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1:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Representative Tarver in the chair.

Prayer by Jannah Sellars, Inner City Muslim Action Network in Chicago, Illinois.

Representative Smith led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:

112 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Cochran, Faver Dias, Gordon-Booth, Katz Muhl and Olickal were excused from attendance.

REPORTS

The Clerk of the House acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:

2025 ILETSB Letter BWC and In car camera report letter, submitted by the McLean County Sheriff Department on February 17, 2026

2025 MCSP BWC Report, submitted by the McLean County Sheriff Department on February 17, 2026

20260217-annual-report-fy25, submitted by the Illinois Power Agency on February 17, 2026

2-24-2026 Agenda, submitted by the LAC on February 17, 2026

2-24-26 Acknowledgement of Reports, submitted by the LAC on February 17, 2026

EP Memorandum FY25 QTR4, submitted by the LAC on February 17, 2026

EP Memorandum FY26 QTR1, submitted by the LAC on February 17, 2026

February 24 Consent Calendar, submitted by the LAC on February 17, 2026

Financial Statements Oct 25 - Jan 26, submitted by the LAC on February 17, 2026

FY21-22 Compliance DCFS Review#4598, submitted by the LAC on February 17, 2026

FY23-24 Compliance DCEO Review#4597, submitted by the LAC on February 17, 2026

FY23-24 Compliance DCFS Review#4599, submitted by the LAC on February 17, 2026

FY23-24 Compliance DFPR Review#4600, submitted by the LAC on February 17, 2026

Letter from FM to LAC ROE 34, submitted by the LAC on February 17, 2026

Meeting Minutes 10-28-2025, submitted by the LAC on February 17, 2026

ROE 34 letter from JM, submitted by the LAC on February 17, 2026

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Davidsmeyer replaced Representative Hammond in the Committee on Rules on February 17, 2026.

Representative Stephens replaced Representative Hammond in the Committee on Rules (a) on February 17, 2026.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 671

Offered by Representative Gabel:

WHEREAS, Reverend Jesse Jackson was a pivotal figure in the Civil Rights Movement, an influential political leader in Illinois and across the nation, and a dedicated Baptist minister in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, From a young age, Rev. Jackson was an active participant in local and national civil rights efforts, protesting against segregation and unfair working conditions, which included staging a sit-in at a whites-only public library in Greenville, South Carolina in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson's connection to Illinois began at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where he accepted a football scholarship and played for the university for one year; and

WHEREAS, While enrolled at the Chicago Theological Seminary, Rev. Jackson's organized protests against violent police responses led him to meet Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., prompting him to join the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and participate in the historic 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Returning to Chicago, Rev. Jackson led the SCLC's Operation Breadbasket, a project that prioritized opening doors for Black Americans in the workforce, promoting Black-owned enterprises, and encouraging white businesses to invest in Black companies, which resulted in his appointment as national director of SCLC in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson founded Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) in Chicago's Kenwood neighborhood, with a focus on Black economic empowerment and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson spoke boldly about the Chicago news media's exclusiveness for white-only reporters, boycotting and picketing in front of WBBM-Channel 2's Streeterville studio for 10 months, ultimately leading to the increased hiring of people of color and women at the station; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson established the Rainbow Coalition in 1984, drawing inspiration from activist and civil rights icon Fred Hampton's vision to advocate for social programs, voting rights, and affirmative action for all groups negatively impacted by the economic policies of President Ronald Reagan's administration; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson's presidential campaigns in 1984 and 1988 highlighted his commitment to fairness and inclusion and attracted a diverse coalition of supporters from big cities, suburbs, and small towns alike; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson remained deeply engaged with progressive policy, serving as a shadow delegate and shadow U.S. Senator for the District of Columbia (D.C.) from 1991 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson proved to be an invaluable advisor in international diplomacy, successfully securing the release of captives in Syria, Iraq, and Kosovo, advocating for peace in Northern Ireland, and serving as President Bill Clinton's special envoy of democracy to Kenya; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson continued his pursuit of Black social justice and corporate accountability by merging the Rainbow Coalition and Operation Push civil rights organizations in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson's profound commitment to lifelong public service was recognized with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson passed peacefully at the age of 84 in the early morning of February 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the State of Illinois honors Rev. Jackson's lifelong exemplary public service, his tireless commitment to the advancement of Black Americans, and his powerful influence on the Civil Rights Movement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor the life and unwavering commitment of Rev. Jesse Jackson upon his death on February 17, 2026.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 672

Offered by Representative Gabel:

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 104th General Assembly are amended by changing Rule 67 as follows:

(House Rule 67)

67. Adoption and Amendment to or Suspension of Rules.

(a) Adoption of Rules. At the commencement of a term, the House shall adopt new rules of organization and procedure by resolution setting forth those rules in their entirety. The resolution must be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of those elected. These Rules of the House of Representatives are subject to revision or amendment only in accordance with this Rule.

(a-5) Adoption of Joint House-Senate Session Rules. The House may adopt Joint House-Senate Session Rules by resolution, concurrently with the Senate, for the purpose of meeting with the Senate in joint session on ceremonial occasions, to hear the Governor deliver the State of the State message or another address, or to hear a distinguished visitor. Any resolution proposing Joint House-Senate Session Rules must set forth those rules in their entirety. The resolution must be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of those elected. Any Joint House-Senate Session Rules are subject to revision or amendment only in accordance with this Rule. If no Joint House-Senate Session Rules are adopted for the purpose of meeting with the Senate in joint session, then the customs and traditions of Joint House-Senate Sessions shall be adhered to and followed.

(b) Rules may be amended only by resolution. Any resolution to amend these Rules shall show the proposed changes in the existing rules by underscoring all new matter and by crossing out with a line all matter that is to be omitted or superseded.

(c) Any resolution proposing to amend a House Rule or any Joint House-Senate Rule, upon initial reading by the Clerk, is automatically referred to the Rules Committee. Resolutions to amend the House Rules or any Joint House-Senate Rules may be initiated and sponsored by the Rules Committee and may be amended by the Rules Committee; those resolutions shall not be referred to a committee and may be immediately considered and adopted by the House. Those resolutions shall be assigned standard debate status, subject to Rule 52.

(d) A resolution to amend the House Rules or any Joint House-Senate Rules that has been reported "be adopted" or "be adopted as amended" by a majority of those appointed to the Rules Committee requires the affirmative vote of a majority of those elected for adoption by the House. Any other resolution proposing to amend the House Rules or any Joint House-Senate Rules requires the affirmative vote of 71 of the members elected for adoption by the House.

(e) No House Rule or any Joint House-Senate Rule may be suspended except by unanimous consent of the members present or upon a motion supported by the affirmative vote of a majority of those elected unless a higher number is required in the Rule sought to be suspended. A committee may not suspend any Rule.

(f) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote of 71 members elected.

(Source: H.R. 15, 104th G.A.)

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Gabel, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on February 17, 2026, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION:

That the resolutions be reported "recommends be adopted" and placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 671 and 672.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measure(s) is as follows:
5, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Gabel(D), Chairperson

Y Davidsmeyer(R), Republican
Spokesperson(replacing Hammond)

Y Buckner(D)

Y Hernandez, Elizabeth(D)

Y Spain(R)

DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR

Supplemental Calendar No. 1 was distributed to the Members at 1:19 o'clock p.m.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 626

Offered by Representative Mason:
Mourns the passing of Kathryn A. Clay of Waukegan.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 627

Offered by Representative Mason:
Mourns the passing of LaQuinda Rhodesia Carr.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 631

Offered by Representative Windhorst:
Congratulates Yolina Lindquist on the occasion of being named Miss Cosmo 2025. Extends best wishes for her continued success in all of her future endeavors.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 632

Offered by Representative Ford:
Mourns the passing of Daviyae Keimar Shotwell.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 634

Offered by Representative Stuart:
Mourns the death of Herman Edward Shaw of Edwardsville.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 637

Offered by Representative Meier:

Congratulates Blake Twenhafel on being awarded the 2025 American STAR in Agribusiness by the National Future Farmers of America (FFA). Wishes him continued success in his endeavors.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 638

Offered by Representative Swanson:

Recognizes the distinguished service of General George C. Marshall during his time as a senior instructor for the 33rd Division of the Illinois National Guard. Commends General Marshall's exemplary leadership, his unwavering commitment to excellence, and his profound and positive impact on the 33rd Division, which set a new standard for military readiness and professionalism.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 639

Offered by Representative Lilly:

Mourns the death of Dr. Joyce Regina Miller.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 640

Offered by Representative Du Buclet:

Commends Quilen Blackwell, Hannah Blackwell, and the entire team at Southside Blooms for their dedication to social impact, economic development, and environmental sustainability.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 641

Offered by Representative DeLuca:

Congratulates Wade Krohn on the occasion of his 100th birthday on February 20, 2026.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 642

Offered by Representative Tipword:

Congratulates Lemman Farms Inc. on being named the 2026 Family of the Year by the Illinois Pork Producers Association (IPPA). Thanks the Lemman family and staff of Lemman Farms for their continued hard work and dedication to the pork industry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 643

Offered by Representative Haas:

Mourns the death of Michael Matthew "Mike" Dillon of Braidwood.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 644

Offered by Representative Haas:

Commends the establishment of the Serenity Garden, located beside Duane Dean Behavioral Health Center in Kankakee, as an exemplary initiative advancing social-emotional wellness, ecological stewardship, and pollinator conservation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 645

Offered by Representative McCombie:

Congratulates Nevin Erbsen on being awarded the 2025 American STAR in Agricultural Placement by the National Future Farmers of America (FFA). Wishes him continued success in his endeavors.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 646

Offered by Representative Harper:

Commends Dion's Chicago Dream (DCD) for the organization's pioneering leadership in last-mile, direct-to-door produce delivery, its innovation in access infrastructure, including the Dream Vault, its job creation and local wealth-building, and its demonstrable contribution to health equity in Illinois. Commends DCD's sustained weekly service to households across well over 50% of ZIP codes in the organization's Cook County service area, its multi-million-pound distribution since 2020, and its role as a trailblazer in the Food-Is-Medicine movement, setting a standard for consistency, accountability, and dignity in public-interest logistics.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 647

Offered by Representative Buckner:

Congratulates Frank Thomas for his extraordinary career, his lasting contributions to the game of baseball, and his profound impact on the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 650

Offered by Representative Spain:

Congratulates Leo Geerts on his retirement as chief of the Albany Fire Protection District.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 651

Offered by Representative Swanson:

Recognizes the lasting and significant contributions of Brigadier General Paul W. Tibbets Jr. to the United States Air Force and the State of Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 653

Offered by Representative González:

Commends Raul Tinoco Guevara on his integrity, professionalism, and profound statewide impact during his 11 years of service with Rincon Family Services. Thanks him for his continued contributions to the health, dignity, and well-being of the people of Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 654

Offered by Representative Swanson:

Mourns the death of Joseph A. Angotti of Monmouth.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 655

Offered by Representative Spain:

Congratulates Bob Schring on his retirement as chief executive officer of OSF HealthCare. Thanks him for his years of service and dedication to the organization.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 657

Offered by Representative Du Buclet:

Commends Dr. Jo Ann Roberts for her extraordinary leadership, lifelong service, and instrumental role in advancing the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr. Young Voter Empowerment Law.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 661

Offered by Representative Meier:

Commends Douglas Marti on 60 years of service as a Bond County Republican Central Committeeman in the Central 1 Precinct.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 662

Offered by Representative Meier:
 Congratulates Jeffrey Tischhauser on receiving the Bond County Republican Central Committee's 2026 Republican Recognition Award.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 665

Offered by Representative McCombie:
 Mourns the death of former Illinois State Representative Jack Lawrence Kubik.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 666

Offered by Representative Harper:
 Mourns the passing of Mabel Orange.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 669

Offered by Representative Gordon-Booth:
 Congratulates Reverend Arthur S. Williams on celebrating his 100th birthday.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 670

Offered by Representative Coffey:
 Mourns the death of Illinois State Police Lieutenant John Herbek (Ret.).

RESOLUTIONS

Having been reported out of the Committee on Rules on February 17, 2026, HOUSE RESOLUTION 671 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Welch moved the adoption of the resolution.
 The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Rules on February 17, 2026, HOUSE RESOLUTION 672 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Gabel moved the adoption of the resolution.
 The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 626, 627, 631, 632, 634, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 650, 651, 653, 654, 655, 657, 661, 662, 665, 666, 669 and 670 were taken up for consideration.

Representative Gabel moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.
 The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

At the hour of 2:13 o'clock p.m., Representative Gabel moved that the House do now adjourn until Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.

The motion prevailed.
 And the House stood adjourned.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ONE HUNDRED FOURTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
QUORUM CALL

February 17, 2026

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

112 PRESENT

P Ammons	E Faver Dias	P Keicher	P Scherer
P Andrade	P Ford	P Kelly	P Schmidt
P Avelar	P Friess	P Kifowit	P Schweizer
P Benton	P Fritts	P La Ha	P Severin
P Blair-Sherlock	P Gabel	P LaPointe	P Sheehan
P Briel	P Gill	P Lilly	P Slaughter
P Buckner	P Gong-Gershowitz	P Mah	P Smith
P Bunting	P González	P Manley	P Sosnowski
P Cabello	E Gordon-Booth	P Mason	P Spain
P Canty	P Grant	P Mayfield	P Stava
P Cassidy	P Grasse	P McCombie	P Stephens
P Chung	P Guerrero-Cuellar	P McLaughlin	P Stuart
E Cochran	P Guzzardi	P Meier	P Swanson
P Coffey	P Haas	P Meyers-Martin	P Syed
P Crawford	P Halbrook	P Miller	P Tarver
P Crespo	P Hammond	P Moeller	P Tipsword
P Croke	P Hanson	P Moore	P Ugaste
P Davidsmeyer	P Harper	P Morgan	P Vella
P Davis, Jed	P Hauter	P Morris	P Walsh
P Davis, Lisa	P Hernandez, Barbara	P Mussman	P Weaver
P Davis, Will	P Hernandez, Lisa	P Ness	P Weber
P Deering	P Hernandez, Norma	P Niemerg	P West
P DeLaRosa	P Hirschauer	E Olickal	P Wilhour
P Delgado	P Hoffman	P Ortíz	P Williams, Ann
P DeLuca	A Huynh	P Rashid	P Williams, Jawaharial
P Deuter	P Jacobs	P Reick	P Windhorst
P Didech	P Jiménez	P Rita	P Yang Rohr
P Du Buclet	P Johnson	P Rosenthal	P Mr. Speaker
P Elik	P Jones	P Ryan	
P Evans	E Katz Muhl	P Sanalidro	

E - Denotes Excused Absence

72ND LEGISLATIVE DAY**Perfunctory Session****TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

At the hour of 2:27 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced, read by title a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 5625. Introduced by Representative Miller, AN ACT concerning public rights-of-way.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 628

Offered by Representative Cochran:

WHEREAS, For more than seven decades, the United States has anchored its national security and global leadership in alliances founded on mutual defense, shared sacrifice, and respect for sovereignty, including the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), of which Denmark, a sovereign ally of the United States and the governing authority over Greenland, is a founding and steadfast member; and

WHEREAS, Greenland is an integral part of the Kingdom of Denmark, whose people enjoy self-government, democratic rights, and protection under international law, and any attempt to seize or annex its territory by force would constitute an act of aggression against a treaty ally of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Public statements and threats by President Donald J. Trump advocating or entertaining the invasion or forcible acquisition of Greenland represent a profound repudiation of America's commitments to its allies and an unprecedented willingness to contemplate war against nations that have stood alongside the United States for generations; and

WHEREAS, The United States Armed Forces are trained, educated, and morally conditioned to defend allies, deter aggression, and preserve peace, not to plan or execute wars of conquest against friendly nations with whom American service members have trained, fought, and bled; and

WHEREAS, Danish service members fought alongside American troops following the attacks of September 11, 2001, including in Afghanistan, where Denmark suffered significant casualties for a nation of its size, demonstrating loyalty, courage, and sacrifice in defense of shared values; and

WHEREAS, Ordering the United States military to plan or prepare for an invasion of Greenland would force service members into a perverse inversion of their training and ethics, compelling them to treat allies as enemies and to weaponize institutions designed for collective defense into instruments of betrayal; and

WHEREAS, Such planning, even if framed as hypothetical or procedural, would erode the moral foundations of civilian-military relations by compelling officers and enlisted personnel to reconcile obedience with actions that are clearly immoral, irrational, and contrary to the traditions of American decency; and

WHEREAS, The transformation of the United States from guarantor of collective security into aggressor against NATO would shatter alliance trust, destabilize global security, and signal to adversaries that American treaty commitments are contingent, transactional, and revocable at the whim of a single leader; and

WHEREAS, A war of aggression against Greenland would directly violate the Charter of the United Nations, to which the United States is a founding signatory, and which was established to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" by prohibiting the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state; and

WHEREAS, Such an invasion would inflict untold misery upon the people of Greenland, subjecting a small population to fear, displacement, and violence for no legitimate defensive purpose while simultaneously placing American servicemen and servicewomen in harm's way to prosecute a war that serves no national security interest; and

WHEREAS, The burden of restraining reckless and destructive uses of military power does not rest with the armed forces, whose duty is lawful obedience, but with civilian institutions and elected representatives charged with upholding constitutional governance and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, Silence or acquiescence by political leaders in the face of calls for aggressive war against allies risks normalizing ideas that would once have been disqualifying, unthinkable, or grounds for removal from positions of responsibility; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we condemn, in the strongest possible terms, any proposal, threat, or effort to invade, annex, or forcibly seize Greenland or any other territory of a United States treaty ally; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express support for the United States' enduring commitment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), to the sovereignty of allied nations, and to the principle that disputes among friends are resolved through diplomacy, not violence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm that wars of aggression against allies are morally indefensible, strategically catastrophic, and incompatible with the values and obligations of the United States under international law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon all elected officials, regardless of party or office, to reject rhetoric and policies that would place American service members in the position of betraying allies and committing acts of unjust war; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our commitment to peace, alliance, and the rule of law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S. Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives, the U.S. House of Representatives Minority Leader, and the Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

HOUSE RESOLUTION 633

Offered by Representative Syed:

WHEREAS, Genetic counselors empower patients and their families with vital healthcare information, guidance, and emotional support to help them understand their family history, evaluate genetic testing options, and make informed choices based on test results; and

WHEREAS, There are over 150 certified genetic counselors in Illinois working in prenatal, fertility, pediatrics, metabolic, cardiovascular, neurology, and cancer care; and

WHEREAS, Many people benefit from increased genetic sequencing research and genetic counseling, including anyone with a condition linked to a specific gene or anyone who has a family history of an inherited disease; and

WHEREAS, The 5,000 genetic counselors across the country streamline the healthcare industry by ensuring the right tests are being ordered, avoiding costly and unnecessary costs and tests, by helping patients and providers understand complex test results and how to best use this information, by helping consult with potential parents on the intimidating potential of passing on inherited diseases, by sharing information with family members, and by providing recommendations for community support services; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare November 12, 2026 as Genetic Counselor Appreciation Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we recognize that the sequencing of the human genome is one of the most significant scientific accomplishments of the past hundred years and express our support for genetic counselors, who are using this research to improve the lives of many throughout the State.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 635

Offered by Representative Ammons:

WHEREAS, Employees are experiencing burnout at record high levels, contributing to increased turnover, staffing shortages, and declining job quality; and

WHEREAS, Since 1950, American productivity has increased by 400%, yet individual working hours have remained constant and household work hours have increased; and

WHEREAS, Research and large-scale employer trials demonstrate that the 4-day, 32-hour workweek without loss of pay delivers shared benefits for workers, employers, and the broader public; and

WHEREAS, 97% of American and Canadian companies that tried the 4-day, 32-hour workweek chose to continue it for at least one year; and

WHEREAS, Companies trying the 4-day, 32-hour workweek reported improved revenue in addition to declining resignation and absenteeism rates; and

WHEREAS, The 4-day, 32-hour workweek improves gender equity in the workplace by improving work-life balance and reducing the unequal burden of unpaid labor; and

WHEREAS, The 4-day, 32-hour workweek significantly reduces employee burnout and improves employee morale; and

WHEREAS, Technology industry leaders across the nation have indicated that increased usage of artificial intelligence will result in less work; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has the opportunity to be a national leader on addressing workplace burnout and returning increased productivity to working families; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the State of Illinois to make needed investments in Illinois workplaces to decrease burnout, increase workplace happiness, and recognize that a portion of the productivity gains the United States has seen should result in less work for all; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge a pilot program to be established by the State of Illinois to promote, incentivize, and support the use of a 4-day workweek by qualifying employers and to study the benefits and effects of a 4-day workweek on participating employees and employers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge a pilot program to be established by the State of Illinois to promote and support the use of a 4-day workweek for employees of the State of Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 636

Offered by Representative Mason:

WHEREAS, Composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling, and since organic materials make up approximately 30-40% of the material going to landfills, composting is a primary method communities can use to reach waste diversion goals and create sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, Organic residual materials, including yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures, and hay shavings, have been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as compost; and

WHEREAS, Returning organic resources, remanufactured into compost, to the soil reduces water consumption by over 30% for all soil types, conserves water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, decreases dependence on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and decreases erosion and nonpoint source pollution; and

WHEREAS, Communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil and water conservation districts, and public works professionals, can have positive impacts on clean water, soil, climate change, and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects; and

WHEREAS, Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure for cities and states that implement composting programs; and

WHEREAS, International Compost Awareness Week, scheduled for May 3 through May 9, 2026, is a multimedia publicity and educational initiative designed to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use and is supported by compost industry organizations from around the world; and

WHEREAS, The theme for 2026 is "Compost! Feed the Soil that Feeds Us!"; it recognizes and promotes the importance of composting and the use of compost in growing healthier food, in supporting healthier soils, and, ultimately, in creating a more just and sustainable world; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 3 through May 9, 2026 as Compost Awareness Week in the State of Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 648

Offered by Representative Williams, Jawaharial:

WHEREAS, While Illinois saw a 8.3% decrease in overdose deaths in 2023, compared to only a 4% decline on the national scale, there were still 3,502 overdose deaths in Illinois in 2023, which is 3,502 too many; and

WHEREAS, One overdose prevention method that has seen some success is prescription drug take-backs, which are events run by local communities where residents can turn in unused or expired prescription drugs that they have in their homes; and

WHEREAS, Governor JB Pritzker signed the Drug Take-Back Act (Public Act 102-1055, HB1780) into law on June 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, From 2024-2025 a number of areas reported success with drug take-backs, including Cook County, which collected 5,443 pounds of unused medication, and DuPage County, which collected 13,470 pounds; and

WHEREAS, The success that prescription drug take-back events have had in lowering the number of overdose deaths in Illinois is encouraging for the future; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare June 10, 2026 as Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in the State of Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 649

Offered by Representative Gill:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the extraordinary service and sacrifice of Illinois' first responders and the organizations that steadfastly support them and their families; and

WHEREAS, The 100 Club of Illinois was founded on August 27, 1966 and has served as a vital resource for first responders and their families throughout the State of Illinois for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the 100 Club of Illinois is to provide resources, multiple forms of financial assistance, access to training, and moral support to the families of first responders who are killed in the line of duty, as well as to actively serving first responders across Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The 100 Club of Illinois serves all sworn federal, state, county, and local first responders stationed in Illinois, ensuring that those who protect our communities have access to support regardless of jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The 100 Club of Illinois is also the largest provider of mental health training for first responders in the State of Illinois, helping to strengthen resilience, wellness, and preparedness among those who routinely face trauma in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the 100 Club of Illinois has provided benefits to 330 families of fallen public safety professionals, with total assistance exceeding \$17 million in financial and emotional support; and

WHEREAS, First responders place themselves in harm's way every day to protect the safety, health, and well-being of the people of Illinois, and many have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities; and

WHEREAS, The bravery and sacrifice of fallen first responders should never be forgotten, and the public should honor those who serve and the families they leave behind; and

WHEREAS, August 27 holds special significance as the founding date of the 100 Club of Illinois and marks six decades of unwavering commitment to honoring fallen first responders and supporting their families; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare August 27, 2026 as Hero Day in Illinois to recognize the bravery, dedication, and sacrifices of the first responders who gave their lives in the line of duty and to honor and support the families that they leave behind; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Hero Day in Illinois shall serve as a reminder to never forget the heroes we have lost, to express gratitude to those who continue to serve, and to reaffirm our commitment to supporting first responder families and the organizations that stand beside them; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend the 100 Club of Illinois on the occasion of its 60th anniversary and recognize its extraordinary contributions to first responders and their families across the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the 100 Club of Illinois as an expression of respect, appreciation, and enduring gratitude.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 652

Offered by Representative West:

WHEREAS, Free, fair, and accessible elections are the foundation of democracy in the State of Illinois and the United States; and

WHEREAS, The right to vote is a protected civic activity that must be exercised free from intimidation, coercion, or fear; and

WHEREAS, The administration of elections is a core responsibility of the states under the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Public confidence in elections depends upon voters feeling safe when registering to vote, casting a ballot, and participating in election processes; and

WHEREAS, The presence of law enforcement activity unrelated to election administration at or near polling places can create confusion, fear, and the perception of voter intimidation; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has historically recognized schools, places of worship, and civic spaces as "sensitive locations" where enforcement actions are generally avoided in order to protect public participation in essential community activities; and

WHEREAS, Voting locations, early voting sites, ballot drop boxes, and election offices serve a similarly essential civic function and should be treated with the same respect to preserve democratic participation; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring that immigration enforcement activity does not intersect with election administration is necessary to protect voter confidence and prevent the chilling of lawful voter participation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we affirm voting is a protected civic activity that must be free from intimidation, fear, or the appearance of law enforcement surveillance unrelated to election administration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we declare immigration enforcement activity at or in the immediate vicinity of polling places, early voting locations, ballot drop boxes, voter registration sites, and election offices undermines public confidence in elections and the democratic process; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge all federal agencies, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), to refrain from conducting civil immigration enforcement operations at or near locations where voting or election administration is taking place; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm the authority of the State of Illinois to administer elections without interference from unrelated federal enforcement activity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage election authorities, in coordination with the Illinois State Board of Elections, to promote voter education and clear guidance to ensure voters understand their rights and feel safe participating in the electoral process; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of Homeland Security.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 656

Offered by Representative Swanson:

WHEREAS, The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford is the primary administrator of the Illinois Rural Medical Education (RMED) Program; and

WHEREAS, The RMED Program is recognized as a valuable resource to rural Illinois communities with 88% of RMED graduates staying in Illinois practice in rural Illinois communities; and

WHEREAS, The RMED program graduated 484 students from 1993 to 2023, 50% of whom practice medicine within 100 miles of their hometown; and

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the General Assembly that only 56% of RMED's graduates practice in Illinois while the programs primary goal is to produce medical practitioners who will live and work in Illinois's rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who are from Illinois, would like to be part of the RMED program, and would likely stay in Illinois are being turned away from entering the RMED program in favor of students who come from other states; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly must play a strong financial oversight role in guaranteeing that educational funds and programs are used in the most prudent and efficient manner possible; and

WHEREAS, It is in the greatest interest of the people of rural Illinois communities that rural medicine is supported by all of the necessary tools and resources available to maintain a high-quality rural healthcare professional pipeline; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General is directed to conduct a management, performance, and fiscal audit of the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford Illinois Rural Medical Education (RMED) Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the audit shall include, but need not be limited to, the following determinations:

(1) The cost of the program to operate and a breakdown of expenditures;

(2) The percentage of students that come from within Illinois and from elsewhere; and

(3) The potential effects on the rural healthcare ecosystem in Illinois if the program were to focus on enrolling more Illinois residents, exclusively Illinois residents, or anyone who commits to practicing rural medicine in Illinois for 3, 5, and 10 year periods after graduation from the program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the University of Illinois system and all of its subordinate campuses, the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, and any other programs, agencies, or departments within the State that could provide insight or information useful to the audit shall cooperate fully and promptly with the Office of the Auditor General in the conduct of this audit and production of findings; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence with this audit as soon as possible and report his findings and recommendations upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further; and

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Auditor General and the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford RMED Director.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 658

Offered by Representative Kelly:

WHEREAS, Home fires are the biggest element of the U.S. fire problem for civilians and responders; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 86% of all civilian structure fire deaths are in homes, and home fires cause \$9.4 billion in direct property damage each year; and

WHEREAS, Residential structure fires account for 66% of firefighter injuries, with over three times as many firefighter injuries occurring in residential rather than nonresidential structures, per the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA); and

WHEREAS, According to Underwriters Laboratories and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, home fires are deadlier today due to unprotected, lightweight construction material, open floor plans, abundant synthetic furnishings, and emerging technology such as lithium-ion batteries, which make homes burn faster, becoming deadly in two minutes or less; and

WHEREAS, The USFA estimates that home fire sprinklers could save thousands of lives each year if more were installed in homes; and

WHEREAS, Fire sprinklers are a proven and cost-effective means of protecting lives and property from the threat of fire; and

WHEREAS, Fire sprinklers offer the highest degree of fire protection and are critical in saving lives and property; and

WHEREAS, Fire sprinklers can control a fire, and thereby the smoke, while it is still small and prevent a room from being engulfed in flames, which can happen in under two minutes, thereby saving the lives of occupants and first responders; and

WHEREAS, The National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA) reported that in the 18 years between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2024, Illinois has seen 1,131 fatalities and 4,171 injuries as a result of fires in one- and two-family homes without fire sprinkler systems; and

WHEREAS, During that same 18-year period, there were zero fatalities and only seven injuries in one- and two-family Illinois homes with fire sprinkler systems; and

WHEREAS, Including fire sprinklers in local building codes and community risk reduction supports fire service resources, staffing, and budgets due to the increased safety of homes with fire sprinklers, which improves communities and allows fire service resources to be directed to those at highest risk; and

WHEREAS, Stronger state and federal support of home fire sprinkler education will help address confusion and anti-code negativity while encouraging fire service advocacy for the installation of home fire sprinklers; and

WHEREAS, Increased installation of fire sprinklers in new homes will directly and indefinitely protect and improve communities of every size; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 10 through May 16, 2026 as Home Fire Sprinkler Week in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Alan Jacobs, chair of the Illinois Chapter of the National Fire Sprinkler Association, and Janean Dyson, Illinois member and chapter relations coordinator of the National Fire Sprinkler Association.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 659

Offered by Representative West:

WHEREAS, More than 1 in 7 American adults are estimated to have chronic kidney disease (CKD), yet as many as 9 in 10 American adults with CKD do not know they have it; and

WHEREAS, At least 15% of Medicare beneficiaries have been diagnosed with CKD; and

WHEREAS, While the two most common causes of kidney disease are hypertension and heart disease, the third-leading cause of kidney disease is glomerulonephritis, often caused by rare, immune-mediated kidney diseases such as IgA nephropathy (IgAN); and

WHEREAS, Patients with glomerular diseases frequently advance to more costly and more debilitating later stages of kidney disease, including end-stage renal disease (ESRD), more quickly than patients with CKD in general, with estimates suggesting that rare kidney diseases make up 5 to 10% of CKD patients but account for approximately 25% of patients receiving treatment for kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, Patients often face delays in being diagnosed with IgAN and other immune-mediated kidney diseases, owing to the difficulty of the rare disease diagnostic odyssey, the limited number of nephrology providers, and a lack of awareness about the causes of kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, IgAN is twice as likely to appear in men as women, can occur at any age but most likely strikes people in their twenties and thirties, and is more common in Asians and white people; and

WHEREAS, Kidney disease, including IgAN, presents a significant burden to the health and lives of patients and their families, and it also presents great challenges for the healthcare system and healthcare costs of Illinois, with estimates suggesting that patients with IgAN-attributed ESRD have health costs exceeding \$63,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, While the federal Medicare program covers the costs of dialysis for many patients with ESRD, 45% of ESRD patients are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, and ESRD is a significant source of disability, with ESRD patients employed at only one-fifth the rate of the general population; and

WHEREAS, Kidney disease patients are entering a new era of hope, including for rare diseases, with multiple drugs now approved by the Food and Drug Administration to slow the progression of CKD and multiple drugs approved to slow the progression of IgAN specifically, including innovative immunology-based therapies, and many more clinical trials are underway for such products; and

WHEREAS, There is growing recognition that early identification of kidney disease and rare kidney diseases, including through broader screening of patients with low-cost serum creatine blood tests and urine albuminuria creatine ratio tests, can slow the progression of kidney disease and prevent or delay ESRD, including in patients with immune-mediated kidney diseases; and

WHEREAS, Designating an IgAN Awareness Day not only increases awareness of kidney disease and glomerular diseases but also supports efforts to improve policies that may increase access to screening, diagnosis, and treatment for kidney disease and to provide hope and inspiration to patients, caregivers, and advocates working tirelessly to advance awareness and better care for kidney disease; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 14, 2026 as IgAN Awareness Day in the State of Illinois to increase awareness among patients, providers, and policymakers of kidney disease and glomerular diseases, and IgA nephropathy (IgAN) in particular.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 660

Offered by Representative Faver Dias:

WHEREAS, Decades of peer-reviewed research in sleep and circadian biology led by Dr. Mary Carskadon, PhD, of Brown University and the National Institutes of Health has demonstrated that the biological sleep-wake rhythms of adolescents naturally shift later beginning at puberty, making early-morning school schedules incompatible with healthy sleep; and

WHEREAS, This biological shift is not a matter of preference, motivation, or discipline but reflects changes in melatonin release and circadian timing that make it physiologically difficult for adolescents to fall asleep early enough to obtain adequate rest when schools begin early in the morning; and

WHEREAS, The American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institutes of Health all recognize insufficient sleep in adolescents as a significant public health issue linked to increased risk of depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation, substance use, obesity, sports injuries, and motor vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, The American Academy of Pediatrics has formally recommended that middle and high schools begin no earlier than 8:30 a.m. in order to align school schedules with adolescent biology; and

WHEREAS, Longitudinal research led by Dr. Kyla Wahlstrom, PhD, at the University of Minnesota has followed more than 9,000 students across multiple states and has found that later school start times are associated with increased sleep duration, improved attendance, higher academic performance, reduced depression symptoms, lower rates of substance use, and significant reductions in teen car crashes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wahlstrom's research further shows that while 8:30 a.m. is a meaningful improvement, start times closer to 9:00 a.m. produce the greatest benefits for adolescent health, learning, and safety; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified later school start times as one of the most effective population-level strategies for improving adolescent mental health and reducing injury and mortality; and

WHEREAS, Data from the Illinois Youth Survey and related state public health sources consistently show high rates of sleep deprivation, depression, anxiety, substance use, and risk-taking behaviors among Illinois middle and high school students; and

WHEREAS, Improving adolescent sleep is a prevention strategy that supports academic success, mental health, substance use prevention, and school safety simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, School districts across Illinois face wide variation in transportation systems, geography, staffing, and community needs, making flexible, locally driven implementation essential; and

WHEREAS, Transportation contracts and school schedules are regularly re-examined by districts, creating natural opportunities to realign start times in ways that better support student health without increasing long-term costs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we strongly encourage all public school districts serving grades 6 through 12, in consultation with local stakeholders and with consideration of community-specific factors, to assess relevant logistical, transportation, staffing, and community considerations and to develop a plan as practicable to adopt school start times that reflect the biological sleep needs of adolescents by beginning - middle schools (grades 6-8) no earlier than 8:30 a.m. and high schools (grades 9-12) no earlier than 8:30 a.m., with recognition that start times of 9:00 a.m. or later are even more strongly aligned with adolescent circadian health and research-based best practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, That school districts are encouraged to prioritize the adoption of later start times during periods when transportation contracts, bus routes, or bell schedules are being reviewed or renegotiated, in order to implement these changes in a fiscally responsible and operationally feasible manner; and be it further

RESOLVED, That districts are encouraged to consider later start times as part of comprehensive strategies to improve student mental health, reduce substance use, enhance academic engagement, and promote youth safety; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education for distribution to the school districts.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 663

Offered by Representative Du Buclet:

WHEREAS, February 2026 marks the historic 100th anniversary of the formal establishment of Black history commemorations in the United States, a milestone that honors the resilience, brilliance, and enduring contributions of African Americans to the fabric of our nation and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The origins of this observance trace back to 1915 when historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who earned his master's degree from the University of Chicago, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History) to research, promote, preserve, interpret, and disseminate information about the life, history, and culture of people of African descent; and

WHEREAS, In February 1926, Dr. Woodson launched Negro History Week, strategically choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two monumental symbols of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson's vision was never intended to limit the study of Black history to a single week but rather to serve as a stepping stone toward the year-round integration of Black achievements into the American story, famously stating, "If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated."; and

WHEREAS, This weeklong observance evolved through the 1960s amid the Civil Rights Movement and was expanded to become Black History Month in 1976 with the support of President Gerald Ford, who urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans"; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has been a central stage for this history as the home of several innovators and pioneers, particularly in the arts, business, journalism, and public service, including:

(1) Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, known as the "Father of Chicago", for becoming the first permanent non-Indigenous settler of Chicago;

(2) Priscilla Baltimore, who, with the assistance of other families escaping slavery, founded the town of Brooklyn, which became an active center in the network known as the Underground Railroad, assisting other African Americans escaping enslavement, and later the first incorporated Black town in the United States;

(3) Annie Turnbo Malone, born in Metropolis to formerly enslaved parents, who turned her interest and passion for styling hair into a business that developed hair products for Black women and who later founded Poro College in St. Louis, which trained Madam C.J. Walker, who used her education and training at Poro to manufacture hair and beauty products for African Americans and become the first self-made female millionaire in the United States;

(4) John W.E. Thomas, the first Black state legislator in Illinois, who served in the Illinois House of Representatives;

(5) Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, pioneering medical doctor who performed the first successful open heart surgery in the United States in Chicago and who founded Provident Hospital, the first Black-owned and operated hospital in the United States and the first hospital in the United States to racially integrate patients and staff;

(6) Ida B. Wells, a fearless, Chicago-based investigative journalist, who traveled the United States to expose the horrific realities of racist terrorism and lynching;

(7) Oscar De Priest, the first African American congressman from Illinois and the first Black congressman elected in the 20th century in the United States, who ended a nearly 30 year gap from when the first African Americans were elected to Congress during the Reconstruction Era after the Civil War;

(8) Robert Sengstacke Abbott, founder of the Chicago Defender, the mostly widely read and circulated Black-owned newspaper in the United States, which gave voice to issues of culture, life, and politics among African Americans;

(9) Bessie Coleman, the first Black woman to earn an international pilot's license, who captivated audiences with exhibitions and barnstorming tours;

(10) Muddy Waters, whose move from Mississippi to Chicago and adoption of electrically amplified instrumentation birthed the genre of Chicago blues music, which served as the direct and most primary antecedent of rock and roll music;

(11) Gwendolyn Brooks, a writer who became the first Black poet to win the Pulitzer Prize and the first Black woman to serve in the role known as the United States Poet Laureate;

(12) Carol Mosely Braun, the first Black woman elected to the United States Senate; and

(13) Barack and Michelle Obama, who became the nation's first African American President and First Lady; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has been and will continue to be shaped by countless citizens who contribute to Black history in their communities and help build the vibrant fabric of our State; and

WHEREAS, The 2026 national theme for Black History Month, A Century of Black History Commemorations, urges us to reflect on how these 100 years of community, history, and storytelling have transformed the status of Black people in the modern world and have protected the historical record against erasure; and

WHEREAS, As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States independence, the struggle for equality, liberty, and opportunity by Black Americans, driven by scientists, laborers, entrepreneurs, educators, and artists, remains the greatest catalyst for American progress; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the 100th anniversary of the movement started by Dr. Carter G. Woodson to celebrate Black history; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm that Black history is American history, and its preservation is essential to the strength of our democracy and the freedoms we hold dear; and

RESOLVED, That we encourage all citizens, schools, and cultural institutions in Illinois to engage with the full, accurate truth of our history.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 664

Offered by Representative Elik:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize that July 4, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary, or Semiquincentennial, of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1776, signifying the founding of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence proclaimed timeless principles of profound significance to the national heritage of the United States, including that all are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed; and

WHEREAS, The founding of the United States established the principle of federalism, emphasizing a decentralized system of government wherein powers are divided between national and state governments, fostering liberty, accountability, and responsiveness to local communities; and

WHEREAS, This decentralized governance model has allowed for innovation, diverse policy approaches, and stronger accountability to the citizens of each state, ensuring that government remains close to and reflective of the people's will; and

WHEREAS, The founding of the United States initiated a journey toward forming a "more perfect Union," marked by historic achievements, struggles, and progress in realizing the nation's founding ideals for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois, having joined the Union in 1818, has played a significant role throughout the history of the United States, contributing to the nation's development, culture, economy, and defense through the efforts and sacrifices of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The semiquincentennial offers a unique opportunity for the people of Illinois to reflect on our shared history, honor the diverse contributions of all Americans, celebrate our heritage of liberty, and look forward to the future we strive to create for subsequent generations; and

WHEREAS, Commemorative activities across Illinois will provide educational opportunities, foster civic engagement, encourage community participation, and strengthen appreciation for the history, federalist principles, and foundational ideals upon which both the nation and our state were built; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize and commemorate the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America on July 4, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage all citizens, communities, educational institutions, civic organizations, and businesses within Illinois to participate in commemorative events and activities that reflect on our history, celebrate our achievements, and reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of liberty, equality, self-government, and federalism; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we strongly encourage educational institutions across Illinois to enhance civics education, ensuring that future generations understand the critical importance of active civic participation, the principles of federalism, and the decentralized governance that protects liberty and promotes responsive government.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 667

Offered by Representative Harper:

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is home to diverse urban, suburban, and rural communities whose economic vitality, public health, and environmental sustainability are deeply interconnected; and

WHEREAS, Certain urban communities, specifically disproportionately impacted urban communities that have experienced historic and ongoing disinvestment, economic exclusion, environmental burdens, and limited access to opportunity share many of the same structural challenges as rural communities across Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Disproportionately impacted urban communities and rural communities alike face persistent disparities, including limited access to healthy and affordable food, insufficient access to healthcare services, inadequate infrastructure investment, workforce shortages, barriers to small business and farm viability, land access challenges, population decline or displacement, and restricted access to capital for local economic development; and

WHEREAS, Food deserts and limited food-access conditions exist in both disproportionately impacted urban communities and rural communities, with urban neighborhoods often lacking full-service grocery stores and local food infrastructure and rural areas experiencing long travel distances to food retailers, loss of local grocers, limited transportation options, and insufficient distribution networks; and

WHEREAS, Rural communities often struggle with farm consolidation, aging infrastructure, loss of local markets, and population decline, while disproportionately impacted urban communities experience underemployment, lack of neighborhood-scale food infrastructure, and reduced access to fresh, locally produced food, conditions that differ in geography but stem from similar patterns of systemic neglect; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' food and agricultural economy would benefit from the intentional development and strengthening of urban-rural partnerships that better connect rural producers with disproportionately impacted urban communities, expand market access, support workforce development, and improve food security and economic opportunity across regions; and

WHEREAS, Educational institutions, workforce training programs, community-based organizations, and local governments are uniquely positioned to initiate and expand urban-rural partnerships by fostering shared learning, cross-regional collaboration, agricultural literacy, and inclusive career pathways across food, agriculture, and related industries; and

WHEREAS, Policy decisions developed in isolation, without recognizing opportunities to build stronger connections between disproportionately impacted urban communities and rural communities, risk perpetuating inequities and weakening Illinois' long-term food-system and economic resilience; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that these shared challenges and shared interests of disproportionately impacted urban communities and rural communities need to be addressed to develop and strengthen urban-rural partnerships and education to advance food systems, agriculture, and equitable economic development across Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge State agencies, local governments, educational institutions, community-based organizations, farmers, workers, and small businesses to pursue new and expanded urban-rural partnerships that connect disproportionately impacted urban communities and rural communities through equitable food systems, workforce development, and local economic investment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage education, outreach, and technical-assistance initiatives that promote agricultural literacy, food-system careers, entrepreneurship, and cross-regional understanding, with particular attention to disproportionately impacted urban communities and historically underserved rural areas; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we support policy frameworks that strengthen local and regional food infrastructure, protect farmland, expand urban agriculture in disproportionately impacted urban communities, improve market access, and address food-access gaps in both urban and rural communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge policymakers at all levels to reject false divisions between urban and rural Illinois and instead pursue inclusive, data-driven, and community-informed solutions that recognize collaboration and partnership as essential to the State's food security, economic resilience, and shared prosperity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation as an expression of our commitment to building stronger urban-rural partnerships for the benefit of all Illinois residents.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 668

Offered by Representative Harper:

WHEREAS, Commercial air travel is a critical component of the nation's transportation infrastructure and is relied upon by millions of Americans, including Illinois residents, for employment, education, family responsibilities, military service, medical care, and civic participation; and

WHEREAS, Over time, the average physical dimensions of American adults have changed, reflecting broader demographic and public health trends documented by federal agencies and medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, During the same period, many commercial airlines have reduced seat width, legroom, and seat pitch in standard economy cabins in order to increase aircraft capacity and revenue, while base fares and ancillary fees have continued to rise; and

WHEREAS, These reductions have occurred in the absence of clear, enforceable federal minimum standards governing passenger seating dimensions, leaving consumer comfort, safety, and accessibility largely unprotected; and

WHEREAS, Overly restrictive seating conditions can negatively affect passenger health and safety, including increased risk of circulatory issues, musculoskeletal strain, mobility limitations, and heightened discomfort during extended flights; and

WHEREAS, Such conditions disproportionately impact seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with temporary injuries, parents traveling with children, veterans, and passengers with medical or mobility-related needs, raising concerns about equity, accessibility, and dignity in air travel; and

WHEREAS, Many travelers are effectively required to pay additional fees for modestly increased legroom or seat width simply to travel in reasonable comfort, shifting the cost of basic accommodation onto consumers rather than incorporating it into standard service; and

WHEREAS, Transparent, fair, and accessible transportation policy benefits travelers, airlines, and the broader economy by promoting public trust, long-term customer satisfaction, and safe travel conditions; and

WHEREAS, Addressing airline seating standards is not a partisan issue, but a matter of consumer protection, public health, disability access, and responsible regulation that balances economic viability with the well-being of the traveling public; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge commercial airlines operating in the United States to adopt reasonable minimum passenger seating standards that reflect modern body dimensions and support basic comfort, safety, and mobility for the general public; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon federal aviation and transportation regulators to study and establish minimum standards for seat width, legroom, and pitch informed by public health data, disability access considerations, and passenger safety research; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage airlines to ensure seating practices do not discriminate against or unduly burden passengers with disabilities or health-related needs, and that reasonable accommodation not be treated as a premium add-on fee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge greater pricing and seating transparency, including clear disclosure of seat dimensions and legroom at the time of ticket purchase, so consumers can make informed travel decisions without surprise fees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the United States Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration, and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 52

Offered by Representative LaPointe:

WHEREAS, Illinois has a strong track record of bipartisan support for high-quality, evidence-based behavioral health care as demonstrated by the codification of innovative programs and by the State's many meaningful investments in recovery services and supports; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), more than one in five adults in the United States experience mental illness each year, and more than one in 20 adults experience serious mental illness each year; according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) data from 2024, nearly 17% of those over the age of 12 had a substance use disorder in the preceding year; and

WHEREAS, Having a mental illness or substance use disorder can make it challenging to live everyday life and maintain recovery, and these challenges extend beyond the individual and impact families, communities, and the entire State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, President Trump issued an Executive Order on July 24, 2025, entitled "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets", that calls for shifting people experiencing homelessness, serious mental illness, and/or substance use disorder into "long-term institutional settings" via involuntary commitment; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Order also directs the United States Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to work toward reversing Federal or State judicial precedents and the determination of consent decrees that protect the rights of Americans; and

WHEREAS, By the mid-20th century, it was widely acknowledged that the institutional settings developed as the primary treatment option for serious mental illness throughout the 1800s had harmed patients and left many people trapped with no alternatives for care; and

WHEREAS, The Community Mental Health Act of 1963 established community mental health centers across the United States to provide community-based care as an alternative to institutionalization so that patients could be treated while working and living at home; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is subject to the Williams and Colbert consent decrees due to violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act, and the State now operates programs to facilitate the de-institutionalization of individuals from long-term care facilities who are able to live in the community with the appropriate supports, including those living with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly recognizes the history of vulnerable populations being subject to unwarranted involuntary commitment or other human rights violations and that this may contribute to apprehension around engaging in behavioral health services among individuals who have historically been subjected to these practices; and

WHEREAS, Since the 1970s, psychiatric survivors and their peers have worked tirelessly to empower people with behavioral health conditions to center their experience in the development of treatment programs and recovery supports and to advocate for their rights; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois legislature has recognized and reinforced that no recipient of mental health services shall be deprived of any rights or privileges guaranteed by law, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, or the Constitution of the United States solely based on receiving these services; such protected rights include recognition that Illinoisans have a fundamental liberty to remain free from forced or involuntary mental health treatment, and in cases where involuntary treatment is applied, Illinoisans must be afforded due process with strict adherence to legal safeguards; and

WHEREAS, Individuals living with behavioral health conditions are disproportionately represented among those experiencing homelessness due to a persistent lack of affordable housing and a lack of access to treatment; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with behavioral health conditions may have children; one in 18 children under the age of six has experienced family homelessness each year in the United States, and research shows that homelessness has a profound impact on child health and developmental outcomes given the unparalleled development that occurs in the early years of life; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly passed the Housing Is Recovery Act in 2021, recognizing the foundational importance of a safe, reliable place to call home to recovery; and

WHEREAS, Housing First is a framework that pairs housing with services, centering the goals of individuals experiencing homelessness by recognizing that securing a safe, stable place to live is a basic need and is central to a person's ability to engage in treatment; and

WHEREAS, Harm Reduction is an approach that focuses on the prevention of harm, rather than abstinence, and it is inclusive of overdose prevention and reversal; this approach also reduces the spread of communicable diseases while increasing the speed of education, outreach, and linkage to treatment; and

WHEREAS, Persons experiencing behavioral health conditions are more likely to be the targets of violence than the perpetrators due to their lack of shelter and their societal marginalization; and

WHEREAS, Far too many people living with mental health and substance use conditions become involved with the criminal justice system due to a lack of access to effective treatment and support services to address health-related social needs; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly passed the Community Emergency Services and Supports Act (CESSA) in 2021, requiring emergency response centers, such as 911, to refer callers seeking behavioral

health support to teams of mental health professionals rather than police to provide a meaningful connection to effective, community-based care for people experiencing crisis; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has embraced the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) model to expand access to comprehensive mental health and substance use treatment throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Illinois established a Chief Behavioral Health Officer in 2022 to better coordinate State policies, programs, and investments in our mental health and substance use treatment system; and

WHEREAS, Recent federal executive orders, notices of funding opportunity, and grant terms and conditions promote both policies and practices that are inconsistent with evidence-based approaches that have long been supported on a bipartisan basis such as Housing First and Harm Reduction; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we reaffirm our steadfast commitment to promoting a person-centered, community-based mental health and substance use treatment system that is evidence-backed and recognizes each person's dignity, humanity, and autonomy in determining the best course of care in the least restrictive environment in compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Illinois.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

Offered by Representative LaPointe:

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education has proposed to exclude graduate degrees in nursing, social work, counseling, therapy, education, and allied health professions from the definition of "professional degrees" for federal student loan purposes under regulations implementing the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025; and

WHEREAS, This proposed federal reclassification would reduce federal student loan limits for students pursuing Master of Social Work (MSW), Doctor of Social Work (DSW), Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), master's degrees in counseling and therapy, Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), master's and doctoral degrees in occupational therapy, master's degrees in speech-language pathology, Doctor of Audiology (AuD), Master of Physician Assistant Studies, Master of Public Health (MPH), Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), master's degrees in education, and other essential health and human services credentials; and

WHEREAS, The proposed reclassification would reduce annual federal student loan limits and lifetime limits for students in these programs; and

WHEREAS, This reduction may not cover the full cost of graduate education for many students pursuing careers in health and human services, potentially forcing them to rely on higher-cost private loans or forgo graduate education entirely; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is home to tens of thousands of licensed professionals in nursing, social work, counseling, therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, audiology, public health, physician assistant practice, and education who hold or require these graduate credentials; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois requires professional licensure for these practitioners, including Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), Licensed Social Workers (LSW), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN), Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors (LCPC), Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT), Physical Therapists (PT), Occupational Therapists (OT), Speech-Language Pathologists (SLP), Audiologists, Physician Assistants (PA), and Professional Educator Licenses (PEL); and

WHEREAS, These professions require rigorous academic preparation, including advanced graduate education, supervised clinical practice, comprehensive examinations, and ongoing continuing education to maintain licensure; and

WHEREAS, Illinois law recognizes these practitioners as professionals under the Illinois Compiled Statutes, including the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act (225 ILCS 20/), the Nurse Practice Act (225 ILCS 65/), the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act (225 ILCS 107/), the Illinois Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act (225 ILCS 55/), the Illinois Physical Therapy Act (225 ILCS 90/), the Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act (225 ILCS 75/), and other professional licensing statutes; and

WHEREAS, These professionals provide essential services to Illinois residents, including mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, child welfare services, medical social work, acute and primary healthcare, rehabilitation therapy, speech and language services, public health interventions, and educational support; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects approximately 74,000 openings for social workers annually over the next decade nationwide, highlighting critical workforce shortages, with similar shortages documented across counseling, therapy, and allied health professions; and

WHEREAS, According to data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Health Resources and Services Administration, the United States currently faces a shortage of approximately 295,800 registered nurses as of 2025, with projections indicating continued deficits through 2037; and

WHEREAS, The proposed federal reclassification will disproportionately impact women, who comprise between 75-85% of students and practitioners in these fields, and will create barriers for first-generation college students, low-income students, and students from underrepresented communities who rely on federal student loans to finance graduate education; and

WHEREAS, Communities throughout Illinois, particularly rural areas, low-income neighborhoods, and underserved urban communities, depend on these professionals for access to healthcare, mental health services, child welfare, education, and social support; and

WHEREAS, The economic contributions of these professions to Illinois are substantial, with licensed professionals in nursing, social work, counseling, therapy, and allied health fields generating billions of dollars in economic activity annually while serving vulnerable populations and preventing more costly interventions; and

WHEREAS, The proposed federal reclassification contradicts Illinois' longstanding recognition of these practitioners as licensed professionals who meet rigorous educational, clinical, and ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a compelling interest in ensuring adequate access to affordable graduate education for health and human services professionals in order to meet the healthcare, mental health, child welfare, educational, and social service needs of Illinois residents; and

WHEREAS, Illinois must take proactive steps to protect its health and human services workforce from federal policies that threaten to reduce access to these essential professions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we believe that nursing, social work, professional counseling, marriage and family therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, audiology, physician assistant practice, public health, and education are professional disciplines that require advanced graduate education, professional licensure, and adherence to rigorous ethical and clinical standards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we believe the following graduate degrees are professional degrees requiring advanced professional education and leading to professional licensure:

(a) Social Work: Master of Social Work (MSW), Doctor of Social Work (DSW), Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work (PhD);

(b) Nursing: Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) specialty degrees;

(c) Counseling and Therapy: master's degrees in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, master's degrees in Counseling Psychology, master's degrees in Rehabilitation Counseling, master's degrees in Marriage and Family Therapy, other counseling degrees leading to Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC), or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) licensure;

(d) Physical Therapy: Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT);

(e) Occupational Therapy: Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT), Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD);

(f) Speech-Language Pathology: Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MS-SLP), Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology (MA-SLP);

(g) Audiology: Doctor of Audiology (AuD);

(h) Physician Assistant: Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS), Master of Medical Science - Physician Assistant (MMS-PA);

(i) Public Health: Master of Public Health (MPH), Doctor of Public Health (DrPH); and

(j) Education: master's degrees in Education, master's degrees in Teaching, master's degrees in School Social Work, master's degrees in School Counseling, master's degrees in Educational Leadership, other graduate education degrees leading to Professional Educator License (PEL) endorsements; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any state agency, public university, or entity receiving state funds should take all necessary steps to avoid discrimination against individuals holding these graduate degrees in hiring, promotion, compensation, professional development funding, or other terms and conditions of employment based on any federal student loan classification; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the United States Department of Education to include all graduate degrees in nursing, social work, counseling, therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, audiology, physician assistant practice, public health, and education in its definition of "professional degrees" for federal student loan purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Congressional Delegation to advocate for legislation to ensure that graduate students in all health and human services professions have access to adequate federal student loan funding to complete their professional education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commit to exploring state-level solutions to support graduate education in health and human services professions, including but not limited to scholarships, grants, loan repayment assistance programs, and other workforce development initiatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our support for the licensed health and human services professionals in Illinois who serve our most vulnerable populations with skill, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the public good; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to Governor JB Pritzker, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the American Nurses Association - Illinois, the Illinois Nurses Association, the National Association of Social Workers - Illinois Chapter, and the Illinois Federation of Teachers.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 54

Offered by Representative Hernandez, Elizabeth:

WHEREAS, Antiquated stormwater and sewerage systems are associated with the municipalities of Berwyn, Oak Park, and Cicero and those parts of Chicago known or described as the South Austin and North Lawndale neighborhoods, collectively referred to as "the region"; and

WHEREAS, Aspects of these stormwater and sewerage systems were designed and built as far back as the early 20th century, with piping circumferences and other technologies that are long obsolete; and

WHEREAS, Due to limited capacity and other obsolete technology, these antiquated systems are often overwhelmed, resulting in the flooding of stormwater and raw sewerage throughout the region, including streets, alleys, businesses, homes, and public buildings; and

WHEREAS, As the result of this obsolete technology and the manner in which the systems interplay and converge, the residents and businesses of the region are severely impacted; and

WHEREAS, During and following the torrential rainstorm that took place on July 2, 2023, Cicero's system was overwhelmed with more than 860,000,000 gallons of rainwater, including millions of gallons of sewerage; and

WHEREAS, Those circumstances resulted in the flooding of more than 6050 homeowners, 1500 renters, and 125 businesses, causing an estimated \$333,000,000 in immediate damage to businesses, residences, and public property; and

WHEREAS, In past years, residents and businesses throughout the region have experienced comparable rainwater and sewerage damage associated with many other storms; and

WHEREAS, Apart from possible support from such entities as FEMA, the financial costs of such damage are often borne exclusively and inequitably by the region's residents, businesses, and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Stakeholders in the region are investigating the option of instituting meters and other mechanisms and means to ensure that those in the region eventually will bear no more than their fair cost of dealing with rainwater and sewerage; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Regional Stormwater and Sewerage Equitable Solution Commission is created to study the problem of antiquated stormwater and sewerage systems in the area collectively referred to as "the region" and to suggest policy and legislative solutions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall consist of the following members who will serve without compensation:

(1) One elected or appointed official and one professional employee designated by the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, who shall serve as Chair;

(2) One elected or appointed official and one professional employee designated by the Mayor of Berwyn;

(3) One elected or appointed official and one professional employee designated by the President of the Village of Oak Park;

(4) One elected or appointed official and one professional employee designated by the Town President of Cicero;

(5) One elected or appointed official and one professional employee representing the South Austin neighborhood designated by the Mayor of Chicago; and

(6) One elected or appointed official and one professional employee representing the North Lawndale neighborhood designated by the Mayor of Chicago; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall provide administrative support for the Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall convene at the call of the Chair, preferably once a month and in Berwyn, Oak Park, Cicero, or Chicago at a time and place designated by the chief executives of at least three of the municipalities referenced herein or by the Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, following consultation with said chief executives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall submit a report detailing recommended possible policy and legislation to implement an equitable solution to the stormwater and sewerage flooding problems to the General Assembly no later than January 5, 2027 and, upon the filing of the report, the Commission is dissolved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, following consultation with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, is requested to submit to the General Assembly a separate report detailing legislation and budgetary recommendations to offset the costs borne by residents, businesses, and governmental entities in "the region" as the result of the inequitable circumstances surrounding the antiquated stormwater and sewerage systems; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution are delivered to the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Mayor of Berwyn, the Village President of Oak Park, the Town President of Cicero, the Mayor of Chicago, the Director of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Gabel, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules (A) to which the following were referred, action taken on February 17, 2026, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:

Adoption & Child Welfare: HOUSE BILLS 4534 and 4694.

Agriculture & Conservation: HOUSE BILLS 1556, 3647, 3648 and 4753; House Committee Amendments Numbered 1 and 2 to HOUSE BILL 1556 and House Floor Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 3056.

Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education: HOUSE BILLS 1599, 2365 and 4354.

Appropriations-General Services: HOUSE BILL 4507.

Appropriations-Health and Human Services: HOUSE BILLS 1272, 2364, 3043, 3162, 4238, 4449, 4450, 4586, 4599, 4732, 4733, 4756, 4783, 4827, 4828, 4917 and 4962; House Committee Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 1272.

Appropriations-Higher Education: HOUSE BILLS 4192 and 4671.

Appropriations-Pensions & Personnel: HOUSE BILL 4573.

Appropriations-Public Safety and Infrastructure: HOUSE BILLS 1240, 3784, 3798, 4024, 4310 and 4973.

Child Care Accessibility & Early Childhood Education: HOUSE BILL 4791.

Consumer Protection: HOUSE BILLS 45, 4044 and 4248.

Counties & Townships: HOUSE BILL 1420.

Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT: HOUSE BILL 4711.

Education Policy: HOUSE BILLS 1783, 4280, 4581, 4582, 4697, 4788, 4927 and 4928; Floor Amendment No. 2 to SENATE BILL 2427.

Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools: HOUSE BILLS 2981, 3691, 4137, 4239, 4480, 4536, 4666, 4674 and 4926.

Energy & Environment: HOUSE BILLS 3596 and 4910.

Ethics & Elections: HOUSE BILLS 1169, 1716, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 2399, 2716, 2717, 2719, 2770, 2797, 4506, 4527, 4528, 4529, 4530, 4611 and 4613.

Executive: HOUSE BILLS 2582, 2937, 3443, 4193, 4501, 4518, 4652, 4737, 4743, 4800 and 4954.

Financial Institutions and Licensing: HOUSE BILLS 4533, 4754 and 4767.

Gaming: HOUSE BILLS 2990 and 4774.

Gun Violence Prevention: HOUSE BILL 4836.

Health Care Availability & Accessibility: HOUSE BILL 4642.

Health Care Licenses: HOUSE BILLS 4698, 4804, 4826, 4913 and 4953.

Higher Education: HOUSE BILLS 4343 and 4604.

Housing: HOUSE BILL 4377.

Human Services: HOUSE BILLS 3823, 4112, 4324, 4517, 4556, 4602, 4643, 4780 and 5047.

Immigration & Human Rights: HOUSE BILL 4100.

Insurance: HOUSE BILLS 4391, 4500, 4552 and 4908.

International Relations, Tourism, and Trade: HOUSE BILL 4564.

Judiciary - Civil: HOUSE BILLS 3307, 3811, 4075, 4312, 4341, 4498, 4499, 4557, 4614, 4649, 4752 and 4896.

Judiciary - Criminal: HOUSE BILLS 2400, 2401, 4368, 4559, 4578, 4675, 4676, 4685, 4775, 4782, 4948 and 5020.

Labor & Commerce: HOUSE BILLS 2565, 3483, 4226 and 4416; House Floor Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 3213.

Mental Health & Addiction: HOUSE BILL 4714.

Personnel & Pensions: HOUSE BILLS 2564, 4491, 4572, 4575 and 4576.

Police & Fire: HOUSE BILLS 4249, 4605 and 4668.

Public Health: HOUSE BILLS 1052, 3745, 4477 and 4596.

Public Utilities: HOUSE BILLS 1274, 4803 and 4951; House Committee Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 1274.

Restorative Justice & Public Safety: HOUSE BILL 4665.

Revenue & Finance: HOUSE BILLS 1179, 1567, 1827, 4080, 4101, 4342, 4344, 4522, 4598, 4672, 4680, 4703, 4786, 4841, 4894 and 4958; House Floor Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 1074.

State Government Administration: HOUSE BILLS 4438, 4560, 4695 and 4971.

Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges: HOUSE BILL 4046.

Transportation: Vehicles & Safety: HOUSE BILLS 4441 and 4472.

Representative Gabel, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on February 17, 2026, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION:

That the resolution be reported "recommends be adopted" and placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE RESOLUTION 160.

That the Floor Amendment be reported "recommends be adopted":
House Floor Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 3286.

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and placed on the order of Second Reading -- Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 1074, 2686, 2704, 2705, 3027, 3056, 3213, 3286 and 3494; SENATE BILL 2427.

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and placed on the order of Third Reading -- Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 575, 1088, 2539, 3063 and 3655.

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and placed on the order of Concurrence -- Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 2371 and 3772.

That the Motion be reported "recommends be adopted" and placed on the House Calendar:
Motion to concur with Senate Amendments Numbered 1 and 2 to HOUSE BILL 2371.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measure(s) is as follows:
3, Yeas; 2, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Gabel(D), Chairperson

N Stephens(R), Republican
Spokesperson(replacing Hammond)

Y Buckner(D)

Y Hernandez, Elizabeth(D)

N Spain(R)

At the hour of 4:11 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.