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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please by at their desk? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Shaun Lewis, Civil Servant Ministries, Springfield, Illinois.

MR. SHAUN LEWIS:

(Prayer by Mr. Shaun Lewis)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Please remain standing for the Pledge Allegiance. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 11th, 2015.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

...President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcript.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Will all Members please come to the Senate Floor immediately? All Members at the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate Floor immediately. Lisa

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Landek, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, reports Senate Bills 1458, 1583, 1622 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 1484 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Martinez, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities and Pensions, reports Senate Bill 1440 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bill 33 and 669 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 1339, 1369, 1444 and 1605 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Haine, Chairperson of the Committee on Insurance, reports Senate Bills 870 and 1571 Do Pass.

Senator Hutchinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bills 835 and 1488 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 792 and 1549 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Koehler, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Conservation, reports Senate Bills 96 and 681 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Resolution 184 Be Adopted.

Senator Hunter, Chairperson of the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities, reports Senate Bills 1312 and 1421 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the

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House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 198.

Passed the House, March 11th, 2015. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 2.

Offered by Senator Muñoz and adopted by the House, March 10th, 2015.

We have like Messages on House Joint Resolution 8, offered by Senator Oberweis, and adopted by the House, March 3rd, 2015; HJ - - House Joint Resolution 9, offered by Senator Forby, and adopted by the House, March 5th, 2015; and HJR 29, offered by Senators Althoff and Sandoval, and adopted by the House, March 5th, 2015. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House. They are substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 155, offered by Senator Stadelman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR STEANS:

For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, I have a shadow for the day here from the University of Chicago. His name is Brock Huebner. Please stand up. He's a junior at University of Chicago. He's going to be majoring in public policy and political science. He -- on his free time, he's an intern at the Institute of Politics there and he's been teaching too in a couple of the elementary schools - one in Hyde Park, one in Bronzeville. Please welcome Brock to Springfield. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Biss, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BISS:

For -- for a point of personal privilege, if I might, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR BISS:

Members, I'd like to introduce my two shadows. We've created a anomaly of physics person, I have two -- two shadows today. Standing to my left is Sebastian Ellefson. He is a student at Loyola, expecting a master's in public policy later on this spring, but also with an affiliation at the Institute of Politics and a very strong and keen interest in the mechanics of governance and political reform. And standing to my right is Zhenying Tian. She

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is a first-year student at the University of Chicago, a recent immigrant from China. She expects to graduate in 2018, a year that seems almost impossibly in the distant future, and she has a particularly strong interest both in environmental policy and in issues of women's rights and equality. And I hope you'll all join me in giving both of these two shadows a warm Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. Will all Members at the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor immediately for a very important announcement? All Members of the Senate, please come to the Senate Floor immediately for an important announcement. Will the members on the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom immediately? Will members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom immediately? Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm happy to have with me, shadowing me today, two students from the University of Chicago. One, I have Kennedy Green, who's an undergraduate student, majoring in political science with a focus on international relations. And I have Keisha Keith, who's in the graduate's school at the University of Chicago, the graduate's School of Social Service Administration. Please give them a warm Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Welcome to Springfield. Senator Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal -- or, actually, for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your announcement.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Ladies and Gentlemen, just a reminder, next Tuesday evening is the 13th Annual Sullivan Caucus. It's going to be right south of the Capitol. It starts at 5 o'clock. It's at Julia's Kitchen and Lounge, which is -- the Vinegar Hill's Mall. Representative Ed Sullivan and myself, as well as the rest of the Sullivan Caucus. Next Tuesday. It's on St. Patrick's Day this year. It's the first time it's been on St. Patrick's Day in a long, long time. And as -- as I've told some of you, we're going to have bagpipes and other band music and then also Senator Harmon and his colleagues in the House will be performing as well. Invite everybody to come to the Sullivan Caucus.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Insurance Committee - Senate Bills 1782, 1805, and 1806; refer to the State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Senate Joint Resolution 18; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Resolution 213.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We will now turn to Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Senate -- Mr. Secretary -- Senate Resolution 213. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution 213, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter, on your resolution.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 213 urges the Barack Obama Foundation to select one of the two Chicago bids as the location to build the Presidential {sic} (President) Barack Obama Presidential Library and Museum. Suitable copies of this resolution will be sent to President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, and the Barack Obama Foundation and its board members.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall joint -- Senate Joint {sic} Resolution 213 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Lightford, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

The point of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your announcement.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, if I could please have your attention. There's a beautiful woman - she brings

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us baked goods, she takes so well -- she just takes care of us so very well. Today is her birthday. We love her dearly. Please join me in wishing Miss Lisa a very happy and blessed birthday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Happy twenty-ninth, Lisa. Senate Resolution No. 93. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution. And may we have it quiet on the Floor? Will all Members be at their desk? All Members be at their desk. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution No. 93.

(Secretary reads SR No. 93)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

President Cullerton, on your resolution.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. When Judy died, I wrote a letter to the editor, to the Tribune, accounting some of our stories together. During my inauguration, I commented about how much we miss her. And so -- this could be along afternoon, so I'm going to just tell one more story, one of my favorites. And I was reminded about this by talking to Judy's son, Joe, today. So, you guys remember when the previous Governor didn't pay us for two months? And I was really offended by that from the point of view I thought it was a blatant violation of the Constitution separation of power and I told the Speaker, "I get to be the lead plaintiff on the lawsuit." So it was Cullerton versus Quinn. And, of course, it went to court, and it was being decided by a circuit court judge in Cook County. And Joe reminded me that -- something that was reminded -- of something that happened when -- during this two-month period, almost three months. Members of our caucus

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came to me and said, "You know, this is -- this is my job. I got mortgages. I got tuitions. I don't have any money." People are borrowing money when they're unconstitutionally being denied their -- their pay. And Judy was a person who lived on this salary when she was a Senator, raising -- a single mom, raising a kid, and she identified with that. So, when we won the case, I was in touch with her. The -- soon as that judge ruled and before the Governor had a chance to appeal, we got our money in an -- in an hour. That's what she was like. She loved the Senate. She loved the State. She loved people and we loved her. So, we all are so sorry for our collective loss. Joe, thank you very much for coming here today and reminding me that you were a Page over in the House when I was the Floor Leader for the Speaker, back in a time when the Senate didn't really like the Speaker that much. That was years and years ago. Thank God that's all changed. But you were there, one of those few Pages that sat there and paid attention, instead of just running around getting coffee for people, and listening. So, we are sorry, of course, for your loss as well. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm really grateful to have this opportunity to pay tribute to someone who I consider a longtime friend and a dedicated public servant. Judy Baar Topinka was the first State-level politician that I ever really became aware of. I was busy with very young children, but she was my State Senator and so I would see her from time to time in the suburban life and, frankly, at the grocery store or different events, and I was so impressed by her. I mean, she just grabbed my attention, way more

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than anyone else would, because I'm sure I encountered other State politicians. But I was just fascinated by her. I thought she was beautiful. I thought she was funny. I thought she was extremely accomplished, having gone to Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, having had a real estate career, and then moving into State government. She was fascinating to me. She was an independent thinker. When I listened to her, it was always impressive. She was an outside-the-box thinker. And I was kind of in awe of her and I would have to say that she really is one of the first people that gave me the thought that I, as a stay-at-home mom, could actually somehow transition into this kind of a field. So she had a huge impression on me. I remember the first time she sent me - and I'm sure you've all received them - her clip-outs from the newspaper with her hand-scribbled note on them and how impressed I was, and how important I felt, having -- that she actually noticed me. It was really a cool feeling. She certainly had the qualities, not only as -- as a leader, but as a public servant, that we all, I think, desire and try to aspire to. She was absolutely beloved in the Riverside, Brookfield, La Grange area. Everyone knew her. She treated everyone as a friend and she made just a huge impression. She was articulate and sincere in her career here, which is long and varied, in the State Legislature. She always showed her sense of humor, her practical side, her willingness to think outside the box. She was honest, sometimes brutally honest, but it served her well. I mean, she was willing to say what was on her mind and she was willing to defend it. She was certainly taken from us much too soon. For her sake, I'm sure it's the way she would have wanted to go, not ever suffering or missing a beat. So, for that, I'm grateful for

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her. For the rest of us, and in particular her son, Joey, who's with us today, her longtime scheduler, Christie, who's on the Floor today, and staff who are in the balcony, we all will miss her and I know that we all -- our -- extend our condolences to all of you for this great loss. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution. You know, there's a couple of, I guess, different perspectives for us to take on -- on Judy. And the first, of course, is, you know, the perspective of the people of the State, who consistently sent her down here to represent them. She was almost uniquely loved by the people of this State and I think, in large part, she gave off a genuineness that people just really appreciated and, I don't know, found refreshing, but embraced, and that powered her through lots of political fights and endeared her to the people of this State, who continued to send her down here to represent them. I think they appreciated her frugality on their behalf in those financial offices and they rewarded her with term after term. There's the -- the staff and family perspective on Judy, and, Joe, we -- we all enjoyed your remarks at her service and express our condolences to you and your family on your loss. The staff that she had -- you can tell a lot about someone based on how the people around them act about them. What level of loyalty is there to the people who work for somebody? What -- because that says a lot about how they treat people. The loyalty Judy showed to her staff and the respect she showed to her staff was repaid to her in spades. She was genuinely loved and revered by her staff, which, to me, says

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a tremendous amount about the type of person she was. And then, finally, I guess, the -- the personal perspective. The thing I always loved most about Judy is she never failed to put a smile on my face when I encountered her, every single time. She had a way about her. She had an air. For a small person, she lit up a room, and when you made eye contact with her coming down the hall, you couldn't help but smile - and that's a pretty cool thing to get to say about somebody. It's an awfully nice legacy, especially in our business that is sometimes a little rough and tumble. So, this -- this process -- the people will miss Judy. I know her family and staff will, and I know I do already. So, Mr. President, thank you for doing this resolution, very kind and -- and very much warranted. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution, if I might. I read a quote not long ago that read something like this, that in every interaction that we have with our fellow brothers and sisters, there are no neutral encounters; that in that encounter, regardless of the medium through which you have that encounter, regardless of how long or short it may be, you either -- you either give life or you drain it away, you either have a positive influence or you take something away. And when I read that, I thought of Judy Baar Topinka, because she was someone who, under that definition, in the context of that quote, consistently gave life to other people. She realigned for me, early in my career in public service, what I thought public officials were supposed to be. Now, I come from Coles County, which is the same county from

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which former Governor Jim Edgar came from. Those of you who know much, if anything, about Jim Edgar, know that Jim Edgar in his appearance, in his mannerisms, was button-down, clean-cut, was subtle, was reserved, was quiet. That is the -- that's the -- that's my -- that was my image of what an elected official and a politician was, and then I encountered Judy Baar Topinka. The first time that -- and that's -- and that -- and I'm using that word intentionally, because you didn't meet Judy Baar Topinka, you encountered her. It was -- it was an encounter. And the first time that I ever, honestly, personally laid eyes on Judy was at a political event, very shortly after I became a State Representative. I walked into the room and turned and -- because I heard music playing from the back of the room, and then when I looked, there was a lady there playing the accordion. Someone said, "Is that -- is that the help that was hired in order to entertain the crowd?" And I said, "No, I think that's the Comptroller of the State of Illinois." The second time was not long after that when we were scheduled to return some of the district office allotment for the year. We didn't expend it over the course of the fiscal year, so we were going to give it back. And, of course, we were going to do it in the way you're supposed to do it - we had one of these massive plastic checks printed up that Representative Dale Righter's giving this money back to the taxpayers of the State of Illinois, and we were actually able to get the Comptroller to come and personally accept the check somewhere in my House district. Now, I thought, "Now, is a -- is a statewide elected official really going to come all the way to my House district just to accept this check from me?" And so we all had some doubts of whether or not maybe a staffer would show

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up or something like that. But, no, Judy showed up. But what was amazing about that for me wasn't that she just showed up, it was the degree of unbridled enthusiasm with which she grabbed and hugged the check after I presented it to her and then grabbed and hugged me as if this was the first time that someone who had ever done that for her or for the State. And it was -- and it was truly an enriching experience for me. Regardless of how long we serve here and the roles that we play here, we will all place our own imprimatur on this place in one way or another, and we always use words to describe the public officials for whom we have admiration with words like "honesty" and "courage" and "principled". And for me, Judy -- Judy's word is "spirit" - "spirit" - and "color" in what is sometimes, particularly for our constituents, a government that's a little bit lifeless and a little bit without color. She was clearly on the other end of the spectrum for that and we are all better off for that. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution. I don't do well with telling stories, but this is one that I just really wanted to share with you guys. So I'd just won office in 1998. I'd just come from being a graduate student here in Springfield, and Governor George Ryan was being elected at the same time I was being sworn in. I had this awesome opportunity to tell my story at the University of Illinois at Springfield. It was a panel of women; Judy Baar was one, one of the judges, myself, as a graduate. We were all at the dais to encourage younger women to get involved in government and -- by telling our personal stories. And so my

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personal story was that I worked for the Secretary of State and I was a student for Edgar, and many people thought I was a Republican, but no one had asked - until the election took place in Chicago. It was the Punch 10 and my State Rep asked me to punch 10, so I went and I punched ten, and then I went back to work on Thursday and I was demoted after that Tuesday vote. And I shared that story with the group, in that I was so naive about politics and government, I thought if you just do a good job, you'd be okay. I never knew that your primary vote was public knowledge and I was demoted by the Ryan administration. While I'm telling this story, Judy was on the floor pulling my pants. Imagine that. I'm telling this story and this astute woman, she's the Treasurer of the State of Illinois and she's pulling my pants leg. And I looked down and she said, "That's enough." And I thought, well, where do I cut my story off at? This is my story. So I looked down at her and I said, "Okay." And so I finished telling -- so she sits up - she made like she was just throwing something in the garbage or something under her - so she sits up and she's smiling again. I continue on with my story. She looks at me and out loud she goes, "Little girl, that's enough." I loved her from that moment on, because we established a relationship from there. We were neighbors in our areas and so I would see Judy Baar and I always called her "Judy Baar". I would see Judy Baar at Hillside and at West Central Municipal Conference and everything that we shared being neighbor communities, and the thing about her is she remembered that. I -- I was able to share that with her not too long before she passed away. I said, "You know, Judy, you scared the heck out of me. It was my first speaking engagement. I had just got sworn in a couple weeks before that and you were pulling

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on my pants leg." And she said, "You better be glad that's all I did." And so, I thought, "Who's this redhead, fiery woman?" And so I -- I think she's just an awesome woman. She was true to her word, what she believed in. She was not shy about anything. And I know that I'll miss her presence in our neighboring areas and I wish her son -- I -- I -- I saw you from -- I mean, I was just a little taller than you anyway, but I've watched you with your mom. I was a single mother. She and I shared that in common. We had conversations around that and she was very encouraging to me. So, God bless you. And thank you for letting me speak.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution. So I've been in the Chamber now almost six years and I remember, before I was elected to anything, there was a Smart Women Smart Money seminar that Judy Baar Topinka created in the Treasurer's Office in my area and I remember her opening up the -- the conversation to -- there were high school students and college students and a number of other women from the surrounding area that were there -- and I remember her opening it up, talking about how she didn't know what she was going to do when Miss Clairol stopped making that version of red dye, so she would say, "'Cause, believe me, I -- this ain't natural. This is -- you know, I bought -- this came out of a box." And she -- and I was sitting there, going, this is -- did she just tell everybody she dyes her hair? And -- and I remember how familiar she was with everyone in the room and how she made everybody feel like you're just talking to Judy. It wasn't the State -- the -- auspices of the statewide title and all that. It

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was just Judy. And everybody that she talked to, she met you as an individual where you were at. And so when I got elected and I went to go see her, we talked about women in elected office. We talked about raising children in elected office. We talked about what it was like when she first came in and how difficult it was because the salaries were so low back then, and -- and that she was raising her son alone, and that if I ever needed any time to talk or to just ask questions or if I ever needed her for anything, "you just don't hesitate to come over here and come see me". She was the embodiment, I think, of what we all hope to be at some point and that's an elected official or a public servant that transcends party. She actually got to the point where she transcended party. And I don't know how many people I've talked to over the years that talked about, "I know she was a Republican, but I love Judy Baar Topinka", like I -- people -- and you -- if you -- you loved her. So when I graduated from law school, I walked into my office and then there was this certificate and she had written the note, and, you know, normally we -- we give resolutions and you see the "Wherefore as" {sic} and -- and then, you know, we're -- "Congratulations" or -- you know, that kind of stuff, but the way she wrote the message in this thing was that I was -- she wanted me to use this new degree to be better. And I got that very -- I hadn't had it very long before we lost her. So, those conversations were meaningful to me as a young woman coming up in this and knowing that you really can get to the point where this, when you care about it, is about public service. It is not about demonizing somebody you disagree with. It is about understanding that when you care about the folks you represent and when you're doing things on your -- based on your conscience and

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you are working as hard as you can to be the best that you can, that the people that you serve will see that. It will come out. They will see that. So I grew up with this understanding - people usually attribute it to Dr. Martin Luther King when they talk about it: It's not important about the -- the sunset or the sunrise, the -- the year you were born and the year you died; what's most important is the dash. It's the dash that represents your life and what your life was and who your life was to other people. And Judy had a hell of a dash. We miss her every day. We miss her every day.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Resolution 93 pass. President Cullerton.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you. I wanted to make sure that I move to add all of the Senators to be cosponsors of the resolution. I also wanted to, in light of the fact that we know how much we miss Judy, also mention that it's very difficult to fill those shoes, but I'm very happy that the Comptroller of the State of Illinois is here, Leslie Munger. Thank you very much for coming. I appreciate it. So, Mr. President, if we can make sure that everyone is added to the resolution, I think that'd be appropriate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

President Cullerton moves that all Members be added as cosponsors to the resolution. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Now, the question is, shall Senate Joint {sic} Resolution 93 pass. All those in favor will please stand. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. We will now proceed to the Order of Resolution Consent Calendar.

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With leave of the Body, all resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed on any resolutions on the Consent Calendar?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question shall be -- the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 50.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 50)

Adopted by the House, March 11th, 2015. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

On the Order of Resolutions is House Joint Resolution 50. Mr. Secretary has read the resolution. Senator Harmon moves to suspend the rules for the purposes of immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 50. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Harmon moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 50. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay.

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The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned to the hour of 12 noon on the 17th day of March, 2015. The Senate stands adjourned.