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- Speaker Buckner: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led today by Jasmine Gurneau. Jasmine is with Chicago Indian American (sic-American Indian) Community Collaborative in Chicago, Illinois. Jasmine is the guest of Representative Faver Dias. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."
- Jasmine Gurneau: "[Recited in Oneida/Menominee language.] Hello, everyone. My name is Jasmine Gurneau. I am a citizen of the Oneida Nation and a descendent of the Menominee Nation, and I'm proud to serve as the board president for the Chicago American Indian Community Collaborative. I'd like to begin this Session today by recognizing the land of the Three Fires people, the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Bodewedmi, but also the Ho-Chunk, Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Sauk and Fox, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, and Chickasaw Nations. As you can tell by the many tribal nations I named, Illinois and these lands and territories have always been an important place of gathering, a place of knowledge sharing, and a place in which we deliberately always traded with each other and have engaged in political exchange in order to build new worlds together. I wanted to acknowledge that context as we open this Session here today. I also want to share that land acknowledgments without action and commitments to Native people today and in the future are empty gestures. As people who are in public service, we appreciate the leadership and service that you all provide. There is nothing more honorable than those who are in service to community. We are so happy

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to be here today and to build relationships with you, to have the opportunity to build relationships, to heal historic harms and build into the future in positive ways. As someone who was born and raised in the State of Illinois and raising my family here, I'm so proud to stand here and say that my kids, who are here in the Speaker Gallery just above me ... sorry, gallery today, that they're witnessing the state, you all, upholding your responsibility to Indigenous sovereignty and, specifically, the Prairie Band Potawatomi. My kids will grow up with a story of justice being done, of lands being returned to our Native people. In the spirit of our moral responsibilities, I hope you all continue holding the Three Native nations Fires people and in your rights, responsibilities, and relationships here, now, and in the future so that we can build the worlds that we want. Waewaenen, Yaw^ko, Dan^to."

- Speaker Buckner: "We will be led in the Pledge… thank you. We will be led today in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative 'Big Dave' Severin."
- Severin 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 Buckner: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Gabel is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."
- Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record show that Representatives Ammons, Guerrero-Cuellar, Mayfield, Olickal, Rashid, Tarver, Vella, Yednock are excused today."

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- Speaker Buckner: "Thank you, Leader. Leader Keicher is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the… Leader Windhorst is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."
- Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representatives Ugaste, Meier, Hauter, and David Friess today."
- Speaker Buckner: "Thank you, Leader. Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 101 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."
- Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools reports the following committee action on February 21, 2024: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 3286. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action May ... February ... correction, February 21, 2024: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 3908, House Bill 4416, and House Bill 4742. Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action on February 21, 2024: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4650. Representative Stava-Murray, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Health reports the following committee action taken on February 22, 2024: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4271. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action on February 22, 2024: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4139."

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- Speaker Buckner: "Representative Severin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"
- Severin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Buckner: "Please proceed."

- Severin: "If I could have your attention just for a moment. I have a guest on the House Floor today. He's making his return today. This is his third time as a Page. This is Mr. Johnathan Showalter from Dahlgren Grade School. He's in 6th grade, 11 years old. He is the son of Gary and Jodi Showalter. Some activities he participates in... and you'll want to pay attention here in just a minute 'cause he's going to do something that nobody else in this Capitol can do. But he... he leads prayer in his prayer circle. He plays the oboe in the band. He's part of the choir. He's part of the 4-H member ... or he's a 4-H member. He participates in the Veterans Day program. He's made blankets for persons in nursing homes, also blankets for animals in animal shelters. And he also participates in making valentines for veterans. He's part of ... he's one of the distinguished high honors and top accelerated readers, and he also has a distinguished ability to recite all 46 Presidents in order in 28 seconds. So, here we go."
- Johnathan Showalter: "George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, William Harrison, John Tyler, James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Ulysses Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin

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Harrison, Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Herbert Walker Bush, Bill Clinton, George Walker Bush, Barack Obama, Donald Trump, and Joe Biden."

- Severin: "There you have it, all 46 Presidents in 28 seconds. Johnathan Showalter, welcome back."
- Speaker Buckner: "Johnathan, welcome back to your Capitol. Representative Faver Dias, for what reason do you seek recognition... recognition?"
- Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Buckner: "Please proceed."

Faver Dias: "It is my honor today to introduce and recognize the group of folks who are in the Speaker's Gallery. Today is the 2024 Native American Summit Day here at the Capitol. American Indian leaders from all over the state and in neighboring states have traveled to Springfield to bring awareness and advocate for issues directly affecting their community. I'd like to welcome the Chicago American Indian Community Collaborative, Tunica Biloxi Tribe, and Prairie Band Potawatomi. As an American history teacher, I know our country and state have perpetuated a multitude of injustices and oppression towards Indigenous people. It is time that we recognize and take tangible steps to addressing the sins of our past. It is my hope that this Body will engage with these American Indian leaders here today and take a step towards a

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more just and inclusive future for the original inhabitants of our state. Thank you all for being here."

Speaker Buckner: "Welcome to your Capitol. Leader Gordon-Booth, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Moment of personal privilege, please. This Saturday, the 182nd Airborne will be deploying young men and women to go to a far, unknown land, to them, at about 3 a.m. this upcoming Saturday. And I ask this Body for your prayers as my son will be deployed with the 182nd Battalion this coming Saturday. We all serve in this Body, and we all respect and love our veterans so much, but it hits very close to home when that veteran is your spouse, your parent, your child. And so, I just ask that this Body be willing to say a little prayer for my son as he travels to the other side of the world to protect the interests of the United States government and the citizens of the United States of America. Thank you."

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

Hernandez, L.: "Thank you, Speaker. Point of personal privilege." Speaker Buckner: "Please proceed."

Hernandez, L.: "I want to take a moment to remind Members about a resource that's available to all of us and, more importantly, to all our constituents from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. If you have students and families in your district who need help completing financial aid applications like the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, there is free help available from... from a group

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of outreach staff called the Illinois Student Assistance Corps. ISACorps are working throughout the state, helping students in high schools and community settings, doing workshops and presentations, and one-on-one assistance. And some of us even host them for events in our own district offices. You can get in touch with them directly or you can connect your constituents for... for them to help them. If you want to find the Corps... Corps members in your region, you can look them up online at isac.org/isacorps. Thank you."

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

Coffey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege." Speaker Buckner: "Please proceed."

Coffey: "If I could direct everybody's attention to the Speaker's Gallery, and I could get the Rochester football team to all stand up, please, that would be great. I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Rochester High School football team for capturing their ninth state championship title in their program history. The Rochester Rockets went 14 and 0 in an undefeated season and winning the state championship against St. Laurence High School with a final score of 59 to 38. Another point of recognition. This the first time in school history the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity football teams all went undefeated and were conference champions in the same season. The team's coach, Derek Leonard, is a true inspiration for these athletes. His dedication and commitment to Rochester football team reflects the values he's distilled into the players to never stop chasing their dreams on and off the field. While Derek holds onto many great

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achievements, like an overall 193 and 36 record, he still has to compete, but the competition is with his own family. While his father, Ken Leonard, is the winningest coach in State of Illinois history with a 419 and 81 record. Derek, you got a little ways to go, but I have no doubt you'll get there because we in the 95th District know that Derek Leonard is the finest football coach in the State of Illinois. Congratulations, Derek, and the entire Rochester football team for your great achievements and good luck to all the seniors in your next steps ahead. The 95th District is very proud of all of you. So, thank you, and congratulations."

Speaker Buckner: "Congratulations to the Rochester Rockets state football champions. Representative Scherer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege." Speaker Buckner: "Please proceed."

Scherer: "I, too, would like to congratulate Rochester. Way to go. And coach, here we go again. I feel like instant replay. As I have told before, I'm... I'm Representative Scherer. I'm also your Representative in Rochester. And your coach's cousin has been my friend since eighth grade. And we... we were college roommates, we were roommates after college, and then we taught together for 35 years. So, I've known your family for a very long time. So, I can't go so far as to say you're the best coach because I'm afraid of Kenny if I would say that. So, we're just going to say the Leonards are the best coaches. Congratulations."

Speaker Buckner: "Leader Lilly, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege." Speaker Buckner: "Please proceed."

Lilly: "Thank you. Good afternoon. Today, I'd like to rise to talk about the Black History Month honor and recognition of ... of individuals who have contributed to our great country. Today, I wish to honor Percy and Anna Julian, a husband and wife who are an important part of the history here in Illinois, here in my hometown of Oak Park, where they have made a significant difference in all of the sciences across the world. A little bit about Mr. Julian. Percy Julian, born in 18... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Percy Julian, born in 1899, was one of the most important chemists in our nation history. He worked at the Glidden Company in Chicago and later his own lab in Julian Laboratories in Franklin Park. He worked to synthesize new drugs, where he led a serious medical breakthroughs. Drugs that address many of the medications that allow us to receive treatment for glaucoma ... glaucoma and also many of the hormonal issues that are ... many of us are dealing with here in our great state. These drugs allowed us to have wide availability to make sure that we are well and our issues are addressed. He also was the first black chemist inducted into the National Academy of Sciences and the second black scientist inducted in the National Academy of Sciences. But he was not alone. His loved one, his wife, had a lot to do with his success and also her own success. Anna Johnson Julian, born in 1901, was the first black woman to earn her PhD in psychologies, where she received her degree in 1937 from the University of Pennsylvania. She served as the national president of the historical black sorority Delta

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Sigma Theta, which I am a member of, red and white. After working for a decade in D.C. as a researcher, she gained ... she joined her husband in Chicago where she was civic activist and founder of the Julian Laboratories along with her husband, Percy. They both served the ... served in the country ... served in the company throughout its entirety. She served as the vice president. In 1950, the Julians moved to Oak Park, where I also lived and attended school. And I'm very proud to say that they have a wonderful home that we are restoring in Oak Park as a... as a museum for you to see all of their good work. At this time, as you know, there were few, very few, black people living in Oak Park, but they were making a difference and being great neighbors to many. They were very supportive of many of the progress that was happening in our great city here in Chicago. Even before they moved to Oak Park, the property was bombed. We wanted to make sure the family wanted to make sure that in restoring the property that they will ... will be able to sustain the riches and the information that they have provided to our great country and our great city around the sciences. Despite these racial attacks on their homes and their property, the family sustained theirselves in Oak Park, and their daughter remains in that location today. It is important to know that because of the tenacity and what they have brought to the community, Oak Park has named their middle school after Percy Julian and is titled Julian Middle School. And this family, who has pioneered not only in Illinois but throughout our country, has made history, has made black history. And with the memory of Percy and Anna and their contributions to science and the

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adversities that they have overcome, the role has played a great... oh, played in creating a great inclusive, progressive community in Oak Park as of today. I'd like to stand in honor of the Julians, who have made a difference in their community and had the resilience and steadfastness to make sure that they really wanted to be remembered as a quality, committed American. And at... with that, Oak Park has made the significant of celebrating them at our Oak Park Library here in Oak Park. And please take a minute to come to Oak Park Library and visit the display that really highlights their contributions to this great country. Thank you."

Speaker Buckner: "Leader Burke, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Kastillo Buckner: "Hi. Hi."

Speaker Buckner: "I love you, Kastillo."

Kastillo Buckner: "Love you, Dada."

Speaker Buckner: "So moved. Representative Weber, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Weber: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Buckner: "Please proceed."

Weber: "Today, I ask the chamber to honor the birthday of a true American hero, founder of our nation, and the President of the United States, George Washington. On this day, we honor his remarkable leadership, unwavering dedication to the principles of freedom and democracy, and his pivotal role in shaping the course of our nation's history. George Washington's legacy is a testament of courage, integrity, and vision. His leadership during the American Revolution War inspired a young nation to fight for its independence and

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laid the foundation for a young republic and the principles of liberty that we hold so dear today. George Washington's selfless service to his country serves as a timeless example to all of us. Let us celebrate the father of our nation, George Washington, who continues to inspire and guide us as we strive to uphold the ideals of liberty and justice for

all. Thank you, and happy birthday, George Washington."

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

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

Speaker Buckner: "Please proceed."

- Mason: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen in the gallery and on the floor, I would like to ask you to join me in wishing happy birthday to another great American, my colleague from the Lake County caucus, Dan Didech. Dan... Dan does not have a little sweetheart like yours here to say great things on the microphone, but I am sure that Theo and Violet will have lots of goodies and hugs for him when he gets home today. Happy birthday, Dan."
- Speaker Buckner: "Happy birthday, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."
- Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 617, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth."
- Speaker Buckner: "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 be adjourned until Tuesday, March 5. All those

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in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5670, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5671, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5672, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5673, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5674, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5675, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5676, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5677, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5678, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5679, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5680, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5681, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5682, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5683, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning

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