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The House met pursuant to adjournment.
Representative Buckner in the chair.
Prayer by Dr. Muhammad M. Sharif and Imam Nasser Hussein, with the Islamic Foundation of Villa Park in Villa Park, Illinois.
Representative Ford led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.
By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:
106 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Ammons, Andrade, Avelar, Canty, Evans, Guerrero-Cuellar, Harper, Hirschauer, Lilly, Manley, Mason and Miller were excused from attendance.

REQUEST TO BE SHOWN ON QUORUM

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Canty, should be recorded as present at the hour of 3:24 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Hirschauer, should be recorded as present at the hour of 3:37 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Mason, should be recorded as present at the hour of 3:38 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Harper, should be recorded as present at the hour of 3:45 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Lilly, should be recorded as present at the hour of 3:45 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Andrade, should be recorded as present at the hour of 4:53 o'clock p.m.

LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE Alexi Giannoulis – Secretary of State

October 24, 2023

To the Honorable Speaker of the House:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed House Bills from the 103rd General Assembly that is being returned by the Governor with specific recommendations for change.

HOUSE BILLS

[October 24, 2023]

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Respectfully,
s/Alexi Giannoulis
ALEXI GIANNOULIAS |
Secretary of State

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Alexi Giannoulis – Secretary of State

October 24, 2023

To the Honorable Speaker of the House:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding the enclosed House Bill from the 103rd General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor together with his Objections.

HOUSE BILL

3643

Respectfully,
s/Alexi Giannoulis
ALEXI GIANNOULIAS |
Secretary of State

VETO MOTIONS SUBMITTED

Representative Hoffman submitted the following written motion, which was placed in the Committee on Rules:

MOTION

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to HOUSE BILL 2878 in manner and form as follows:

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2878
IN ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Rita, Chairperson, from the Committee on Executive to which the following were referred, action taken on October 24, 2023, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "do pass" and placed on the order of Second Reading -- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4148.

The committee roll call vote on HOUSE BILL 4148 is as follows:
8, Yeas; 0, Nays; 4, Answering Present.

Y Rita(D), Chairperson

Y Hernandez, Elizabeth(D), Vice-Chairperson

P Spain(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Buckner(D)
P Cabello(R)	P Davidsmeyer(R)
Y Gabel(D)(replacing Evans)	P Hammond(R)
Y Mah(D)	Y Gordon-Booth(D)(replacing Manley)
Y Ortiz(D)	Y Smith(D)

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 341

Offered by Representative Buckner:
Congratulates MajorBelle (Brown) James on celebrating her 100th birthday.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 343

Offered by Representative Coffey:
Congratulates General John M. Green on the occasion of his promotion from colonel to brigadier general in the Illinois Air National Guard. Wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 344

Offered by Representative Egofske:
Congratulates the Village of Lemont on its 150th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 345

Offered by Representative Gordon-Booth:
Recognizes the George Washington Carver Community Center's rich, 100-year history.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 347

Offered by Representative Davidsmeyer:
Congratulates the Jerseyville Motor Company, Inc. on its 100th anniversary. Wishes the business continued success in the future.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 348

Offered by Representative Crespo:
Recognizes the Village of Hanover Park's Juneteenth celebration as a time to reflect and to commemorate the end of slavery.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 350

Offered by Representative Frese:
Congratulates Maureen Kahn, president and CEO of Blessing Health System, on the occasion of her retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 351

Offered by Representative Meyers-Martin:

Mourns the death of Maggie Mozell Singleton.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 352

Offered by Representative Ford:

Congratulates the Parliament of the World's Religions on its 130th anniversary and celebrates its return to the State of Illinois. Recognizes the Parliament of the World's Religions' focus on defending freedom and human rights, the power of diversity, addressing wealth disparities, caring for the Earth, and encouraging sustainable living. Recognizes the importance of a strong interfaith movement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 353

Offered by Representative Halbrook:

Congratulates Ronald "Ron" Zidek, D.C. on achieving his 50th year as a practicing chiropractor.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 354

Offered by Representative Flowers:

Mourns the passing of Audrey Mason Brookins.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 356

Offered by Representative Hoffman:

Recognizes the Belleville Black Knights Drum & Bugle Corps on celebrating its 70th anniversary. Commends all members of the Belleville Black Knights Drum & Bugle Corps for their dedication and hard work.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 358

Offered by Representative Elik:

Mourns the death of Charles "Chuck" Hanfelder.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 360

Offered by Representative Marron:

Congratulates the Village of Westville on its 150th anniversary. Wishes the village continued success in the years to come.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 361

Offered by Representative Spain:

Congratulates Anna Peplowski on being selected for the U.S. Women's National Swim Team to compete in the 2023 World Aquatics Championships.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 362

Offered by Representative Spain:

Congratulates the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria (UICOMP) on its 50 years of service, education, and research.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 363

Offered by Representative Morgan:

Mourns the passing of Maureen Wener of the Village of Deerfield.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 364

Offered by Representative Harper:
Recognizes Rev. Ricky D. Dixon on his installation as pastor of Beautiful Zion Missionary Baptist Church (BZMBC) of Chicago.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 365

Offered by Representative Du Buclet:
Mourns the death of Lilly Mae Patterson of Chicago.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 366

Offered by Representative Scherer:
Mourns the death of Jeannine Ellen (Mason) Black of Mahomet.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 367

Offered by Representative Flowers:
Mourns the passing of Renault A. Robinson of Chicago.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 369

Offered by Representative Moylan:
Congratulates Mike Flannery on his successful career as a political reporter. Commends him for his leadership in covering state and local government and for his efforts to hold elected officials accountable to the people of Illinois and Chicago. Wishes him a happy retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 370

Offered by Representative Hoffman:
Congratulates UA Local 101 on its 125th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 372

Offered by Representative Davidsmeyer:
Congratulates the Calhoun High School trap shooting team, the Warriors, on its series of successful championship wins from 2019 to 2023.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 373

Offered by Representative Davidsmeyer:
Congratulates Brown County on its 150th consecutive fair celebration. Wishes the county continued success in the years to come.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 374

Offered by Representative Davidsmeyer:
Congratulates CassComm on its 125th year as a locally owned business. Wishes the business continued success in the years to come.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 375

Offered by Representative Lilly:

Mourns the death of Anthony Russell of Owings Mill, Maryland.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 376

Offered by Representative Mason:

Congratulates Mark and Rose Froseth for being named the 2023 Gurnee Days Honorees.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 377

Offered by Representative Evans:

Recognizes the music genre of hip-hop in commemoration of its 50th anniversary and its continued cultural and social impact on the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 378

Offered by Representative Davidsmeyer:

Congratulates the Illinois District 17 All-Stars softball team on winning the Senior Little League World Series.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 379

Offered by Representative Davidsmeyer:

Congratulates Airsman-Hires Funeral Home on celebrating 50 years of business. Wishes the company continued success in the years to come. Congratulates the Airsman and Hires families for their company's remarkable growth and ongoing legacy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 380

Offered by Representative Hoffman:

Congratulates International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators & Allied Workers #1 (Pipe Coverers' Union No. 1) on its 125th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 381

Offered by Representative Du Buclet:

Congratulates the Deliverance Manor Housing Corporation on its 30 years of continued commitment towards providing affordable and upscale housing to the elderly in the Bronzeville community through Deliverance Manor.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 383

Offered by Representative Coffey:

Mourns the death of Gene Pool Marlin of Chatham.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 384

Offered by Representative Rita:

Mourns the death of Ellen Brown-Dixon of Chicago.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 385

Offered by Representative Harper:

Congratulates Reverend Leslie Sanders Sr. on his 50 years of ministry and for his service as senior pastor to the Hope Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 386

Offered by Representative Lilly:
Mourns the passing of Mary Louise Hawthorne Jones.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 387

Offered by Representative Buckner:
Mourns the passing of James Schine "Jim" Crown.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 388

Offered by Representative Hoffman:
Congratulates the Optimist Club of Belleville on its 100th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 389

Offered by Representative Hoffman:
Congratulates Robert A. "Bob" Calhoun on his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 391

Offered by Representative Frese:
Congratulates the Knapheide Manufacturing Company on the occasion of its 175th anniversary.
Wishes the company continued success in the years to come.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 392

Offered by Representative Meyers-Martin:
Mourns the death of Horace Oliver Taffe, Ph.D.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 393

Offered by Representative Lilly:
Mourns the death of Karen Antoinette Pepper.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 395

Offered by Representative Lilly:
Recognizes and celebrates the birthdate of the late Gene "Coach Ping" Pingatore on October 25, 2023.
Remembers the legacy he created and the many lives he touched during his lifetime.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 396

Offered by Representative Hoffman:
Congratulates the Masterworks Chorale on its 50th season. Wishes the ensemble continued success in the future.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 397

Offered by Representative Evans:
Mourns the death of Rev. Dr. Joseph Edward "Joe" Hill.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 398

Offered by Representative Evans:
Congratulates Anita Gilkey on her retirement from the Chicago Park District after 34 years of service to the community, children, employees, and the parks.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 399

Offered by Representative Evans:
Mourns the death of Lillian Cherry of Chicago.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 400

Offered by Representative Evans:
Commends Andrea L. Evans on her service to her community.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 401

Offered by Representative Evans:
Mourns the death of Sandra Gardner.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 402

Offered by Representative Evans:
Mourns the death of Charlotte Frances Martin.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 403

Offered by Representative Evans:
Mourns the passing of Devola Mae Johnson.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 404

Offered by Representative Hoffman:
Congratulates Therese Suarez on the occasion of her retirement from St. Clair County after more than 35 years of service. Wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 406

Offered by Representative Gordon-Booth:
Mourns the death of Ernestine Jackson.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 407

Offered by Representative Hoffman:
Congratulates the Ainad Shriners of East St. Louis on Ainad Temple serving as its headquarters for the past 100 years. Wishes the organization continued success in the next century.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 408

Offered by Representative Nichols:
Congratulate the Burbank National Little League Senior Division team on its recent achievements. Wishes the team continued success.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 409

Offered by Representative Marron:
Mourns the passing of former Illinois State Representative and Assistant Minority Leader William B. "Bill" Black of Danville.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 410

Offered by Representative Nichols:
Mourns the passing of Jose Lewis "Jay" Polanco Webb II.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 411

Offered by Representative Moeller:
Recognizes Elgin High School on continuing its legacy of helping all students develop the skills necessary for lifelong success as active and valuable members of a global and ever-changing society.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 413

Offered by Representative Hoffman:
Congratulates Southwestern Illinois College Sam Wolf Granite City Campus on its 40th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 414

Offered by Representative Davis, Will:
Mourns the death of Jerry Marquis Doss.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 416

Offered by Representative McCombie:
Mourns the death of Judge James Zagel.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 417

Offered by Representative Flowers:
Mourns the death of Robert "Robbie" Gorens Jr.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 418

Offered by Representative Davidsmeyer:
Congratulates Ronald Johnson, M.D. on receiving the 2023 Rural Physician Lifetime of Service Award from the Illinois Rural Health Association and commends him for his compassion and dedication to his patients and for filling such a tremendous void in rural medicine for over 40 years in west central Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 419

Offered by Representative Hauter:
Commends Amir John Wahab, MD for receiving the 2023 Rural Physician Lifetime of Service Award from the Illinois Rural Health Association.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 420

Offered by Representative Meyers-Martin:
Mourns the death of Edward Louis "Ed" Wilson.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 421

Offered by Representative Hernandez, Barbara:
Mourns the passing of Vernon Jerome LaVia of Aurora.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 422

Offered by Representative Ozinga:
Mourns the loss and observes the life of former Illinois State Representative Donald Larry Wennlund, a dedicated lawyer and a local leader in every sense of the word.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 423

Offered by Representative Flowers:
Mourns the death of the death of Charles E. Hobson Sr.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 424

Offered by Representative Schmidt:
Commends the many local businesses that donated their time, money, and support to O'Fallon Fraternal Order of the Police (FOP) Lodge 198 in order to bestow a custom-designed, 14-passenger bus to the Parent Teacher Organization for Exceptional Children (PTOEC).

HOUSE RESOLUTION 425

Offered by Representative Mayfield:
Congratulates Taiwan, the Republic of China (R.O.C.) on the 112th anniversary of its National Day. Commends the work of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Chicago.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 426

Offered by Representative West:
Congratulates the Zion Lutheran Church of Rockford on its 140th anniversary. Recognizes the Zion Lutheran Church's humanitarian efforts.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 427

Offered by Representative Morgan:
Commends the Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter on its decades of work in saving the lives of countless orphaned, abandoned, abused, and neglected cats and dogs. Wishes the shelter continued success in its endeavors.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 428

Offered by Representative Carroll:
Recognizes Claire Maddie Eisenstadt for her work on promoting Jewish identity, combating anti-Semitism, and representing the Jewish community on a global stage. Wishes her continued success in her future endeavors.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 429

Offered by Representative Ammons:
Commends the Reverend Jesse Lewis Jackson on founding the Rainbow PUSH Coalition and for all of the work the Coalition has accomplished for the betterment of marginalized communities and our State and

nation as a whole.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 430

Offered by Representative Davis, Jed:
Mourns the passing of Joseph "Joey" Burdiak of Yorkville.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 431

Offered by Representative Flowers:
Congratulates the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association (CCNBNA) on its 50th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 432

Offered by Representative Flowers:
Congratulates the Arab American Democratic Club, the first and longest-standing Arab organization in the State of Illinois, on its 40th anniversary. Thanks the Arab American Democratic Club for its tireless efforts in promoting civic engagement, fostering unity, and advocating for justice and equality.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 433

Offered by Representative Rashid:
Mourns the death of Dianne Levand Duner.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 434

Offered by Representative Windhorst:
Commends Quincy Scott, D.O. for receiving the 2023 Rural Physician Lifetime of Service Award from the Illinois Rural Health Association. Commends Dr. Scott for his compassion and dedication to his patients and for filling such a tremendous void in rural medicine in southern Illinois for over 30 years.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 435

Offered by Representative Mason:
Congratulates the Mothers Trust Foundation (MTF) on its 25th anniversary of serving the children of Lake County. Wishes the foundation continued success in the years to come.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 436

Offered by Representative Davis, Jed:
Congratulates Marjorie Grandstaff of Yorkville on her 100th birthday.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 437

Offered by Representative Avelar:
Congratulates Chef Atzimba Perez on her accomplishments as a chef and as a community advocate. Congratulates her on becoming a legal resident of the United States.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 439

Offered by Representative Keicher:
Mourns the death of Scott Thomas Galto.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 441

Offered by Representative Evans:
Mourns the passing of Joyce Ann Chapman of Chicago.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 445

Offered by Representative Du Buclet:
Congratulates William McNary on his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 447

Offered by Representative Kelly:
Congratulates the Affy Tapple company on its 75th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 448

Offered by Representative Mason:
Congratulates Deputy Chief Jesse Gonzalez on his retirement from the Village of Gurnee Police Department. Expresses gratitude for his service, leadership, and the lasting impact he has made on the Village of Gurnee and the State of Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 450

Offered by Representative Harper:
Congratulates Richard Guebert Jr. on his retirement as president of Illinois Farm Bureau. Thanks him for his dedication and commitment to improving the economic well-being of agriculture and enriching the quality of farm family life.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 451

Offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz:
Congratulates Head Coach Kurt Hasenstein of the Glenbrook South High School cross country and track and field teams, the Titans, on his retirement. Thanks him for his commitment to students, athletes, and the community.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 452

Offered by Representative Schmidt:
Congratulates Goley Insulation on achieving 50 years in business. Wishes the company continued success for many years to come.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 454

Offered by Representative Ozinga:
Mourns the death of Ruth Colby of New Lenox.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 455

Offered by Representative Sanalidro:
Congratulates Chief James F. Burke Jr. on his retirement from the Wood Dale Fire Protection District.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Gabel replaced Representative Evans in the Committee on Executive on October 24, 2023.

Representative Gordon-Booth replaced Representative Manley in the Committee on Executive on October 24, 2023.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 341, 343, 344, 345, 347, 348, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 356, 358, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 369, 370, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 391, 392, 393, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 406, 407, 410, 411, 413, 414, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 439, 441, 447, 448, 450, 451, 452, 454 and 455 were taken up for consideration.

Representative Gabel moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.

The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

At the hour of 3:03 o'clock p.m., Representative Gabel moved that the House do now adjourn until Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.

The motion prevailed.

And the House stood adjourned.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ONE HUNDRED THIRD
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

October 24, 2023

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112 PRESENT

E Ammons	P Ford	P Kifowit	P Scherer
P Andrade(ADDED)	P Frese	P Ladisch Douglass	P Schmidt
E Avelar	P Friess	P LaPointe	P Severin
P Benton	P Fritts	P Lilly(ADDED)	P Slaughter
P Blair-Sherlock	P Gabel	P Mah	P Smith
P Buckner	P Gill	E Manley	P Sosnowski
P Bunting	P Gong-Gershowitz	P Marron	P Spain
P Burke	P Gonzalez	P Mason(ADDED)	P Stava-Murray
P Cabello	P Gordon-Booth	P Mayfield	P Stephens
P Canty(ADDED)	P Grant	P McCombie	P Stuart
P Carroll	E Guerrero-Cuellar	P McLaughlin	P Swanson
P Cassidy	P Guzzardi	P Meier	P Syed
P Caulkins	P Haas	P Meyers-Martin	P Tarver
P Chung	P Halbrook	E Miller	P Tipsword
P Coffey	P Hammond	P Moeller	P Ugaste
P Costa Howard	P Hanson	P Morgan	P Vella
P Crespo	P Harper(ADDED)	P Morris	P Walker
P Croke	P Hauter	P Moylan	P Walsh
P Davidsmeyer	P Hernandez, Barbara	P Mussman	P Weaver
P Davis, Jed	P Hernandez, Lisa	P Ness	P Weber
P Davis, Will	P Hernandez, Norma	P Nichols	P West
P Delgado	P Hirschauer(ADDED)	P Niemerg	P Wilhour
P DeLuca	P Hoffman	P Olickal	P Williams, Ann
P Didech	P Huynh	P Ortiz	P Williams, Jawaharial
P Du Buclet	P Jacobs	P Ozinga	P Windhorst
P Egofske	P Jiménez	P Rashid	P Yang Rohr
P Elik	P Johnson	P Reick	P Yednock
E Evans	P Jones	P Rita	P Mr. Speaker
P Faver Dias	P Keicher	P Rosenthal	
P Flowers	P Kelly	P Sanalidro	

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57TH LEGISLATIVE DAY**Perfunctory Session****TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023**

At the hour of 3:13 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

HOUSE BILL ON SECOND READING

Having been reproduced, the following bill was taken up, read by title a second time and held on the order of Second Reading: HOUSE BILL 4148.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 342

Offered by Representative Ford:

WHEREAS, Every day, more than 120 Americans are killed by gun violence, and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 17,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, Protecting public safety in the communities they serve is among a legislator's highest responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people that should not have them; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence prevention is more important than ever as there has been an increase in firearm homicides and nonfatal shootings across the country, an increase in calls to domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at the age of 15; to acknowledge her 26th birthday, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 2, 2023 and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence as well as the loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya Pendleton's friends who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and because orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, Anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 2nd, the first Friday in June of 2023, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, By wearing orange on June 2, 2023, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, To help keep families and communities safe, it is of the utmost importance to make a commitment to reduce gun violence, to pledge to do all that is possible to keep firearms out of the hands of people who should not have access to them, and to encourage responsible gun ownership; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare June 2, 2023 as "Gun Violence Awareness Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 346

Offered by Representative Jiménez:

WHEREAS, The Puerto Rican Cultural Center (PRCC) is named after Juan Antonio Corretjer, the celebrated Puerto Rican national poet laureate and one of the most significant political theorists of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, The PRCC was established within the historical context of the building of communities of resistance and was initiated, following the Spanish conquest of Puerto Rico, by Taino forebearers, runaway African slaves, and marginalized populations, such as the Moors and Sephardic Jews; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the Caribbean and in Latin America, this practice was conducted in the hinterlands, in the mountains, and in other marginal geographical areas by the people who were known as cimarrones; and

WHEREAS, These Maroon societies became a place where people gathered to address the critical problems confronting them, a place where they recovered a sense of their history, and a place where they created a syncretic cultural production, such as music, poetry, and performances; and

WHEREAS, In that tradition, the PRCC carries out a process of conscientization, informed by the principles of self-determination, self-actualization, and self-reliance, meaning that it educates, organizes, and struggles for social, economic, and political empowerment of Puerto Ricans within a context, which is holistic in nature and organic in form; and

WHEREAS, All of the PRCC's programs constitute an umbrella, meeting the needs of the community, which at the same time encourages participants to think critically about their reality and promotes an ethics of social responsibility framed by the motto "live and help to live"; and

WHEREAS, These programs address diverse issues that include wellness, social, educational, cultural, and quality of life matters for Puerto Rican/Latino and other marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, The programs address HIV/AIDS, education, literacy, housing, homophobia, substance abuse, gang violence, teen pregnancy, police brutality, racism, economic and community development, human rights violations, and the devastation created by generational and historical trauma through the work of the four pillars of initiatives, which are public health, housing, economic development, and education; and

WHEREAS, The PRCC promotes the principles of self-actualization, self-determination, and self-reliance for the Puerto Rican/Latino community through the study, recovery, and celebration of Puerto Rican culture; these efforts are devotedly undertaken through programs and annual events, such as The Three Kings Day celebration, the Casita de Don Pedro project, the Puerto Rican People's Day Parade, Fiesta Boricua, Haunted Paseo Boricua, the Community as a Campus Initiative, the Greater Humboldt Park Community of Wellness, El Rescate Transitional Living Space for LGBTQ+ Youth, the Lisa Isadora Cruz Transgender Empowerment Center, the Nancy Franco Maldonado Paseo Boricua Arts Building, the Consuelo Lee Corretjer Child Care Center, as well as mural projects and other initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Along with the National Boricua Human Rights Network, the PRCC has also played a key role in human rights campaigns, including the defense of political prisoners, the struggle for peace in Vieques, the defense of undocumented immigrants, and the fight against the criminalization of youth; and

WHEREAS, For the past 50 years, the work of the PRCC has been formed by a socio-ecological model, which recognizes the interplay among key factors, including social justice, community and institutional building, policy, advocacy, environmental justice, education, housing, and access to equitable health care; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare Labor Day weekend 2023 as "Puerto Rican Cultural Center Weekend" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the PRCC as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 349

Offered by Representative Benton:

WHEREAS, Every day, more than 120 Americans are killed by gun violence, and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 17,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has 1,622 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 12.9 deaths per 100,000 people; this crisis costs the state \$18.6 billion each year, of which \$625.5 million is paid by taxpayers; Illinois has the 35th highest rate of gun deaths in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Protecting public safety in the communities they serve is among a legislator's highest responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people that should not have them; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence prevention is more important than ever as there has been an increase in firearm homicides and nonfatal shootings across the country, an increase in calls to domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at the age of 15; to acknowledge her 26th birthday, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 2, 2023 and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence as well as the loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya Pendleton's friends who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and because orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, Anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 2nd, the first Friday in June of 2023, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, By wearing orange on June 2, 2023, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, To help keep families and communities safe, it is of the utmost importance to make a commitment to reduce gun violence, to pledge to do all that is possible to keep firearms out of the hands of people who should not have access to them, and to encourage responsible gun ownership; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare June 2, 2023 as "Gun Violence Awareness Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 355

Offered by Representative Evans:

WHEREAS, Since 2013, Illinois Black student enrollment in higher education has declined nearly 40%, and nationally, Black student freshman enrollment has fallen nearly 18%; and

WHEREAS, At Illinois' flagship University of Illinois, the Black student enrollment has declined annually since 1997, and the current numbers of Black students are at an all time low; and

WHEREAS, Many of the other higher education institutions in Illinois and across the country have experienced severe declines in Black student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, Communities populated by individuals with some college experience and higher education completion enjoy higher average household incomes, low unemployment, strong homeownership, reduced crime, and overall community stability; and

WHEREAS, Many Black communities in Illinois and the nation now suffer from low average incomes, low homeownership, high crime, and instability; the current trend of declining Black student

enrollment will exacerbate the current challenging situation and eventually decimate the Black community; and

WHEREAS, Student enrollment in higher education has increased among other minority groups at Illinois institutions, while Black student enrollment is steadily declining; and

WHEREAS, False anti-higher education propaganda has effectively infiltrated the Black community, masking the benefits of higher education for developing young minds, developing friendship, networking, and providing critical information; and

WHEREAS, Jobs and careers in technology, the medical field, and other industries continue to go unfilled while affordable training and education for those careers are available; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare a Black student enrollment crisis in the State of Illinois until enrollment at our flagship University of Illinois and all other Illinois higher education institutions reach a suitable number of Black enrolled students; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge all Illinois higher education institutions to immediately establish an office or department with ample personnel to specifically and aggressively work in the area of Black student recruitment, immediate enrollment, and scholarships; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the Governor to utilize his executive powers to immediately direct funds toward emergency enrollment outreach and completion programs for Black student enrollment increases at Illinois higher education institutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 357

Offered by Representative Evans:

WHEREAS, United Parcel Service (UPS) is the single-largest employer of Teamster members, and the UPS contract is the largest private sector collective bargaining agreement in the United States, covering more than 340,000 Teamsters; and

WHEREAS, UPS Teamsters have helped the company make record profits in excess of \$13 billion; and

WHEREAS, The current collective bargaining agreement between the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and UPS is set to expire on July 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, UPS Teamsters nationwide voted 97% in favor of authorizing the UPS Teamsters National Negotiating Committee to call a strike in the event that a successor agreement cannot be reached prior to the contract expiration date of July 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, UPS Teamsters have expressed overwhelming concern that the federal government would intervene in a nationwide strike; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we call upon elected officials at local, state, and federal levels to stand with the UPS Teamsters in their efforts to collectively bargain for fair wages, safe working conditions, affordable healthcare, and the dignified retirement that they rightfully have earned while working for UPS; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on the federal government to respect the UPS Teamsters rights to collectively bargain, including the right to withhold their labor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on elected officials at local, state, and federal levels to demonstrate their support by signing on to an open letter to rank-and-file Teamsters at UPS expressing that government has no role to play in collective bargaining between workers and their employer and therefore no elected individual or government entity should attempt to insert themselves into the collective bargaining process or participate in any attempted resolution of a new contract that is not first voted upon and ratified by rank-and-file UPS Teamsters prior to such government-related intervention.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 359

Offered by Representative Marron:

WHEREAS, It is imperative that residents of Illinois be informed of the rules regarding Driving Under the Influence (DUI), as presented in the Illinois Vehicle Code under 625 ILCS 5/11-500.1; and

WHEREAS, A person guilty of committing a DUI includes anyone driving under the influence of alcohol, other intoxicating drugs or compounds, or any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, A person convicted of driving or being in physical control of any vehicle while under the influence of any of the compounds mentioned above within the State of Illinois has committed a Class A misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, A person who is convicted of committing a DUI is subject to six months of imprisonment, an additional mandatory minimum fine of \$1,000, and, under special circumstances, 25 days of community service in a program benefiting children; and

WHEREAS, This law extends to drivers who are under the influence while behind the wheel of any vehicle even while it is parked; and

WHEREAS, Many Illinois residents may be unaware that the law prohibits them from sitting behind the wheel of a parked vehicle while under the influence, and such persons will undoubtedly wish to not suffer the consequences of breaking such a law; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage the State of Illinois to embark on an educational campaign to inform Illinois residents of the law prohibiting drivers from sitting behind the wheel of any parked vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant even if the driver has no intention of driving it.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 368

Offered by Representative Keicher:

WHEREAS, October is nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in the world and the second leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, More than one in eight women and one in 833 men in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, an estimated 300,590 Americans will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Metastatic breast cancer (MBC) occurs when breast cancer spreads to other parts of the body, including the bones, lungs, liver, and brain, and has an average life expectancy of 24 to 36 months; and

WHEREAS, Regardless of early detection, approximately 30% of stage 0 to stage III breast cancers will return as stage IV; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 43,700 Americans will die from breast cancer in 2023, equal to 115 women and men per day, with 98% due to metastatic breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Metastatic breast cancer affects all races and socioeconomic classes; and

WHEREAS, While Caucasian women see slightly higher incidence rates of breast cancer, the mortality rate for Black women with breast cancer is 41 percent higher than that of Caucasian women, and breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death for Hispanic women; and

WHEREAS, METAvivor Research and Support, a national organization, funds critical stage IV metastatic breast cancer research and educates the public about metastatic breast cancer and the lack of funding for stage IV treatment; and

WHEREAS, METAvivor aims to dramatically increase the current percentage of breast cancer research dollars from under 5% to 30% per already metastasized patients; and

WHEREAS, The national hashtags for this initiative on social media fall under #METAvivor and #LightUpMBC; and

WHEREAS, There is a global #LightUpMBC campaign on October 13 every year to illuminate 115 landmarks around the world in the metastatic colors of teal, pink, and green to bring awareness to the disease and to honor the daily number of 115 lives lost to MBC; and

WHEREAS, While the pink ribbon is well-known for representing the fight against early stage breast cancer, it is not inclusive of stage IV; therefore, the metastatic breast cancer awareness tri-color ribbon

includes teal to portray healing and spirituality, green for the triumph of spring over winter, life over death, renewal, hope, and immortality, and a thin pink overlay to signify that the cancer originated in the breast; and

WHEREAS, The day will culminate in a virtual broadcast, #LightUpMBC Live, to commemorate landmarks lighting around the world, to share inspiring stories by the metastatic breast cancer community, and to raise research funds; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare October 13, 2023 as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED That we recognize the METAvivor #LightUpMBC national campaign; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage citizens to join the national effort towards awareness of metastatic breast cancer during October through METAvivor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to METAvivor with our sincere appreciation for their efforts to address breast cancer.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 371

Offered by Representative Yednock:

WHEREAS, There are over 12,000 bridges under the jurisdiction of over 1,400 townships in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous other stream, creek, lake, road, or other crossings that are currently under 20 feet in width, and therefore not identified as bridges, but still need to be replaced with new bridges to meet the needs of the Township Road System; and

WHEREAS, The Township Bridge Program (TBP) is a legislated fund, under 605 ILCS 5/6-901, designated for the construction and maintenance of bridges on the Township Highway System; and

WHEREAS, The TBP was initiated in 1979 with an annual allocation of \$15 million from the Illinois Road Fund and has received no increase in funding level in the 43 years since it was established; meanwhile, the Illinois Road Fund has seen an increase in revenue of over 400% over the same duration; and

WHEREAS, The Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index has increased over 300% since initiation of the TBP; hence, \$15 million from 1980 would equate to a TBP appropriation of \$3.69 million today or a loss of 75% of the program's purchasing power; and

WHEREAS, The TBP resulted in the number of deficient township bridges being reduced from 6,063 to 1,624 over the past 43 years, and the average life span of a township bridge is approximately 55 years; therefore, the bridges constructed during the infancy of TBP will need to be replaced over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Township bridges account for the largest number of load and width restrictions present within the transportation network of the State of Illinois, thereby negatively impacting the ability to transport agricultural and industrial goods and equipment throughout the State; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Illinois to increase support for the Township Bridge Program (TBP) to ensure the reliability and safety of township bridges; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to Governor JB Pritzker.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 382

Offered by Representative Keicher:

WHEREAS, September 17, 2023 marks the 236th anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a republic dedicated to rule by law; and

WHEREAS, The Daughters of the American Revolution organization was responsible for the annual designation of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week; and

WHEREAS, The Daughters of the American Revolution made its own resolution for Constitution Week, which was adopted on April 21, 1955; and

WHEREAS, Members of the U.S. Congress received the resolution, and the resolution was discussed in the U.S. Senate on June 7, 1955; and

WHEREAS, The first national resolution to observe Constitution Week was made on June 14, 1955 by Senator William F. Knowland of California; and

WHEREAS, Following the passage of the resolution by both houses of Congress, President Eisenhower issued his proclamation on August 19, 1955; and

WHEREAS, The first observance of Constitution Week was so successful that on January 5, 1956, Senator Knowland introduced a Senate Joint Resolution to have the president designate September 17 through 23 annually as Constitution Week; and

WHEREAS, The resolution was adopted on July 23, 1956 and signed as Public Law 915 on August 2, 1956; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the week of September 17 through September 23, 2023 as Constitution Week in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Daughters of the American Revolution organization as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 390

Offered by Representative Buckner:

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated was founded in 1911 at Howard University and became the first international fraternal organization to be founded at a historically black college; and

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi's mission is to uplift the community through outreach programs, health initiatives, scholarship funds, mentorship programs, educational programs, and more; and

WHEREAS, The Sigma Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated was founded in 1921 in Chicago and consisted of Omega men that came to Chicago to pursue post graduate degrees; and

WHEREAS, The Sigma Omega Chapter upholds the values of Omega Psi Phi through community outreach and philanthropy, including involved programming, through their signature Mardi Gras event to raise funds for scholarships, and through the Sigma Omega Foundation; and

WHEREAS, On September 16, 2023, the Sigma Omega Chapter will hold their centennial gala and bring together members to celebrate the impact that the chapter has had on the City of Chicago and Omega Psi Phi, recognize those that have made a difference, and look ahead to the future; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare September 16, 2023 as Sigma Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated Day in the State of Illinois and encourage all residents to come together to recognize the fraternity's ongoing service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Sigma Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 394

Offered by Representative Kifowit:

WHEREAS, On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the formation of two battalions of Marines in Philadelphia, beginning what would become the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Marine Corps has protected Americans and guarded their freedom for 248 years, serving with distinction in all wars in which the United States has been involved; and

WHEREAS, As the United States established a position of world leadership, the Marines have proven themselves as dedicated professionals willing to defend the lives and rights of Americans and of our allies of freedom around the world; and

WHEREAS, Since the formation of the Marines, the term "Marine" has been associated with courage and military proficiency; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Illinois are proud of the State's rich contribution to the Marine tradition and respect the Marines serving around the globe; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare November 10, 2023 as "Marine Corps Day" and the month of November 2023 as "Marine Corps Month" to recognize and honor the contributions of Marines and to commemorate the sacrifices and valor displayed by Marines; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge Marine Corps Day and Marine Corps Month be observed with appropriate programs, services, and activities.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 405

Offered by Representative Mason:

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that one in three women and one in four men will experience some form of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic abuse is a repetitive pattern of behaviors to maintain power and control over an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, More than three million children witness domestic violence in their homes each year; and

WHEREAS, An estimated one-half of women in abusive relationships in the United States are physically injured by their partner; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence costs more than \$37 billion a year in law enforcement involvement, legal assistance, medical and mental health treatment, and lost employee productivity; and

WHEREAS, Organizations such as the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence have worked to educate, counsel, and help communities affected by domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 and was conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, Since 1989, October has been designated as National Domestic Violence Month; and

WHEREAS, With violence increasing in our schools, on our streets, and in our homes, ending it should be a top priority for everyone; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October of 2023 and support and commend the efforts of those people and organizations who work tirelessly to help victims break free of the devastating effects of domestic abuse and work to ameliorate this scourge on society, thereby creating safer communities for all.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 412

Offered by Representative Ugaste:

WHEREAS, In 2017, during the 100th General Assembly, the Invest in Kids Act was created to grant low-income to middle-income parents a choice about their children's educations, bringing about a new era for children's education in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Invest in Kids Program provides 75% tax credits to individuals and businesses for their donations to scholarship-granting organizations, non-profits that provide school scholarships to low-income and middle-income students; and

WHEREAS, The income limit for recipients of this program is 300% of the poverty level for new applicants and 400% of the poverty level for renewals, meaning that the most vulnerable students and families benefit from this program; and

WHEREAS, During the 2021-2022 school year, the average scholarship value was \$8,340, and 9,029 students participated in the program, leading to many students receiving excellent educations without jeopardizing their families' budgets; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Teachers Union President Stacy Davis Gates, someone directly involved in the quality of public education, has elected to send one of her children to a private institution; and

WHEREAS, The Invest in Kids program is funded entirely through private donations to scholarship-granting organizations; local public school districts' funding from the State is protected and cannot drop below 2019 levels, even if the student population drops as it has in Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The 103rd General Assembly let this much loved and well-respected program be pushed to the side, leaving thousands of students and families without direction as to what would become of their educations; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has a responsibility to grant freedom to its citizens, including freedom to make decisions about their children's education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the General Assembly to take a vote on removing the sunset from the Invest in Kids Act during the upcoming Veto Session and make it possible for these students to continue their educations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to Speaker of the House Chris Welch, President of the Senate Don Harmon, and Governor JB Pritzker.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 415

Offered by Representative Flowers:

WHEREAS, This year will mark the 36th anniversary of the establishment and recognition of National Black Nurses Day by the 101st United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Black people have long been active in the nursing field in the U.S.; currently, they comprise 6.7% of the total nursing population and practice in a variety of areas, including clinical, education, administrative, research, government, and private enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Black nurses have made significant contributions to the nursing profession; as attention to the health care problems of minorities and the poor increases, Black nurses can be credited for establishing an environment of quality, service, and skill that patients have come to expect from health care practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Since February honors the contributions made to this country by Black Americans, it is fitting that Black nurses be recognized and honored for their outstanding contributions to our communities and our country; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare February 2024 as Black Nurses Month in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge all citizens of Illinois to acknowledge the tireless efforts and selfless service contributed by Black nurses every day.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 438

Offered by Representative Buckner:

WHEREAS, The history of Chicago's Du Sable Lake Shore Drive dates back to the 19th century, when Chicagoans advocated for the creation of a scenic lake shore roadway; this concept was incorporated into architect and urban planner Daniel Burnham's 1909 Plan of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Over time, Du Sable Lake Shore Drive was extended to connect Chicago's downtown, north side, and south side lake fronts, including beaches, parks, and recreational areas, becoming an iconic and treasured part of Chicago and providing access to nature and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Du Sable Lake Shore Drive also serves as a critical thoroughfare for mobility, moving tens of thousands of vehicles per day and thousands of people utilizing public transportation; and

WHEREAS, Climate change driven by global warming has created challenges for people all over the world, including in Chicago, which has faced erosion along the shorelines of Lake Michigan and deterioration of structures designed to provide protection for Du Sable Lake Shore Drive; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) are considering proposals to redesign and reimagine Du Sable Lake Shore Drive, parts of which contain infrastructure constructed during the tenure of President Franklin Roosevelt as part of his administration's New Deal programs; and

WHEREAS, A redesign and re-imagination of Du Sable Lake Shore Drive offers the opportunity to ensure that Du Sable Lake Shore Drive can be a lake front transportation corridor that serves residents, attracts tourists, and provides economic benefits and does so in a climate-friendly, efficient, and reliable manner; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge CDOT and IDOT to transform Du Sable Lake Shore Drive into a true boulevard and to be creative and forward-thinking in their redesign of Du Sable Lake Shore Drive, to incorporate safe and efficient multimodal transportation throughout Du Sable Lake Shore Drive for pedestrians, cyclists, public transit users, and drivers, to emphasize green urban mobility, to ensure that any proposed changes are considered as part of a comprehensive plan for efficient traffic management and movement of people, including during special events and weather challenges, to create more green space and recreational opportunities for Chicagoans as well as visitors, and to repurpose, where possible, existing infrastructure as part of expanded recreational opportunities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to CDOT and IDOT.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 440

Offered by Representative Evans:

WHEREAS, The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) maintains that the federal government should respect state decisions to regulate cannabis, including hemp in non-FDA approved cannabis products; and

WHEREAS, NCSL believes states and localities should be able to set whatever policies work best to improve the public safety, health, and economic development of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Federal laws, including the Controlled Substances Act, should be amended to remove cannabis and cannabis derivatives from the Controlled Substance Schedules; and

WHEREAS, Federal laws should explicitly allow states to set their own cannabis policies without federal interference; and

WHEREAS, In states that have authorized cannabis production, distribution, and possession by establishing an effective regulatory scheme, the federal government should direct federal prosecutors to respect state cannabis laws when exercising discretion around enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Until cannabis is federally de-scheduled, the federal government should prioritize its enforcement actions against criminal enterprises engaged in illicit cannabis production and sale and not against citizens who are compliant with state cannabis laws; and

WHEREAS, Under federal law, cannabis businesses in states that have legalized the sale of cannabis are unable to use the U.S. banking system, forcing them to operate as primarily cash-only entities; and

WHEREAS, This reliance on cash makes cannabis businesses prime targets for theft, burglary, armed robbery, and other property crimes; and

WHEREAS, If Congress were to pass legislation allowing financial institutions to provide banking services to legitimate state-authorized, cannabis-related businesses, the risk of crime at these businesses would substantially decrease; and

WHEREAS, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine identified challenges and barriers in conducting cannabis research in a 2017 report titled "The Health Effects of Cannabis and Cannabinoids"; and

WHEREAS, It is especially important that Congress and the federal government provide researchers access to cannabis in the quantity, quality, and type necessary to research the health effects of cannabis use and that adequate funding sources are made available to support cannabis and cannabinoid research that explores the health benefits and risks of cannabis use; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Congress to adopt cannabis banking reform; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge Congress to remove cannabis from the Controlled Substance Schedules; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge Congress to reduce barriers to medical research on cannabis and cannabinoids; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies be delivered to the U.S. Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House Minority Leader, and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 442

Offered by Representative LaPointe:

WHEREAS, Wetlands, including marshes, swamps, and bogs, play a critical role in reducing flooding, recharging groundwater supplies, and filtering pollutants and nutrients; and

WHEREAS, Illinois contains hundreds of ecologically significant wetlands that provide habitat for a rich array of wildlife, including endangered species, and that are critical for migratory waterfowl and shorebirds due to their location within the Mississippi Flyway; and

WHEREAS, Since 1972, the Clean Water Act has played an essential role in protecting aquatic environments from pollution and maintaining their role in providing drinking water, recreation, and wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court dramatically weakened the Clean Water Act in its ruling in the Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency case; and

WHEREAS, Sackett concluded that the Clean Water Act does not protect wetlands that do not have a continuous surface connection to a federally protected body of water; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has lost 90% of its original wetlands; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has a goal of reducing phosphorus and nitrogen levels by 30% by 2035; and

WHEREAS, Illinois landowners are taking proactive steps to protect and install wetlands and buffer habitats; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a responsibility to protect its remaining wetlands and reduce pollution; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare November 8, 2023 as Illinois Wetlands Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge state agencies, local governments, and other organizations to work together to preserve and protect wetlands.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 443

Offered by Representative Kifowit:

WHEREAS, The Cold War consisted of the rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union that developed after World War II, representing the competing economic, political, and social values of their nations and their respective allies; and

WHEREAS, The Cold War involved hundreds of military exercises and operations that occurred between September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Millions of Americans valiantly stood watch as members of the Armed Forces during the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, The Cold War was permeated by an atmosphere of fear over the potential use of nuclear weapons on a scale that would annihilate humanity; and

WHEREAS, During the Cold War, the men and women of the Armed Forces used their training, expertise, and restraint to prevent escalation of nuclear tensions and to protect America and the world from nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, Many Americans sacrificed their lives in conflicts during the Cold War in the cause of defending democracy and promoting world peace and stability; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to remember the many sacrifices and contributions to the cause of freedom made by the outstanding men and women who served in the Armed Forces during the Cold War; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare December 26, 2023 and December 26, 2024 as Cold War Veterans Recognition Day in honor of the contributions and sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces during the Cold War; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage Cold War Veterans Recognition Day to be observed with appropriate activities, programs, and services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 444

Offered by Representative Davis, Jed:

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), paramedics, and other first responders may be exposed to unforeseen dangers when rendering medical assistance or crisis intervention; and

WHEREAS, These dangers may include rendering medical aid in the presence of hidden weapons to perpetrators of crime, to suspects attempting to elude police, or to patients confused or experiencing an altered state of consciousness; and

WHEREAS, First responders may render aid to patients under known or unknown conditions of medical trauma, shock, comas, hallucinations, emotional and psychological crisis, intoxication, or the influence of narcotics and other substances; and

WHEREAS, Emergency calls that begin as medical assistance or crisis intervention situations could either potentially evolve or suddenly transition into a very dangerous physical conflict, and these situations may include the presence of weapons, such as firearms, and may become violent, thereby endangering the lives of first responders, patients, and the public; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, the Illinois State Police, the State's fire departments and districts, the Office of the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator, and all public safety agencies in the State to review policies and procedures pertaining to the potential dangers encountered by emergency medical technicians, paramedics, public safety telecommunicators, and other first responders involved in rendering medical assistance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge that the training of first responders include policies and procedures that will improve situational awareness and the communications of EMTs, police, dispatch, and firefighters to best preserve their safety and the safety of patients and the public from these potentially dangerous situations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge that the training of first responders include procedures and policies to help identify such potentially dangerous situations, how to properly communicate a threat with dispatch, law enforcement, and other relevant responders, and the appropriate actions, disengagement, or response needed to de-escalate dangerous situations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the State's public safety agencies to critique their response to past experiences of emergency medical responses that evolved into violent or potentially violent incidents and to include, in their culture and procedures, open discussions about such responses and the necessary training, policies, and procedures needed to appropriately address such events in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois EMS Association, the Illinois State Ambulance Association, the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, and the Office of the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 446

Offered by Representative McCombie:

WHEREAS, On October 7, 2023, Hamas, a foreign terrorist organization, launched a brutal terrorist attack upon the civilians of the Republic of Israel; and

WHEREAS, This cross-border assault included thousands of rockets fired by Hamas into Israel and numerous terrorist incursions into the streets and homes of Israeli civilians; and

WHEREAS, As a result of this heinous attack, countless Israelis have been killed thus far, thousands more have been wounded, and more than one hundred Israelis and foreign nationals, including U.S. citizens, have been abducted and brutalized by Hamas terrorists, including reported rapes, torture, and murders of abducted civilians; and

WHEREAS, As of October 11, 2023, U.S. officials have reported that at least 27 American citizens have been killed in the brutal assault; and

WHEREAS, Numerous international news organizations have detailed the brutal slaughter of Israeli women, including the sickening murder of children and infants; and

WHEREAS, Continued prayers are offered to those abducted civilians, including those American citizens and their families; and

WHEREAS, The attack follows countless other terrorist acts by Hamas against the Republic of Israel and its Jewish civilians; and

WHEREAS, Patriotic Americans are responding to this attack by expressing their unwavering support for Israel and Jewish Americans; and

WHEREAS, In recent days, and even after the horrific attack of October 7, 2023, certain politicians and organizations have begun to say that "we need to listen to both sides" and "we ought not to rush to judgment" and "we need more data" and "it's complicated"; and

WHEREAS, When armed mobs of terrorists murder and abduct innocent civilian men, women, and children, the only people who see complications are those who lack moral standards and fail to recognize basic human dignity; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that in response to the heinous Hamas terrorist attack of October 7, 2023, we express unlimited, unwavering support for the civilians, soldiers, defenders, and government of the Republic of Israel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we reject any attempt to compromise, undermine, or "both sides" this fundamental moral issue of human good and evil; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we extend our sincere condolences to the families who have lost loved ones in this brutal assault, including the families of the 27 American citizens who lost their lives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to Yinan Cohen, the Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, at the Office of the Consulate General of Israel in Chicago.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 449

Offered by Representative Halbrook:

WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with the stated goal of destroying the State of Israel and has been designated by the United States as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; and

WHEREAS, The Hamas terrorist organization launched a brutal, highly-organized, and unprecedented attack upon Israel and its citizens in the early morning hours of October 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, In its attack, Hamas killed hundreds of innocent civilians and took hundreds of Israeli children, women, elderly, and infirm civilians hostage; and

WHEREAS, In its attack, Hamas fired thousands of rockets against Israeli population centers in an attempt to kill untold numbers of innocent civilians; and

WHEREAS, The level of logistical sophistication demonstrated in this Hamas terrorism operation indicates its receipt of support and funding from foreign state sponsors of terror, namely Iran; and

WHEREAS, The timing of this Hamas terrorism operation to coincide with the observance of the Jewish Sabbath and celebration of the Sukkoth holiday demonstrates the intent to maximize civilian casualties; and

WHEREAS, Hamas continues to brazenly locate elements of its terrorist infrastructure in civilian population centers, using civilians as human shields; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we strongly condemn the attacks on the State of Israel and its people and strongly implore the government of Israel to bring the terrorist organization, Hamas, to an end; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we recognize Israel's right to act decisively and unilaterally in self-defense to protect its citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our support for Israel's right to pursue without interference or condemnation the elimination of Hamas until Hamas is permanently neutralized and public safety is assured; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we convey our most heartfelt condolences to all Israeli victims as well as their families and communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon Illinois law enforcement to remain vigilant in protecting Israeli Americans, Jewish Americans, and all supporters of Israel from acts of crime and unlawful discrimination that tend to manifest at such times; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage all other American states to likewise condemn Hamas as well as any official body that refuses to recognize Israel's right to act decisively in self-defense to protect its citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon the United States to provide assistance to support Israel in its defense against Hamas and all other terrorist organizations that threaten its sovereignty; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to all Illinois Constitutional Officers, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives, the President and Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate, and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 453

Offered by Representative Ammons:

WHEREAS, Slavery provided much of the revenue for the young State of Illinois and severed ties between enslaved people and their ancestors, resulting in the erasure of family histories for both enslaved people and their descendants; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. has a social responsibility and duty towards African American descendants of enslaved individuals to provide the public service of assisting Black citizens in reconnecting with their ancestral history; the State of Illinois has an equal responsibility to Black Illinoisans; and

WHEREAS, Although Illinois is a northern state, slavery was prevalent within its boundaries before the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, and enslaved individuals still worked the salt springs of the Illinois Salines until 1825; slavery in the Illinois Salines was permitted because it provided as much as a third of the yearly revenue for the young State; indentured servitude at the salt springs continued until 1870; this history of slavery in Illinois deepens the responsibility of the State to assist African American citizens in recovering their lost history; and

WHEREAS, Since the first direct-to-consumer genetic ancestry test was pioneered in 2000, technological capabilities have vastly improved, enabling refined genetic genealogy that can trace ancestral connections over the past 500 years; given this advancement in technology, the U.S., honoring its moral obligation to descendants of enslaved Africans, is now exceptionally positioned to facilitate this reconnection through a genealogy-based pilot program; and

WHEREAS, In addition to restoring a sense of personal belonging and ethnic identity, both being critical for psychological well-being, genetic genealogical evidence provides descendants of enslaved African Americans with robust genetic evidentiary support of their African family origins; several African countries, including Ghana, Sierra Leone, Gabon, and Eritrea have begun offering citizenship to individuals who can trace their ancestry back to their respective country, including ancestry traced through genetic genealogy; improvements in genetic genealogical technology provide new found support for the desire expressed by president Abraham Lincoln in the Emancipation Proclamation to establish a voluntary repatriation program for African descendants to return to their African ancestral homelands; and

WHEREAS, Nearly all Black Americans can successfully trace their genetic ancestry to one or more African countries; today, there are currently 42 million African American descendants of those enslaved in the U.S.; the genetic analyses completed in the Genetic Consequences of the Transatlantic Slave Trade in the Americas study by Steven Micheletti and colleagues found that African Americans tend to have ancestry from four main regions in Atlantic Africa, including Nigeria, Senegambia (Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, and Senegal), Coastal West Africa (Sierra Leone, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, and Liberia), and the Congo region, which includes Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo; approximately 71% of African American 23andMe research participants had detectable segments of DNA that are identical with current ethnolinguistic groups from all four Atlantic African regions stemming from a common ancestor; as documented by Jazlyn Mooney and her colleagues in their study On the Number of Genealogical Ancestors Tracing to the Source Groups of an Admixed Population, there is a high probability, over 97.5%, that an average African American can trace their ancestry back to at least one African ancestor from each of eight to 12 generations ago culminating in an approximate total of 269 African ancestors within this timeframe; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 15% of Black adults in the U.S. have taken consumer genetic genealogy tests; African Americans should not be economically burdened to obtain information regarding their ancestral history, which was forcibly taken from them through practices of slavery that economically benefited the growing United States; and

WHEREAS, Reparations has been granted towards other groups residing in the U.S., yet African Americans have never been compensated to redress the racial harms enacted upon their person during times of slavery; while white slave owners were compensated for the emancipation of their slaves, enslaved individuals only had access to social support via the Freedmen's Bureau Act of 1865 and 1866, which provided basic needs including food, clothing, and shelter, due to the displacement of southerners after the Civil War; while the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 and the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 paid reparations to Japanese Americans, up to \$20,000 per survivor, and the Indian Claims Commission allocates approximately \$1,000 per person, enslaved persons of African descent and their descendants have never received monetary compensation for the atrocities committed against them prior to the abolishment of slavery; this is despite there having been over 10 million African Americans human trafficked from their families and homeland only to be forced to build the infrastructure of America and generate wealth for early white Americans; in 1989, H.R. 40 was introduced to establish a commission to investigate the impacts of enslavement and to evaluate proposals for reparation; though this resolution has been introduced for decades, it has not been passed; and

WHEREAS, It is technologically straightforward and a moral imperative to rectify the erasure of family histories resulting from slavery; it is now possible to establish a family roots genealogy pilot program that can equip descendants of enslaved African Americans with robust genetic evidentiary support of their African family origins; Dr. LaKisha David, an assistant professor at the University of Illinois (U of I) Urbana-Champaign in the Department of Anthropology, is a distinguished expert on reuniting African Americans with long lost kin in Africa through autosomal DNA genetic testing; she is a former postdoctoral fellow of Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Genetics and Genomics at the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine; she will be the principal investigator in establishing this genealogy-based family roots program; U of I's Department of Anthropology has expressed their commitment to these efforts and interest in ways they can continue to serve both reparative and decolonizing efforts of the State more generally; and

WHEREAS, The procedure will begin with the collection of saliva samples that will be processed at The Illinois Roy J. Carver Biotechnology Center, situated in Urbana, pending appropriation funding; once the processing is completed, the saliva samples will be securely destroyed; the resulting data will then be transferred to Nightingale, a high-performance computer cluster designed for sensitive data that is housed in

the National Center for Supercomputing (NCSA) at the U of I at Urbana Champaign; using Nightingale ensures secure storage and provides powerful computation while adhering to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) regulations; the sample will be accompanied by a unique identifying code rather than participants' personal information; nongenetic data for this project will be stored in the U of I at Urbana-Champaign Research Electronic Data Capture (REDCap), a highly secure and robust web-based research data collection and management system; Illinois REDCap is among the systems and services that meet requirements established by HIPAA; participants logging in will receive results that are hosted on a HIPAA-compliant platform; for the protection of all participants, DNA samples collected may not be subjected for subpoenas or accessed for any other purposes; and

WHEREAS, Researchers cannot release or use information, documents, or samples that may identify participants in any action or suit unless the participant consents; researchers also cannot provide data as evidence unless participants have agreed; this protection includes federal, state, local, civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceedings; this does not stop participants from willingly releasing information about their involvement in this research and does not prevent participants from having access to their own information; and

WHEREAS, The U of I at Urbana-Champaign, established as a land-grant institution through the Morrill Act of 1862, was entrusted with a mission to democratize higher education and serve the public interest across Illinois and beyond; despite this intent, U of I's historical record is marked by periods of exclusion and insufficient representation of African Americans that cast a shadow over its commitment to true inclusivity; these specialized centers, backed by the State of Illinois, hold the potential to make amends and realign with the original vision of the land-grant mission; the centers carry a paramount duty to redress past neglect, actively engage with the African American community, and to emphasize the profound need to reconnect individuals to their ancestral roots; through this initiative, the centers have an opportunity, and indeed an obligation, to play a transformative role in facilitating understanding, reconnection, and healing, and, in doing so, work towards rectifying the U of I's historical shortcomings in relation to a community with a deeply impactful, yet often sidelined, history; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge support for the Family Roots Genealogy Pilot Program as it provides African American descendants of enslaved individuals the opportunity to trace their roots back to their ancestral homelands, to reconnect with their ancestral heritage, and to promote their well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Family Roots Genealogy Pilot Program as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 41

Offered by Representative Niemerg:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly find it fitting to pay respect and honor to former Head Coach Ron Felling for his commitment to Illinois state sports and his longtime career of teaching athletes; and

WHEREAS, Coach Felling coached basketball at Lawrenceville High School and Indiana University; he has touched the lives of countless players and continues to do so today; and

WHEREAS, Coach Felling served as the basketball coach, baseball coach, football assistant coach, and athletic director for Lawrenceville High School; he served as assistant coach for four seasons and as the head coach for basketball for 16 seasons; he has one of the best records in the State of Illinois for basketball, coaching to 388 victories against 77 losses in 16 years as head coach; he is a four-time Illinois High School Association state championship coach, winning in 1972, 1974, 1982, and 1983 and placing 3rd in 1976; he won 12 Illinois High School Association regional titles, seven Illinois High School Association sectional championships, and five Illinois High School Association super-sectionals; his 1982 and 1983 state championship teams went 68 and 0, a record that still stands; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Coach Felling was recognized by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association and inducted into the Basketball Museum of Illinois; he was named the coach of the year by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association and Illinois Coaches Association and is a four-time Southern and Central

Illinois coach of the year; he was also selected as one of the 100 Legends in Illinois High School Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Coach Felling played basketball at Indiana State University in 1961 and was named as Indiana State University's Outstanding Alumnus in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Coach Felling was hired as assistant coach by Bob Knight at Indiana University in 1985, serving for 14 years; during which time, the team won the 1987 National Collegiate Athletics Association National Championship, finished in two final fours, and won four Big Ten regular-season titles and an Olympic Gold Medal; and

WHEREAS, Coach Felling's career in coaching spanned nearly 40 years; after his retirement, he hosted summer shooting camps for athletes in several states and was asked to speak in several clinics across the country; and

WHEREAS, Coach Felling lives in Bloomington, Indiana with his wife, Cammy; he has three children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Coach Felling's former players and companions wish to provide him with this honor; 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 Illinois Route 1 from North 950 Street to the intersection of U.S. Route 50 and Illinois Route 1 as the "Coach Ron Felling Highway"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate signs giving notice of the name "Coach Ron Felling Highway", along with the years of the state championships, 1972, 1974, 1982, 1983, and the 3rd place finish in 1976 noted on all appropriate signage; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Coach Felling and the Secretary of Transportation.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 42

Offered by Representative Cabello:

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

WHEREAS, Chief Arthur L. Weston was born to Leo and Dorothy Weston in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 1, 1925; he graduated from West High School in 1943; he served with the U.S. Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Chief Weston started his career as a patrolman for the Loves Park Police Department; he was the former police chief and organizer of the Rock Valley security force; he also served as the Byron and Roscoe police chief as well as deputy coroner for Winnebago County and deputy in the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Weston married Marion Weston on August 21, 1947; he was a loving husband and father to Marion and his five children, Cindy Gau, Vickey Robert, Debbie Pasch, Wanda Verterlli, and William Weston; and

WHEREAS, Chief Weston was a proud member of the Illinois Police Association, the Rockton Rotary Club, and the Rockton American Legion; and

WHEREAS, On October 27, 1977, Chief Weston responded to a burglary-in-progress call and located the suspect in an upstairs bedroom; after an intense struggle, he was able to place the suspect into custody; as he was transporting the suspect to jail, he began to have chest pains and called for backup; he was taken to a local hospital, where he died approximately one hour later; and

WHEREAS, Chief Weston gave his life in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Chief Weston was survived by his wife, Marion, and his children, Cindy, Vickey, Debbie, Wanda, and William; 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

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we designate the section of Illinois Route 75 from East Union Street to East River Street in Rockton as the "Chief Arthur L. Weston Memorial Highway"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name "Chief Arthur L. Weston Memorial Highway"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Chief Weston and the Secretary of Transportation.

At the hour of 3:14 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.