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Speaker Andrade: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee... Pastor Lee Crawford, the pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and for the Pledge of Allegiance."

Lee Crawford: "Let us pray. Gracious and sovereign God, you are the giver and the sustainer of life. May your blessings of sight and hearing be upon this august Assembly. May you open their eyes to see you, open their ears to hear you. May your blessings of wisdom and strength be upon the Speaker of this House, upon all of its Leaders, upon all of its Members, upon all of its staff. Father, I pray that you grant them direction and grant them guidance. Father, I pray that you hold their hands and order their steps according to your ways and not their own. Father, I pray that you will stretch out your hand and raise them up, for you are the lifter of their heads, for you are the lifter of their hearts. Give them supernatural strength for the work that they do and the sometime tedious task at hand. Give them great wisdom for the decisions they make and your guidance for the directions in which they lead. God, purify their motives, protect them from themselves, protect them from their egos, protect them from their pride. Father, help them to bow before your great throne and ask for your help. Let's... that sometimes enormous weight of pressure, they break. May they never lose hope and forget your promise that is, he who blesses me, I will bless them. And he who honors me, I will honor them. This we humbly pray and ask in your precious son's name, Amen."

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Speaker Andrade: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Avelar."

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

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

Harris: "Nice to see you up there, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Andrade: "Thank you."

Harris: "And I would like to report that Representatives Ramirez, Jones, Mason, and Guerrero-Cuellar are excused today."

Speaker Andrade: "Thank you. Representative... Leader Welter is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representative Ozinga is excused for the day."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Smith, Chairperson from the Committee on Economic Opportunity & Equity reports the following committee action taken on May 5, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar for Senate Bill 295. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools reports the following committee action

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taken on May 5, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar for Senate Bill 605. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on May 5, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar for Senate Bill 189, Senate Bill 544, Senate Bill 687, Senate Bill 1539, Senate Bill 1611, and Senate Bill 1765. Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on May 5, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar for Senate Bill 136, Senate Bill 190, Senate Bill 1638, Senate Bill 1928, and Senate Bill 2014. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on May 5, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar for Senate Bill 548, and Senate Bill 1993; do pass as amended Consent Calendar for Senate Bill 1921. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Immigration & Human Rights reports the following committee action taken on May 5, 2021: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 2079. Representative Mayfield, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Public Safety reports the following committee action taken on May 5, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 27. Representative Conroy, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health & Addiction reports the following committee action taken on May 6, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar for Senate Bill 1786; do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1966; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 106 and 131; and recommends be adopted as amended is House Resolution 4. Representative Halpin, Chairperson from the Committee on

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Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on May 6, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar for Senate Bill 167, Senate Bill 307, Senate Bill 460, Senate Bill 1650, Senate Bill 1675, Senate Bill 1681, and Senate Bill 2107; do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1646. Representative Yingling, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action taken on May 6, 2021: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 501, Senate Bill 2201, and Senate Bill 2278. Representative Robinson, Chairperson from the Committee on Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT reports the following committee action taken on May 6, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar for Senate Bill 2175. Representative Lilly, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 6, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar for Senate Bill 506; and recommends be adopted is House Resolutions 112, 181, and 194. Representative Hurley, Chairperson from the Committee on Police & Fire reports the following committee action taken on May 6, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar for Senate Bill 85, and Senate Bill 121. Representative Cassidy, Chairperson from the Committee on Restorative Justice reports the following committee action taken on May 6, 2021: do pass Consent Calendar for Senate Bill 64, and Senate Bill 2116; do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 2129. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 6, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 207. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 270, offered by Representative Hirschauer. House

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Resolution 272, offered by Representative Demmer. And House Resolution 275, offered by Representative Flowers. These Resolutions are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Andrade: "Members, an announcement. This is a reminder of House Rule 51.5. Please remember to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth, except when necessary for eating or drinking. This includes when speaking on the microphone at your desk. Again, please remember to wear a face covering, including while speaking on the microphone, as pursuant to House Rule 51.5. Thank you. Representative Ford, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ford: "Mr. Speaker, congratulations on your debut. I'd rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I just want to congratulate a business here in Springfield that opened up a new business. They opened up their second dispensary. So, they have one in Springfield, and they have one in Chicago. That's a good deal. But I want to remind everyone, that as of today, the industry is still without a majority black or brown owner. The industry is still without a majority black and brown owner. As of today, the records show that sales topped \$109 million in March and put Illinois on track to hitting \$1 billion this year. At the end of our prayer, we do the Pledge of Allegiance, and we talk about justice for all. There is no justice in the cannabis industry in Illinois. And I urge this Body to come together to make sure that we exercise the full intent of the Illinois cannabis law and pass legislation so that the cannabis law could meet its full intent and diversify

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the industry so that it's not dominated and monopolized by a few people. So, thank you so very much for listening to me, Mr. Speaker. And you're doing a fine job."

Speaker Andrade: "Thank you. Representative Caulkins, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Caulkins: "Thank you very much. Members of the House, today we dedicated the Illinois Police Officers Memorial. This dedication is a result of a 30-year effort to build this memorial on our campus. And today I rise to read the names of the officers who were put on that memorial today. Trooper First Class Lambert. Deputy Sheriff Keltner. Trooper First Class Jones-Story. Trooper First Class Ellis. Deputy Sheriff Chisum. Trooper First Class Hopkins. Officer Di Franco. Sergeant Martin, Sr. Chief Engle. Officer Newman. Correctional Officer Rivera. Deputy Sheriff O'Brien. Correctional Officer Pierre Jones. Correctional Officer Marquez. Deputy Sheriff Santiago, Jr. Field Training Officer Moore. These men and women were enshrined today on the Illinois State Police Officers Memorial. I ask for a moment of silence to recognize their sacrifice and for protecting all of us."

Speaker Andrade: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Attention, Members, for an announcement. The deadline to file Committee Amendments to Senate Bills will be next Wednesday, May 12, at 3 p.m. I repeat, next Wednesday, May 12, at 3 p.m. Committee Amendments filed after 3:00 p.m. next Wednesday will not be considered for assignment by the Rules Committee.

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Once again, Members, the deadline for filing Committee Amendments to Senate Bills is next Wednesday, at 3 p.m. Thank you. Representative Weber, what do you seek recognition for?"

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

Speaker Andrade: "Pleaser proceed."

Weber: "I rise today and ask my fellow Representatives to rise in honoring our following law enforcement officers. One hundred thirty five years ago, on May 4, 1886, eight Chicago patrol officers assigned to disperse protestors at the Haymarket riots were killed by a bomb thrown at them by a protestor and then the gunshots that followed. A law enforcement officer's risk has not changed since 1886 'til today. Since 1853, 1,134 officers and 16 canine units in the State of Illinois have died honoring their oath to protect me, my family, all of you, and all of Illinois residents, including Representative Moylan's grandfather, a Chicago police officer, Mark Moylan, on May 17, 1952. When you ask an officer why they chose a profession in law enforcement, they will often say it chose them. It is in their heart to want to help make things right for others and to ensure the safety of those who cannot protect themselves. Let us remember and pray for the safety of the ones still out there working 365 days a year, rotating shifts, missing holidays and other important events with their families all because of their love for their job and their dedication to protect and serve. Today we in this chamber sincerely honor those we have lost, and we honor the loved ones for their sacrifice that they have given to the State of Illinois. I ask everyone in the chamber to please

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honor our fallen law enforcement officers with another moment of silence, please."

Speaker Andrade: "The Body will be in a moment of silence. Thank you, Members. On page 3 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 23, offered by Leader Flowers. Out of the record. House Resolution 35, offered by Leader Brady."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 35 simply seeks to acknowledge that National Safety Grain Bin Safety Week in February of this year. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader, do you have an Amendment on this?"

Brady: "I believe we did, yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Brady."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Brady moves adoption of Floor Amendment 1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Brady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 35. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 54, offered by Representative Harper. Representative Harper, would you like the... out of the record. House Resolution 64, presented by... offered by Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and congratulations on your first day in the Chair. House Resolution 64 raises awareness

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about the condition of endometriosis, an often undiagnosed and poorly understood condition that affects millions of women around the world and thousands of women here in Illinois. This Resolution has no opposition, would encourage an 'aye' vote, and happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Moeller moves for the adoption of House Resolution 64. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 66, offered by Representative Bennett."

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 66 is a Resolution that seeks to mourn the death of Marvin E. Perzee and declares May 20, 2021, as 'Marvin Perzee County Fair Day'. Marvin Perzee and his wife, Sharon, grew up around agriculture and basically county fairs and are both heavily involved with the Ashkum Chargers, a local 4-H club. Marvin was a volunteer for Chargers for five decades. He was first elected into the Iroquois County Agricultural and 4-H Club Fair Board in 1967. Unrivaed knowledge of the inner workings of the Iroquois County Fair. And during his tenure, the fairgrounds built multiple new buildings and expanded the fair to become one of the premier county fairs in Illinois. He could even name how many ash trees, God bless him, were on the fairgrounds. Marvin held many leadership roles in the Illinois Association of Agricultural Affairs and a number of positions. He was a tireless and highly successful advocate on the state level for the importance of adequate funding for county fairs to not only serve as economic engines for rural committees across the state but also to cultivate for the younger generations

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an interest in agricultural careers. On this, I ask for a moment of silence, and ask for an 'aye' vote, please."

Speaker Andrade: "The Body shall take a moment of silence. Thank you, Members. Representative Bennett moves for the adoption of House Resolution 66. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 91, offered by Representative Buckner."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HR91 is initiative that attempts to raise awareness of the negative consequences of student loan debt in the United States and in Illinois. In the United States, over 45 million people collectively owe more than \$1.5 trillion in student loan debt, making it the second highest form of consumer debt, only behind home mortgages. Student loan debt is also higher than credit card debt and auto loan debt. This Resolution urges the United States Congress to acknowledge outstanding student debt as a crisis, to develop and pass legislation that will forgive current student loan debts, and to prevent future students from amassing an overwhelming burden of debt. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Buckner moves for the adoption of House Resolution 91. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 97, offered by Leader McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you. HR97, a little delayed, declares April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child abuse and neglect is a major social problem in Illinois, with 34,561 indicated

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cases affecting children statewide in 2018. That's 34,561 in 2016... 2018, I'm sorry. 2019, that's increased 46,229. Illinois law requires that mandated reporters, including most professional employees within education, health care, law enforcement, and social work sectors, report suspected child neglect and abuse. National Child Abuse Prevention Month promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families and thus deserves to acknowledge the importance of community cooperation throughout Illinois, the nation with respect to prevention of child abuse and neglect. Ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative McCombie moves for the adoption of House Resolution 97. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 101, offered by Leader Bennett."

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. By the way, Sir, you are looking pretty good up there. Thank you very much, and congratulations as well. House Resolution 101 urges the state to redouble its efforts to work with the Federal Government, local governments, the private sector, civil societies, schools and students, farmers, ranchers, fishing communities, and sportsmen to conserve the land, rivers, and lakes of Illinois for present and future generations to enjoy. It also encourages young people for taking the lead in the effort to conserve Illinois environmental resources. The students at Pontiac Township High School raised \$100 thousand and launched Operation Endangered Species to restore endangered species to their historical habitats. Through the Operation

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Endangered Species program, these students have performed research, secured habitat, and informed citizens and empowered youth to take action. Whereas, the Operation Endangered Species fostered cooperation between the students of Pontiac Township High School and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, resulting in the reintroduction of the Alligator Snapping Turtle back into its natural habitat. I move for an 'aye' vote, please."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Bennett moves for the adoption of House Resolution 101. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 107, offered by Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and it's good to see you in the well. Ladies and Gentlemen, I rise to present HR107. It encourages companies to bring pre-training and pre-hiring placement centers to the underserved communities, bringing a resurgence of economic opportunity and workforce development to underserved areas to ensure that those who have faced historical structural barriers have the same opportunities to participate in the economic and benefits that economy grows around us each and every day. It is set forth in our Governor's plan to build Illinois, and we need to build it together. Thank you. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Lilly moves for the adoption of House Resolution 107. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Lilly, House Resolution 108."

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Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I rise to present HR108. It declares July 2021 as Park and Recreational Month. Park and recreations are vital, important into establishing and maintaining the quality of life of communities here in Illinois, ensuring the health of all citizens and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the community and its region. Programs increases the community's economic prosperities through increased property values, expanding of local tax base, increased tourism and attractions, and retention to business and crime reduction. Our parks and recreational areas are the fundamental essence of our environment and it brings communities to its best. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Lilly moves for the adoption of House Resolution 108. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 54, offered by Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present House Resolution 54, which urges the Federal Government to put Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Harper moves the adoption of House Resolution 54. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 116, offered by Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 116 states that all... that adolescents... this is... expresses support for improved adolescent health and wellness

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by recognizing the importance of an adolescent well visit. Adolescence is a critical time to develop health habits and skills that continue on throughout a person's life. According to the Institutes of Medicines and the National Research Council, prevention, early intervention, and timely disease is one of the most important parts of designing adolescent health services and can help prevent or decrease the incidence of chronic disease into adulthood. Appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of House Resolution 116. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 6, 2021: approved for consideration, referred to Third Reading is House Bill 3702."

Speaker Andrade: "House Resolution 117, offered by Representative Yednock."

Yednock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 117 asks the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Commerce to increase exportation of Illinois dairy products to other nations. Dairy foods such as milk, cheese, and yogurt are important nutritional sources of calcium, potassium, and vitamin D, among others. Illinois is the third.. is third in rank of Ag exports to the world and approximately \$7 billion annually, with 323 million of that being derived from dairy products. We can boost income, jobs, and global health with increasing dairy exports from Illinois. And I hope to see us

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get to be the number one exporter in dairy products. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Yednock moves for the adoption of House Resolution 117. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 126, offered by Representative Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 126 is a Resolution to promote heart health. According to the Centers for Disease Control, heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Also, according to the CDC, an estimated 80 percent of heart disease is preventable. Increasing heart awareness... or the awareness of hearth health is important to reducing the prevalence of heart disease and heart attacks. This could be done by promoting annual heart wellness checks, as well as a test called the coronary calcium scan or heart scan, which helps reveal a person's risk of heart disease before other warning signs. This Resolution acknowledges the importance of heart health, including the importance of those heart scans, and also encourages citizens to obtain critical annual heart wellness tests. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Windhorst moves for the adoption of House Resolution 126. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 134, offered by Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 134 urges President Biden and other federal leaders to designate the

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1908 Race Riot Sites in Springfield as a national monument to be managed by the National Park Service. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Scherer moves for the adoption of House Resolution 134. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 138, offered by Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Resolution 138 declares March of 2021 to be 'Precision Medicine and Biomarker Testing Awareness Month'. This is to raise awareness and encourage education, improve the understanding of how biomarker testing can be used in the diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring of patients. We have seen incredible results with cancer patients using these biomarkers, and we'd really like to encourage and educate people about their use. When they're combined with an individual's medical history and circumstances, biomarker testing can allow health care providers to really better target treatment and really improve health outcomes. Appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of House Resolution 138. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 139, offered by Leader Butler. Out of the record. House Resolution 158, offered by Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present House Resolution 158, which simply urges the Federal and State

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Government to respond to the crisis of racial injustice, mass unemployment, a pandemic, and climate change by adopting a THRIVE Agenda, which it stands for Agenda to Transform, Heal, and Renew by Investing in a Vibrant Economy. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Harper moves for the adoption of House Resolution 158. Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good to see you up there in the well today. You're doing a great job. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Andrade: "She indicates she will."

Wheeler: "Representative, good morning, or good afternoon now. Can you give me a little bit of a background on the THRIVE Agenda, a little more than what our analysis has. If you could just give me some top points if... I'd appreciate that."

Harper: "Sure. So, the THRIVE Agenda is currently in Congress. And this House Resolution is based off of it, and it lays the groundwork for a national response to economic recovery, racial justice, as well as climate change."

Wheeler: "Supposed to be a pretty, like, aggressive agenda here, I'm saying, because you covered a lot of really important topics that we've been talking about for a long time. That be a fair statement?"

Harper: "I would say so."

Wheeler: "Is there any specific legislation or just an agenda, just a bunch of ideas that say here's what we think we'll do..."

Harper: "Yeah."

Wheeler: "Okay."

Harper: "It's pretty much just..."

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Wheeler: "So, there's nothing that says pass this Bill or... it's just a concept?"

Harper: "Yes, Sir. It's just a concept, and it's just stating that it is the duty of the Federal Government and the State Government to respond to these crises."

Wheeler: "All right. Thank you for answering my questions."

Harper: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Harper moves for the adoption of House Resolution 158. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 163, offered by Representative Stoneback."

Stoneback: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Last March 16, I clearly remember how I first learned of the Atlanta shootings. I happened to be working on my gun violence prevention legislation when a colleague texted me about the shootings. As the news unfolded of the senseless hate crime that left eight people dead, I was again horrified but not surprised. When guns are used in the commission of a hate crime, the tragedies are too often lethal. Six of the eight victims in the Atlanta shooting were women of Asian descent. Anti-Asian hate has risen over the past year and the gruesome shooting in Atlanta sparked outrage and fear in the Asian American community. In the weeks that followed that shooting, I attended multiple vigils and rallies to come together with fellow Asian Americans and speak out against anti-Asian hate. Reflecting upon this tragedy, it was yet another incident to be added to a long list of preventable tragedies resulting from the deadly intersection of hate and firearms, including

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the African Americans who were shot dead as they prayed during a bible study in Charleston, South Carolina, the Jewish people who were murdered mercilessly at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and the young people at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, who were targeted because of their sexual orientation. Mass shootings keep happening. According to the Gun Violence Archive, there have been more than 163 mass shootings in 2021 so far, and 67 of them since the Atlanta shooting. Two of the largest were in our neighboring states, Kenosha, Wisconsin and Indianapolis, Indiana. As Members of the General Assembly, we were elected by the people of Illinois to debate and pass meaningful legislation in their best interest. When a tragedy occurs, it behooves us to reexamine the status quo and decide how we can improve State Laws to prevent another tragedy from occurring. The urgency of the issue prompted me to draft this Resolution to commit to passing meaningful legislation that will prevent people filled with hate from obtaining the means by which to end innocent lives. I would like to thank all of my colleagues who've supported this Resolution. As an Asian American Legislator, this is deeply appreciated and meaningful to me. It is my sincere hope that every Member of the General Assembly will support this Resolution. I would ask for a moment of silence in honor of the victims of gun violence and hate crimes everywhere. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "The Body will stand in a moment of silence. Thank you, Members. Representative Stoneback moves for the adoption of House Resolution 163. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the

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Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 164, offered by Representative Greenwood. Out of the record. House Resolution 166, offered by Representative Barbara Hernandez. Please proceed."

Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HR166 urges the Members of the General Assembly to support and enact policies that are based on equity to keep women and children in Illinois safe from gun violence, and that will lead to a healthier community."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Barbara Hernandez moves for the adoption of House Resolution 166. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 167, offered by Representative West."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 167 declares August 26, 2021 Montford Point Marines Day, an initiative of a constituent in my district. I'll read a couple paragraphs. Whereas, over 20,000 black Americans trained at Montford Point, fought honorably and with distinction, and broke down barriers of discrimination to become the first black Americans to serve in the Marine Corps. And whereas, President FDR signed Executive Order 8802 on June 25, 1941, banning discrimination because of race, creed, color, and national origin in all government agencies. Again, this makes August 26, 2021 Montford Point Marines Day. Would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative West moves for the adoption of House Resolution 167. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'

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have it. The Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 170, offered by Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I offer House Resolution 170, and it request the U.S. Department of Education exempt Illinois schools from taking the state mandated standardized tests in the spring of 2021 due to COVID. And I would request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can we have a roll call vote on this?"

Speaker Andrade: "Will do. Representative Scherer moves for the adoption of House Resolution 170. 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... Mr. Clerk, take the record. On the question, there are 68 'yays', 37 'nays', and 2 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. Under Agreed Resolutions appears House Resolution 269, offered by Leader Bennett."

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There we go. There we go. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen and Chairman, House Resolution 0269 mourns the passing of a wonderful lady by the name of Phyllis Ann Jameson. This Resolution was done both by State Representative DeLuca and myself. One of Phyllis' sons is a very good friend of Representative DeLuca. Phyllis Jameson was appointed as the first female coroner of Iroquois County. She became one of the first female officials elected to a countywide position when she was elected as coroner in November of 1978. She won her next four elections for Iroquois

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County Coroner and served for 20 years. After the resignation of the sheriff, she briefly served in the additional role of sheriff in 1980, making her the first female sheriff of Iroquois County. She was elected as president of the Illinois Coroners Association in December of 1985. She was later elected to the Iroquois County Board, where she served for 10 years. Phyllis Ann Jameson enjoyed her career as a public servant, while serving in one of the most challenging public roles. She was highly respected and known for her expertise, for being compassionate, refreshingly honest, conscientious, helpful, and forever thorough. She leaves a legacy as a pioneer for women in her field and as a dedicated public servant who understood the importance of her role in making families feel heard during very difficult times. Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence and an 'aye' vote, please."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Brady is recognized."

Brady: "Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, and to the Resolution. I personally knew Phyllis Jameson. Our paths crossed many times as my service as county coroner and deputy coroner of McClain County. She was everything that Representative Bennett just described. She was dedicated. She was caring. She was professional. And she was highly educated. And in the profession as county coroner, the interaction you have with families at their worst time takes a special kind of person. That special person was Phyllis Ann Jameson."

Speaker Andrade: "The Body shall take a moment of silence. Thank you, Members. Leader Bennett moves for the adoption of House Resolution 269. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'

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have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 139, offered by Leader Butler."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And you look awfully nice up there. But do they need a... do we need a box?"

Speaker Andrade: "I have two."

Butler: "Very good. House Resolution 139... I'm glad to be joined by my friend Dan Ugaste on this... declares October 22, 2021 as Ecumenical See Day... See of Constantinople Day to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the elevation of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. And I would urge its adoption."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Butler moves for the adoption of House Resolution 139. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 174, offered by Representative Robinson. Out of the record. House Resolution 186, offered by Representative Mason. Out of the record. House Resolution 191, offered by Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And it does look great... you do look great up there, Sir. House Resolution 191 declares August 2020 (sic-2021) as Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month. Spinal muscular atrophy is a degenerative, genetic neurological condition that affects and prevents motor controlled neurons from sending signals from the central nervous system to the body's muscle that, in turn, causes a loss of muscle control and ultimately muscle wasting. One in eleven thousand children born are born with spinal muscular atrophy. Early detection is very important. May of 2018, this

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House passed Senate Bill 456, sponsored by Representative Lilly. It requires SMA testing of newborns. Part of what we'd like to accomplish is bring awareness to this as ongoing research offers the promise that a cure for spinal muscular atrophy may one day be found, and it's through awareness that we hope to do this. Mr. Speaker, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Swanson moves for the adoption of House Resolution 191. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 193, offered by Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. House Resolution 193 declares May 3 'Tardive Dyskinesia Week'. The week of May 3. This is a disorder that's created... that is caused by... as a secondary affect to taking psychiatric drugs. So, this is something that people who struggle with mental health illnesses often develop, and it affects their motor skills and movement. And this is an important thing to bring some awareness to. So, that's what this does. I appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Conroy moves for the adoption of House Resolution 193. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 196, offered by Representative Didech."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution declares March of 2022 as Illinois Whole Child Month to recognize the value of assuring that each student is challenged, supported, healthy, safe, and engaged. It is an initiative of the

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Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Didech moves for the House... the adoption of House Resolution 196. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 201, offered by Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to present to the Body today a Resolution that acknowledges Greek Independence Day. As the Body might know, that Greek Independence Day... this Resolution is a bit behind. But Greek Independence Day marks the 200th anniversary of the independence of Greece, and celebrates democracy in Greece and the United States. So, I ask for the support of this Resolution. Thank you very much."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of House Resolution 201. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 205, offered by Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 205 is a constituent initiative. A seventh grader from my district, Gianna Pietrini, gave this to me. And she's very passionate about this issue. Our local school district is doing a good job, but she would like to see the effort of disability awareness expanded throughout the state. I would appreciate support from the Body. And if anybody is looking to cosponsor, please see me."

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Speaker Andrade: "Representative Morrison moves for the adoption of House Resolution 205. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 212, offered by Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 212 declares May 25, 2021, as Trauma Informed Awareness Day in Illinois to highlight the impact of trauma. Trauma, which may include adverse childhood experiences and other experiences across the life-course, disrupts health and well-being, making it more difficult for people to reach their potential and participate fully in their communities. A resilience can be built in individuals throughout the lifespan through trauma-informed, healing-centered care, principles, and practices. So, I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of House Resolution 212. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 215, offered by Representative Avelar."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 215 calls upon the Biden Administration to take immediate steps, including Executive Orders, administrative policy changes, and regulatory changes, to undo the harmful immigration policies of the Trump Administration. Illinois home to over 1.8 million immigrants, including me and my family, and 1.7 million more who are the children of immigrants. Last week, President Biden mentioned in his address to Congress that he wants movement on immigration legislation. But the truth is, that so far, we

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have only had words from Washington, D.C. and we have not seen action. Right now, given the President and the makeup of Congress, we have the opportunity to not only undo the harms of the Trump Administration, but also to improve an immigration system that has harmed so many, even before he took office. We need President Biden, Senators Durbin and Duckworth, and the Illinois Congressional Delegation to do their part and enact a pathway to citizenship that includes all 11 million people without current immigration status. Now is the time to go big and fix our immigration system so that it is rooted in justice and equity for future generations of immigrants and their children. I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Mazzochi, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mazzochi: "Oh, I ask for a roll call vote on this one."

Speaker Andrade: "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... Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 63 'yays', 43 'nays', 1 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. On Supplemental Calendar #1 appears House Resolution 207, offered by Leader Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Representative Andrade and the great Members of this Assembly. I bring you House Resolution 207, which is an initiative of Chicago and Cook County Building Trades Council, and it urges the General Assembly and the Governor's Office to invest capital dollars, as promised, under Illinois

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Rebuild. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is initiative, again, of our great Chicago and Cook County Building Trades Council, but this should be an initiative of each and every one of us because this is an initiative that helps the entire state. You know, back in 2019, we did a good thing. We stood together in a bipartisan fashion and we said we have crumbling universities. We have crumbling streets. I-80 is dangerous. We need to fix I-55. We made a conscience decision to prioritize infrastructure and transportation as the middle, the heartbeat of the United States of America, and we did that under the leadership of Governor Pritzker in a bipartisan portion. I was looking back at the Rebuild Illinois, and I'm looking at projects from all over. Towns that I've never been to and I may never visit, but those towns will be impacted by Rebuild Illinois. We did that. And we assigned revenue sources to fund Rebuild Illinois to help each and every one of us. I go to Chicago State University and I'm seeing the crumbling walls and those projects in there. Southern Illinois is projects. It's a Christmas tree of projects, but much-needed projects. There's no wants inside of Rebuild Illinois, there's only needs, and those needs must be met. But what happened? The COVID pandemic came in 2020 and decimated the revenue sources for Rebuild Illinois, putting us all in crunches, closing down businesses, having people to be unemployed. It's been a tough go. But we're back on track. Reaching out to the Governor's Office. You've seen that the revenues are bouncing back. Our main streets are bouncing back. The City of Chicago is bouncing back. But how do you stay the course? How do you continue to pay? How do you

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continue to stay focused in government and not be thrown off track by the challenges that COVID is bringing? We must bounce back. And we're not going to bounce back on accident, Ladies and Gentlemen, and get Rebuild Illinois back going and get our economy back going. We must be intentional. And we must send a message to the Governor. And we have to look within ourselves and say, Rebuild Illinois was great. Let's continue to fund our infrastructure projects. Let's not divert funds in an irresponsible way. Let's continue to fund those projects that's needed. Join me and join... let's join together as we go through the budget and appropriation time to say, we're going to stay focused on the rebuild. We're going to bounce back. And we're not going to do any creative finance, and we're not going to think outside the box. We're going to stay disciplined and support Rebuild Illinois and get our people back to work, and we're going to get our economy back going. It's not going to happen on accident, Ladies and Gentlemen. We're going to do it, and we're going to do it together in a bipartisan fashion. And we're going to look back at this time and we're going to say that we remained disciplined in the State of Illinois. We funded this project. So, thank you and I urge your support. And anybody be added as a cosponsor. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Evans moves for the adoption of House Resolution 207. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 23, offered by Leader Flowers. House Resolution... out of the record. House Resolution 25, offered by Leader Flowers."

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Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 25 urges all colleges and medical institution that prepares students for careers in the medical field to focus on the recruitment of more minorities in these institutions. Additionally, House Resolution 25 challenges the Board of Higher Education to pursue and provide more scholarship opportunities for minority applicants to enter into the medical field. House Resolution 25 recognizes America's long history of systematic racism and discrimination within the field of medicine. Currently, African American patients experience the worst outcomes, higher rates of conditions of hypertension, diabetes. African American infants in the U.S. are up to three times more likely to die in the days and weeks following their births and... compared to white babies. And there was an article in the newspaper not too long ago, for some reason, black babies are dying in the hands of white doctors. There has to be an investigation to find out what that is all about. In an effort to address this history of racial discrimination and biases in the medical profession, Chicago's largest hospitals and clinics officially named racism as a public health crisis, upon which is a threat to the health of their patients as well as their families. Furthermore, 36 medical organizations across the State of Illinois are committing themselves to support programs that help more people of color to find health care jobs, create health care policies that promote equity within the workplace, and provide anti-racism training in its staff. Therefore, House Resolution 25 urges all colleges and medical institutions that prepare students for the careers in

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the medical field to focus on the recruitment of more minorities in their institutions and challenge the Illinois Board of Higher Education to pursue... to pursue and provide more scholarship opportunities for minority applicants seeking to enter the medical field. And I just want to say in closing, Ladies and Gentlemen, there was a... on the news this morning, it was stated that the nurses and the health care providers are burnt out. They're tired. They don't want to go to work anymore. They saw too much death. And so, when these people leave, who's going to be there to take their places? We're not providing more degrees and education for health care providers. Who's going to be there for us? So, we need to be aggressive in making sure that our hospitals is not only well staffed with supplies that's medically necessary, but people who are qualified to take care of all of us. And I would urge for the adoption of the Resolution... House Resolution 25. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Flowers moves for the adoption of House Resolution 25. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Mah, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mah: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Body, colleagues, May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the history, heritage, and contributions of Asian Americans across the state and, indeed, the entire nation. And this year, you can

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be sure that Members of our caucus will be standing up and offering edifying bits of Asian American history for you all throughout the month. But I would be remiss if I didn't mention that this year we are celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month during a time when we've a seen troubling increase, a dramatic increase, in hate crimes and attacks all over the country against Asian Americans. Just the other day, I learned of a stabbing in broad daylight where two Asian Americans in San Francisco, aged 84 and 63, were attacked on the street while waiting for a bus. And this is the city where my parents live. So, naturally, I'm deeply concerned about this increase in incidents that hasn't abated. And it leads me to wonder why, because when I was growing up, I would hear stories from my grandfather about what life was like in San Francisco in the late 19th and early 20th century when he arrived. But, you know, this was a community that had to live with attacks on them if they crossed certain boundaries. You know, if they walked on the wrong side of a certain street, outside of the Chinese quarter where they were, essentially, limited in their movement. You know, they'd be pelted with rocks or attacked by mobs of people just for being there. And it troubles me that this is still happening. Nothing... in a way we've made a lot of progress, but at the same time, very little has changed if we have to live in fear and have members of our community be considered perpetual foreigners despite our contributions to this country. Asian Americans are integral to American society and to the greatness of our state. You know, I keep standing up and mentioning these things. Asian Americans make

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up six percent of our Illinois population. That's almost three quarters of a million people. And we've been the fastest growing racial group for the last two decades. And so, with the numbers coming out in... from this past year's census, you can imagine that our numbers will, of course, be increasing. So, I just wanted to bring that awareness about the Asian American community in our state. You know, we're in every corner of this state. And I'm proud to serve in a Body that represents Asian Americans. We have 16 Members of the House who are Members of the Asian American Legislative Caucus. And these are districts where the Asian American population makes up at least 10 percent of that district population. I'd like to ask the Members of the Asian American Legislative Caucus to stand so that you can see that there are Asian Americans all across Illinois. So, along with myself and the three other Asian American Members, Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, Janet Yang Rohr, Denyse Wang Stoneback. We also have significant Asian American population in Leader Greg Harris' district, Kelly Cassidy's district, John D'Amico's district, Fred Crespo's district, Seth Lewis' district, Deb Conroy's district, Michelle Mussman's district, Jonathan Carroll's district, Dan Didech's, Stephanie Kifowit's district, Carol Ammons' district, Anne Stava-Murray's district, and Margaret Croke's district. And we'll be adding numbers to those Members because of the growth in our population. And so, I ask all of you to keep Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in mind this month. Think of their needs, their concerns. The fact that, when we talk about equity, equity looks different in different communities. And so, there are specific issues that are

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important to our communities. And so, I ask that you be aware of them and to help us serve our... the Asian Americans in our state and to make sure that we acknowledge them as having contributed to the greatness of this state. And that they are Illinoisans. They are Asian Americans. And we celebrate them this month and every month of the year. Thank you so much."

Speaker Andrade: "Thank you. House Resolution 23, offered by Leader Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 23 calls for the... preeclampsia is a serious disease related to high blood pressure that can strike quickly and happen to many of pregnant women during the second half of their pregnancy or up to six weeks after delivery. Finding preeclampsia early is important for both the mothers and the babies. Preeclampsia and other hypertension disorder of pregnancies are the leading cause of maternal and infants death worldwide. Approximately 76 maternal and 500 thousand infant deaths occurs every year as a result of this hypertension. Whereas, hypertension and disorder of pregnancy are also a leading cause of maternal and infant illnesses, preeclampsia is a common cause of caregiving-initiated preterm delivery and accounts for approximately 20 percent of all the intensive care unit admissions in newborn babies. For the mothers, hypertensive disorder of pregnancy can cause complications with long lasting consequences, such as strokes. Hypertension disorder of pregnancies are strongly associated with heightened risk of further cardiovascular disease and a leading non-communicable disease worldwide. Whereas, too many lives are taken to... too many lives are taken

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or seriously affected by the hypertension disorder of pregnancy, which is especially true in countries where access to care is limited. With no known cause, the need for the basic and the clinical research to advance our medical understanding and health care practices must be prioritized. Be it resolved that... by the House of Representatives, that we here in the State of Illinois, we recognize the World Preeclampsia Day on May 22, 2021 and this initiative to raise awareness of preeclampsia and its global impact on the lives of mothers, babies, and families. Further, we support that all efforts that call upon the government and health care system to recognize the importance of detecting, diagnosing the risk factor and preventing and treating hypertension pregnancies disorder, that encourages the additional research funding into preeclampsia and related disorder and the prioritizing of patients and community education and treatment for these disorders. The prioritized of education, training, and access to the medical resources for health care providers that address these preventions through a better understanding of the cause and the encouragement of the collaboration and the partnership between the public and private sector and the organizations to support and advance these goals. And I would appreciate the adoption of House Resolution 23. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Flowers moves for the adoption of House Resolution 23. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Leader Hernandez, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

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Hernandez, L.: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Andrade: "Proceed."

Hernandez, L.: "First of all, Speaker, you look very good up there. Congrats. Today I want to use this point of personal privilege to call attention to an effort to bolster the resources available to the programs sponsored by SPARC during their annual radiothon next week. I think we all know of the work of SPARC because of one their best, Brandon. We all know Brandon here on the floor. He has worked among us as a Page during Session for several years. Founded 17 years ago by 7 parents, today SPARC serves more than 200 adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. So, bring your checkbooks next week to support SPARC. Their efforts will be highlighted on Thursday, May 13, during Sam Mandonia radio program on 1450 AM. That's 14... 1450 AM, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Thank you for your attention."

Speaker Andrade: "Thank you. Representative McCombie, what purpose do you seek recognition for?"

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. I just wanted to follow up with an additional comment from the Representative. Brandon now sits outside of my office. And I have to tell you, he is answering the phone and he is so fun to listen to... listening to our... you know, answering the call of our constituents for all of us. So, if you have a chance to stop by my office and tell him thank you, he is doing a wonderful job. And although, every day when I leave my office, he asks me if I have everything, which I never do, he always knows to remind of that. So, please stop by and say thank you to him."

Speaker Andrade: "Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

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Clerk Bolin: "The following committees will meet at 2 p.m. today. The Financial Institutions Committee will meet in Virtual Room 1. And the Health Care Licenses Committee will meet in Virtual Room 2. That's Financial Institutions and Health Care Licenses."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 271, offered by Representative Brady. House Resolution 273, offered by Representative Keicher. And House Resolution 274, offered by Representative Ann Williams."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Harris moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stand adjourned until Friday, May 7, at the hour of 9 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."