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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We ask the Members and our guests in the gallery to turn off laptop computers, cell phones and pagers. And we ask our guests in the gallery to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Shaun Lewis, who is the Illinois State Director of Capitol Commission serving the political leaders of Illinois."

Pastor Lewis: "If you'd bow with me in prayer. Father in heaven, we come before You today recognizing our inefficacy. You are the great God who really spoke our world into existence. You have given... You have established the institution of government to uphold what is good, and to punish what is not. You have given each Representative in this chamber a measure of authority. May they use it humbly as servants eager to execute what is good and pleasing in Your sight. Grant wisdom to these men and women, indiscriminate of party. May they seek Your glory, may they seek Your honor, may they seek Your face before seeking Your hand. So many here today are exhausted physically, mentally, emotionally. They are spent and would like a break from all the travel, and the campaigning, the banquets, the socials, the many events that they attend. May they focus now, and show diligence the last few weeks they're in Springfield and to fill the purposes for which they've been elected. Uphold and comfort this Body of lawmakers, watch over their families and use the trials of 2010 to turn their eyes to Your son. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

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Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Washington."

Washington - 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 Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the excused absences of Representatives Boland, Riley, and Rita."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect Representative Jerry Mitchell and Representative Mulligan are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 111 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Resolutions referred to the Rules Committee is House Resolution 1080, offered by Representative Senger. House Resolution 1081, offered by Representative Senger. House Resolution 1083, offered by Representative Turner. House Resolution 1090, offered by Representative D'Amico. And House Joint Resolution 114, offered by Representative John Bradley."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. We have with us today in the gallery over here, is Kenny and students from O'Keefe

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Elementary School. I hope you will join me in giving them a warm Springfield rousing welcome."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Flider."

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

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

Flider: "Yes. Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentleman of the House, we have with us today some guests from Shelby County, some good friends of ours, behind me in the gallery here. And we have a Vice President, excuse me, the Vice Chairman of the Shelby County Democrats, Dennis Fisher and a young man who is the Junior President of the Shelby County Democrats his name is Quinn Brooks and he's 10 years old and he's from Finley, Illinois, in my district. Would you please welcome them here to Springfield."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentleman, if we could have your attention and would... would all Members take their seats and would staff retire to the rear of the chamber. All Members please take your seats and staff retire to the rear of the chamber. We have a very special guest today Dr. Robert Satcher, who is an astronaut with NASA. And for those of you who think that you have a very deep and broad experience and background, I want you to listen to some of this, because this is concerned with Dr. Robert Satcher. He was elected by NASA in May of 2004, in February of 2006 he completed Astronaut Candidate Training. He completed his first space flight on STS-129 in November of 2009 and has logged over 259 hours in space including 12 hours and 19 minutes in space walks. Prior to becoming an astronaut, Dr. Satcher was an assistant professor at The Feinberg

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School of Medicine, at Northwestern University, in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. He also held an appointment as an attending physician in Orthopaedic Surgery at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. His educational background would sound very familiar to those of us in the House of Representatives. He received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1986; a doctor of philosophy in chemical engineering from MIT in 1993; and a doctorate in medicine from Harvard Medical School in 1994. So, we are very, very pleased to have Dr. Satcher with us today. I had an opportunity to speak with him earlier in my office and he's in a position to give us some of his observations and his experiences from outer space. Dr. Satcher."

Dr. Satcher: "Well, thank you. Please take your seats. It's an honor to be here. And I just wanted to thank, Mr. Speaker Madigan and Representative David Miller for inviting me here. It was a tremendous experience traveling into space for the first time in November of last year. I was on the space shuttle Atlantis with a crew of six and I was the only physician on board. Just to give a little bit more of my background, I was at Northwestern Memorial Hospital for four years before beginning astronaut training and so, I actually was notified one day when I was in clinic at Northwestern seeing patients that I had been selected to be an astronaut. It not only came as a shock, because I never thought that I would have the opportunity to do it but also in a certain way it was a bittersweet moment because we had

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of course, grown to love Chicago and Illinois. It'd become our home. Our daughter was actually born here and we realized that as a result of starting astronaut training we were going to probably have to leave and move to Houston, Texas, which we subsequently did. But nonetheless, it's been a wonderful journey. As I was telling Mr. Speaker, it's one of the few experiences in life which exceeds ones expectations. I had a number of prefixed notions of what it would be like to be in outer space and it really did exceed all of my... at least thoughts before going. We took off on a... what... what turned out to be picturesque day in November, November 16 and actually Representative Miller was there for the launch and was able to sort of relay what it was like from the ground. I also, of course, heard a lot from other friends and family. And have subsequently seen the footage of it and it was indeed a very spectacular launch. Sitting on the inside in the space shuttle as you can imagine it was an extremely spectacular experience. Acceleration like I've never experienced before which goes on for eight and half minutes until you get into outer space. Once you are in outer space and traveling at 17,500 miles an hour, it's three days until you rendezvous with the International Space Station. And you basically have to dock the space shuttle to the International Space Station both vehicles moving at exactly the same speeds. There are astronauts who are permanently stationed on the International Space Station and once we got there we became a group of 12 and a crew of 12 instead a crew of 6. I'm officially the 510th person to go into outer space. There

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been many other Illinois natives. I think the only other state that's had more astronauts has been Ohio. So, it's a proud tradition of the state and I'm glad to be a part of it. I also had the special privilege of going out on a space walk and for me that was the most impactful event when you actually go in your space suit outside of the spaceship. It's an uninhibited and unobstructed view of the Earth as well as the space station and the spaceship that you just came up in. So, very awe-inspiring, particularly awe-inspiring is seeing the Earth with the backdrop of space and you know black space as far as you can see. When I saw that, I realized that I was literally looking out into forever. And it also gives you a tremendous appreciation for what we have here on the home planet. To see the Earth with its thin atmosphere which is adherent on the surface of the Earth and you realize that it is very important that we take good care of our home planet. If you're not a believer before you go, you become a believer when you travel. So, I would leave you with the thoughts that... I think going in outer space is something which is a privilege right now. Hopefully, it will become something which is much more commonplace. And we're looking forward to the further words from Washington in terms of how we will continue to explore outer space in the years to come. And you can certainly bet that Illinois will continue to be well represented in space travel and space exploration. So, once again, just wanted to say thank you for having me here and thank you for letting me share my experience. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, do we have a Resolution?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Resolution 1096, offered by Representative Miller.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate NASA Astronaut Dr. Robert L. Satcher, Jr., on his November of 2009 first flight into space; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dr. Satcher on his first flight into space and wish him continued success for years to come; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to NASA Astronaut Dr. Robert Satcher, Jr., as a symbol of our respect and esteem."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Miller."

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just real quick, I want to add everyone in the House on this Resolution. And just so you know, Dr. Satcher and his wife between the two of them have about six degrees. But more importantly he provides an inspiration to all of us and all of us, our children and the youth that heard this today. So, if you have an opportunity, come down and meet him and take a picture, please do. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Gentleman's Motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. All Members should be added as Sponsors to the Resolution and the Resolution is hereby adopted. For those of you who would like to greet

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Dr. Satcher, he's going to remain in the well for a short time. Thank you. Representative Smith."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move to waive the posting requirements so that the Elementary & Secondary Education Committee can have a subject matter hearing tomorrow morning at 9 a.m."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Gentleman's Motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted for the suspension of the posting requirements. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 1078, offered by Representative McGuire. House Resolution 1082, offered by Representative Farnham. House Resolution 1084, offered by Representative Colvin. House Resolution 1085, offered by Representative Brauer. House Resolution 1086, offered by Representative Crespo. House Resolution 1087, offered by Representative McAsey. House Resolution 1088, offered by Representative Gordon. House Resolution 1089, offered by Representative Watson. House Resolution 1091, offered by Representative Rita. House Resolution 1092, offered by Representative William Davis. House Resolution 1093, offered by Representative Black. House Resolution 1094, offered by Representative Currie. And House Resolution 1095, offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk has read the Agreed Resolutions. Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. There being nothing further to become before the

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Body, Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 14 at 12 noon. Again, the Motion is that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 14 at 12 noon. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand adjourned until April 14, 12 noon providing perfunctory time for the Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Phelps, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on April 13, 2010: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 2632, Senate Bill 2959, Senate Bill 3604, and Senate Bill 3719. Representative Monique Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on April 13, 2010: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 3004. Representative Collins, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on April 13, 2010: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 3464. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation, Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on April 13, 2010: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 3430, and Senate Bill 3462. Representative Colvin, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on April 13, 2010: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 2540, and Senate Bill 3645. Representative Froehlich, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on April 13, 2010: do

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pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 2614. Representative Flowers, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Accessibility reports the following committee action taken on April 13, 2010: recommends be adopted House Resolution 876. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6845, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 6846, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 6847, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. And House Bill 6848, offered by Representative Farnham, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of these House Bills. First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2507, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2747, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 3011, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Introduction of Executive Orders from the Governor. Executive Order 10-04. Executive Order to consolidate agencies by the transfer of certain reproduction services of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, The Department of Public Health and the Department on Aging to the Department of Human Services Facility at 5020 Industrial Drive, Building B, Springfield, Illinois. Executive Order 10-05. Executive Order commissioning a plan for integrating the Department of Juvenile Justice

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into the Department of Children and Family Services.  
Executive Order 10-06. Executive Order to transfer  
functions from the Department of Human Services to the  
Department of Public Health. There being no further  
business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand  
adjourned."