halbhook, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

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Halbrook: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, prayer has always been a central part of the government affairs of this great nation since on and before its founding. We've seen paintings showing members of the first Continental Congress with heads bowed and some kneeling on the floor during the Session in Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia in September of 1774. We've all seen the paintings of men like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln kneeling as they prayed for God's help. Our Founding Fathers wanted to ensure that government would not restrict the practice and expression of our faith in the public square or in our personal lives. Today, a small group of us met in Room 115 to relaunch the Illinois Prayer Caucus. The goal is to continue to protect these religious freedoms and to cover the State of Illinois and its government in prayer. We invite each and every one of you in this chamber and in the Senate chamber to join our efforts as we seek God every week to gather in prayer as a part of this Illinois Prayer Caucus. When we return on April the 18th, we will once again meet in Room 115 at 11 a.m. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Stephens, for what reason do you wish recognition?"

Stephens: "Point of personal privilege, Sir."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Stephens: "Many of you have noticed this little guy here following me around and providing much-needed direction over the last couple of days. We decided to wait till the last day because, in my world, he's nothing but the best. So, I saved the best for last. Please welcome my son, Joseph."

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Speaker Smith: "Representative McLaughlin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

McLaughlin: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

McLaughlin: "Thank you so much. As a Republican, I rise today to acknowledge real climate change in Illinois. For over 40 years, the General Assembly in Illinois has been run by Democrats, with just a brief period of Republican Majority. The policies that have been put into place in our state during the Madigan years are causing significant problems for residents across the state. I wanted to acknowledge, over the last three months, I've heard in many committees and on this floor that we have growing deserts in Illinois, health care deserts, housing deserts, food deserts, hospital deserts, and on and on. I think we should acknowledge what's causing these deserts, possibly climate change. Could it be that the poor policies have created disincentive for small businesses and services in the state? I will agree that, yes, climate change is responsible for these deserts, but perhaps not in the way my Democratic colleagues believe. Anti-business policies that are brought to this floor have been the main reason. We need to take a significant look in the mirror and acknowledge anti-business, workmen's compensation, wage, tax policies are creating problems for our communities as businesses close and service businesses shut down. Let's make sure that Illinois doesn't become Death Valley for small business entrepreneurs in our once great state. Please let's work together, join together when we construct Bills on this floor to support poor business policies so we can serve all Illinoisans and

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give all of us a chance to succeed and thrive. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Stuart, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Stuart: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Stuart: "Thank you. I'm hoping that the Body can help me help the City of Edwardsville, trying to celebrate what they are calling National Kate Martin Day. I don't have Kate Martin here with me because the reason we're celebrating Kate Martin Day is she is the second athlete in the history of EHS athletics to be playing in a Final Four tournament. She is representing at Iowa this weekend, playing in the Final Four tournament. So, please help us cheer on #20. She's known as 'Money Martin', and wish her good luck in the tournament and best wishes to her family. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Yednock, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Yednock: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker, and an announcement."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Yednock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I'd like to introduce to you my Honorary Page for a day, Mr. Cameron Alvarez. He attends St. Patrick's School in Wadsworth, Illinois, where his favorite subjects are gym and social studies. His parents, Cristina and Freddie, are up in the gallery, along with his baby sister, Crystal. Cameron loves playing catch with his football and enjoys flag football. He is currently a yellow belt in Taekwondo, so watch out. He plays the saxophone and



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makes YouTube videos with his cousin. And he loves writing stories so much that when he grows up, he wants to be an author. With his spare time, he wants to make ice cream. They traveled far to be here. So, let's give them a warm Springfield welcome. Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to draw everybody's attention down to... near the well. Members, I would like to introduce our newest Member, Representative for the 35th District, Representative Mary Gill."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Gill."

Gill: "Thank you so much. I'm so excited to be part of all of you wonderful leaders. I can't wait to work with everybody. I can't wait to get to know everybody, and I'm truly, truly honored to be here. Thank you so much."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Chung, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Chung: "I just wanted to... I guess since it's Bring Your Kids to Work Week, I have my children here today. I just want to introduce them to everybody here on the floor. We have Sophie, my 10-year-old, and Mia, who's my 8-year-old. And they're all here today and really excited to be on the floor with me. Also, I wanted to wish everybody happy opening day for baseball. As you can see by my dress, you can probably tell what team I root for. But, you know, we're all hoping for a good season. So, thank you so much."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Ladisch Douglass, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ladisch Douglass: "Point of personal privilege."

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Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Ladisch Douglass: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I rise to recognize the Village of Hinsdale. This Saturday, April 1, they will be celebrating their sesquicentennial, which is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the village. So, congratulations to the Village of Hinsdale for being here 150 years. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Hanson, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hanson: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Smith: "State your point."

Hanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask every Member of our chamber here today, when you return home, to ask a couple of simple questions to everyone that responds to rail incidents. That's simply, are we ready and are you sure? This morning, I received a couple of texts asking what happened in Minnesota. The fireball in Minnesota is not unlike the other fireballs we've seen recently, not unlike the other derailments. And in trying to quickly attain information that would help me be better informed of what happened in Minnesota, I realized that there were three other derailments around our nation last night that took place in Port Allen, Louisiana; Hettinger, North Dakota; and Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. There isn't even a briefing yet for the fireball in Minnesota. Galena happened. We had a rail derailment there. Plainfield happened. We had a rail derailment... derailment there. Illinois is the rail hub of our entire continent. And I simply ask you to go home and ask your OEM, your EMA, your ILEAS district, your MABAS district, your first first-responders,

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meaning your dispatchers, your HAZMAT response teams, and the rail carriers that serve your communities, are you ready? Very simply, you brief, you drill, you re-brief, and then you repeat. But to think that's not going to happen here is delusional. That train that people want to pay attention to, that people still continue to talk about in East Palestine rolled right through downtown Springfield, right through 10th Avenue. So, simply go home and make sure that the people that you care about and the agencies that are asked and tasked to respond to rail incidents, make sure they're ready. Be ready every day. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Thank you. Representative Weber, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Weber: "Personal point of privilege."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Weber: "So, for many of those in the House have heard me over the past couple of years, maybe, discuss my oldest child. After his 30th birthday, had the first seizure of his life. Since then, they have tried 28 different kinds of medications to get those seizures to stop and have been unsuccessful. So, I just would ask this Body to keep my son, his three children, and his wife in their prayers. Monday, he'll be going in for brain surgery. And so, we're praying for a safe outcome. So, thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Keicher, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, please let the record reflect that Representative Spain will be excused for the remainder of... oh, sorry, Severin will be excused for the rest of the day."

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Speaker Smith: "Thank you, Representative. Clerk, let the record reflect that Representative Spain will be excused for the rest of the day. Severin. I made the same mistake. On page 17 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 17, offered by Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could have the Body's attention, please. House Joint Resolution 17 designates Illinois Route 150 from Galesburg Main Street to the intersection of U.S. 150 and Illinois Route 17 in Alpha as the 'Deputy Sheriff Nick Weist Memorial Highway'. Back on November 30, we had Deputy Weist's family, sheriff, and many of his colleagues he served within the Knox County Sheriff Department here as we recognized his service. We're just about to the annual anniversary of April 29, 2022, when Deputy Weist, on his way home from pulling a shift at work, was heading home. He had performed duty on third shift. As he was heading home, he heard on the radio call of police in pursuit of a suspect who'd been seen with a gun and other illegal activities in the City of Galesburg. When the city police and sheriff's department tried to talk with this individual, the suspect jumped in the car and took off down Route 150 heading north out of Galesburg at a high rate of speed. As he was driving, he was firing at the officers behind him. Deputy Weist, as I said, on his way home to his family and children, heard this distress call. So, he turned around and tried to lay some stop sticks on Highway Route 150. Unfortunately, he was not able to deploy those sticks and the suspect ran over him, killing him immediately. The story goes on just beyond that. Just a mile away from where the incident took place,

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which was a mile from my house, when I saw the sheriff car... or when I saw all the red and blue lights within a mile from my house, my first instinct was to call my son. He answered the phone because that's a farm he farms. I thought something had happened to him. My son answered the phone. A mile further north from the incident site was the AlWood Elementary School as children were crossing the road going to school that day. I like to believe that Nick Weist sacrificed his life in saving many of those Alpha elementary school children, not only helping his friends, his other deputies and colleagues, but saving the lives of many children. It could've been a more terrible sight than what we had to go through at that time. Deputy Weist always wanted to be a police officer. And as he was serving his community and many other volunteer services, on fire departments and other volunteer services at school, he was recognized by so many of his colleagues for all he had contributed to his community and many of his community members. So, I think it's with great honor and humbleness that we as a Body can recognize his sacrifices for his community, his county. And every time I think of this incident, I think of those children walking across that road going to school, what their lives could've been like. So, I would ask for a moment of silence in honor of Deputy Weist."

Speaker Smith: "The Body will now take a moment of silence. Thank you, Representative. Representative Swanson moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 17. 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, please take the record. On this question,

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there are 106 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. On page 17 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 21, offered by Representative Elik."

Elik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I'm presenting House Resolution 21, a memorial highway naming Resolution, which names Illinois Route 40 as it travels through Meadowbrook as the 'Cpl. Tommy N. Miller Memorial Highway'. Bethalto native Corporal Tommy Neal Miller was born in 1949 and began his tour in 1968, serving his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. On February 25, 1969, while serving as a radio operator at Fire Support Base Russell in South Vietnam, Corporal Miller's unit came under assault by a large Vietnamese sappers unit. The sappers unit mission was to take out the fire base artillery pieces to make the fire base ineffective. During this attack, Corporal Miller unhesitatingly maneuvered across the fire-swept terrain in search of an undamaged radio. After locating operable equipment, he again exposed himself to hostile fire to assist with restoring communications. He then went to the aid of his fellow Marines to free them from entrapment and debris. As he attempted to free his comrades, he was mortally wounded by fragments from an enemy grenade. Corporal Miller's heroic and timely actions inspired all who observed him, contributed greatly to repelling the enemy's assault. He received numerous commendations due to his ultimate sacrifice for our country. I have the pleasure of knowing Corporal Miller's younger brother, who was about age seven when his older

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brother died. He has vivid memories of his cool, older brother who was beloved. Tommy was a drummer in a band and loved music. In fact, just before the enemy attack, he made a tape for his family from that base in Vietnam where he sings and plays the guitar in the tape for his family. They received it and loved it, not knowing yet that he had already died because back then it took days and weeks to be notified. After Tommy's death, his family changed forever. No Christmas would ever truly be happy again and his parents were destroyed. Even 55 years later, his younger brother's emotions are raw and fresh when speaking about Tommy. To his family, he will be forever 19 years old. Corporal Miller gave his life and service to our country and is no doubt a true hero deserving of this Resolution. And he and his family have waited a long time for this honor. I ask for your 'yes' vote and a moment of silence in his honor, please."

Speaker Smith: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Representative Elik moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 21. 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, please take the record. On this question, there are 106 'yays', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. Representative Keicher, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We'd like to announce that Representative Spain and Swanson are excused for the remainder of the day."

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Speaker Smith: "We did get it right. Spain is excused. All right.  
All right."

Keicher: "I did. I did. I was just premature. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Just add Swanson to the excused list.  
Representative Jawaharial 'Omar' Williams, for what reason do  
you seek recognition?"

Williams, J.: "Thank you, Chairman. I would like to have a point  
of personal privilege."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Williams, J.: "Could I get everybody in the chamber to give my  
high school and Introspect Program students from Marshall  
High School in the 10th District who came down to celebrate  
us in this chamber in Springfield and see the good work that  
we do? Marshall High School, future lawyers up there, future  
elected officials up there. And just want to say thank you  
all and thank you all for coming. I appreciate you all being  
here. Thank you... thank you, Chairman."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Andrade, for what reason do you  
seek recognition?"

Andrade: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "State your point."

Andrade: "I have here Grant Whipple and Carter Whipple. They're...  
actually, Grant here was a classmate of my young son. And we  
have their father, Ben Whipple, who most of you know, is up  
in the gallery too. This is Grant's second time paging,  
Carter's first. They go to Sears School in Kenilworth. They  
used to go to St. Andrews with my son and my family. They  
both play baseball, lacrosse, and swim. Carter wrestles.  
Grant was just in the New Trier High School show, *Joseph and*



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*the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Grant is in fourth grade. Carter is in second grade. And as you can see, they're basically my height. So, they're going (unintelligible) soon. So, welcome. I just wanted to say thank you very much."

Speaker Smith: "Thank you, Representative. On page 6 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 92, offered by Representative Keicher."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I offer House Resolution #92. And in the gallery today with us, we have Ashley Maybanks with the Nature Conservancy. This is a Resolution that we pass each year recognizing the importance of prescribed burn programs throughout the State of Illinois and the valuable work that they do towards preserving our natural habitats. I urge everyone to support this and offer that Thursday, the 6th, you are able to go to Nachusa Grasslands and witness prescribed burns first hand. I encourage everyone to consider. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Keicher moves for the adoption of House Resolution 92. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Mussman, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mussman: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Mussman: "I have the great honor of completing Women's History Month. So, I would like to bring to your attention my brilliant colleagues right here in the House of Representatives. We have dedicated our careers to fighting for families and communities all across our state. From

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business women and teachers to accountants and attorneys, the women of our caucus can do it all. Our diverse caucus membership claims women from all corners of the state and all walks of life. I am proud to serve with them, and I genuinely enjoy spending time with them. Although we do a lot of work on behalf of the people, none of what we would do would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff who help us serve the residents of Illinois. Let us all pause for a moment to honor and give thanks to the intelligent, dynamic women who work at our Capitol. From the custodians who maintain our facilities, to the research and legal staff that help us draft Bills, to the communications and legislation staff that assist with our messaging and our in-district needs, the resounding impact of the women working in these halls is deeply felt every day. We appreciate all that you do and more. Let us give a warm round of applause for all the women here today."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Egofske, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Egofske: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Egofske: "As we near the end of Women's History Month and start the beginning of the Holy Week for many of our religious denominations, I want to take a minute to recognize a great woman that truly lived in God's word. The work that she did impacted millions of lives of... and she was someone we could all look up to and learn from. That woman is St. Teresa of Calcutta, also known as Mary Teresa. Though she was small in stature, she was very much large in heart. Born in Macedonia

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in 1910, Mother Teresa dedicated her entire life to serving the sick and the poor. In 1950, she founded the congregation Missionaries of Charity with only a handful of other members. The congregation grew rapidly and established a leper colony, a nursing home, an orphanage, and many family medical clinics. When she died in 1997, the Missionaries of Charity were numbered over 4 thousand, with thousands of more lay volunteers, complete with 610 foundations located across 123 countries. For her extensive humanitarian charity work, Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She passed away in September of 1997 at the age of 87, and she became a Saint in the Catholic Church in September of 2016. Her famous quotes are timeless and everlasting, such as, 'Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it.' So, again, I am honored to remember and speak about Mother Teresa, an incredible woman that made life's mission to serve others. So, in her memory, let's all have a blessed Holy Week and I wish everyone a happy Easter to all."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Fritts, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Fritts: "On this last day of Women's History Month, I want to highlight some of the amazing women who work with the House Republican staff. Without these women, our organization would cease to function on a day-to-day basis. Many of them go without recognition, and I want to take a moment to name the women who make this work possible. With our legislative

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assistants, we have Jennifer Anderson, Cindy Bomke, Sasha Backstein, Erica Conrad, Karla Dirks, Diane Havice, Coral Lettimore, Donette Martin, Bridget Moffitt, Megan Register, April Roberts, Helen Stannard, Breann Steinacher, Mary Wallace, and a special thanks to my legislative assistant, Nancy Powell. Our leadership staff, Amanda Daley and Lynn Langdon. Our wonderful communication's staff, Gabriella Hoxie, Grace Graunke, Liz Hartog, Melinda Kerber, Colleen King, Brandy Loftus, Ruth Munson, Olivia Munson, and our incredible photographer, Shelly Stark. Shelly.. Shelly, you have the hard task to make us all look good, but somehow you manage to pull it off. We have fantastic research staff comprised of Lauren Hund, Jennifer Grady-Paswater, Heather Rasmussen, and Jayme Siemer. Without this team, we would not be able to introduce the fantastic legislation we have all worked on this year. Our HR and fiscal staff works tirelessly behind the scenes. So, thank you to Shelby McCarty and Melissa Thomas. Finally, I would like to thank my district aide, Stacy Flanagan, who does so much work for me. Without Stacy, I'm not sure where I would be, but it surely wouldn't be here because she keeps me on a schedule. Thank you to all the women who make our democratic process work on a daily basis on both sides of the aisle. Without these hardworking women, we would not be able to function as a governing Body. So, truly thank you and happy Women's History Month. Thanks."

Speaker Smith: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 171, offered by Representative Coffey. House Resolution 172, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer. House Resolution 173, offered by

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Representative Walsh. And House Resolution 174, offered by Representative Egofske."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Manley moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Representative Jiménez, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Jiménez: "Thank you so much. Thank you for giving me the opportunity. I just wanted to, on this last day of women's day, also give a warm welcome and thank you to my mom, Rosalba Jiménez, who's here with me today. Rosalba came to this country when she was 14 years old as an unaccompanied minor and was undocumented for 35 years. Her life story and her struggle inspired me to go to law school and today become a lawmaker. And so, I thank her. Thank you so much. I also wanted to shout out my family who's here. My aunt and uncle, my cousin, my... and Ava and Logan, who are here to visit me. Please give them a warm... applause. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Mr. Clerk, please read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "House Joint Resolution #27, offered by Representative Gabel.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the House of Representatives adjourns on Thursday, March 30, 2023, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 18, 2023, or to the call of the Speaker; and when the Senate adjourns on Friday, March 31, 2023, it

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stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 18, 2023, or to the call of the President."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Manley moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Manley moves that the House stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 18, time to be determined. All in favor say 'aye'; all 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 and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4028, offered by Representative Hauter, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4029, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4030, offered by Representative Mah, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 40, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 46, offered by Representative Chung, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 55, offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 67, offered by Representative Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 69, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 99, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 101, offered by

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Representative Gong-Gershowitz, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 139, offered by Representative Weaver, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 183, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 216, offered by Representative Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 247, offered by Representative Yednock, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 283, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 317, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 323, offered by Representative Didech, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 325, offered by Representative Didech, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 327, offered by Representative Didech, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 375, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Senate Bill 381, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 505, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 646, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 684, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 762, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 855, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 896, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 994, offered by Leader McCombie, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1066, offered by Leader McCombie, a Bill for an Act concerning

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government. Senate Bill 1067, offered by Representative Spain, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 1251, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1282, offered by Representative Huynh, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1289, offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1298, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1367, offered by Representative Jiménez, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. Senate Bill 1376, offered by Representative Hauter, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. Senate Bill 1462, offered by Representative Buckner, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 1463, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning minors. Senate Bill 1470, offered by Representative Marron, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1495, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1505, offered by Representative Didech, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 1515, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 1526, offered by Representative Norma Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1527, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1590, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1617, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1623, offered by Representative Ness, a Bill for an Act concerning State



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government. Senate Bill 1641, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1675, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1685, offered by Representative Costa Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1709, offered by Representative LaPointe, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1710, offered by Representative Huynh, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1721, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1750, offered by Representative Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1754, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1774, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1782, offered by Representative Chung, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 1785, offered by Representative Chung, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1790, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1794, offered by Representative Ortiz, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1803, offered by Representative Caulkins, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1814, offered by Representative Avelar, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1834, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning minors. Senate Bill 1835, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1875, offered by Representative

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Spain, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1896, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1956, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 1963, offered by Representative Vella, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1988, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2017, offered by Representative Croke, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2028, offered by Representative Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2037, offered by Representative Guzzardi, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2047, offered by Representative Reick, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2123, offered by Representative LaPointe, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2130, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2134, offered by Representative Ann Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2159, offered by Representative Yednock, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 2195, offered by Representative Faver Dias, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2218, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2287, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2288, offered by Representative Costa Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2293, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Senate Bill

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2294, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2323, offered by Representative Chung, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2325, offered by Representative Bunting, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2412, offered by Representative Norma Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."