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SPEAKER

Hon. Charlie Parker

DEPUTY SPEAKERS

Mr. Gordon Gosse, Mr. Leo Glavine, Mr. Alfie MacLeod

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. We'll begin the daily routine.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Justice.

HON. ROSS LANDRY: Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, I am directed to report that the committee has met and considered the following bills:

Bill No. 114 - Anti-idling Act.

Bill No. 119 - Residential Tenancies Act.

and the committee recommends these bills to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendment.

MR. SPEAKER: Ordered that these bills be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS****GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Volunteerism.

RESOLUTION NO. 2747

HON. MARILYN MORE: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nova Scotia has a proud history of volunteerism, and more than 450,000 Nova Scotians donate their time and efforts to help support their communities in a wide variety of ways; and

Whereas many of the services that the voluntary sector provides are essential and of great benefit to our communities and those most in need; and

Whereas over the weekend, December 5th marked International Volunteer Day around the world, established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985, to highlight and celebrate the contributions and value of all volunteers;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House recognize December 5th as International Volunteer Day and thank all Nova Scotians, Canadians, and citizens of the world who volunteer their time, for their continued good works.

MR. SPEAKER: The notice is tabled.

The honourable Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.

RESOLUTION NO. 2748

HON. RAMONA JENNEX: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas across Canada December 6th is known as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, and marks the 21st Anniversary of the murder of 14 young women at École Polytechnique in Montreal in 1989; and

Whereas today is an opportunity to think of women and girls for whom violence is a daily reality, and to remember those who have died as a result of gender-based violence; and

Whereas at this morning's ceremony in the Red Chamber we remembered women who are missing or murdered in Nova Scotia and renewed our commitment, as a community, to the elimination of violence against women everywhere;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House support the elimination of all forms of violence against girls and women.

MR. SPEAKER: The notice is tabled.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 130 - Entitled an Act to Amend Chapter 89 of the Acts of 1980. The Gaelic College Foundation Act. (Mr. Keith Bain)

MR. SPEAKER: Ordered that this bill be read a second time on a future day.

NOTICES OF MOTION

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton South.

RESOLUTION NO. 2749

HON. MANNING MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Leader of the Official Opposition, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas each year on December 6th Nova Scotians pause to remember the Halifax Explosion, a day which destroyed Halifax and shocked the world with its devastating impact; and

Whereas this year marks the 93rd Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion, the disaster which took the lives of over 1,900 people immediately and injured 9,000 more, many permanently; and

Whereas the magnitude of the Halifax Explosion brought out the best our province and, indeed, our closest neighbours and friends have to offer when they battled fires, a blizzard, and personal loss, to provide support and send supplies and aid workers to assist with the immediate and ongoing devastation;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Legislature honour the lives lost from the Halifax Explosion, and continue to educate our children about this tragedy and the displays of courage that followed.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party.

[12:15 p.m.]

RESOLUTION NO. 2750

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas today marks the 21st Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, a terrible act of gender-based violence that left 14 young women dead; and

Whereas violence against women and girls is an unfortunate reality that destroys families and weakens our society; and

Whereas on average, 178 females were killed in Canada every year between 1994 and 2008;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly observe a moment of silence for the 14 women murdered in the Montreal Massacre and all women who are victims of violence, and work together to end violence against women in our province.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

We will now have a moment of silence, please.

[A moment of silence was observed.]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford-Birch Cove.

RESOLUTION NO. 2751

MS. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas December 6th marks the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women and the anniversary of the deaths of 14 female engineering students killed at Montreal's l'École Polytechnique; and

Whereas today provides an opportunity for all Nova Scotians to remember women and girls who have died as a result of violence, to support those who currently face violence in their lives, and to consider actions toward eliminating violence against women; and

Whereas violence against women is a serious social problem that negatively impacts everyone - women, men, children, neighbourhoods, workplaces, and communities;

Therefore be it resolved that all members acknowledge December 6th as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women and encourage everyone to work together to end all forms of violence against women.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Hants West.

RESOLUTION NO. 2752

MR. CHUCK PORTER: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the 34th Annual Hants County Christmas Angels show, under the new direction and leadership of the Hants County Christmas Angels Society, was held yesterday afternoon at the Hants County War Memorial Community Centre in Windsor, raising more than \$30,000 for needy families in Hants County this Christmas; and

Whereas Laurie Murley served as president of the Christmas Angels show for 2010 with significant support from her board of directors, Rose Stevenson-Davidson, Leslie Porter, Dale White, and John Bregante, as they did a job formerly done by the Board of Directors of the Hants County Family and Children's Services; and

Whereas Kristy Walsh did a superb job as the coordinator for the 2010 Christmas Angels show, with extensive support from volunteers such as Janet Anderson and Dale MacDonald and Gloria Shanks;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly extend their sincere wishes to the 2010 Hants County Christmas Angels Society, who saw a vacancy which could not go unfulfilled and stepped forward to continue making Christmas morning the happy occasion it has been for children and families in need in Hants County.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Halifax Clayton Park.

MS. DIANA WHALEN: Mr. Speaker, before I read my resolution, I would like your permission to do an introduction as well.

MR. SPEAKER: Most certainly.

MS. WHALEN: I'd like to introduce the members of the House to someone who is visiting us in the west gallery. His name is Robert Inglis, and Robert is the only Nova Scotian to actually have had an islet cell transplant, which is a treatment for brittle diabetes, for people whose diabetes is not well controlled. That operation took place recently and has been very successful and we're glad to have him here today. One of the things Robert has wanted to do is to let others know about this treatment and its success. So welcome and maybe you would stand for us. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: We welcome all our guests and visitors to the gallery and hope you enjoy today's proceedings.

The honourable member for Halifax Clayton Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 2753

MS. DIANA WHALEN: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas for 20 years Bob Inglis suffered with brittle diabetes, a type of insulin-dependent diabetes characterized by dramatic and recurrent swings in glucose levels for no apparent reason, which affects only about 1 per cent to 2 per cent of diabetics; and

Whereas through the generosity of family support, Bob travelled to Alberta to be the 123rd person in Canada to receive an islet cell transplant, a procedure which involved extracting the islet cells from a donor pancreas and injecting them into Bob's liver where they then thrived and produced enough insulin to control blood glucose levels without insulin injections; and

Whereas Bob's transplant has been so successful that he has gone from taking 40 units of insulin a day to zero and has gone 121 days without insulin - the first time Bob has been insulin free for 25 years;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Legislature commend Bob Inglis and his family for their courage and determination in participating in the clinical islet transplant procedure and acknowledge the groundbreaking work of Dr. James Shapiro and his team with support from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International for their efforts in achieving insulin independence and creating a better quality of life for persons with diabetes.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Victoria-The Lakes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2754

MR. KEITH BAIN: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the East Coast Credit Union continually fundraises and contributes throughout the year to organizations that assist with youth/education, health care, sport and culture organizations within Nova Scotia; and

Whereas in the past three years, East Coast Credit Union has participated in a province-wide food drive during the month of October in conjunction with Credit Union Day celebrations; and

Whereas during the month of October 2010, East Coast Credit Union collected 816.2 pounds of food and \$794.28 in monetary donations through a combined effort from 13 branch locations;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House thank the East Coast Credit Union and their staff for their volunteer efforts and wish them all the best this holiday season.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Clare.

RESOLUTION NO. 2755

HON. WAYNE GAUDET: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Persons with Disabilities Employer Partnership Awards were presented on December 2, 2010; and

Whereas the award honours Nova Scotian companies that have incorporated into their practice the employment, independence, and service to persons with disabilities; and

Whereas the Collaborative Partnership Network administers the awards as they work to create lasting employment opportunities for Nova Scotians living with disabilities and Nova Scotian employers;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the recipients of the 2010 Lieutenant Governor's Persons with Disabilities Employer Partnership Awards and encourage all business throughout Nova Scotia to employ individuals with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Argyle.

RESOLUTION NO. 2756

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas anniversaries are an occasion for family and friends to gather together to celebrate the life of two individuals united as one; and

Whereas an unknown author once quoted, “ A marriage anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance and tenacity, the order varies for any given year.”; and

Whereas on August 2, 2010 a very special occasion took place when Bruno and Juliette Bourque celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Bruno and Juliette Bourque on this remarkable milestone in their life together and wish them many more happy years.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

RESOLUTION NO. 2757

MR. ANDREW YOUNGER: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Margaret Savage founded the Feeding Others of Dartmouth Society over 20 years ago and was the first chair of the Christmas Full of Caring organizing committee; and

Whereas Christmas Full of Caring is an annual fundraising dinner for the Feeding Others of Dartmouth Society and raises nearly \$20,000 each year for Margaret’s House; and

Whereas the 16th Annual Christmas Full of Caring Dinner took place last night in Dartmouth under the chairmanship of Doug Livingstone of Dartmouth;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the organizing committee of Christmas Full of Caring and its chair on another successful fundraising event and acknowledge their dedication and contribution to the Dartmouth community.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Inverness.

RESOLUTION NO. 2758

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the community of Meat Cove endured a tropical rainstorm which damaged community infrastructure and caused potential loss of life on the weekend of August 26, 2010; and

Whereas people in the Nova Scotia Emergency Measures Organization, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, the Red Cross, and local volunteers like the Bay St. Lawrence Fire Department came together to make the community new again; and

Whereas this Dexter NDP Government lent a charitable ear to the requests for an additional appropriation of funding to assist the people of Meat Cove with clean-up and employment for those whose income was affected by the loss of tourism as the disaster struck during the tourism season;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly commend this government for acting decisively and compassionately for the people of Meat Cove and thank those involved for their spirit of co-operation and support.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Digby-Annapolis.

RESOLUTION NO. 2759

MR. HAROLD THERIAULT: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas pins flew at the Digby Bowling Alley during a bowl-a-thon held November 6th, raising awareness and \$1,500 for the ALS Society; and

Whereas ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, causes nerve cells to die and leaves muscles paralyzed with the average age of onset in middle age and has no cure; and

Whereas bowl-a-thon participant Wanda VanTassell's father was diagnosed and died from ALS seven years ago and bowl-a-thon organizer Marilyn Robinson's cousin was also diagnosed with this debilitating and fatal disease;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House congratulate Wanda VanTassell, Marilyn Robinson, and all the participants in this bowl-a-thon for ALS and wish them all the best in their future fundraising endeavours.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Cape Breton West.

RESOLUTION NO. 2760

MR. ALFIE MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas 2010 has seen a revitalization of the Town of Louisbourg; and

Whereas many groups and volunteers in the community have hosted events and activities in support of the National Communities in Bloom program; and

Whereas Louisbourg's "Paint the Town Red" program has been recognized for their efforts for the National Communities in Bloom organization in Nova Scotia by receiving the honour of four blooms out of five;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the leadership of Lloydette MacDonald, Sandra MacDonald, and their numerous volunteers on their success in this first year of the National Communities in Bloom program and thank them for their tireless commitment to the community of Louisbourg.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Yarmouth.

RESOLUTION NO. 2761

MR. ZACH CHURCHILL: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas since 1973, Reverend Bill Newell has been minister of Yarmouth North Baptist Church; and

Whereas Reverend Newell has been a tireless volunteer in Yarmouth County, donating his time and assistance to many organizations and causes, and he has also given so freely of himself to countless residents of Yarmouth County by sharing with him his generosity, compassion and counsel; and

Whereas at the end of December Reverend Bill Newell, who is one of the most beloved and respected leaders in our community, will retire from his position as minister of Yarmouth North Baptist Church;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly recognize Reverend Bill Newell for his 37 years of service and leadership to the members of Yarmouth North Baptist Church and thank him for being a devoted friend and leader in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

[12:30 p.m.]

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Inverness.

RESOLUTION NO. 2762

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the member for Cape Breton North, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on Saturday, November 20th, in the Centre 200 Concourse, Sydney Mines roots rock singer and songwriter Andrew Doyle released *The Price*, his first album in a decade; and

Whereas even though Andrew is on the road 22 to 23 weeks of the year, doing about 250 shows, he found the time to record his 10-track album at Lakewind Sound Studios in Point Aconi; and

Whereas Andrew's latest album is a compilation of solo compositions and collaborations with renowned Cape Breton singer, songwriter, producer and guitar player Fred Lavery;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in wishing Andrew a great deal of success with this album and his music career.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Glace Bay.

RESOLUTION NO. 2763

MR. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the member for Kings West, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on October 21, 2010, the Atlantic Canada Human Resources Awards ceremony took place in Fredericton, New Brunswick; and

Whereas the Atlantic Canada Human Resources Awards were established as a means to recognize individuals who have demonstrated leadership and distinction in HR management; and

Whereas in 2010 the New Human Resources Leader Award was presented to Marie Harding, coordinator of Recruitment and Professional Programs at McInnes Cooper;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House join me in congratulating Marie Harding for receiving the New Human Resources Leader Award at the Atlantic Canada Human Resources Awards and wish her continued success in her future endeavours.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party.

RESOLUTION NO. 2764

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on December 6, 1917, the French cargo ship SS Mont Blanc, loaded with wartime explosives, collided with the Norwegian SS Imo in Halifax Harbour; and

Whereas the collision caused what is considered the world's largest non-nuclear explosion, collapsed buildings and devastated the city; and

Whereas more than 9,000 people were injured and 2,000 people killed in the Halifax Explosion, causing more deaths of Nova Scotians than World War I;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House pause to remember those killed and injured in the explosion, recognize the bravery and heroism exhibited that day, and marvel at the resilience of Nova Scotia's capital city.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Clare.

RESOLUTION NO. 2765

HON. WAYNE GAUDET: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Guy's Frenchys stores from across Nova Scotia and New Brunswick hold annual fundraisers for the IWK Health Centre; and

Whereas the 2010 campaign raised over \$97,000, enabling them to purchase SMART pumps, which will automatically dispense medications to the patients; and

Whereas Yvonne Surette collected \$8,767, once again making her the top fundraiser;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the staff and customers of Guy's Frenchys for their effort to raise money for the IWK Health Centre, and wish them continued success in their future endeavours.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Hants West.

RESOLUTION NO. 2766

MR. CHUCK PORTER: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the 2010 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championships was hosted in Istanbul, Turkey, and consisted of 300 young sailors from 60 nations across the world this summer; and

Whereas Windsor resident, 16-year-old Adam Taylor, and Daniel Baker of Lunenburg, qualified to compete in Istanbul after rigorous training at the Lunenburg Yacht Club and the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron in Halifax; and

Whereas the weather conditions tested the world's best youth sailors and provided an opportunity for the young sailors from around the world with a chance to shine on the international stage while giving the sailing world a preview of its future stars;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize and applaud Adam Taylor and Daniel Baker on their dedication, success, and hard training and wish them all the best in future sailing competitions.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

RESOLUTION NO. 2767

MR. ANDREW YOUNGER: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the member for Richmond, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas if we are to build an economy, bring skilled workers to our province, address labour shortages, and deal with both our population decline and the fact that our population is getting older, a provincial immigration strategy is needed; and

Whereas despite the fact the government has promised an immigration strategy on three different occasions in the past year and a half, we have yet to see a road map produced; and

Whereas last week the Minister of Immigration stated, "We will be seeing the immigration strategy launched in the winter, I would say at the end of the wintertime period.";

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House condemn this government for choosing clotheslines as a priority, as opposed to the development and release of an immigration strategy for our province.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Victoria-The Lakes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2768

MR. KEITH BAIN: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Baddeck branch of the East Coast Credit Union continues to support communities across Victoria County throughout the year; and

Whereas this time of year low-income families of Victoria County rely heavily on food banks to assist with financial burdens; and

Whereas the Baddeck branch of the East Coast Credit Union took part in an annual regional fundraiser to support these families, by collecting 70 pounds of food and \$80 in monetary donations for Helping Hands South of Smokey;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House thank the Baddeck branch of the East Coast Credit Union, and their staff, for organizing and participating in this fundraiser, and wish them well for this holiday season.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Bedford-Birch Cove.

RESOLUTION NO. 2769

MS. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the member for Preston, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Barry Corbin was elected as Berwick's newest councillor on Dec. 4th; and

Whereas Mr. Corbin is retired from the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board and teaches part time at Acadia University; and

Whereas Mr. Corbin received 154 votes, 36 ahead of his nearest challenger;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House congratulate Mr. Corbin on his election to Berwick Town Council, and wish him wisdom and fortitude in the pursuit of his new career.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

Two members have stood.

A recorded vote is being called for.

Ring the bells. Call in the members.

[12:39 p.m.]

[The Division bells were rung.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

Are the Whips satisfied?

[The Clerk calls the roll.]

[1:39 p.m.]

YEAS**NAYS**

Mr. Landry
Ms. More
Mr. Estabrooks
Mr. Corbett
Mr. Steele
Ms. Maureen MacDonald
Mr. Paris
Ms. Jennex
Mr. MacDonell
Mr. Belliveau
Ms. Zann
Mr. MacKinnon
Ms. Kent
Mr. Wilson
Mr. Preyra
Ms. Raymond
Mr. Smith
Mr. Epstein
Mr. Prest
Mr. Ramey
Mr. Whynott
Mr. Morton
Ms. Birdsall
Mr. Boudreau
Mr. Burrill
Mr. Gaudet
Ms. Whalen
Mr. Manning MacDonald
Mr. d'Entremont
Mr. Bain
Mr. Porter
Mr. MacLeod
Mr. MacMaster
Ms. Casey
Mr. Younger
Ms. Regan
Mr. Theriault
Mr. MacLellan
Mr. Churchill
Mr. Zinck

THE CLERK: For, 40. Against, 0.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is carried.

[NOTICES OF MOTION]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Digby-Annapolis.

RESOLUTION NO. 2770

MR. HAROLD THERIAULT: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on December 2nd the Digby area Wal-Mart was presented with the Lieutenant Governor's Persons With Disabilities Employer Partnership Award by Lieutenant Governor Mayann Francis; and

Whereas this award was established in 2008 to acknowledge and honour employers who have instituted and promoted best practices towards the employment, independence and service to persons with disabilities; and

Whereas the Digby area Wal-Mart has been working with the Digby Disabilities Partnership Committee for over four years on employee referrals;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House congratulate the Digby area Wal-Mart on receiving this prestigious honour and wish them well in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Argyle.

RESOLUTION NO. 2771

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas birthdays are an occasion for family and friends to gather to celebrate the life of an individual; and

Whereas on October 18, 2010, Emily Vacon celebrated her 90th birthday; and

Whereas to have reached 90 years of age and to continue to be active and to share all the memories gathered over your lifetime with your loved ones is a wonderful reason to celebrate;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Emily Vacon on reaching this milestone in her life and wishing her many more happy birthdays and continued good health.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Bedford-Birch Cove.

RESOLUTION NO. 2772

MS. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas in 2006 the Bedford Lions Club made a pledge to donate \$100,000 to the Cobequid Community Health Centre, a pledge it had eight years to fulfill; and

Whereas the club made its final payment on that pledge at its Charter Night on October 23, 2010, four years early; and

Whereas the Lions Club is known for its philanthropic support of worthy projects in the Bedford area, so much that the club was named Bedford Volunteer of the Year in 1990;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House roar their approval of the Bedford Lions' efforts to support the Cobequid Centre and wish them good fortune with their future club endeavours.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Yarmouth.

[1:45 p.m.]

RESOLUTION NO. 2773

MR. ZACH CHURCHILL: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas in early November Yarmouth County was deluged by a record amount of rainfall and resultant flooding and a state of emergency was declared; and

Whereas several bridges and roads were washed out, while others were compromised and many families were evacuated from their homes; and

Whereas during this state of emergency, Harold Richardson, coordinator of Yarmouth's Emergency Management Organization, played a vital leadership role and did an exemplary job overseeing the response of the flood damage and the protection of the affected families;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly recognize Harold Richardson of Yarmouth's EMO for his leadership and efficiency during the recent state of emergency in Yarmouth County, and for serving our community well.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled. (Interruptions)

Order, please. Order, please.

The honourable member for Victoria-The Lakes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2774

MR. KEITH BAIN: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the honourable member for Cape Breton North, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Cape Breton Regional Library is celebrating 60 years of operation and is hosting a festival celebrating the work of the region's most accomplished writers; and

Whereas the Turning Leaves Library Festival is a great opportunity to meet some of the fine writers from Cape Breton and the Maritimes and be introduced to their excellent work; and

Whereas various venues and free admission are expected to attract a large audience to hear short stories, poetry and plays;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Cape Breton Regional Library for this two-week celebration of literature and wish them many more years of service to the region.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Halifax Clayton Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 2775

MS. DIANA WHALEN: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas each year the Equal Voice Organization recognizes a woman in politics in Canada with the Eve Award; and

Whereas in Ottawa on November 9, 2010, the Equal Voice Eve Award was presented to Belinda Stronach, recognizing her promotion of women in public life; and

Whereas Ms. Stronach served four years as an MP and Cabinet Minister and now is Executive Vice-Chairman of Magna International Inc., an auto-parts company founded by her father;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House recognize Equal Voice in this province and across Canada for promoting women's participation in political life, and congratulate Belinda Stronach for winning this award, for her hard work and determination during her years in public life.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Colchester North.

RESOLUTION NO. 2776

HON. KAREN CASEY: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas studies show that students who participate in school activities are less likely to be discipline problems, more likely to exhibit good attendance behaviour, more likely to graduate, and more likely to be successful in later life; and

Whereas 40,000 student athletes participate annually in school programs throughout the province; and

Whereas the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation reinforces the significant role that interscholastic athletics play in education by annually organizing the celebration of school sport to recognize the best male and female athlete and teacher-coach from each junior and senior high school in Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Bryan Grue from West Colchester Consolidated in Bass River, Colchester North, male recipient of the 2009-10 Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation Sports Award.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Glace Bay.

RESOLUTION NO. 2777

MR. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the member for Kings West, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas since taking power, the NDP Government has been making Nova Scotia an unfriendly place to do business; and

Whereas the Fraser Institute recently issued a report in which Nova Scotia was at the bottom of the country in terms of corporate income tax; and

Whereas the report placed Nova Scotia second to last in an overall ranking of the provinces in terms of investment climate with a score of 4.3 out of 10;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly urge the NDP Government to leave their current path of hostility toward business and investment and remind them they cannot tax Nova Scotians into prosperity.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Colchester North.

RESOLUTION NO. 2778

HON. KAREN CASEY: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nova Scotian civil servants are committed to working to provide the best quality of service to families, to businesses, and to communities across the province; and

Whereas each year the Nova Scotia Public Service Commission says thank you to its long-serving members through the Long Service Award Program; and

Whereas Steven Russell from Colchester North was recognized for his 30 years of service with the Department of Agriculture;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Steven Russell for his service to the Government of Nova Scotia over the last three decades.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

RESOLUTION NO. 2779

MR. ANDREW YOUNGER: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Heather and Darryll Taylor have been running Maritime Marionettes for more than 20 years; and

Whereas they have travelled across four continents putting on their shows with their puppets; and

Whereas while in Monaco last year, Princess Caroline went backstage after the show and tried her hand at manoeuvring the strings;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Heather and Darryll Taylor for all the joy they have given and for many more years of success.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Cape Breton West.

RESOLUTION NO. 2780

MR. ALFIE MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas volunteers are very important to the social fabric and well-being of Nova Scotian life; and

Whereas on September 11, 2010, the Community Involvement of the Disabled held their general meeting and dance at St. George's Hall in Sydney; and

Whereas the newly-elected board of Community Involvement of the Disabled consists of president Michael Stapleton, vice-president Donald House, executive secretary David Kerr, and treasurer Earl Flynn;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate and thank the new Executive for their worthwhile work on behalf of the disabled people in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

MR. ANDREW YOUNGER: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with respect to Section 37(a) of the Rules of Procedure of the House of Assembly. As I'm sure you're aware, the government introduced Bill No. 99, an Act Respecting Conflict of Interest. According to Rule 37(a), any matter which can or may deal with the Constitution Act of 1867, in fact, requires the House to suspend all other business and only debate that for five days. Now, we have a ruling from the Supreme Court of Canada, which notes that the Constitution Act requires a separation of both the legislative functions and the judicial branch of the House.

Unfortunately, as you're probably aware, Section 32 (5) (f) (g) actually delegate an authority to the judicial branch to remove a member from the Legislative Assembly. It is our opinion that this may, in fact, conflict with the Constitution Act of 1867 and therefore requires that this House debate that bill for five days before proceeding with any further business. Further, because this matter actually deals with the progress of the House, it is my recommendation that you would recess the House while a decision is reached.

MR. SPEAKER: I'll take that into consideration. I will recess the House and consult with the Clerk for five minutes. I'll ring the bells for five minutes. Thank you.

[1:54 p.m. The House recessed.]

[2:03 p.m. The House reconvened.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order. I've reviewed the matter raised by the member for Dartmouth East with the Clerks. While the provision he complains about in Bill No. 99 may contravene the Constitution Act of Canada, we are not dealing with a government motion that actually proposes an amendment to the Constitution Act.

Rule 37(a) does not apply to this situation. There is not a point of order.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I move that you do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

[2:04 p.m. The House resolved itself into a CWH on Bills with Deputy Speaker Mr. Alfie MacLeod in the Chair.]

[11:00 p.m. CWH on Bills rose and the House reconvened with Deputy Speaker Gordon Gosse in the Chair.]

MR. SPEAKER: The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on Bills reports:

THE CLERK: That the committee has met, has made progress and begs leave to sit again.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That concludes the business of the government for today. We will meet again tomorrow. After the daily routine and Question Period we will be doing the bills that are in the Committee of the Whole House on Bills: Bill No. 63 to Bill No. 120, inclusive as on the order paper. Then time willing, we will do second reading of Bill No. 88 to Bill No. 128, inclusive, as on the order paper.

I move that the House now rise to meet tomorrow from the hours of 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is that the House rise to meet again tomorrow from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

A recorded vote has been called for.

Ring the bells for no more than one hour, or until the Whips are satisfied.

Ring the Bells. Call in the members.

[11:01 p.m.]

[The Division bells were rung.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order. A recorded vote has been called for.

Are the Whips satisfied?

[The Clerk calls the roll.]

[12:01 a.m.]

YEAS

Ms. More
Mr. Corbett
Mr. Steele
Mr. Paris
Ms. Jennex
Mr. MacDonell
Mr. Belliveau
Ms. Zann
Mr. MacKinnon
Ms. Kent
Mr. Wilson
Mr. Preyra
Ms. Raymond
Mr. Smith
Mr. Epstein
Mr. Prest
Mr. Ramey
Mr. Whynott
Mr. Morton
Ms. Birdsall
Mr. Boudreau
Mr. Burrill

NAYS

Mr. d'Entremont
Mr. Porter
Mr. Clarke

THE CLERK: For, 22. Against, 3.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is carried.

The motion for adjournment has been made. We will now rise to sit tomorrow between the hours of 12:00 noon and 10:00 p.m.

We are adjourned.

[The House rose at 12:03 a.m.]

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)**RESOLUTION NO. 2781**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on December 6th, the Women's Committee of the Acadia University Faculty Association will join with students and the community to take action on violence against women and to commemorate the 14 women brutally killed during the Montreal Massacre at Ecole Polytechnique on December 6, 1989; and

Whereas violence against women takes on many forms, including assault, rape, murder, discrimination and silencing; and

Whereas campus and community members are invited to take part in the Ceremony of Remembrance to be held today, December 6 at 4 p.m. at Just Us! Coffee Merchants;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Women's Committee of the Acadia University Faculty Association and remember this day - December 6th - and that the fight for women's equity continue to be an important part of creating a just society.

RESOLUTION NO. 2782

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Thelma Langley of Wolfville celebrated her 100th birthday on November 7, 2010; and

Whereas over the years Mrs. Langley found time to write information on missionaries, books for children concerning faith and organized one of the first Sunday School classes that included children with challenges; and

Whereas Mrs. Langley was a supportive spouse to Mr. Abner Langley and walked every step through his career by his side;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Mrs. Thelma Langley for her accomplishments during these 100 years and wish her continued good health and prosperity.

RESOLUTION NO. 2783

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Alexander Society of Wolfville celebrated its 10th Anniversary on November 19, 2010; and

Whereas the Alexander Society was founded in 2000 by Kathleen Purdy and Kim Smith of Canning to enhance learning opportunities for children and teens who require special care; and

Whereas the Alexander Society teaches children and teens with intellectual disabilities to see the world through arts-based strategies such as music, drama, painting, storytelling and nature which foster communication, social interaction and flexible thinking;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commends Kathleen Purdy and Kim Smith for creating a unique and invaluable program for educating children who require special care that will help them develop the capacity for acknowledging and understanding perspectives of others as well as their own.

RESOLUTION NO. 2784

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nova Scotia is experiencing more frequent emergencies, particularly those caused by extreme weather; and

Whereas emergencies often happen with little or no warning; and

Whereas preparation will help Nova Scotians keep themselves, their families and their property safe;

Therefore be it resolved that all Nova Scotians be ready to take care of themselves during the first 72 hours of an emergency by preparing an emergency kit and a family emergency plan now.

RESOLUTION NO. 2785

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Emergency Management)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nova Scotia is one of only three Canadian provinces with its own 911 system; and

Whereas Nova Scotia's well-trained 911 call-takers handled 1,096 calls in the year ending in March 2010, or an average of 537 calls a day; and

Whereas about 98 per cent of the calls were answered within 20 seconds, or less than three rings, ensuring Nova Scotians received timely access to emergency response people and resources;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House acknowledge and commend the callers and the call-takers for making this outstanding service both effective and efficient.

RESOLUTION NO. 2786

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Emergency Management)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Emergency Management Office (EMO) this year completed two backup 911 call-taking terminals in HRM and Truro to ensure continuity of service in emergencies; and

Whereas the EMO also constructed a new call-taker training facility and introduced an updated 911 training curriculum; and

Whereas 71 new 911 call-takers were trained to help bring the 911 service to virtually 100 per cent redundancy or backup service for emergencies;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House acknowledge and commend our 911 service leaders, trainers, and trainees for these outstanding contributions to the safety of Nova Scotians during emergencies.

RESOLUTION NO. 2787

By: Hon. Darrell Dexter (The Premier)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Duke of Edinburgh's Award was founded in 1958 by His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the award came to Canada in 1963 and currently runs in 126 countries around the world; and

Whereas the program encourages youth to be active, to participate in new activities and to pursue current interests in four different areas: community service, personal skill development, physical recreation, and adventurous journeys; and

Whereas 16-year-old Cameron Mason of Cole Harbour received the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award on September 27th of this year;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House congratulate Cameron Mason on being among the more than six million young people around the world who have challenged themselves by participating in the bronze, silver, and gold levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 2788

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

MS. PAM BIRDSALL: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture recently announced funding through the Community Development Trust Fund program; and

Whereas this funding is designed to further aquacultural production technologies, improve quality, and develop products; and

Whereas Indian Point Marine Farms in Indian Point received \$12,000 toward developing technology to recover mussel seed from synthetic mesh used to protect against predation from sea ducks;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Indian Point Marine Farm in Indian Point, Lunenburg County, for receiving funding through Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Community Development Trust Fund to develop new technologies for mussel cultivation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2789

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Snyder's Shipyard has been an integral part of Nova Scotia's boat-building heritage, with roots going back over 135 years with an established reputation for quality ship-building, making it a natural choice for the refurbishment of the Bluenose II; and

Whereas Snyder's Shipyard - part of the Lunenburg Shipyard Alliance - has done major restorations and annual refits on the Bluenose II since 1994 and is now working on the vessel's most important component, the keel, using traditional building methods; and

Whereas Snyder's Shipyard is one of six companies to receive funding through the Boat Builders' Marketing Assistance Program in an announcement made by Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Sterling Belliveau on November 5th to help shipbuilding companies improve marketing and promotion efforts;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Snyder's Shipyard for their long history of quality boat building and recognize their important work on the Bluenose II reconstruction project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2790

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the South Shore Regional School Board reached a milestone this year with Grade 3 students attaining the best results in the province on the 2010 Grade 3 early elementary math literacy assessment; and

Whereas this is the first time that the South Shore Regional School Board has surpassed all other boards in Nova Scotia on any assessment, with 81 per cent of local students meeting expectations on the June standardized tests, compared to 75 per cent province-wide; and

Whereas these results highlight the great work being done in South Shore elementary classrooms by skilled educators and on-site math mentors and the efforts by the board to create an environment where mathematics is fundamentally important and valued by everyone while focusing on early intervention strategies to ensure success at higher grades;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize the results achieved by the Grade 3 students of the South Shore Regional School Board in the math literacy assessment and commend the teachers, staff, students, and board members who have worked so hard to achieve these results.

RESOLUTION NO. 2791

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas walking has proven to be an easy and attainable form of fitness that provides benefits for the body and mind, is easy and inexpensive to do, and has proven health benefits; and

Whereas Second Story Women's Centre has taken the initiative to motivate seniors to get involved in a regular walking program by starting Stepping Out, a six-week walking program for female seniors that involves walking and information sessions about health and wellness, presented through the Nova Scotia Department of Seniors Positive Aging Initiative; and

Whereas Second Story's Stepping Out program featured collaborators like the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the YMCA, and South Shore Health, and took place in locations such as the Lunenburg Trail system and the track at the Gus Vicker's Memorial Field using multiple resources in the community;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Second Story Women's Centre on their successful walking program, Stepping Out, which provides opportunities for healthy lifestyles, physical activity, and socializing for female seniors in Lunenburg County.

RESOLUTION NO. 2792

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas local farmers' markets are important outlets for both producers and consumers to access healthy, whole foods that are produced close to home, thereby supporting local farmers and reducing the environmental footprints of the foods we eat; and

Whereas the Mahone Bay Farmers' Market has opened for the winter season with a new location in Mahone Bay Centre, providing access to local foods throughout the winter months; and

Whereas the Mahone Bay Centre is hoping to encourage more producers, vendors, and customers to come to the new winter Farmers Market in Mahone Bay through increased signage to create a successful winter market that provides produce, baked goods, meats, and crafts;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend the Mahone Bay Centre and Mahone Bay Farmers' Market for providing access to locally-produced foods throughout the winter months.

RESOLUTION NO. 2793

By: Hon. Percy Paris (African Nova Scotian Affairs)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Rev. Dr. Donald Edward Fairfax was a father, religious leader, and member of the Order of Canada; and

Whereas Rev. Fairfax was also a founding member of the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia and an advocate for social justice and fairness; and

Whereas Rev. Fairfax passed away on Monday, August 9th, at the age of 90;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House take a moment to honour and remember Rev. Dr. Donald Edward Fairfax and the many contributions he made to Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2794

By: Hon. Percy Paris (African Nova Scotian Affairs)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Wanda Robson is the younger sister of Viola Desmond; and

Whereas Mrs. Robson advocated on her sister's behalf for many years to have Viola's courageous actions properly recognized by Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Mrs. Robson recently published a book, *Sister to Courage: Stories from the World of Viola Desmond*, to continue her efforts in honouring and remembering her sister;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Wanda Robson on the successful launch of her book and for her unwavering support of her sister.

RESOLUTION NO. 2795

By: Hon. Percy Paris (Tourism, Culture and Heritage)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Church point author Georgette Leblanc won the \$25,000 Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia Masterwork Arts Award for her books *Alma* (2007) and *Amédé* (2010) at the recent Creative Nova Scotia Awards Gala; and

Whereas the annual award looks to recognize, reward and encourage excellence in all creative media and highlight works that have a strong connection to Nova Scotia in the context of national and international achievement; and

Whereas the other finalists for the award each received \$2,000, including Graeme Patterson for his sculptural installation and stop-motion animated film *Grudge Match*; Peter Togni, for his concerto for bass clarinet and choir *Lamentatio Jeremiae Prophetae*; Alan Syliboy for his mural, *People of the Dawn*; and Allan Cole for his musical play, *Rockbound*;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House applaud the accomplishments of Georgette Leblanc and the other finalists for the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia Masterwork Arts Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 2796

By: Hon. Percy Paris (Tourism, Culture and Heritage)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Portia White Prize was established in 1997 to honour the memory and legacy of African Nova Scotian Portia White, who achieved international acclaim as a classical singer on the stages of Europe and North America; and

Whereas the Portia White Prize is the provincial government's largest arts prize, valued at \$18,000 and awarded annually at the Creative Nova Scotia Awards gala to an outstanding Nova Scotian artist who embodies artistic excellence and innovation in the spirit of Portia White and selects an emerging artist or organizer to receive a \$7,000 protégé prize; and

Whereas this year's Portia White Prize was awarded to Mary Jane Lamond, a singer and Gaelic cultural ambassador from Glendale, Inverness County, who has attracted new audiences and strengthened the tradition of Gaelic music, including youths and Mary Jane selected the Commun Feis an Eilein, a community Gaelic festival in Christmas Island to receive the Protégé Prize;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House join me in congratulating Mary Jane Lamond on being named recipient of the 2010 Portia White Prize and Commun Feis an Eilein as the Protégé Prize winner.

RESOLUTION NO. 2797

By: Hon. Percy Paris (African Nova Scotian Affairs)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Custio Clayton is an accomplished welterweight boxer from Dartmouth; and

Whereas Mr. Clayton is a five-time Canadian amateur champion and the current title holder for his weight class; and

Whereas Mr. Clayton was the only African Nova Scotian athlete to join the contingent of Canadian athletes who recently competed at the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi in October;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House commend Custio Clayton for being a great competitor and strong African Nova Scotian role model, and wish him continued boxing success.

RESOLUTION NO. 2798

By: Hon. Percy Paris (African Nova Scotian Affairs)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Mount Saint Vincent University has partnered with the Council for African Canadian Education and the African Canadian Services Division of the Department of Education, to offer a Master of Education in Life-long Learning, with a focus on Afrocentric leadership; and

Whereas the degree program is designed to increase the number of African Nova Scotian educators in leadership roles; and

Whereas on October 24th, the most recent cohort of learners graduated from this one-of-a-kind program, including two staff members from the Office of African Nova Scotian Affairs, Lillian Marsman and Chantel Reid-Demeter;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate the graduates of Mount Saint Vincent University's Master of Education in Lifelong Learning with a focus on Afrocentric Leadership program and wish them all the best in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2799

By: Hon. Sterling Belliveau (Fisheries and Aquaculture)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nolan d'Eon of Eel Lake Oyster Farm received the Entrepreneurial Excellence Award from Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse in recognition of years of entrepreneurial excellence; and

Whereas oysters from Eel Lake Oyster Farm are found in restaurants across Canada and have been talked about in the Globe and Mail and Châtelaine magazine and featured at festivals such as the 10th Anniversary of the Grand-Pré Winery, the Ice Wine Festival and Expo Acadie 2008 in Halifax; and

Whereas Mr. d'Eon made his business more efficient when he adopted floating-bag technology which has reduced labour costs and proven phenomenal for oyster growth and appearance;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Nolan d'Eon of Eel Lake Oyster Farm for receiving the Entrepreneurial Excellence Award and send best wishes to him and his family for continued success farming oysters for many years to come.

RESOLUTION NO. 2800

By: Hon. Sterling Belliveau (Fisheries and Aquaculture)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Barrington Municipal High School student Jillian Kendrick was the regional winner in her age group for the Canadian Heritage 2010 Canada Day Poster Challenge on June 4, 2010; and

Whereas Jillian Kendrick, who will graduate from Barrington Municipal High School at the completion of this school year, continues to be actively involved in her school serving as student council president for the 2010-11 academic year;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Barrington Municipal High School student Jillian Kendrick who was the regional winner in her age group for the Canadian Heritage 2010 Canada Day Poster Challenge on June 4, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 2801

By: Hon. Sterling Belliveau (Fisheries and Aquaculture)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Shelburne paramedic James Currie was awarded an Emergency Medical Exemplary Service Medal on September 9, 2010; and

Whereas the Emergency Medical Exemplary Service Medal recognizes paramedics who perform their duties in an exemplary manner through good conduct, efficiency and years of service; and

Whereas James Currie has devoted the past 28 years of his life to paramedicine and to his community through his work and countless volunteer activities;

Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulate Shelburne paramedic James Currie who was awarded an Emergency Medical Exemplary Service Medal on September 9, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 2802

By: Hon. Sterling Belliveau (Fisheries and Aquaculture)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Cape Sable Island's Aaron Nickerson was named Golfer of the Year by the Nova Scotia Golf Association (NSGA) on October 24, 2010; and

Whereas Aaron Nickerson posted five, top 10 finishes in NSGA sanctioned events during the 2010 season to accumulate the most points in the NSGAs point system for the award; and

Whereas Aaron Nickerson was a member of the Nova Scotia mid-amateur team that completed at the Canadian mid-amateur championships in Ottawa in August where Nickerson finished in the top 25 per cent;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Cape Sable Island's Aaron Nickerson for being named Golfer of the Year by the Nova Scotia Golf Association (NSGA) on October 24, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 2803

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Halifax Regional Municipality held a ceremony on October 6, 2010 to honour firefighters for their exemplary service; and

Whereas firefighters, especially volunteer firefighters, dedicate many hours of selfless service to their communities and neighbours; and

Whereas Darrin Hutt received his 20-year Federal Exemplary Service Medal at the October 6th ceremony;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly thank Darrin Hutt for his 20-plus years of service to his community and neighbours and wish him every success in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 2804

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Halifax Regional Municipality held a ceremony on October 6, 2010 to honour firefighters for their exemplary service; and

Whereas firefighters, especially volunteer firefighters, dedicate many hours of generous service to their communities and neighbours; and

Whereas David Josey received his 20-year Federal Exemplary Service Medal, as well as his 25-year Provincial Long Service Medal at the October 6th ceremony;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly thank David Josey for his 25-plus years of service to his community and neighbours and wish him every success in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 2805

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Jim Hewitt of Port Hilford announced his retirement after 70 years of operating a general store, where he provided a wide range of goods and services to his neighbours and friends; and

Whereas Jim Hewitt was recognized as a much-valued community leader for his contributions and service to his community, which time and again went beyond what is strictly defined as business; and

Whereas the community of Port Hilford and surrounding area expressed their appreciation to Jim Hewitt and his family by holding a well-deserved retirement celebration at the Indian Harbour Lake Community Centre on November 6, 2010;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jim Hewitt on his retirement and thank him and his family for the many years of service and contributions, which were made to his home of Port Hilford and the surrounding communities.

RESOLUTION NO. 2806

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nova Scotia's Top Employers is an annual competition, sponsored by MediaCorp Canada Inc., which identifies the companies and organizations that lead their industries in attracting and retaining employees; and

Whereas Kevin MacDonald, CEO for the Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority, accepted this award for the third consecutive year; and

Whereas nurse practitioner Lena MacDonald credits GASHA for creating the necessary positive atmosphere by encouraging employees, such as those in the Cardiovascular Hearts in Motion (CCHIM) program to work independently, think critically, practice problem solving, and work as a cohesive team;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate GASHA and CEO Kevin MacDonald on achieving the Top Employer in Nova Scotia award for the past three years and wish them continued success in their future health endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 2807

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Strait Area Transit received approval for assistance under the Nova Scotia Transit Research Incentive Program; and

Whereas the Strait Area Transit continues to move forward and plans to expand their routes to include Inverness County; and

Whereas this valuable service will now be available to more citizens in the greater Strait area;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the board, as well as the management and staff teams of the Strait Area Transit, for the leadership shown by extending their service to include more of the greater Strait area and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 2808

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Councillor Myles MacPherson has been a municipal councillor for 25 years, serving the residents of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough; and

Whereas Councillor MacPherson received a Scroll of Recognition from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) at the regular meeting of Municipal Council on November 10, 2010; and

Whereas Councillor MacPherson was also presented with a certificate from the Municipality in recognition of his service to the citizens of the District of Guysborough;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate and extend our appreciation to Councillor Myles MacPherson for his 25 years of service to the citizens of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and the Province of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2809

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas at an awards ceremony held on June 2, 2010 at Musquodoboit Rural High School, Her Honour, The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, ONS, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, presented select Grade 11 students with the Lieutenant Governor's Medal; and

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Medal is awarded annually to students who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in the school and community, as well as commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled; and

Whereas Nicholas Prest of Duncan MacMillan High School was a 2010 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Nicholas Prest on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Medal and wish him every success in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 2810

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas at an awards ceremony held on June 2, 2010 at Musquodoboit Rural High School, Her Honour, The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, ONS, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, presented select Grade 11 students with the Lieutenant Governor's Medal; and

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Medal is awarded annually to students who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in the school and community, as well as commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled; and

Whereas Nikki Mills of St. Mary's Academy was a 2010 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Nikki Mills on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Medal and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 2811

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas at an awards ceremony held on June 2, 2010 at Musquodoboit Rural High School, Her Honour, the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, ONS, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, presented select Grade 11 students with the Lieutenant Governor's Medal; and

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Medal is awarded annually to students who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in the school and community, as well as commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled; and

Whereas Brett Jordan of St. Mary's Academy was a 2010 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brett Jordan on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Medal and wish him every success in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 2812

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas at an awards ceremony held on June 2, 2010 at Musquodoboit Rural High School, Her Honour, the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, ONS, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, presented select Grade 11 students with the Lieutenant Governor's Medal; and

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Medal is awarded annually to students who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in the school and community, as well as commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled; and

Whereas Cali Jackson of Canso Academy was a 2010 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Cali Jackson on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Medal and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 2813

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas at an awards ceremony held on June 2, 2010 at Musquodoboit Rural High School, Her Honour, the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, ONS, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, presented select Grade 11 students with the Lieutenant Governor's Medal; and

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Medal is awarded annually to students who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in the school and community, as well as commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled; and

Whereas Edward Hanifen of Guysborough Academy was a 2010 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Edward Hanifen on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Medal and wish him every success in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 2814

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas at an awards ceremony held on June 2, 2010 at Musquodoboit Rural High School, Her Honour, the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, ONS, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, presented select Grade 11 students with the Lieutenant Governor's Medal; and

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Medal is awarded annually to students who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in the school and community, as well as commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled; and

Whereas Michelle Hubley of Duncan MacMillan High School was a 2010 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Michelle Hubley on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Medal and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 2815

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas at an awards ceremony held on June 2, 2010 at Musquodoboit Rural High School, Her Honour, the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, ONS, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, presented select Grade 11 students with the Lieutenant Governor's Medal; and

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Medal is awarded annually to students who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in the school and community, as well as commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled; and

Whereas Matthew Willson of Canso Academy was a 2010 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Matthew Willson on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Medal and wish him every success in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 2816

By: Mr. Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas at an awards ceremony held on June 2, 2010 at Musquodoboit Rural High School, Her Honour, the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, ONS, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, presented select Grade 11 students with the Lieutenant Governor's Medal; and

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Medal is awarded annually to students who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in the school and community, as well as commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled; and

Whereas Mallory Borden of Guysborough Academy was a 2010 recipient of the Lieutenant governor's Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mallory Borden on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Medal and wish her every success in her future endeavours.