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Speaker Harris: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led... we shall be led today by Andrew Johnson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Mr. Johnson is the guest of Representative West. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Johnson."

Andrew Johnson: "Thank you very much. This is overwhelming for us, for our Native American community that is allowed to open the Session here. So, I want to say, osiyo, which is hello, a greeting in Cherokee. And I want to hear that from you. Osiyo. Again, thank you for having us. This has been a long time coming. We are very appreciative as a community, and I am here only as an individual, a part of that community. As a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, it is only one of many, many tribal nations that have lived and grown and prospered in this land. So, thank you. I would like to lead... or read a land acknowledgement. So, we began our gathering today by acknowledging the people and land upon which we meet. It is the location of the ancestral homelands of the people of the Council of the Three Fires. The Potawatomi, the Ojibwe, and the Odawa. It is also the home of the Ho-Chunk, Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankeshaw, Wea, Miami, Mascouten, Sac and Fox, Muscogee, Kickapoo, and Chickasaw Nations. We all have a responsibility to recognize our native nations and to work with them as we move forward. But why do we acknowledge the land? It is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory we reside on and a way of honoring the

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indigenous people who have been living and working on this land from time in memorial. Wado is thank you."

Speaker Harris: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Willis."

Willis - 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 Harris: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Greenwood is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democrat side of the aisle."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record show that Representatives Conroy, Yingling, Delgado, Ramirez, Walsh, and Gordon-Booth are excused today."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, is Representative Jones on your list?"

Greenwood: "Please add Representative Jones as being excused today. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "And Leader Welter for any absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representative Bennett and Mazzochi are excused for the day."

Speaker Harris: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 109 Members present, we have a quorum and we're ready to conduct business. Representative West, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

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West: "I wanted the Body to recognize our Native American brothers and sisters before they head out. I see them leaving for the press conference that they're having down in the BlueRoom at 11:30. But I wanted to say to our Native American brothers and sisters, welcome to your House."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Wheeler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Wheeler: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, you may recall, a couple of years ago, we as a Body passed a Bill that allows for third-trimester moms to get a parking placard. And the inspiration for that Bill was a little boy named Henry Marcum, who lived just less than one hour of life. Well, I wanted to report to you all today that last Friday little baby Henry had a little baby brother. His name is Grayson William Marcum. We're so glad to have him join us in our world today and happy for his parents. At the same time, we want to just say a little quick thank you to little Henry Marcum for making Illinois a better place for moms. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Jacobs, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Jacobs: "Point of personal privilege, Sir."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Jacobs: "I have some guests here. Kelly (sic-Shelly) Mulch and her children, Avery, Kylee, and Klarc. I have a Resolution that'd I like to enter into the record for Sheriff Mulch, and I would like to read that now."

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Speaker Harris: "Please do. Members, could you please give your attention to Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "House Resolution number is... House Joint Resolution number is 98. House Joint Resolution:

WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General Assembly pays honor and respect to truly great individuals who have served our country; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Roger Mulch was born on December 25, 1957 and passed away on April 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Mulch served with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office from 1980 to 2014 and had a law enforcement career that spanned over 40 years from 1980 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Mulch served in numerous capacities within the sheriff's office, including as a deputy, in investigations, and as chief deputy; he then ran for sheriff and served three terms in Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Sheriff Mulch was elected president of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Mulch brought the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program to Jefferson County, which helped the entire community, including many children and teens; and

WHEREAS, After retirement, Sheriff Mulch remained active; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Mulch leaves behind his wife, Shelly, their four-year-old daughter, Avery, and siblings, Kylee and Klarc; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of

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Interstate 64 in Jefferson County as the "Sheriff Roger Mulch 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 of the "Sheriff Roger Mulch Memorial Highway"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Sheriff Mulch and the Secretary of Transportation. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you, Representative. Representative Stoneback, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Stoneback: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Stoneback: "This week is National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, which calls attention to the problem of homelessness that many people in our state face on a daily basis. Homelessness is a matter of life and death and the scope of the homelessness crisis and the immediate need for housing in Illinois is staggering. Chronic homelessness has increased both in number and percentage. The percentage of the homeless population consisting of chronically homeless people rose from nine percent in 2016 to 22 percent in 2020. In 2020, at least 10 thousand Illinoisans experienced homelessness. And by some counts, when you combine those with who requested services from the Department of Housing and Urban Development over the course of 2020, the count is over 65 thousand people experiencing homelessness in Chicago

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alone. According to ISBE, over 47 thousand schoolchildren were identified as experiencing homelessness in the 20... 2019-2020 school year. People experiencing homelessness include people with substance use disorders, HIV, AIDS, serious mental illness, veterans, seniors, and survivors of domestic violence. Black people are eight times more likely to experience homelessness than white people. Black Illinoisans comprise 14 percent of the population of the state, but they constitute 61 percent of residents experiencing homelessness. People experiencing unsheltered homelessness may become frequent utilizers of hospital emergency rooms, encampments, tents, cars, abandoned buildings, and park benches, which are unsafe, unhealthy, and undignified. And unsheltered homelessness is especially dangerous during cold weather, heat waves, and extreme weather conditions. Crisis housing is the foundational safety-net for people in immediate need of shelter. During COVID-19, shelter capacity diminished significantly and many areas of Illinois lack shelter that they need. This critical part of and gateway to the continuum of housing is severely lacking in Illinois. There is an urgent need for safe, dignified, non-congregate crisis housing. A model of rapid response shelter transitional villages with case management has emerged in the past few years. Residents of these transitional shelter villages are connected to housing with wraparound social services, such as mental health care, showers, and laundry. With a safe place to sleep, a supportive environment, access to meals, hygiene facilities, and a case manager, residents can focus on finding permanent housing and employment opportunities. This model is

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more cost effective than any institutional setting per person or unit and can be built at a fraction of the cost of regular shelters. So, I have filed House Resolution 986 and.. in which we urge the state to launch a pilot program to establish a shelter village that will support the crisis housing and health needs of people currently experiencing unsheltered homelessness. So, all of us here today, we're going to be heading back in... very shortly later today to our districts to celebrate Thanksgiving next week. And I'd like all of us to remember those who of... who are not as fortunate as us. Those who lack the most basic necessity, a roof over their head and a place to call home. So, today, in honor of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, I'd like all of us to commit to real intangible solutions to fight homelessness. And thank you for your attention and consideration. It is my sincere hope that, as we head into this holiday season and the coldest months of the year, that every Member of the General Assembly will support this Resolution. I wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Batinick: "I just wanted to recognize... I have my dear cousin, Colleen Yale, and her husband, Michael Yale, in the gallery to see one of the last days of my Session time. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Thank you, and welcome to your State Capitol. Representative Swanson, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Swanson: "Thank you. I'd like to welcome, in the Illinois House today, students from Monmouth College and their instructor, Mr. Robin Johnson. If they'd want to stand up and give a nice wave. They're part of his government class at Monmouth College. Thanks for being here."

Speaker Harris: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Butler: "Thank you, Sir. Today, I'd like to introduce a couple of guests I have here today in the gallery. We have Isaac Elliott. Isaac is a... stand up there, Isaac. Isaac is a senior at Chatham Glenwood High School. He's going to be playing baseball at Cedarville University in Ohio. He somehow thinks he wants to get involved in politics. I'm trying to dissuade him of that today, but he's shadowing me around here today. So, Isaac, thank you for being here today. And next, we have my Page for the day, Aislyn Grant. Aislyn is a senior... excuse me, a junior at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School here in Springfield. She's a tremendous dancer. Her family owns the Grant Dance Conservatory here in town. She also... those of you who know football here in Springfield know that SHG versus Rochester is a big deal. They play in a semi-final game this Friday. Aislyn, SHG, dates the quarterback for Rochester. So, I don't know who she's going to pull for on Friday night. So, thank you both for being here today."



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Speaker Harris: "Leader Hernandez, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hernandez, L.: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Hernandez, L.: "I'd like to ask the chamber to give a nice warm Springfield welcome to an addition of Members... one additional Member to the Latino Caucus, who is Norma Hernandez. Which I might have to say we have now three Hernandezes in the caucus. So, I think we even could create our own caucus. And I'd also like to introduce Lilian... State Representative Lilian... elect Lilian Jiménez as well, who is a significant member, personally to me, who has been someone who's been working on the welcoming centers for quite some time. So, I am so, so delighted and thrilled to have her as an addition as well. Can we give them both a nice warm welcome?"

Speaker Harris: "Welcome to the House of Representatives. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 989, offered by Representative Collins. And House Resolution 990, offered by Representative Hammond."

Speaker Harris: "All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. And in the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, please read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Joint Resolution 62, offered by Representative Harris."

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses

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adjourn on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, November 29, 2022 or until the call of the President; and the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, November 29, 2022 or until the call of the Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "All those in favor... Leader Greenwood moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Greenwood moves that the House stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 29. 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."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5747, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5748, offered by Representative Buckner, a Bill for an Act concerning victim rights. House Bill 5749, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5750, offered by Representative Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5751, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5752, offered by Representative Nichols, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5753, offered by Representative Friess, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5754, offered by Representative Luft, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5755, offered by

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Representative Buckner, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5756, offered by Representative Ness, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5757, offered by Representative Lewis, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5758, offered by Representative Didech, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5759, offered by Representative Buckner, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5760, offered by Representative Conroy, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5761, offered by Representative Nichols, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5762, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5763, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5764, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5765, offered by Representative Vella, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5766, offered by Representative Conroy, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5767, offered by Representative Scherer, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5768, offered by Representative Hurley, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5769, offered by Representative Batinick, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. House Bill 5770, offered by Representative Friess, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5771, offered by Representative Friess, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5772, offered by Representative Elik, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill

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5773, offered by Representative Bennett, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5774, offered by Representative Batinick, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5775, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5776, offered by Representative West, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5777, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5778, offered by Representative Buckner, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5779, offered by Representative Croke, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 5780, offered by Representative Severin, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5781, offered by Representative Severin, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5782, offered by Representative Severin, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5783, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5784, offered by Representative Wilhour, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5785, offered by Representative Vella, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5786, offered by Representative Hirschauer, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5787, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5788, offered by Representative Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5789, offered by Representative West, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5790, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5791, offered

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by Representative McLaughlin, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5792, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5793, offered by Representative Croke, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5794, offered by Representative Bennett, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5795, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5796, offered by Representative Costa Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5797, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5798, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning mobile homes. House Bill 5799, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5800, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5801, offered by Representative Meier, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5802, offered by Representative Meier, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5803, offered by Representative Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5804, offered by Representative Friess, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5805, offered by Representative Demmer, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 5806, offered by Representative Tarver, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5807, offered by Representative Yang Rohr, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5808, offered by Representative Mazzochi, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5809, offered by Representative

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Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5810, offered by Representative Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5811, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5812, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5813, offered by Representative West, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5814, offered by Representative West, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5815, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5816, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 5817, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5818, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5819, offered by Representative Elik, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5820, offered by Representative Tarver, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5821, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5822, offered by Representative Reick, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5823, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5824, offered by Representative Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5825, offered by Representative Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5826, offered by Representative Croke, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 5827, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning

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education. House Bill 5828, offered by Representative Elik, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5829, offered by Representative Bos, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5830, offered by Representative Reick, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5831, offered by Representative Marron, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5832, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5833, offered by Representative McCombie, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5834, offered by Representative Batinick, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5835, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 5836, offered by Representative Stoneback, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5837, offered by Representative Conroy, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 5838, offered by Representative Stoneback, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5839, offered by Representative Stoneback, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5840, offered by Representative Harper, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5841, offered by Representative Buckner, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5842, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5843, offered by Representative Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5844, offered by Representative Yang Rohr, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5845, offered by Representative Severin, a Bill for an Act concerning property. First Reading

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of these House Bills. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 38, offered by Representative Elik; Senate Joint Resolution 39, offered by Representative Elik; Senate Joint Resolution 43, offered by Representative Caulkins; and Senate Joint Resolution 49, offered by Representative Gonzalez, are referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."