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Speaker Evans: "The House will be in order. The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Representative Severin. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Severin: "Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day and we thank you for the opportunity to gather together in this House and I pray for wisdom and direction as we make decisions that impact this state and all those that are involved. I pray, God, that you would be with Will Davis today. I pray that you would be with Representative Jones. Encourage them. I pray for continued healing in their bodies and their minds and their spirits, and I pray, again, that you would encourage them this day. Lord, again, I ask that you be with us as we are in committee, as we're on this House Floor. I pray for the staff. I pray for all those that are elected officials and all the visitors that have come into this building. Let them feel your presence this day, Lord, that you're here, that you care about them, that you love us. I pray, God, if there's somebody that's in this room that is experiencing concern, they're worried, they're afraid, they're body needs a touch from you, they need something, I pray, God, that you would touch them this day. Let them know that you love them, that you care about them, that you have a plan for us every day. And I thank you for that. And, again, I thank you for this group. I ask you for your blessings on this building and this state and this country. In your name, Amen."

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

Scherer - 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 Evans: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Gabel is recognized for any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Gabel: "Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Will Davis and Jones will be excused today."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Keicher is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, please let the record reflect that Representative Marron is excused for today."

Speaker Evans: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 112 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Leader Hoffman is recognized on House Resolution 102. Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. If I could have the House's attention. I'd like to welcome the... I would like to welcome the Without Limits - Team Galaxy Special Olympics Cheer Team to the Capitol today. The Without Limits Team is one of five teams in the United States who have been invited to be part of the Special Olympics International Cheer Team for the 2023 World Games in Berlin, Germany in June. They're incredibly honored to be invited to not only represent the United States, but also the

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wonderful City of Belleville and the entire Metro East area. We're incredibly honored to recognize them for their hard work and accomplishments and would like to give them a very warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Williams, what reason do you seek recognition?"

Williams, J.: "Thank you, Chair. For point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Williams, J.: "Members of the House, could I have everyone's attention, please? Could I direct everyone to the lovely Miss Illinois, welcoming us with her presence in this state and in the House. Let's give her a big, warm welcome, please."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart, for what reason do you seek recognition? I'm sorry, Representative Williams."

Williams, J.: "Sorry, Chairman. I had a few words to say about everybody. Miss Illinois, also known as Miss Monica Nia Jones. Miss Jones was born and raised in the vibrant City of Chicago, where she attended Francis Xavier Warde School and the Chicago High School for the Arts. In 2018, she obtained her Bachelor of Science and Business and Special Environment... Special Events from Arizona State University and holds a certificate in marketing and communications for fashion at luxury brands from the Complutense University of Madrid. Monica Nia is both an accomplished dancer and a violinist, studying at the Alvin Ailey School, Chicago Multi-Cultural Dance Center, home of the Ballerinas. She's also attended Indiana University, Jacobs School of Music, Northwestern, and the Hyde Park Suzuki Institute. Her passion for music and arts has led her to her

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social impact initiative Music Uniting Souls in communities where she promotes the importance of diversity and exposure within classical music by bridging the gap between various communities by one common interest. Monica Nia, at the Miss America Competition in December of '22, Miss Nia placed in the top 11 and walked away from Miss America's Choice raising over \$53 thousand, the most raised in history. Since Miss America, Monica Nia has opened her franchise, HOTWORX. HOTWORKX is located in River North in Chicago, 9th District and is currently pursuing her master's of communications. Ladies and Gentlemen, one more time, let's give a please warm welcome for Miss Monica Nia Jones, Miss Illinois. And.. and she's... she's also being proudly presented by Mr. Illinois."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Stuart: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Stuart: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I think it's always important to recognize our staff, and we do have a staff member here in the well. It is Tommy Cory's birthday today, and I just want to say a quick happy birthday."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Severin is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Severin: "I have with me in the Speaker's Gallery today the girls basketball team from Christopher High School. If they'd stand at this time, I'd like to introduce them to you. We had House Resolution 211 that passed earlier, but I want to share just

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some of their accomplishments. They... they're the Christopher... Lady Bearcats from Christopher. Actually, the home of Chris Lowery in the... working in the well. That's where he was born. They... in the Class 1A IHSA Girls Basketball 2022-23 season, they were second place runner-ups. Their head coach is Hayden Carter, Assistant Coach Madeline Gossett, and Assistant Coach Grant Gordon. And their managers are Madison Brower... Brower, excuse me, Valerie Gunther, and Mason Hill. Before I read the accomplishments, I just want to share with you this is a first time ever that Christopher has gotten this far in basketball. So, here's some accomplishments. They were 31-4. They won the DuQuoin Tip-Off Tournament, champions. They were undefeated in the Black Diamond West Division, champions three years in a row. They were regional champions, beating Woodlawn 35-28. They beat Albion, Edwards County, in the sectional champion 58-43. They were the super-sectional champions over Neoga, 50-45. They were the state semifinal winners over Champaign, St. Thomas, 42-28. They, again, were the state runners-up. Charlie Meier, Representative Meier's Okawville team, they were the state champions. But look out, Charlie, because we're coming after you next year. Right, girls? So, they're the first basketball team in the boys or girls to win a sectional championship or a super-sectional in school history. I want to read their names off to you. Jessica Gordon, Makayla Dejean, Tori Crain, Emily Van Hoorebeke. Spell that one backwards, guys. McKensie Jackson, Salena Key, Amiah Hargrove, Lily Phelps, Hannah Baugh, Kandice Green, Madison Brower, Emma Wampler, Valerie Gunter, Mason Hill, Londynn Pontious, Kirstin Brown, Macey Marlow, Lexi Todd. Ladies and

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Gentlemen, welcome to the House your 2022-2023 IHSA Class 1A runner-ups from Christopher High School, the Christopher Bearcats."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. I rise today... it's actually today, not as we discussed a little bit yesterday. Today, we recognize the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Nation of Israel. Israel's Independence Day, known in Hebrew as Yom Ha'atzmaut. Today, Israelis celebrate Independence Day, and we heard just a few months ago from the Counsel General of Israel from Midwest about the deep and irrevocable ties that bind Illinois to Israel. There's a long list of reasons detailing why Israel has been such a trusted ally since 1948. Her commitment to civil rights and equal treatment of LGBTQ+ community. Her multiethnic society, where multiple races and religions are represented in government. Her advances in technology and agriculture. And her security relationship with the United States. But I want to add a personal note to this personal privilege. I have visited Israel multiple times, and what is undeniable to anyone who's ever visited is the nation's perseverance despite long and difficult odds. So, celebrating 75 years of existence is truly a remarkable milestone. And I ask the House of Representatives to join me in a round of applause to say happy birthday to the State of Israel."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Tipsword, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Tipsword: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Tipsword: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today with great honor to introduce to this Body the Washington High School wrestling team. The Panthers are the 2023 IHSA Class 2A State Wrestling Champions. They claimed their most recent wrestling title by defeating Joliet Catholic 28-27 at Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington. This is the fifth championship for the Panthers, along with their 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 championships. Only four other wrestling programs in Illinois have more state titles. This is truly a high school sports dynasty. In addition to the team championship, several members won individual state medals. Josh Hoffer, 6th place at 195 pounds. Zane Hulet, 4th place at 160 pounds. Wyatt Medlin, 3rd place at 126 pounds. Mr. Speaker, please bring the chamber to order. Wyatt Medlin, 3rd place at 126 pounds. Peyton Cox, 2nd place at 132 pounds. Blake Hinrichsen, 2nd place at 170 pounds. Justin Hoffer, 1st place at 220 pounds. And Kannon Webster won his third state title, this time at 145 pounds. Please give the 2A IHSA State Champion Washington Panthers a warm Springfield congratulations."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ammons, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

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Ammons: "Thank you. I would love for you all to turn and help me welcome the University of Illinois students that intern in District 103. If they would all stand. They're up in the gallery behind us on the Democratic side. I want to recognize the students. Over the last 9 years now, I have hosted an undergraduate intern program in the 103rd District, where the flagship University of Illinois is, and we have had over 109 interns serve the people of the 103rd District and, ultimately, the people of the State of Illinois through their research. We want to welcome all of the interns that are here from my office this semester. And if they would just raise their hand and wave, that would be amazing, when I call your name. We have Emma, who is in our communications. Emma is back there. We have Aidan, Gregory, Nason, Jocelyn, Avneet, Khalia, Aditi, Matt, Amir. And I have two staff persons here today, Andrea and Sally, who have brought them over from the 103rd District. Please welcome them to their Capitol. Thank you so much for your service."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Harper, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Harper: "First, I'd like to say happy Black Farmers Week in the State of Illinois. I'd like to honor all of the black farmers and advocates from across the state, especially those from my district in Englewood who have gathered in the Capitol for the first-ever Black Farmers and Growers Lobby Day, where they are here speaking up for healthy food access and equity within the agricultural food production and cannabis

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industries in Illinois. Additionally, we would like to welcome 4-H members from across Illinois who are attending the University of Illinois extension 4-H Legislative Connection event today and tomorrow at the Capitol. These youth represent 12 different 4-H programs from counties reaching to touching our Wisconsin border to our southernmost counties and across the state. They represent nearly 100 thousand 4-H participants in all 102 counties. These teens that you see here represent the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team and 4-H members trained through the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program. They have been active in their local 4-H clubs and communities and in community service projects, including 4-H learning experiences that include STEM, animal sciences, healthy living, civic engagement, and the creative arts. Now, we know that many of you are 4-H alumni or have a connection to 4-H. If you are a 4-H alumni or are engaged with 4-H, please stand and be recognized. A new 4-H alumni association is being formed, and we hope that you will be a part of it. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Gabel: "Thank you. Today, I have a Page with me. Her name is Alysia Davis, and she currently attend... and she currently attends Crete-Monee High School. She has been involved in student government, where she held the position as the president and vice president. And she tells me she's been involved in student government since she was in the sixth

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grade. How many of us can say that? She... her extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, student mentor, and president of the PBIS Newsletter. She has worked very hard in school, and she's graduating summa cum laude with a GPA of 4.4. And that's paid off very well for her because she now has a full-ride scholarship to Stanford University in California. So, her mom is here, Sylvia Jones. Thank you. And let's welcome Alysia and her mom with a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Coffey, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Coffey: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Coffey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could have your attention. If we could look to the back left here. Today, I have the honor of having some future lady leaders here. Please stand up. They're not here as leaders today, but they will be. Today, they're here as champions. The Blessed Sacrament seventh grade Girls Volleyball State Champions. They amassed a 30-0 season, advancing to the state tournament to play Bloomington Corpus Christi where they won in 2 games instead of 3, 25-21, 25-16. So, if I could give them a big round of applause and welcome them to Springfield. Well, they're from Springfield. So, congratulations."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Delgado, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

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Delgado: "Thank you. Today, I have with me as a guest on the House Floor Miss Rilee Ingram. She is a second grader at South Loop Elementary School in Chicago. She has a brother, Alex, that she'd like to send a shoutout to. She enjoys gymnastics, coloring, and hugs. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Rilee today on the Illinois House Floor."

Speaker Evans: "We'll return to points momentarily. Heading to the Calendar, under Concurrences, page 8... under the Order of Resolutions, excuse me, we have House Joint Resolution 5, Representative Cabello."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr...."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Joint Resolution has Floor Amendment #1, which has been approved for consideration, offered by Representative Cabello."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cabello on the Amendment."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution #5 would name portions of 173 from 251 to I-90 as the 'CPL Nathan Carlson Highway'. I've known Nathan... did we adopt the Amendment? Oh, well, I'm sorry. We need to adopt the Amendment, please."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Representative Cabello moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all 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 Hollman: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cabello."

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Cabello: "Thank you. Sorry about that. So, this would name portions of 173 from Highway 251 to I-90 as the 'CPL Nathan Carlson Highway'. I've known Nathan since he was two. After graduating high school, nine days later he entered the Marines. He became a crew chief for an Osprey. On June 3 of last year, the Osprey crashed, killing five members. Nathan was like a son to me. He served his country with honor, dignity, and respect. And I would humbly ask an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative West is recognized."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to speak on the Joint Resolution. Thank you, Leader Cabello, for bringing this forward. As we reflect upon the life of Corporal Nathan Carlson, what resonates with me is how fiercely intentional he lived at such a young age. Before enlisting, he showed leadership skills as a swim team captain. And within two years of being a Marine, he was focused on becoming an instructor of others. This teaches me that there's no time to allow the pieces to fall as they may in our lives because we do not know what the future holds. We must always be intentional, seize every moment, and be selfless. Nathan is a son to the 815 region and a hero to many in our state. Much love to his wife, Emily, his parents, Karrie and Eric, to his sisters, Casey and Mylee. May Nathan's memory be a blessing to us all. And because of this Resolution, may he never be forgotten. And I ask as well for a moment of silence."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cabello moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 5. All those in favor... prior to the vote, let's please take a moment of silence for this great

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man. Representative Cabello moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 5. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared adopted. Representative Johnson, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Johnson: "We hear all the time here from the Leader of our Caucus that winners do the work. We see it every day here in the gallery and here in the chambers. I have a group, special group from the Quad Cities here who exemplify that right up here to my right. It's the Moline Maroons basketball team. For 71 years, Moline basketball has tried to get to the top of the mountain here in Illinois. And this year, in the 72nd year, they finally did it, and they didn't take any shortcuts. I know Coach Taylor, Coach Rangel, they made sure that this team took on all challenges. And if you follow along, you can see that they did just that. They built momentum. They took on every single challenge. They got better. They did the work. And by the end of the season, they were an absolute machine. I'd like to point out that this team, they won their last 9 regular season games by an average of over 26 points a game and that's competing in the Western Big 6. In my opinion, the best conference in 4A basketball here in Illinois. They carried that momentum into the playoffs, and by the time they

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got to the championship game, they won each playoff game by an average of over 18 points a game. And because of what they've accomplished, there are kids all over the Quad Cities picking up basketballs every single day because of the inspiration that these kids, their coaches, and their families provided them. So, I want to thank you for inspiring all of us in our community, for doing the work, and you will live forever in Quad Cities legend. Thank you very much, Moline Maroons."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Swanson, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to recognize... don't sit down yet, young men. There you go. Thank you. I, too, would like to recognize the champions, the 4A champions of the State of Illinois in IHSA basketball. The team was 35-3 overall, a 92 percent winning average. Any of us that got a 92 percent on a paper in school would think that was pretty darn good. Well, these young men had a 92 percent winning average. They were 14-0 in conference play and had a 16-game winning streak. Sixteen games, that's hard to believe. Sixteen times being the top scorer, top team after every game. One individual I would like to recognize especially is Brock Harding, who was named Illinois' Mr. Basketball for the '22-'23 basketball season. The first Moline player to achieve such recognition. He's going to the University of Iowa. Although, I did remind him there are some great schools here in Illinois. But I know he will be a champion there, along

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with many other players that we talked about here and continue with their basketball skills or other athletic skills as they go off to college. I'd also like to recognize the head coach, Taylor, and his assistant coaches, Noble and Rangel. It is because of their leadership and their work with these young men that created a winning team, a championship team. And that's what we like about our coaches, not only to have... be able to coach teams, but also to instill that pride. And right now, Moline... the City of Moline is all maroon because of what these young men did. So, I, too, would like to congratulate you, thank you, best of luck as you go on in your high school or college careers. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hammond, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Hammond: "So, Members, I would just like to draw your attention, there are a couple of events tonight that I've been asked to bring to your attention. Today is Township Officials of Illinois Day. They will be hosting a legislative reception at the Illinois State Library this evening from 5 to 7 p.m. And so you don't have to travel too far, the IMA and IRMA are also hosting a tent event this evening on the corner of second and Adams. All staff and Members are invited to attend. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Benton, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Benton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to introduce my Page here. If you can pan down just a little bit on him. His name is

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Hunter Hayes, and he goes to Wredling Middle School in St. Charles, seventh grade. He's a percussionist in band, Honors Band, Jazz Band, and his church band. And he is extremely talented, extremely talented. He's currently competing at the state level. And he also plays guitar, piano, and he's competing at the state level for Honors and Jazz Bands. He likes working on cars, dirt bikes, riding quads, and mechanically inclined. He also likes Rubik's Cubes, LEGOs, and then he's fascinated with President Lincoln. So, he's in the right town for sure. And he also likes President John F. Kennedy. He's a gifted speaker regarding politics. And I want to welcome his mother, if you want to stand up. His mom, Heather, Grandpa Terry, and Grandma Mary that are here. And I just want to let him speak here and say a little something."

Hunter Hayes: "Hi, mom."

Benton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Leader Smith is recognized."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to recognize the Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School students here from Harvey, Illinois in the gallery today. Please stand and be recognized. There we go. Give them a warm round of applause. Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Nichols, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Nichols: "It's about time, bro, like... point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Nichols: "Ladies and Gentlemen in the Assembly today, I'd like to... this is a very special day for everybody in here,

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especially me. We have the Members of Zeta Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Sorority, Incorporated, the only constitutionally bound organizations. I want to... yeah, everybody give a round of applause right now. Bigger than that. Let's go. Come on. But I have a very, very special Resolution that I would like to read. And I'm going to try to compose myself. Everybody know I'm a very emotional... emotional guy. This is... this is a very unique individual.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Clarence Johnson for his years of service as an officer of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and his commitment to its ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Johnson was born in Chicago and attended Loyola University, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees and embarked on a career as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Johnson served locally as president of the Iota Alpha Chapter from 1959 to 1961, as state director for Illinois from 1971 to 1974, as vice president of the Upsilon Sigma Chapter in 1976, and as president of the Upsilon Sigma Chapter from 1995 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Johnson served as director of the Great Lakes Region from 1974 to 1980 while also serving as regional director of collegiate affairs from 1974 to 1977, as regional director from 1977 to 1980, and as a regional parliamentarian from 2000 to 2001; during his tenure, he helped charter more than 60 chapters; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Johnson served as national director of collegiate affairs from 1980 to 1981 and as a trustee on the

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Phi Beta Sigma's National Real Estate Commission from 1997 to 2001; he was inducted into the Distinguished Service Chapter in 1997 in recognition of his service to the communities served by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; therefore, be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Clarence Johnson for exemplifying the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service through his years of dedication to strengthening Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and the communities the members serve; and be it further RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Clarence Johnson as an expression of our esteem and respect. Please, Ladies and Gentlemen, put your hands together for a great man in our organization, Clarence Johnson. All right, Speaker, hold on. And as you guys know that Leader Ford and I are members of Phi Beta Sigma, and today is our... is Zeta Phi Beta Sigma Day, and I think Rep. Ford wants to say a couple words. Rep. Ford is going to say no, he don't. Thank you, guys, for indulging us, Clarence. And we want to recognize Justice Carl Walker is with us today, and he's also a member. And former Representative Ken Dunkin. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Miller, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Miller: "Thank you. I rise today to draw attention to conflicting policies currently being pushed here in Springfield. This week in committee, the House is reviewing several Bills

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dealing with soil health and soil conservation. As a farmer, I can tell you soil health is vital to family farms like mine. However, this same House is responsible for policies that encourage and incentivize installing solar panels on thousands of acres of prime farm... farmland in Illinois. This is a profound contradiction. Illinois is home to some of the most fertile farmland in the world, which we use to feed the world as top producers of soybeans and corn. Covering thousands of acres of fertile farmland with solar panels disrupts the soil, causes drainage and pollution issues, as well as the irreparable loss in production. Solar panels contain hazardous materials that can leech into the soil, which is why some landfills refuse to take solar panels. Covering green fertile farmland with Chinese-made solar panels that contain hazardous material does not benefit the environment. I would encourage everyone to use a little common sense and remember that if we replace fertile farmland with Chinese solar panels that we have no way to produce the food that we need to feed our state, our country, and our world. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1438 and Senate Bill 1474. Representative Harper, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1560, Senate Bill 1701, Senate Bill 1745, Senate

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Bill 1772, Senate Bill 1803, and Senate Bill 1882; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 54, as well as House Resolution 175. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulations, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1212, Senate Bill 1526, Senate Bill 1653, Senate Bill 1710, Senate Bill 1892, Senate Bill 2278, Senate Bill 2325; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Joint Resolution 5. Representative Costa Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption & Child Welfare reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 188, Senate Bill 375, Senate Bill 2134, and Senate Bill 2293. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 762, Senate Bill 1282, Senate Bill 1495, Senate Bill 1527, Senate Bill 1568, and Senate Bill 2195. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 422, Senate Bill 1499, Senate Bill 1834, Senate Bill 1886, Senate Bill 1987, and Senate Bill 2285; do pass as amended Short Debate for Senate Bill 2197 and Senate Bill 2260. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1098, Senate Bill 1595, and Senate Bill 2320; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate

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Bill 1570. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1127, Senate Bill 1563, Senate Bill 1804, and Senate Bill 2226; and do pass as amended Short Debate for Senate Bill 836. Representative Yednock, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1376 and Senate Bill 2005. Representative Croke, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions & Licensing reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1835; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 3296 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3479. Representative Collins, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Access reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1559 and Senate Bill 1909; and recommends be adopted as amended is House Joint Resolution 13. Representative Meyers-Martin, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1979. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on April 26, 2023: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1109, House Bill 2507, House Bill 2518, House Bill 2579, House Bill 2830, Senate Bill 1225, Senate Bill 1641, Senate Bill 1675, Senate Bill 1705, Senate Bill 1840, Senate Bill 1963, Senate Bill 1988, Senate Bill 2047, Senate

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Bill 2213, Senate Bill 2287, and Senate Bill 2315; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2232. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken April 26, 2023: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2539, Senate Bill 74, and Senate Bill 805; and recommends be adopted as amended is House Joint Resolution 6. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 26, 2023: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2204, Senate Bill 505, Senate Bill 855, Senate Bill 1298, Senate Bill 1617, Senate Bill 1794, Senate Bill 1814, Senate Bill 2271, Senate Bill 2294, and Senate Bill 2322. And do pass as amended Short Debate for Senate Bill 1497 and Senate Bill 2039. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on April 26, 2023: do pass as amended Short Debate for Senate Bill 2223, Senate Bill 2243, and Senate Bill 2354; and recommends be adopted is House Resolution 109. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on April 26, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 990, Senate Bill 1066, Senate Bill 1067, Senate Bill 1670, Senate Bill 1866, and Senate Bill 2368; and do pass as amended Short Debate for Senate Bill 1463. Representative Morgan, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on April 26, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1785, Senate Bill 1889, Senate Bill 2057, and

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Senate Bill 2130; do pass as amended Short Debate for Senate Bill 1716 and Senate Bill 1721. Representative Andrade, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on April 26, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 896, Senate Bill 1251, Senate Bill 1896, Senate Bill 2014, and Senate Bill 2028. Representative Guzzardi, Chairperson from the Committee on Housing reports the following committee action taken on April 26, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1367, Senate Bill 1484, Senate Bill 1741, Senate Bill 2013, and Senate Bill 2037; and do pass as amended Short Debate for Senate Bill 1476. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 232, offered by Representative Weaver. House Resolution 233, offered by Representative Huynh. And House Joint Resolution 31, offered by Representative Moylan. These Resolutions are referred to the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mason, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Mason: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I have a special visitor from back home. Cheri Neal is the Zion Township supervisor. She works really hard for the people of our community, and I am so glad to have her here visiting us. Please help me welcome her to Springfield."

Speaker Evans: "Returning to the Calendar. On page 8, under the Order of Concurrences at the top, we have House Bill 559, Representative Morgan. Mr. Clerk. Representative Morgan on the Amendment."

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Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur for House Bill 559, the Health Care Workforce Reinforcement Act. We discussed this a little bit yesterday. The only thing that this Bill does that's different from what we passed unanimously in the House previously is it removes a Public Aid Code, a reference to Medicaid, which was redundant. Could have cost the state money. We didn't need it. It was deleted. That was the only change, and I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Keicher: "Thank you, Representative, for bringing this. I just want to confirm for those of us on our side of the aisle this passed unanimously. We have a small tweak for that Public Aid provision, and it's the same language..."

Morgan: "That's right."

Keicher: "...otherwise. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 559?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 559. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back in the Calendar, under House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2911, Representative Collins. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2911, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill has been read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2911, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Collins is recognized."

Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2911 just expands the rights of the Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to allow them to copy clinical records and laws of resident's access and visitation rights of participants or residents so long as they have expressed written consent to the people in question. The goal of the office is just to protect and improve quality of life for residents in long-term care settings. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hammond is recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Hammond: "Representative Collins, I just want to thank you for your work on this Bill. And I have worked with the ombudsman program for a number of years. They do incredible work. And your work here in this Bill not only brings that forward and enlightens more and more of our constituents and our Members, but I know that you worked very hard to get the Bill to this point. So, I just want to say thank you, and I'd encourage an 'aye' vote."

Collins: "Thank you, Leader."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Collins to close."

Collins: "I'd just greatly appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2911 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 3 of House Bills-Third Reading. We have House Bill 29... excuse me, 2317, Leader Rita. Mr. Clerk, please place this Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2317, a Bill for an Act concerning fish. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Rita."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Rita on the Amendment."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the chamber. Amendment #1 to House Bill 2317 basically puts an age restriction on what the underlying Bill is, and I'll explain that when it goes to Third. It puts age 26."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Rita moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read this Bill on Third Reading."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2317, a Bill for an Act concerning fish.  
Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Rita is recognized."

Rita: "All right. Thank you. This first-time fishing license...  
this Bill is a Bill to get people that... who have previously  
purchased fishing license, but have not purchased it in the  
last 10 years and are 26 or older, to give them the first-  
time fisherman price to get people back in to using our  
waterways and fishing. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House  
Bill'... seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill  
2317 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed  
vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have  
all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please  
take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes',  
0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having  
received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared  
passed. Remaining on page 3 of the Calendar, under House  
Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3257, Leader Rita.  
Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3257, a Bill for an Act concerning  
animals. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.  
This is House Bill 3257, which came from a friend. And what  
it basically does is it bans the dyeing of goldfish and  
painting of hermit crabs. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hammond is recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Hammond: "Leader Rita, between your previous Bill and this Bill, it just feels like there's something fishy going on here. Is there anything in the language of this Bill that's not obvious that we should be suspect of?"

Rita: "Well, it's... you know, I would take a look at it. And it's a practice that takes place that I believe, you know, shouldn't... we should ban the practice of this, the poor little animals."

Hammond: "Well, given the fact that you are speaking under your breath, Representative, there is definitely something fishy here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer is... Representative Rita to close."

Rita: "No other questions? I urge an 'aye' vote on this. This is a good Bill that came from a friend. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3257 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 8 of the Calendar, under Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 10, Representative Yednock. Representative Yednock is recognized."

Yednock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I present House Joint Resolution 10, where it's highly fitting that the Illinois General Assembly pay honor to respect the truly great individuals who

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served our country and, in doing so, have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. I'm presenting a Resolution for Sergeant Michael J. Vangelisti. Sergeant Vangelisti entered active duty in January 18 from the Air Force in 1968, and he was assigned to Vietnam in September of 1969. Sergeant Vangelisti died on April 28, 1970 due to the injuries sustained on an aircraft accident. Therefore, I ask that it be resolved, by the House of Representatives of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Illinois, and concurring herein, that we designate the section of Route 6 in the City of Marseilles as 'SGT Michael J. Vangelisti Memorial Highway'. I ask for a 'favorable' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Yednock moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 10. Prior to the vote, let's take a moment of silence. Continuing the Motion, Representative Yednock moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 10. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared adopted. Moving forward to page 13 of the Calendar. Under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 148, Representative Jacobs. Representative Jacobs is recognized."

Jacobs: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I rise to present House Resolution 148. This Resolution asks for the support of this Body for the southwest connector in Southern Illinois. It's an expansion of Illinois Routes 127, 154, and

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3 from two to four lanes. This will go through Jackson, Perry, Randolph, and Monroe Counties. This highway expansion is supported by local unions, merchants, Southern Illinois University, and by local and statewide officials, such as Senator Richard Durbin, Senator Tammy Duckworth, Congressman Mike Bost, Senators Terry Bryant and Dale Fowler, Representatives Jay Hoffman, Patrick Windhorst, David Friess, Dave Severin, myself, and others. Dozens of local governments, Illinois Manufacturers' Association, Illinois Municipal League, Illinois Retail Merchants Association, dozens of Southern Illinois businesses, Penn Aluminum International, Imo's Pizza, E.T. Simonds Construction Company, and many others that realize the impact of a four-lane that will connect all the way from existing four-lane and six-lane highways in eastern Southern Illinois from Eldorado, Harrisburg, Marion, Carbondale, and then on to the new southwest connector to East St. Louis. This expansion will increase traffic from St. Louis area to our beautiful tourist areas in Southern Illinois. This includes all of our wineries, our beautiful state parks, and Shawnee National Forest. This will also increase safety, changing from two-lanes to four-lane highway. Not to mention the ability to move our products manufactured in Southern Illinois over the highways, rather than back roads and... a tremendous increase in well-paying jobs, very well-paying jobs, during and after this expansion. I ask for an 'aye' vote, and I am willing to answer any questions you might have."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Jacobs moves for the adoption of House Resolution 148. All those in favor

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say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Andrade, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Andrade: "Mr. Speaker, I just want a... as a former staffer, I just want to thank and... and all our administrative professionals on Professional Administrative Assistant Day. I want to give a shoutout to my chief of staff, Elvira, and Nestor, my assistant here. I just... we wouldn't be here at all if it wasn't for our assistants. So, I just want to say that you are appreciated to all our professional administrative assistants. That's all. Just want to say thank you for all their work and all the time they make us look good. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Moving back to page 2 of the Calendar on House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 1097, Leader Flowers. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1097, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendment have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1097, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Flowers is recognized."

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Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1097 is a Bill that... back in 2008, we passed legislation that would require exonerees to have a education and be able to get a scholarship. Unfortunately, a lot of people that have been exonerated didn't know about the scholarship or did not take the opportunity to take advantage of it, but they had family members that wanted to or wished they had the opportunity to do so. House Bill 1097 is setting forth those scholarships that's not being used by the exonerees to be able to pass on to their families. That's exactly what the Bill does, and I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Keicher: "Thank you. And thank you, Representative, for bringing this. Filling in on some floor duties while we got some folks off today. So, can you help me talk a... or understand a little bit. This is an expansion of a program that's already in place for exonerees themselves, correct?"

Flowers: "That is correct."

Keicher: "Okay. And I see that two Amendments have been filed.. or three Amendments have been filed, and I don't see any of those on the board. Can you talk to me about the status of those and where we might be proceeding?"

Flowers: "Well, there is Amendment #3 that deals with the FAFSA part of the Bill. I'll be more than happy because I promised my colleagues that I would add that to the Bills, if the Amendment is ready. But I really never thought that it was

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necessary because these exonerees, some of them have been in prison for years and their families have suffered. And so, we could automatically assume that they would qualify for the scholarship. But I do have that Amendment ready, and please forgive me for... it's the Clerk's fault because they didn't call it."

Keicher: "Okay. So, I'm also being told that there's a Senate version of this same proposal and that the Senate proposal..."

Flowers: "No."

Keicher: "...has a little bit closer..."

Flowers: "Nope, nope, nope, nope, nope. There's a... there is a Senate version that addresses exonerees..."

Keicher: "Okay."

Flowers: "...but is totally different. I cannot... the only thing that's similar and/or the same is the word 'exonerees'. Other than that, it's totally different."

Keicher: "Okay. Can you share with me a little bit about the population this might serve? How many numbers we've got in that general grouping?"

Flowers: "You know, currently, I don't know how many people have been exonerated. These are people who have served years in prison and their lives have been destroyed. They were falsely incarcerated. So, therefore, they lost their jobs, their homes, their families. And so, this is a way of the state giving back for the livelihood of the families that they destroyed. And so, to give you a number, I think the number is growing every day. Every day in the newspaper, we read about new people getting certificates of innocence because they were truly, truly innocent. It's not by, you know,

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chance, but the judge deemed that they were truly innocent. So, therefore, they were entitled to the certificate of innocence. But more importantly, when we did the Bill back in 2008, and this has nothing to do with the current Bill..."

Keicher: "And the Bill in 2008 was the original exoneree?"

Flowers: "Yeah, in 2008."

Keicher: "Okay."

Flowers: "And so, back then I included housing, which has not been implemented, job training, which has not been implemented, as well as education. And so, when I looked around the landscape and I realized we haven't done anything for the family. And so, I figured with this Bill, House Bill 1097, it's the least we could do to... it's just the least that we could do for these family members to be able... if they so choose to."

Keicher: "I like and understand where you're heading. I'm told by my staff that Senate Bill 2426, which it seems like a Representative on your side of the aisle might be carrying, does also extend that to the dependents of exonerees and is much more reflective of the ease of ISAC to implement the program. So, here's what I would ask. Would you mind pulling this for today, conferring on Senate Bill 2426, and we reconsider later today or tomorrow on this same measure?"

Flowers: "Let... let me tell you... and I'll do that, maybe, but let me explain something. I've got to think about this because I've been waiting so long. You know? I mean, years..."

Keicher: "Understood."

Flowers: "...and years and years."

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Keicher: "And I'm not saying defer it for a long time. I just... if we have one that's... that's got language in it that works..."

Flowers: "But... but let me explain the difference. I see that the Sponsor is not here, and she and I have talked. So, what that Bill... what the Senate Bill does is... it was really rather concerning to me. What the Senate Bill does... and you have your staff there. So, he could, if he would like, prove me wrong. But that Bill... that Senate Bill says, any part of a scholarship that's not used could be passed down. Now, I was really insulted when I saw the Bill drafted like that, you know, because why is it that an exoneree's child have to have a hand-me-down?"

Keicher: "Did you talk to Senator Villivalam about that? Has he proposed the language?"

Flowers: "I did talk to him when... yes."

Keicher: "And what was his response?"

Flowers: "He was standing right in front when we had Mayor Johnson down... Mayor-Elect Brandon Johnson. Yes. I talked to him that day, and I have spoken to the Sponsor in the House a few times. And she knows and she realized the concerns of the Senate Bill as well and how it would conflict with 1097. But it was really our intention because 1097 was stuck in Rules, and it was our intention... I was going to put my language on her Bill, but then I realized that her... the Senate Bill is not germane to House Bill 1097. So, it just wouldn't fit."

Keicher: "Okay. All right."

Flowers: "So, that's the reason why I'm hesitant about taking it out the record. And you can please confirm with your staff to

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see if I'm right or wrong. Because that's what my staff told me, and he's standing right here."

Keicher: "I... and we don't need to belabor the point. I just... it seems like, from ISAC's position, it would be easier to implement the language that's coming over in the Senate Bill. But to the Bill. We have some concerns. We'd like to see a reconciliation between the two. In scope, I think it's a fine idea, and we'll go from there."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized. Leader Flowers to close."

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I would appreciate an 'aye' vote on this Bill. This Bill is for the exonerees' families in which we've caused enough pain and anguish. And this is just something that's been the law for years, and I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1097 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 71 voting 'yes', 40 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 211, offered by Representative Severin. House Resolution 228, offered by Representative Tipsword. House Resolution 229, offered by Representative Spain. House Resolution 230, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer. House Resolution 231, offered by Representative Weaver. House Resolution 234, offered by

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Representative Robinson. And House Resolution 235, offered by Representative Johnson."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel moves for... Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions. Leader Gabel 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. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, April 27, at the hour of noon. 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. Committee Reports. Representative Gabel, Chairperson for the Committee on Rules reports the following action on April 26, 2023: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 2509, House Bill 2847, and House Bill 3326. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1879, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. First Reading of this Senate Bill. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1109, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2204, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2232, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2507, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2518, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2539, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2579, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2830, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of these House Bills. They

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will be held on the Order of Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."