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Hon. Charlie Parker

DEPUTY SPEAKERS

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

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. We'll get today's proceedings underway. Before we go to the daily routine, I'll recognize the honourable member for Bedford-Birch Cove.

The honourable member for Bedford-Birch Cove.

MS. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, yesterday I rose on a point of order after Question Period, when the Premier claimed that I had said that we didn't need to get back to balance. In fact, I now have Hansard here in front of me and, as I indicated at the time, I did not say that. I said, according to Hansard, ". . . nobody said that they had to go back to balance on the backs of those students and that is his choice."

So, Mr. Speaker, I would like to give the Premier an opportunity to withdraw his incorrect remarks. I have two copies here, one for you and one for Hansard.

MR. SPEAKER: I'll have a look at it. Obviously the Premier is - but, I'll have a look at it, that's all I can say. I'll have a look at it, honourable member, and see where we go from here.

The honourable member for Bedford-Birch Cove.

MS. REGAN: Mr. Speaker, perhaps there is someone who would like to withdraw the Premier's remarks on behalf of the government?

MR. SPEAKER: No. I don't believe at this time, no. Good try. Thank you.

We'll begin the daily routine.

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MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Education.

RESOLUTION NO. 2977

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

Whereas Sabine Fels, the art express coordinator in the J.L. Ilsley family of schools, has worked tirelessly to help the arts flourish in the schools she serves; and

Whereas Ms. Fels has instilled in young people a sense of community through their participation in public art projects; and

Whereas the latest project of collaborative art, Water Falls, constructed by people in the community - consisting of individual water drops, first hand-shaped in clay and then impressed into recycled water-bottle plastic - was unveiled at the Captain William Spry Community Centre on December 7th;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Ms. Fels and the community for another outstanding art project to showcase the talents of Nova Scotians.

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 Minister of Gaelic Affairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 2978

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

Whereas Mary Jane Lamond, a Gaelic singer, speaker, and long-time Gaelic community activist, is highly respected and regarded for her contributions to maintaining and developing Gaelic in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Ms. Lamond has worked to respectfully and creativity present Nova Scotia Gaelic song to a local and international audience; and

Whereas Ms. Lammond has recently received the highly coveted and respected Portia White Prize for her numerous achievements in Gaelic song and promoting Nova Scotia Gaelic cultural expression;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Mary Jane Lamond on her receipt of the Portia White Prize which, by extension, honours the many contributions the Gaelic community makes to the rich diversity of 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.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 132 - Entitled an Act to Provide Greater Flexibility for Nova Scotians' Retirement Savings in Locked-in Accounts. (Mr. Allan MacMaster)

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

[9:15 a.m.]

NOTICES OF MOTION

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clare.

RESOLUTION NO. 2979

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

Whereas many local volunteer firefighters provide a vital and outstanding service throughout rural Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Wilson Comeau has been recognized for his dedication and service beyond the call of duty in helping preserve the security of our community; and

Whereas Wilson Comeau was recognized on November 27, 2010, by the Little Brook Volunteer Fire Department for his 45 years of dedicated service;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate firefighter Wilson Comeau for receiving his Fire Service Long Service Award for his 45 years of service to his 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 Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party.

RESOLUTION NO. 2980

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

Whereas Service Canada recently released its monthly Labour Market Brief, which outlines employment figures across Nova Scotia; and

Whereas November's employment levels were flat, with a gain of 1,000 part-time jobs, but a loss of 1,000 full-time jobs; and

Whereas these lacklustre numbers follow on the heels of 8,600 jobs lost in October, which represents the second-largest monthly decline in history;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House call on the NDP Government to acknowledge that through higher taxes, deficits, and debt, they are making Nova Scotia a harder place to do business and create jobs.

MR. SPEAKER: The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville.

RESOLUTION NO. 2981

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

Whereas the Orange Crush soccer team, comprised of staff from the Premier's office, NDP caucus and Party office, and NDP MLAs, has just completed its second season with the Halifax Sport and Social Club; and

Whereas team sports are a great way to exercise, improve health, make new friends, and learn a new sport; and

Whereas the Orange Crush soccer team has successfully made it to the finals in both seasons that they have played, being victorious, coming in first in the league in a nail-biter of a game by winning 3-2 in a shootout in this year's finals held on December 7th;

Therefore be it resolved that this House recognize the importance of sport, and congratulate the Orange Crush soccer team on their many successes over the last two seasons and their victory in the finals on December 7th.

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. 2982

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

Whereas Jean Laroche has been with CBC for nearly a quarter of a century on TV, radio, and Twitter; and

Whereas Jean is a long-time member and president of the legislative press gallery and a fixture here at the House of Assembly; and

Whereas Jean took Maritime Noon to the top of the ratings as interim host after the departure of Costas Halavrezos, and after the show was cut from two hours down to one;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House urge Jean Laroche to come back to the Legislature soon and work on improving our ratings.

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. 2983

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

Whereas Girls Division 3 volleyball remains one of the premier sports in Inverness County and across this province; and

Whereas SAERC represented their school with determination, skill, and sportsmanship all during the volleyball season; and

Whereas the SAERC Saints of Port Hawkesbury took home the provincial banner;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the SAERC School for their first-place finish at the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation Division 3 Girls Volleyball Championship.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2984

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

Whereas three young Pictou East women have been selected to represent Nova Scotia on the judo team for the Canada Winter Games in Halifax this February; and

Whereas together the young women bring 21 years of training and commitment to judo - Heidi Feit of Priestville has been involved for 11 years, Kasey DeVries of Merigomish has been involved for six years, and Rachel Kampen of Irish Mountain has been involved for four years; and

Whereas these young women have invested the past three years in preparing for the Winter Games through intensive training and tournaments to be selected as part of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Nova Scotia judo team members Heidi Feit, Kasey DeVries and Rachel Kampen on their achievement and wish them success in the Canada Winter Games.

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. 2985

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 Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Medal was created in 1994 to recognize professionals in the provision of pre-hospital emergency services who have performed their duties in an exemplary manner characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency rather than only the number of years of services; and

Whereas to be considered for this award, a paramedic must have been employed with Emergency Medical Services, completing 20 years of exemplary service, including at least 10 years in the performance of duties involving potential risks; and

Whereas Peter Maillet of Meteghan was presented with the Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal on September 9, 2010 by Lieutenant Governor Mayann Francis;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Peter Maillet for receiving this very prestigious national medal.

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. 2986

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

Whereas Inverness County is rife with an abundance of painters, musicians, writers and many other artists; and

Whereas Doug Fraser is a self-taught artist gaining national and international praise for his works; and

Whereas Doug Fraser's collection of new works entitled The Colour of Light III, the artist's interpretation of how light affects and discloses the stories of our seascapes and landscapes, is now on display at the Cape Breton University Art Gallery;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Doug Fraser for the wonderful talent he continues to share with us.

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 Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage.

RESOLUTION NO. 2987

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

Whereas volunteer firefighters are a key component to fire and emergency services across Nova Scotia and are saving lives and property despite their own personal threat; and

Whereas Wayne Williams of Eastern Passage has dedicated his time and energy to volunteer firefighting for over 36 years in the communities of Eastern Passage, Dartmouth and Herring Cove, of which he is a founding member; and

Whereas Wayne Williams has recently retired from this role and was honoured by his peers and community at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly commend Wayne Williams of Eastern Passage for his outstanding volunteer firefighter service in Nova Scotia for more than 36 years and wish him every success in his new 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 Argyle.

RESOLUTION NO. 2988

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 Neil LeBlanc was nominated to the post of Consul General for Canada in Boston in July 2006; and

Whereas on August 14, 2010, as his term came to an end, Neil reflected on the time he and his family spent in Boston as an incredibly memorable time which allowed him to make many new friends and acquaintances they will always treasure; and

Whereas Neil LeBlanc was first elected as PC MLA for Argyle in 1984 and served as Minister of Finance - a pretty good one - among other portfolios, and at the time of his nomination was CAO of the Municipality of Argyle;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Neil LeBlanc on a job well done representing Canada in Boston and wish him success in his future endeavours as he re-enters private life in his native Village of Wedgeport.

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 Antigonish.

RESOLUTION NO. 2989

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

Whereas James Bray is an Antigonish native who graduated from St. Francis Xavier University in May 2010 with an Honours degree in Sociology, earning the Reverend Frank J. Mifflen Award for Sociology; and

Whereas James Bray is currently in Peru, working as a youth intern with the Coady International Institute; and

Whereas Mr. Bray was recently selected as a Rhodes Scholar for 2011, which provides him with the opportunity to attend Oxford University to pursue a Master of Philosophy in Developmental Studies;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Bray on being awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship and wish him all the best with his continued studies.

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 Kings West.

RESOLUTION NO. 2990

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

Whereas the Town of Berwick recently held its 30^{th} annual Santa Claus Parade, an event that continues to grow in participation and crowd attraction; and

Whereas the parade has expanded its route, starting at the Grand View Manor and ending at the Town Hall, and is now a fixture in the town's many activities; and

Whereas Marge Murphy, Murray Saunders, and Mike Trinacity were the organizing trio 30 years ago who founded an event that cultivates Christmas spirit in their community;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Town of Berwick and the organizers of the 30th Berwick Santa Claus Parade, and wish them continued success with future parades.

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 Colchester North.

RESOLUTION NO. 2991

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 Scotia's 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 Dale Murray from Tatamagouche, Colchester North, was recognized for his 25 years of service with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Dale Murray for his service to the Government of Nova Scotia over the last quarter-century.

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 Kings North.

RESOLUTION NO. 2992

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

Whereas the Valley Women's Business Network (VWBN) is a lively organization whose mission is to support, educate, and promote women in business; and

Whereas VWBN's members meet on the second Wednesday of every month, offering guest speakers and seminars to help women succeed in business, and provide bursaries to help female students at the Nova Scotia Community College Kingstee Campus; and

Whereas Valley Women's Business Network, founded with just six members, has grown to a membership of over 60 and recently celebrated its 10th year of success;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Valley Women's Business Network on their 10th Anniversary and wish them every success as they continue to support and motivate women in business.

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

[9:30 a.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 Bedford-Birch Cove.

RESOLUTION NO. 2993

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

Whereas on December 1, 2010, the Consumers' Choice Awards were presented at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax; and

Whereas the Consumers' Choice Awards are determined by an independent research firm for Consumers' Choice Institute (Canada) by surveying consumers and are unique in North America because consumers determine the winners, not a panel of judges; and

Whereas the winners of the Consumers' Choice Award can be extremely proud of their accomplishments as the award is considered to be a seal of excellence throughout industry; Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Wacky's Flooring Ltd. for receiving the 2010 Consumers' Choice Award in the category of Blinds and Shades Store, and wish them continued success in all 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. 2994

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

Whereas every day, employees of the Nova Scotia Government are working hard and using their skills and expertise to serve the people of our province; and

Whereas the superintendent of historic Haliburton House in Windsor, Alan Dauphinee, has served our province ably; and

Whereas Alan was recently recognized for his 25 years of outstanding service with the Nova Scotia Government, the past two decades as superintendent of Haliburton House in Windsor;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Alan Dauphinee for his outstanding three and a half decades of service to Nova Scotia's Public Service and wish him every success 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?

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 Guysborough-Sheet Harbour.

RESOLUTION NO. 2995

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

Whereas on January 3, 2011, Ms. Margaret Publicover of East Quoddy, in the constituency of Guysborough-Sheet Harbour, will celebrate her 105th birthday; and

Whereas Margaret, born in 1906 in Harrigan Cove, raised 13 children, took her first ATV ride at 85, caught her first trout at 95 and now enjoys bingo, cards, crocheting, knitting, camping and travelling, last travelling to Alberta and B.C. to visit family and friends at the age of 103; and

Whereas Margaret is a much-loved and valued member of the entire area and will celebrate her 105th year with many family and friends at the Balcom Centre in Port Dufferin on Sunday, January 2, 2011;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Margaret Publicover on the celebration of her 105th birthday and extend to her our very best wishes, with many more such celebrations.

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 Colchester North.

RESOLUTION NO. 2996

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 Scotia's 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 the long-serving members through the Long Service Award program; and

Whereas Glen Morrison from Tatamagouche, Colchester North, was recognized for his 25 years of work with the Department of Community Services;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Glen Morrison for his service to the Government of Nova Scotia over the last quarter-century.

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 Richmond.

RESOLUTION NO. 2997

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: M. le Président, à une date ultérieure, je demanderai l'adoption de la resolution suivante:

Attendu que L'Ardoise Jolly Club est un groupe d'aînés dont le but est d'organiser des activités récréatives et sociales qui font la promotion d'un style de vie sain; et

Attendu que L'Ardoise Jolly Club a initié une campagne de financement ambitieuse pour la construction d'un nouvel espace pour ses activités, par exemple le yoga, les fléchettes, les quilles et les soupers mensuels; et

Attendu que après avoir recueilli 50 000 \$ et avec l'appui de différents organismes gouvernementaux, L'Ardoise Jolly Club a procédé à l'ouverture officielle de son nouvel espace, relié au centre communautaire de L'Ardoise, le 15 août 2010;

Par conséquent, il est résolu que tous les membres de la Chambre d'assemblée félicitent la direction et les membres de L'Ardoise Jolly Club pour l'ouverture officielle de leur nouvel espace et leur souhaitent du succès dans toutes leurs activités futures.

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

Whereas the L'Ardoise Jolly Club is a group of seniors whose aim is to organize recreational and social activities that promote healthy living; and

Whereas the Jolly Club embarked on an ambitious fundraising drive to build a new space to host their activities, such as yoga, darts, bowling and monthly dinner meetings; and

Whereas after raising more than \$50,000, along with the support of various government agencies, the L'Ardoise Jolly Club opened their new space, which is attached to the L'Ardoise Community Centre, with an official opening on August 15, 2010;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate the executive and membership of the L'Ardoise Jolly Club on the official opening of their new space and wish them well in their future activities.

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. 2998

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: M. le Président, à une date ultérieure, je demanderai l'adoption de la résolution suivante:

Attendu que le 25 février 2010, la Société historique acadienne de Pubnice-Ouest a lancé un livre généalogique intitulé *Jacques II Mius-d'Entremont (1679 - 1759) et Marguerite Amirault (1704 - 1796) - Cinq générations de descendants*; et

Attendu que les données et les recherches provient des nombreuses archives et documents disponibles, et a été un projet de 13 ans, qui a été compilé par l'auteure principal, Pauline d'Entremont, avec l'aide de Coral d'Entremont et Christina d'Eon-Crowell; et

Attendu que le 9 septembre 2010 à une réunion de la Société historique acadienne de Pubnico-ouest, les auteurs ont cédé tous les droits de la base de données à la société, qui sera combiné avec les archives existantes, qui sont mis au la centre de recherche au musée acadien;

Par consequent, il est résolu que tous les members de l'Assemblée se joignent à moi pour remercier, Pauline, Coral et Christina pour leur don généreux qui permettra à la société de poursuivre leurs recherches dans tout les noms associés à l'histoire acadienne de cette region.

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

Whereas on February 25, 2010 the Acadian Historical Society of West-Pubnico launched a genealogical book entitled *Jacques II Mius-d'Entremont (1679 - 1759) et Marguerite Amirault (1701 - 1796) - "Five generations of descendants"*; and

Whereas the data and research came from numerous archives and records available, was a 13-year project, was compiled by the principal author Pauline d'Entremont with the assistance of Coral d'Entremont and Christina d'Eon-Crowell; and

Whereas on September 9, 2010 at a regular meeting of the Acadian Historical Society of West-Pubnico, Pauline, Coral and Christina turned over all their research and the rights of the database, to the society, that will be combined with the existing archives that are kept in the research centre at the museum;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Historical Society of West-Pubnico in acquiring this important information and thanking Pauline, Coral and Christina for their generous donation that will enable the society to continue the research into the names associated with the Acadian history of the area.

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. 2999

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

Whereas Nova Scotia civil servants provide high-quality service to keep our businesses growing and our communities thriving every day; and

Whereas Mary King of Lower Burlington in Hants County played an integral role in building communities, having been involved with the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage's filmography project since the project's inception in 1984; and

Whereas Mary King was recently honoured for 25 years of dedicated service with the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage as part of Public Service Week across Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly compliment Ms. King for her outstanding two and a half decades of service to Nova Scotia's public workforce and wish her every future success.

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 Official Opposition.

RESOLUTION NO. 3000

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

Whereas Bobby Lockett was recognized as one of Bridgetown's best athletes, most notably in long distance running as he was inducted in the Bridgetown and Area Sports Hall of Fame on November 20, 2010; and

Whereas on September 18, 1963, Bobby broke the Canadian juvenile two-mile record formerly held by legendary Olympian Bruce Kidd with a time of 9.367; and

Whereas Mr. Lockett repeatedly excelled in track and field events as a member of the BRHS track team and broke both provincial and national records in the one and two mile and has logged over 125,000 miles over the years;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Bobby Lockett on his impressive achievements and wish him many more miles down the road.

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 Official Opposition.

RESOLUTION NO. 3001

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

Whereas the legacy of the late Jack Walker was recently recognized on November 20, 2010 during the inaugural ceremony of the Bridgetown Area Sports Hall of Fame; and

Whereas Mr. Walker will always be remembered for his lessons, either as a coach, teacher or principal, that centred around excellence, sportsmanship, fair play and team work; and

Whereas many of the traditions Jack Walker started over 60 years ago be carried on through future generations of athletes at Bridgetown Regional High School as they strive for excellence and respect both on and off the field;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate the family of the late Jack Walker on his recent induction and thank them for their support, which made it possible for Jack to build the proud tradition of athletes at BRHS.

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 Richmond.

RESOLUTION NO. 3002

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Monsieur le Président, à une date ultérieure, je demanderai l'adoption de la résolution suivante:

Attendu que Annette Boucher, originaire d'Arichat, a obtenu un baccalauréat en sciences politiques de l'Université de Moncton en 1983 et a été choisie parmi les 650 étudiants de sa promotion pour prononcer le discours d'adieu, faisant d'elle la première Acadienne de l'extérieur du Nouveau-Brunswick a recevoir cet honneur;

Attendu que, après avoir été diplômée de l'École de droit de l'Université de Moncton en 1987, Annette a travaillé pendant trois ans pour la société d'avocats Patterson Kitz, a passé six ans à la Commission d'indemnisation des accidentés du travail et de 2000 à 2010, a occupé le poste de registraire de la Cour d'appel de la Nouvelle-Écosse et protonotaire de la Cour suprême de la Nouvelle-Écosse;

Attendu que Annette a travaillé avec le ministère de la Justice sur la nouvelle Loi sur les services en français, a obtenu la désignation de conseil de la Reine en 2008 et a récemment accepté un poste au sein du Bureau des conseillers législatifs ainsi que le poste de greffière adjointe de la Chambre d'assemblée de la Nouvelle-Écosse. Elle est la première Acadienne à occuper ce poste;

Par conséquent, il est résolu que les membres de la Chambre d'assemblée reconnaissent les accomplissements considérables d'Annette Boucher et lui souhaitent bonne chance dans son nouveau rôle au sein du Bureau des conseillers législatifs et au poste de greffière adjointe de la Chambre d'assemblée.

Monsieur le Président, je demande l'adoption de cette résolution sans prévais et sans débat.

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

Whereas Arichat native Annette Boucher obtained her Bachelor's degree with a specialization in Political Science from the University of Moncton in 1983 and was chosen valedictorian of her class of 650 students, the first Acadian from outside New Brunswick to be selected for this honour; and

Whereas after graduating from the University of Moncton Law School in 1987, Annette worked for the law firm Patterson Kitz for three years, spent six years with the Workers Compensation Board and served from 2000 to 2010 as the Registrar of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal and the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Annette worked with the Department of Justice on the new French Language Services law, obtained her Queens Council designation in 2008 and most recently accepted a position with the Office of Legislative Council, along with becoming Assistant Clerk for the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, the first Acadian to hold this position.

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly recognize Annette Boucher's significant accomplishments and wish her well in her new role with the Office of Legislative Council and as Assistant Clerk of the House of Assembly.

[9:45 a.m.]

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 Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville.

RESOLUTION NO. 3003

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

Whereas each sitting of the Legislature cannot possibly occur without the commitment, skill and dedication of valued staff from operations, Legislative Council, clerks, library, Legislative Television, security, maintenance, catering and support services; and

Whereas the House of Assembly benefits from the daily enthusiasm, drive and courtesy of our Pages who work tirelessly to enable members and staff to effectively work and achieve legislative outcomes on behalf of all Nova Scotians; and

Whereas the current sitting of the House will come to a close but it should not do so without first extending thanks and appreciation to our Pages and all staff who contribute to our success and work as legislators;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our Pages and staff for their patience and dedication, wishing them well until the next time we meet to continue with the subdued, quiet and pleasant work of the people.

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 Ave. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Kings West.

RESOLUTION NO. 3004

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

Whereas Kurtis Fayant has assisted Special Olympics for the past two years as an assistant track coach and bowling scorekeeper; and

Whereas volunteering and leadership training are central to the Duke of Edinburg Program and Kurtis is currently working towards his gold medal; and

Whereas Kurtis received the Kings County Special Olympics Male Volunteer of the Year for 2010;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Kurtis Fayant on this achievement and wish him every success in 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 Yarmouth.

RESOLUTION NO. 3005

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

Whereas during the first weekend in December, the 11th Annual Central Kings Gator Classic high school hockey tournament took place; and

Whereas the Yarmouth High School Vikings Boys hockey team competed in the tournament finishing with four wins and one loss; and

Whereas the Yarmouth High School Viking Boys hockey team won the tournament, defeating the Northeast Kings Education Centre Titans in the final 2-1;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Yarmouth High School Vikings boy's hockey team on their tournament win and recognize their teamwork and contribution to sports culture in Yarmouth.

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. 3006

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

Whereas Sissaboo Landing's 4th Annual Festival of Trees Celebration is becoming a tradition in Weymouth; and

Whereas three dozen businesses, schools, community organizations, churches, individuals registered for the festival where 33 Christmas trees and seven gingerbread houses were decorated and put on display; and

Whereas Weymouth Consolidated School took top honours, receiving the highest number of votes in the Favourite Christmas Tree category, with Southville Church of Christ coming in second and Clare Dodge winning the Gingerbread House Award;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House congratulate Sissiboo Landing's coordinator Jeanne Nesbit and staff for organizing this event that brought the community together to celebrate the start of the special Christmas season and wish them 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?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

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 Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

[9:51 a.m. The House resolved itself into a CWH on Bills with Deputy Speaker Mr. Leo Glavine in the Chair.]

[10:36 a.m. CWH on Bills rose and the House reconvened. Mr. Speaker, Hon. Charlie Parker, resumed the Chair.]

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

THE CLERK: That the committee has met and considered the following bills:

Bill No. 88 - Summary Proceedings Act.

Bill No. 119 - Residential Tenancies Act.

Bill No. 121 - Human Organ and Tissue Donation Act.

Bill No. 122 - Lobbyists' Registration Act.

Bill No. 123 - Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.

Bill No. 126 - Adult Learning Act.

and the chairman has been instructed to recommend these bills to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendment.

MR. SPEAKER: Ordered that these bills be read a third time on a future day.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I will ask the indulgence of the House for the bills that were brought back from the Committee of the Whole House on Bills today, that we be allowed to read them in third reading. For further clarity I can give you the numbers of the bills: Bill Nos. 63, 88, 100, 105, 119, 121, 122, 123, and 126.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call the order of business, Public Bills for Third Reading.

PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 100.

Bill No. 100 - Labour Board Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Labour and Workforce Development.

HON. MARILYN MORE: Mr. Speaker, I'm rising to move third reading of Bill No. 100, the Labour Board Act. Our government introduced the Labour Board Bill on November 19th because we believe it will improve the labour relations climate in this province. Following consultation with Nova Scotians last summer, regular and ongoing dialogue with stakeholders, and comments from members of the Legislature, we are introducing amendments that should address some of the concerns and misinformation around Bill No. 100. We have said all along that we are prepared to consider amendments that make clear the intent of the bill and we are doing that today.

Business raised concerns that extending successor rights to the Civil Service would limit contracting out and the number of opportunities that business could work with government. We brought forward an amendment that clarifies that successor rights do not apply to contracting out. This amendment was shared with business and accepted yesterday. As was the case in the past, businesses will continue to enter into contracts with government for the provision of services. This is business as usual. Further amendments will require the Minister of Labour and Workforce Development to identify issues going before the Labour Management Review Committee and direct the committee to consult with unionized and non-unionized employers and employees and the general public on matters that are of interest to non-unionized businesses.

Bill No. 100 is all about having fair and reasonable workplaces, efficient dispute resolution processes, and labour relation practices that are in line with other Canadian jurisdictions. The labour relations climate in Nova Scotia has been relatively stable with very few strikes or lockouts.

The changes we are making through this bill will, we believe, make for a fairer and more equal labour relations environment, one that is in tune with other jurisdictions across Canada. I look forward to the comments from the honourable members on both sides of the House. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

HON. STEPHEN MCNEIL: Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to join the debate on Bill No. 100. I have been in this House since 2003 and I must confess this is probably the first time that, as we've gone through this process, I felt, as a caucus I know we all felt, that there was a piece of legislation that was moving before us that we weren't given the full details of. I'm not pointing to the minister because I have every faith and respect for the minister here, not only as the Minister of Labour and Workforce Development, but as the Minister of Education, whom I've dealt with on a number of occasions. This went much deeper than the minister, this went right into what was the concern of many Nova Scotians of an NDP Government and into the heart of how close a relationship they would have with labour and union leadership.

There were some legitimate concerns brought forward, some of which I will say have been addressed, but very early on in this debate were dismissed quite openly by the Premier. Unwilling to move, unwilling to bend his view that none of us understood the ramifications of this piece of legislation. Let's assume he's right, no one else understood it but himself and Ray Larkin. If that was the case why wouldn't he have been willing to make some changes and put some clarity to this piece of legislation early on? We keep asking ourselves in our caucus, why were they so unwilling to listen at the very beginning?

There has been lots of talk about consultation that has taken place around this piece of legislation. Consultation, in the eyes of many people in this province, took place around one part of this bill and that was the amalgamation of the labour boards under one heading. We were unable to find anyone who could disagree with that. As a matter fact, business, union and political people alike agreed that that should take place.

There have been a number of issues that as they were coming forward, we were raising a concern around successor rights. It was said, you misunderstand what we are trying to say, that's not what we would do, that's not the intent of our government. I know they all hope that they're going to stay there forever but governments come and go. As we come and go out of this House, future politicians, future lawyers, future union leaders are going to look at that piece of legislation and say, how can I then use that to the benefit of either my members or to protect the economy of this province or to protect workers?

One of the things about legislation is it is important that it is very clear on what it is we are trying to accomplish, and it was not, and has not been, on the issue of successor rights. I think the amendment has gone toward improving that, giving some certainty toward

the non-union members in the workforce, but also giving future governments and this government the ability to contract out if they wish.

One of the things I think is the biggest problem with this piece of legislation, quite frankly, is the Labour-Management Review Committee. I'm very concerned about how much authority they're going to have to move in changes to the Trade Union Act and to other pieces of labour legislation that will affect all workers across this province. Government is saying that committee will be made up of union leaders, union leadership, or unionized employers. There's a large number of other Nova Scotians who are not fitting into that category, but the changes to the Trade Union Act will impact upon them and their workplace.

I raised in this House - and it is a concern of mine - this committee and this piece of legislation, is this a way around the Michelin Bill? I'm very concerned about that. I know the minister, in her mind - and I believe her - it isn't.

[10:45 a.m.]

I will leave this House - hopefully when I decide to leave on my own - as all members will, but when future governments have to deal with this, do we change the secret ballot to card checking? That makes a big difference on whether or not an employer becomes unionized or not. Each of us get elected in this House on a secret ballot - why shouldn't employers and employees have that same right when they're talking about whether or not they want to unionize their shop?

These are legitimate concerns that not only we have, but I know they're out there in the business community because we have heard from them. We've heard from them, and we're trying to respond in a positive way to make changes and clarity to this piece of legislation. I'm not sure why, quite honestly, this piece of legislation is in front of us other than I believe that it was a good idea to amalgamate labour boards under one umbrella.

All of the other pieces of this legislation, the government is saying we do anyway, it's not our intent to change the Trade Union Act, it's not our intent to make (Interruption) well, this legislation doesn't have to be here for that. Government can change the Trade Union Act any time they want, bring it into the House, you could sit down with anyone you wanted to discuss changes to that Act - why do we need to put it in a piece of legislation?

The same issue around successor rights. We talk about levelling the playing field, and it's interesting - if an employee and employer go before the Labour Board and the decision is made in favour of the employee and the employer wants to take it to an appeal, they're required to post a bond. They're found guilty before they allow due process to take place. That's the purpose of the appeal; the appeal is there to allow someone, who feels that they've been wronged in the first decision, to go forward, make their appeal, and if they're still found guilty they'll pay the fine.

But what this piece of legislation is saying is when you're found guilty we want your money and then we will let you appeal - there's something backward about that. There is nowhere else that I can think of in the justice system where that happens, why should it happen in this case? What's interesting is if it's found in favour of the employer, the employee can appeal without any restrictions.

Ironically, last year I think we had 44 appeals - not a large number - 11 of which were overturned, so why do we need - what are we trying to prevent by making them post that bond? What is it that we're trying to stop? It's not as if employers are saying I'm going to appeal everything. Quite honestly, one-quarter of the decisions were overturned - 11 of the 44 were overturned in favour of the employer.

One of the lessons for us on this side of the House, when it came to this piece of legislation, was making sure that every line is read and interpreted - not in the way that we're being told it's intended, but what is the true impact on the working people of this province.

As this bill came before us and we started discussing it, I thought to myself, what must the outside world be looking at when they're looking at our province in terms of investment? This is a big question. In order for us, as an economy, to move forward we need to bring investment in, we need to be able to make opportunities for young Nova Scotians to be able to work here, for the entrepreneurs of our province to be able to reach out beyond our borders to generate revenue to put back into their business, investment to put into their business to grow and create jobs here. What were they thinking when they listened to this?

You had Opposition Parties who were saying one thing, screaming up and down and saying this bill was going to have a huge impact, and the government saying, you guys don't know what you're talking about. Then you had the business community coming forward and government saying, you're reading it wrong, that's not our intent. Well, if we're bringing forward a piece of legislation that the people who are being affected by it can't tell what the intent is, what is it here for? Why are we voting on this today? Why wouldn't this piece of legislation be left here and brought back in the Spring to allow all of us to fully understand the intent that government was looking at?

There were a large number of small business representatives who came before us, before the government, and one of the things they kept saying was, this is no way to be creating legislation - in open letters to the paper, on the fly, an eleventh hour decision. I agree with them and I think in many ways government agrees with them now, recognizing that this was not the way that we as a province should be making legislation. I hope - and I know my colleague, the member for Richmond, raised it in Committee of the Whole House-when the clause that was there says, the minister may consult with non-unionized employees and employers - I know this minister will consult with those members, but it's future ministers that I worry about. We would have preferred to have that say "shall," and as my colleague, the member for Richmond, said, it makes a big difference.

While there have been changes made to this piece of legislation, we still have huge concerns, as do many non-unionized employees and employers across this province. I don't profess to be a lawyer - I'm quite proud of that. Sorry to the member for Richmond. There are major concerns raised about the preamble and what that will mean to future challenges. Is it heavily weighted toward labour? I don't know, and I don't think government can honestly stand up and say that either. It's one of the reasons why I think this piece of legislation should have been left on the order paper for further discussion, for further consultation, not just with union leadership and not just about one part of this bill, but about the entire bill and the impact it will have on the economy of Nova Scotia. We won't see that impact tomorrow or, quite frankly, two years from now, but we will see an impact and what will it be on investment? Will people still want to invest in this province?

In my closing remarks, I want to acknowledge the small business community across this province that responded to this piece of legislation in a respectful manner, one of which was to come forward, try to consult, try to engage not only government, Opposition members, try to mobilize their own members, which they did. They have changes - are they happy? No, they're not. Are they willing to accept the changes? Some of them.

I can tell you, if it was reversed, this place would have been packed with labour like you wouldn't believe, no holds barred. They would have been hanging from the lights in this place, but do you know what? The small business community in this province responded in a respectful manner. They came forward, they wanted to be engaged, and they wanted to work with government and they wanted to work with us. Well, all of the anxiety may be talked about, the connection between NDP governments and labour. The small business community wasn't deterred by that, they weren't. They were coming forward with an open mind wanting to create some discussion.

Mr. Speaker, the minister referenced there has been relative labour stability, you know, I'm sure as the member for Sackville-Cobequid remembers this strike that probably put him into the House, in 1999 we were in trouble - Bill No. 68. Any time you end up in a situation where an employer and an employee don't see eye to eye, when it comes to the labour issues, it becomes very difficult, we all understand that. But it's important that as you go into those negotiations there is a level playing field. That both are coming in equal to make sure that, at the end of the day, we come up with a result that is in the best interests of the business and the employees to provide long-term stability and long-term employment.

Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure this bill does it. It would have been our caucus' hope and it was our caucus' request that this piece of legislation stay on the order paper, that we then do more consultations going into the Spring session, and could have, I think, brought this piece of legislation forward in a much more respectful way where we've heard from everybody.

I'm very proud of the work of this caucus and all members on this side of the House by taking and using the tools that were available to us to delay this piece of legislation as long as possible. To make sure that those people who felt they weren't being heard could at least at the eleventh hour have an opportunity to get their voice in. While they may not feel they got a full hearing, they do feel like they are a part of that. The members on this side of the House used the legislative tools they had to slow down this bill to go forward. I want to congratulate not only the members of my caucus but the members of the Progressive Conservative Party who used what was available to us to give an opportunity for the 70 per cent of Nova Scotians who could be impacted by this bill but were not consulted.

Mr. Speaker, while we as a caucus have still a number of concerns with this piece of legislation, as you've probably gathered already, we've stopped holding it up in terms of talking on it. We will continue, and some other members of my caucus will say a few words on this piece of legislation, but we will continue to watch this government and, quite frankly, the implementation of this piece of legislation, and how unions respond to this.

It's union leadership, Mr. Speaker, let me remind you of that, it's the union leadership that is concerning Nova Scotians, the non-unionized members and, quite frankly, I think is worrisome to the investment community outside of our province. With those few words, I'll take my place.

[11:00 a.m.]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party.

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Leader of the Official Opposition on his excellent remarks on this bill this morning. Although the government will use its majority to pass this bill, really there is nothing to celebrate here today when it comes to Bill No. 100. There are some people who say that law making is a lot like sausage making. Well, this bill makes sausage making look like prime rib making because of the mess that we have all gone through to get to this point.

I guess it's a good thing that the government buckled under the pressure of the business community, the small business community, and the options that we had on the Opposition side to get them to pay attention to what they were saying. But really there is nothing to celebrate because it was a very bad and flawed process that gets us to this point. Many will ask, as they look at the process that got us to today, Mr. Speaker, for Bill No. 100, why was it done this way? Perhaps we will never know why it was done this way but I think finally we're seeing the true colours of the government when it comes to issues of the Trade Union Act, and of labour relations generally.

For example, the government attempted to present this bill to this House as a housekeeping matter, a mere housekeeping bill. Yet, when opposition was raised to it, if it was just a housekeeping bill, you would think it would be no big deal to listen to the

concerns of others. It would be no big deal if it was just a housekeeping matter to let it sit for further consultation as was the request of the Opposition. But no, the government showed its true colours because on the one hand, they called it a housekeeping measure but on the other hand they were equally and ferociously determined to ram it through at all costs.

That's why today, on the eve of the closing of this session, that the government remains so committed, so strongly and obviously committed to passing something that they themselves called a mere housekeeping measure. That doesn't make sense and that's why we'll always wonder, why was the government so determined?

As the newest member of the House, as someone who is the most recent on the campaign trail, someone who is a proud member of the Class of 2010, along with others who have consulted directly with the people this year. I can tell you, I've been wondering as we debate Bill No. 100, as I'm sure other members are wondering, as they think about Bill No. 100 and their own experience and our own experience in 2010 on the campaign trail. Which electors in your district came up to you and said, do you know what I really want you to do when you get to the House of Assembly? I want you to legislate successor rights for government unions. This is a burning issue. I can tell you in Cumberland South, that didn't happen once. I don't know about the other members but it didn't happen once.

In Cumberland South, no one came up to me and said, do you know what I really want you to do when you get to the House of Assembly? I want you to form a special committee but I don't want you to include everybody on this committee. I want you to make sure that it's only unions and unionized employers on the committee but I do want that committee to have broad powers to review all the labour legislation of the province. That did not happen to me once in Cumberland South. I can't speak for other members of the Class of 2010, but we can imagine whether they faced those demands from their own constituents.

I think, Mr. Speaker, as I look at Bill No.100 at this point, why are we spending all this time on these issues that no one upfront has asked us to deal with? Why am I spending time on this when my own voters did not raise it? Then it occurred to me that there is actually a connection. People are worried about something important and that is jobs and our economy. The fragile state of our economy, the need to attract new investment to our province, the need to keep companies that are already here and that we have had over the past two decades one thing going for us.

As we scan the world for a new investment, for new companies, for new jobs, whether it's in Cumberland South or any other constituency in Nova Scotia, we've had one thing going for us. That is we have struck the right balance, in the past, between labour and management who work out their differences under the laws as they exist today - at least before today - as they work through their differences in a period of relative peace and calm and fairness and balance that all the world can see. All those people who make decisions about where they're going to set up their factories or their companies can see when they think of Nova Scotia - we send NSBI and others around the world to extol the virtues of

Nova Scotia as a place to invest- that we have this one thing going for us but now that has been put at risk.

That is actually why it matters in Cumberland South. That is actually why it matters to the Opposition. That is actually why it matters to the business community of Nova Scotia and to others. They know that beyond the tactics that the government employed, to try and ram through some of these specific provisions without consultation, that there is a deeper and more important meaning and that is the ability of our province to create meaningful work and to attract companies to our shores. That is what that group on the government side wanted to put at risk to satisfy some other interest that remains unseen and hidden and behind the scenes.

Fortunately, as a result of the combined efforts of the Opposition, and more importantly, as a result of the uproar caused by our small businesses and their employer groups, the government, I hope and pray, has at least learned some important lessons from this experience. First of all that when you claim to do a consultation in advance of introducing a bill, that it should not just include your friends. It should be true consultation of all those that would be involved in the implementation of the bill, all those that will be affected by it, all those who have an interest in a bill such as this and open, honest and complete consultation - not just on parts of the government's plan. Had that happened in the first place, perhaps a lot of this mess could have been avoided.

I hope the government has also learned that there is virtue in being honest as to your intent when you introduce a bill in the Legislature. The word 'disingenuous' was thrown around this House in recent times but I think it's clear who was the disingenuous one in this case. When you circulate a discussion paper that doesn't talk about the entire bill, when you claim consultation that leaves out important individuals and companies in our province, when you have a title for a bill that doesn't truly describe the bill, you can only ask, who is the disingenuous one in that case? I think the answer is clear so I hope the government is learning an important lesson.

The criticism from the government side was very telling. The Premier himself once accused the Opposition of putting the worst possible interpretation on the bill. Well, Mr. Speaker, ignoring our philosophical differences on what the government is trying to do, I'll at least say this - if we agree on one thing, it's that this bill is open to interpretation. If it is open to wide and varying interpretation then it is a bad bill. When it is a bad bill, when it is open to that much varying interpretation, then the right thing to do - a path the government still refuses to take - the right thing to do is to go back to the drawing board to withdraw the bill, to write up a better bill where the government is honest and makes its intentions clear and has the guts to bring that bill - an honest and clear bill - to the Legislature for all to see. But that is not what is happening today and that is why today is no day to celebrate.

I will say that with regard to the amendments that were made today, all they accomplish is to limit the damage that the government is going to do to the labour-

management and investment climate of our province. That's all those amendments accomplished, to limit the damage.

Good for the small business community for standing up and putting pressure on the government to finally, at the last minute, at least listen to some of their concerns. Good for them. But you know what? They're not feeling very good today. They have been put through an awful, horrible, disrespectful process that they patiently worked their way through to get to this point. They may be glad those amendments are accepted, but they know it's still a bad bill. It still contains provisions that they were never asked about, that they were never consulted on, that they don't agree with. That's why, although good for them for bringing their concerns forward, I know they're not feeling very good today about the process, the sausage-making process that the government has put them through.

For those reasons, as I stand in my place I say that after all that has been done, including the amendments, the fact remains that the bill still contains serious, sweeping provisions around successor rights and around the Labour-Management Review Committee and others that didn't go through proper consultation, that were buried in the details of the original bill. Those provisions are still there, that no one had a chance to look at prior to the introduction of the bill, and only at the last minute were amendments allowed that only accomplished the minor goal of limiting the damage. But those provisions are still in the bill.

For that reason, because the process was so flawed, because those provisions are still there although they're limited, this bill does not deserve to pass. The government needs to get a strong message that this is no way to do business and for that reason, although we're glad the amendments are in place to limit the damage, the bill doesn't deserve to pass and we will be voting no on third reading.

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

MS. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to rise in my place today to speak on Bill No. 100. It has been a rather frustrating time for a number of us who were trying to figure out what this bill meant. A researcher for our Party did attend the technical briefing on this bill when it was announced. I attended the announcement of the bill over in the Red Room and we had some concerns, but because this bill was big and because it had a lot of clauses that referred to other bills and things like that, we referred it off to lawyers for their interpretation of what this bill meant.

It took a while for the lawyers to get through that. We had already come through second reading, which tells you how quick this was. By the Wednesday, I believe, following the announcement of the bill, we were through second reading. You have to ask yourself, what was the rush?

From the beginning we've had some concerns around the issue of consultation. We were told in that original announcement that there had been consultation. It took several days

before we found out that consultation was not a full consultation and the much-heralded consultation was, in fact, consultation about the merger of the various boards. No one had talked to the business community about successor rights, about a preamble, about a labour management committee - none of that. It took the government quite a long time to come to the realization that they might actually have to listen to the business community. It took a filibuster, it took the business community going out en masse to express their displeasure with this bill to get the government to slow down, put the brakes on, and actually put in a few amendments.

Again, I keep saying, what was the rush? Well, along the way we heard that the Premier had made a promise and so he was going to fulfill that promise. We didn't know who he had made the promise to. It turned out it was during labour negotiations, but somehow Nova Scotians didn't know about that promise during the election. This was a different kind of promise; this was a promise that he had made during labour negotiations.

Last Sunday I went to church and I was surprised by the number of people who mentioned this bill to me. We may not have had business leaders out with placards ringing Province House, but I'll tell you, people knew this was going on. They probably weren't out there ringing Province House with placards because they were earning a living and they were running a business and they couldn't do that, but they did what they could do, which was they sent e-mails and they sent letters and they let us know how deeply unhappy they were with this.

The Opposition Parties listened. It took far longer for the government to respond. In fact, we were treated to the very disrespectful way that the Premier actually referred to business in this province, saying that they were being disingenuous for expressing their very concerns, and that expressing those concerns was, in fact, myth-making. Mr. Speaker, I was quite frankly shocked by the Premier's tone and by the lack of recognition of their very legitimate concerns around this bill. If you cannot tell what a bill means, then you have a problem.

[11:15 p.m.]

In the end, we did get some changes and the government finally agreed to enshrine, for example, the exact meaning of "successor rights." Let's be clear, this is a deeply flawed bill, but it will go forward.

In the end, business in the investment community will have taken away a certain impression about this government because they listened to what the government said, both in words and in legislation. They know that the government wasn't concerned about them, because they would have consulted with them in the first place and they would have listened to them when they raised concerns. It took a filibuster, it took a full-on media, full-court press, to get the government's attention.

Mr. Speaker, make no mistake, this bill is going to pass today - we're not happy about that, it is a deeply flawed bill and it was a deeply flawed process.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Preston.

HON. KEITH COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, it's unfortunate we have to speak about this bill. I'm probably the only member sitting in this House who was in manufacturing and exporting and doing all the things that you want a Nova Scotia business to do and generate employment in this province. I can tell you, as a former business owner, entrepreneur, I'm terrified of this bill - absolutely terrified. Anybody I've talked to in the business community shares my concern, and deeply shares the concern.

Unfortunately, most people who haven't run a business don't understand how busy a person who does run a business is. It's a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week job and, honestly, most of the time, until I was elected to the Legislature, I didn't have time to listen to what was going on in the Legislature. Unless it was something that I had to attend to immediately, I just didn't have time to do it and, if I took the time to do it, it meant something else in my business suffered.

So when you look at this bill, I view it, and after reading the bill several times and listening to what the labour lawyers have said and everything else, it looks like the government is trying to fulfill a promise to the unions. I don't think there's anything wrong with unions, I really don't. I think they've served a very good purpose in the province, and still do today, but it's not appropriate for all industry and all businesses. The issue here is I think that this bill is the first move to unionizing the province. Now, if all small businesses, a lot of small businesses, are unionized, it simply wouldn't work - it's just that simple. If you look at the economics of it and straight numbers and straight costs and effective costs, you'll see that it just won't work - no matter how you put it out there, it won't work.

So I know the government is pushing this thing through. It's promises they've made. I want to recall, too, during the election campaign in my riding - my small, little riding of Preston - I had a very good candidate run against me for the NDP, a very honourable lady, and a lady whom I respect greatly. But one of my campaign team was out with me one day and ran into two people he didn't know - he pretty well knows everybody in the community - and he asked them, where are you from? Toronto. Oh, how come you're here in Preston from Toronto? Oh, we're working on this campaign. Where are you staying? At a local hotel. Very interesting.

Now, unfortunately, we didn't have funds to get people to move in from Toronto. And it was two people - there are only three people, the candidate and these two other people, running around doing this. So the question was, who paid for it? I still don't have the answer to that question today, but it's a scary possibility. It could have been somebody who maybe down the road wanted to receive something in return - and maybe this is part of

something in return. I have no idea. Hopefully not, but that could be the case - and I've heard that same story over and over in all the ridings in the province, and that is not positive.

When you really look at this bill, if it's going to be as devastating as industry thinks it's going to be, and everybody I've talked to, bar none, think this is a very poor bill and it's going to have a long-term negative effect on the economic growth in Nova Scotia - the Minister of Economic and Rural Development, the Premier, and the Minister of Finance are always saying how great a job we're doing, but I understand now our unemployment rate is over 10 per cent, over 8,000 jobs lost, and this can't continue. If anything is to change to upset that delicate balance in this province, it's going to be unemployment figures, well over 10 per cent and they will be sustained over 10 per cent. That means that families will either be moving out of the province to earn a living, which they are now, or they'll just give up. That means our welfare lines will be longer, and that means that unemployment insurance will be exhausted as people can't find jobs any longer.

This bill, I think is a very negative bill for Nova Scotia. It's going to create a huge bureaucracy. The chairman of these boards that are going to be in place, that's going to be another big empire, somebody who has a tremendous amount of power in the province. As you go through the bill and look at the different clauses, there are a lot of clauses in there that are going to be very negative to employers.

We've got to help employers in this province and make sure that they want to stay here in Nova Scotia. A lot of these employers can go anywhere; they could absolutely go any place and work and live and run their businesses, but a lot of them choose to stay here because of the wonderful climate we have here, the wonderful people we have here, and the really good workforce we have here - despite the overburdening taxes we have and the overburdening regulations they suffer through. But you put one more strike against them, one more thing that overloads the pendulum and puts them in the other direction - if they can't make money and they can't continue to operate here, they will leave. They will close shop - they will leave.

We saw Moirs Candy Factory over here pack up and go to Mexico. Now, those were really well-paying jobs for people who didn't have to have a university education, a lot of them from my community are suffering today because that business left. High taxes, all kinds of activities here that cost so much more to operate than it does in Mexico. Well, there is no reason why a lot of other companies won't pack up and do the same, or just even go south of the border where the tax rates are lower and you don't have the implication that this bill will probably create a lot of unions in this province, that businesses will just shut down.

I've heard a lot of stories from Ontario, business people I know in Ontario and they just moved across the border into the U.S. The economy there has never recovered since the NDP Government was in Ontario many years ago. I hope we're not headed in the same direction here - I'm not convinced that we aren't. I'm afraid to think of what kind of bills are coming next in the Spring to support more union activity in the province. I do stress again,

unions are very important to our province, they've made a tremendous amount of change to the labour laws that really needed to be changed. You read the books on Glace Bay when the Army came in and set machine guns up in the street to stop people from having the right to make a reasonable living and safe working conditions. Those conditions, I believe, today are gone.

I believe our Department of Labour does a great job ensuring that employers are fair to employees and they have a balance in the system and as safe a workplace as they can possibly manage under the Act they have. I would have preferred to see the government come forward with stronger labour bills to make sure that people are safe in the workplace and we have fewer workers' compensation claims. That does make a company more competitive, if they do have good-working employees and employees who aren't injured on the job.

There are so many things that go into this - and I'm not sure that anybody in the NDP who is sitting over there today has ever run a business, I'm not sure that they have, and had to worry about making a payroll, had to worry about going and exporting products outside of the country and see how difficult it is when you have to export and your competitors are in Europe, in the U.S., in China, and see just how quickly and how small a part of the market you can get, if you're lucky enough to get any of it.

If you don't understand these things and how they work, how can you make rules that are going to affect them? I'm afraid that the rules under this bill, Bill No. 100, are really going to turn Nova Scotia into retirement cottage country. The only people who are going to be able to afford to stay here are the people retiring. As our population gets older, we're going to see more and more people retire and you're going to see their families move to Ontario and out West and to other countries to work. I think this bill is going to aid that happening, which is going to be very negative to our province, and I'm very afraid of what is going to happen to this bill.

Personally, I'm going to vote against the bill. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville on an introduction.

MR. MAT WHYNOTT: Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and have an introduction. In the east gallery I have my parents, who are here to listen to the wonderful debates. If the members would give them a warm round of applause, please. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 100. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 99.

Bill No. 99 - Conflict of Interest Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Richmond.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, it's a pleasure to rise and say a few words on Bill No. 99, the Conflict of Interest Act. You'll recall I stood in my place on second reading to highlight a number of concerns about the way the bill was being presented. As I mentioned then and as I say now, this is presented as a reactionary bill by the government to give the impression that changes have been made, that there were obvious conflicts that existed that have to be addressed.

Mr. Speaker, we know that that is not the case. This bill is more window-dressing than anything else - might as well call it for what it is. Regardless of that, when it was first presented, one of the aspects of it was that the Conflict of Interest Commissioner would be required to post the forms filled out by members on-line. When the draft legislation was brought to our caucus' attention, I was asked to review it. (Interruptions) I had to look around there because I think my baby has a toy at home that makes noise like that. I wasn't sure where I was for a moment there, if I was back home or still here in the House of Assembly.

As I was saying, at the time when the draft legislation was brought forward the way it was presented was that everything would be posted on-line when members are required to fill in their disclosure forms. Now as you know, members are required to fill in two forms: one which would list any sort of assets they have as are required to be disclosed, if it meets certain criteria, but as well, another form to be filled on behalf of your spouse and dependent children.

I was pleased that before the bill was tabled in this House, the government did make a change to try to ensure that the information related to spouses and dependent children would not be posted on-line, but when we look at it more closely, it still wasn't enough because of the fact that the form we fill out, as members, requires us to give our home address and our home phone number. I was pleased that through the Law Amendments Committee process we were able to get changes in that. That information will no longer be required to be posted on-line. It will still be provided to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, who at the end of the day is the individual who will be able to check and

ensure that there is no conflict by the member, but that will remain as private information, which it should. I don't think any Nova Scotian expects us to be giving that type of information to be posted on-line, that anyone can take and use as they wish, or more importantly, abuse as they wish.

I want to recognize that that important change was made. As well, if I'm not mistaken, during the Committee of the Whole House on Bills process yesterday another amendment was brought forward by the government in that one of the clauses in the bill, which talks about the powers of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, talks about his ability, that if he finds a complaint made to him or her, whoever the commissioner might be, is frivolous and vexatious, that he had the ability to award both costs and damages.

[11:30 a.m.]

Now the problem I had with that, Mr. Speaker, is that if the Conflict of Interest Commissioner sees a complaint, one shouldn't have to go very far into the process before making a determination if something is frivolous and vexatious because it's a very strict standard to be able to meet that text - it has to be pretty much out there to be considered frivolous and vexatious.

My question was what costs would someone incur defending themselves against a complaint that clearly met the test of being frivolous and vexatious? I would submit to you that there should be no costs, because the commissioner should be able to dismiss that up front if it's that obvious that it meets the test of being frivolous and vexatious.

What was even more troubling for me is that the Conflict of Interest Commissioner was given the powers to award damages. Now what type of damages, was my question, and exactly what would that mean? Once again, in this bill they are not defined, and it is not defined in the regulations that were presented to us; in fact, when we did ask for the regulations, the only thing that was given to us is basically the forms that we currently fill out. That was it, there was nothing else, there were no more definitions, there was no more indication of how this bill was to be interpreted.

My understanding is that yesterday - in fact, last night during Committee of the Whole House on Bills - the government did introduce another amendment to remove the word "damages" from that clause in the Conflict of Interest Act. So the commissioner would still be given the opportunity to award costs. I would suggest that I can't see where a claim that would be determined to be frivolous and vexatious would actually attract costs on behalf of the party that is being accused of being in conflict but, regardless, at least that remains. But the word "damages" has been taken out, which I was pleased to see.

One of the other concerns I had, Mr. Speaker, is that under the old rules any member of the House of Assembly who is to receive a gift or personal benefit with a value in excess of \$250 is required to declare that to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner. Those are the

rules that I have been operating under since I was first elected. Now the government has seen fit to add a new clause that puts a ban on receiving any gifts of personal benefit by a member or a minister in the performance of their duties.

Now the question I had, Mr. Speaker, is what is the definition of "gift"? What is the definition of "a personal benefit"? Nova Scotians are a generous people and when they have a good deed done for them, it's not uncommon that they will want to reward that good deed. We see that throughout our province and people of very modest means are usually some of the kindest that you are going to find, who will come to your office and drop off something they have knitted or they will drop off something they have baked - and the thought that this bill would now require us to say I'm sorry, dear, I can't accept that, because it would be a conflict of interest, is ridiculous. I don't think anyone ever intended that to be the consequence, but when you don't define what a gift is, who is going to make that determination?

Now it would appear that the Government House Leader has indicated there will be a definition in the regulations. Well, it would have been nice to have seen that up front, because after what we've been through, as elected members, the last thing we want is any grey area, that someone will come afterwards and say no, no, you misunderstood and here's what this really meant and you are in conflict in what you did.

The requirement still remains that if you receive anything in excess of \$250 and you have to declare it. The last thing I would want to see is that any member of this House, myself or anyone else, would be accused of being in conflict for accepting what one would determine to be basic hospitality and generosity from the people we serve. I would be embarrassed to have to tell someone I can't accept your baked goods because I'm in a conflict of interest under the new NDP rules. Mr. Speaker, I don't think anyone ever intended that.

Another clause goes on to say that if you are receiving a gift as part of an official function, then that's okay, as long as it's under the \$250. Again, that's not defined. The last thing we want to see is a grey area where members aren't clear as to what the rules are, so there is still opportunity there through the regulations, and I would hope that the government will share those regulations with us.

One of my other concerns is that there is no implementation date for this bill. This is a government, especially the Minister of Finance, who spent so much time in Opposition criticizing previous governments for not putting a proclamation date in the legislation, yet here is another example of a bill which affects each and every member of this House, yet it is the NDP Cabinet that will decide when the bill will be proclaimed. There is no need for that, but that's what this government has decided is the appropriate way to proceed to allow them to have the ability to do this, not all members of the House.

The other concern that I raised was the fact that now in this legislation, there are clauses that basically say, if a judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia finds that a member has violated the conflict of interest, that judge can remove the member from the House of Assembly. The judge can declare a seat vacant. A Supreme Court Judge can also determine if a minister has violated a code of conduct, to remove the minister from Cabinet. Now, as soon as I saw that, to me it was a clear violation of the British system that we find ourselves under, as far as the divisions of the judicial, executive and the legislative branches of government. It made absolutely no sense to me to allow an appointed judge to be able to remove a duly elected member from this Chamber, regardless of what they had done. The role to remove a member should remain with the House of Assembly. The role to remove a Cabinet Minister must remain with the Premier. The Premier appoints people to Cabinet under the British parliamentary system, it must be him to remove him or her, to remove a minister from Cabinet.

I do want to commend my colleague, the member for Dartmouth East, who raised a very clever argument here in this House by looking at the rules of this House, claiming that this, in essence, was an amendment to the Constitution and in reality he was correct, it is. The argument that came back from government, in doing some research, was that these are clauses that were first put into legislation, I believe, around the 1990s. What the government was basically doing was just taking clauses in previous legislation that already existed. It's unfortunate that we would not have been here - myself and the member for Dartmouth East-back in the 1990s when this was first done, where we could have raised the fact that this was actually contrary to the Constitution and to the division of powers, so we did miss that opportunity. If I'm not mistaken, both the member for Dartmouth East and myself in the early 1990s were still in university so we were not (Interruption) It was right around the border between high school and university, so we weren't here then.

There was still an opportunity for the government to remove those clauses. My argument was, remove the clause of giving the judge the ability to do so and instead, amend the House of Assembly Act to say that if a member violates the Conflict of Interest Act, they would be ejected from the House of Assembly, that is for this House to do. When former member for Inverness, Billy Joe MacLean was found guilty of expense-related issues, it was not the court that removed him from this House, it was the House of Assembly that passed legislation amending the House of Assembly Act to remove him as a member. That is our role here because Nova Scotians have sent us, we've been duly elected to hold our position. The only place that should be able to remove a member is this duly elected House. What saddened me, and still saddens me, is when some of the comments that were made and that were relayed to me of, well, we don't think it's the proper environment to give the House of Assembly powers over the future of its members. It saddened me and I was ashamed, not ashamed personally, but ashamed for those members that they would even say that.

I'm not embarrassed to be a member of the House of Assembly. I stand here to serve the people of Richmond County, duly elected in free elections, that people were able to vote, vote freely and they had a choice every single time. I'm proud to be able to stand in this institution. We are not flawless and I said from day one, if the people of Richmond County were looking for someone who is flawless, don't vote for me. I was not flawless then and I'm not flawless now and I don't think anyone in this Chamber presents themselves as being that way. We will make mistakes and members will do things that they will regret, that is the nature of being human. But for us to turn around and say because of certain events that we should allow others to determine the fate of a duly elected member, that's not the way our system was set up. The thought that a judge could remove a Cabinet Minister that the Premier has appointed makes no sense at all.

One just has to ask, what Premier in their right mind would keep a minister in Cabinet who's in court being accused of having violated the Conflict of Interest Act? I can't think of any, regardless of their political stripe, who would put themselves through that. Regardless, under the British parliamentary system, it's still ultimately the Premier who must be able to determine who stays in Cabinet and who doesn't.

For example, if we were to remove that, the backbenchers on the government side could get together and decide, we don't like a particular minister, we're going to remove the minister, and we're going to appoint one of us as minister instead. No one would expect that to make any sense under the British parliamentary system, but where are we going that we're now transferring over to an appointed judge the ability to remove a duly-elected member?

Again, I say, there was an opportunity here to have the same effect but to respect the British parliamentary system we work under by amending the House of Assembly Act and giving this Legislature the ability to remove a member if that member should have violated the Conflict of Interest Act. I do hope that's never the case, that we don't find ourselves in that situation, that any member would be forced out of their seat or any minister would be forced out of Cabinet due to a conflict. I would not wish that upon anyone.

But if we're not going to stand up for this institution, who is? If the government doesn't feel the need to defend the institution that we have, then who is? We're the ones who have the privilege of standing here, the 52 of us, having been duly elected. We have a province that has approximately 990,000 citizens and only 52 of us get to stand in this Chamber. I haven't done the math on that, but that's not a very big percentage. If you look through history of how many have had a chance of serving, it's still a very small percentage of the population.

Yet this bill is an example where I fear it basically tells Nova Scotians - on election day we tell them during the campaign, trust us, vote for us, we will do well by you. Then this bill basically says, the minute we get to the House of Assembly, don't trust us anymore, and put the power in the hands of others to determine the fate of the members of this institution.

I find that extremely unfortunate. I do hope that at one point this government will finally stand and say, we support the institution that we have. It is not perfect, we can't think of a better one and we'll continue to work toward improvements. By the end of the day, the

supremacy of the Legislature must be respected. This government has taken a number of steps to remove that supremacy. This bill is another step toward doing that. I find that extremely unfortunate, not only for us, but for those who will follow in our footsteps. If this place is not to remain as a supreme body when it comes to legislation, when it comes to our laws, when it comes to members duly elected, I think we're going down a very dangerous path. Unless we're looking at completely overhauling the system of democracy we have in this province, then we must stand behind the system that we have and look to strengthen it at every opportunity.

There is still some opportunity for the government, through regulations and through other means, to make changes to the Conflict of Interest Act to strengthen it. As I said on second reading, allow me to say again, the changes in the thresholds of what you need to declare, of what assets need to be listed - allow me to say loud and clear - has zero impact on the member for Richmond or on my spouse or on any dependent child. I'm not sure if there's any member in this House who will actually be affected by it. So let me make sure no one misconstrues my comments as a means of trying to hide something that's in this bill that will have a negative impact on me. It is not the case. Not at all.

[11:45 a.m.]

From a procedural standpoint, from someone who has studied political science, who has studied history, who has admired this Chamber and is very proud to stand as a member in it, this bill sends the wrong messages in some of the authority it is granting outside of this Chamber. It's unnecessary and it's unfortunate that due to certain events, this government does not believe that we should stand behind and fully respect the supremacy of the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I'm sure we will have other opportunities as we move forward in other sessions to debate such matters. I'm certainly looking forward to a significant change in attitude from this NDP Government when it comes to matters affecting the membership of the men and women who have the privilege of serving in this Chamber. Merci.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 99. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 63.

Bill No. 63 - Legal Profession Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill No. 63.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 63. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 105.

Bill No. 105 - Education Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill No. 105.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Colchester North.

HON. KAREN CASEY: Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to rise in my place to make some comments with regard to Bill No. 105 - An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act. In that, in particular, one clause that I will speak to is authorizing the Minister of Education to provide an instructional leadership program for teachers and grant diplomas for the successful completion of the program.

It sounds like a good idea and, Mr. Speaker, my issue with this is it has been a good idea for the last 20 years. It has been in place for the last 20 years and my question is, why the need to put it in a piece of legislation? Those people who have been involved in education over those last 20 years are well aware of the consortium and I'm hoping the minister, if she has not been informed by staff at the department, will become familiar with the consortium.

Yes, smiling about it, I think, is important because I think it is important to everyone in this province in education to recognize that the good things that have happened through partnerships, partnerships with the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, with the Department of Education, with the School Administrators' Association, with the Nova Scotia School Boards Association and with the Association of Nova Scotia Educational Administrators.

All partners who came to the table, Mr. Speaker, and agreed that it was important that there would be instructional leadership programs for teachers who wanted to be administrators and for administrators who wanted to learn more.

So those partners came together, joint funding, and put together programs that did provide the strength and the support that educational administrators and leaders in our systems needed. So that happened without any legislation to say that the minister had the authority to do that. That happened because there were groups of education partners who recognized the importance, who put their dollars where they should be, and who came together with programs that would provide that. So it is certainly a meaningless piece of legislation to have that included . I just want to make sure that the minister does understand that it is redundant to try to have legislation that speaks to something that already exists.

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

MS. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to echo the remarks of the honourable member who just preceded me. This does not need to be in legislation and this is yet another one of those bills where we are seeing that issues of housekeeping - and I'm not even sure you can call this housekeeping because it simply did not need to be done - have been brought before this House, maybe to get the numbers up. We're not quite sure, but this already exists in this province, so we're not quite sure why it came forward at this time in this particular way. Anyway, it's great that educators can become more educated about administration, but this is - not that we'll have that many administrators left after a 22 per cent cut in education, but anyway, with that said, I think I will resume my seat.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings West.

MR. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, I did want to rise in my place today and just point out that during my teaching career, there were opportunities for anybody in the profession to engage in leadership training. I know as far back as 20 to 25 years ago, picking up a copy of the monthly NSTU paper and seeing the leadership courses that would be offered during the summer months, especially for those who were considering administration, there was actually a block of administration courses that could be taken. There was also the week-long seminar for teachers who were looking at administration or who were going into department head roles or doing an interim period of administration. There were those opportunities and teachers and administrators took part in those. I am not sure at the end of the day if a diploma or some kind of certification was actually given, because I did administration at the university level.

I know this has long been available to the teaching profession. It is, again, one of those bills that has come before the Legislature that I'm not sure will make an iota of difference in the life of a teacher and school administrator, but it's one that's there and maybe it's one that we can take a look at and perhaps do something to inspire young teachers

to look at the role of leadership in our school system. With that, Mr. Speaker, I take my place.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 105. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Minister of Education on an introduction.

HON. MARILYN MORE: Mr. Speaker, as Minister of Labour and Workforce Development, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize three very dedicated staff in the east gallery. We have Marjorie Davison, who is Executive Director of Policy and Professional Services; Kim Kennedy, Director of Policy and Planning; and my assistant, Margie MacDonald. I wonder if they might stand and be recognized for their incredibly good and long, hard work on behalf of the members of this House. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 119.

Bill No. 119 - Residential Tenancies Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill No. 119.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Preston.

HON. KEITH COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, this is a bill that our caucus will not be supporting. There are some clauses in this bill that I think go too far in the direction against the landlord and there are some clauses that don't go far enough in the direction of the tenant. When you look at the bill, I don't think it's a bill that's really going to accomplish what I hope the minister had hoped that it would do. I would think that this bill will be back here probably within a year or two years for some major amendments to it, when landlords finally say, we're not going to rent our facilities anymore, we'll sell them. I've already talked to many landlords who have said they're going to do that prior to this bill coming forward.

On the other hand, we must make sure that we have tenants who are protected. I have a trailer court in my riding that has a continuous problem with the owner of the trailer court imposing some pretty strict covenants on the people in the community. Some of them are justified and some of them aren't, and continually looking for major rent increases.

I think it has to be a balance. I don't think this bill strikes that balance unfortunately. I wish it would have because I do think that the bill needs to be changed and needs to be changed in a major way, but unfortunately this bill isn't it, thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Argyle.

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, again, this is one of those bills that we've heard a lot of opposition to it, there are some questionable clauses within it, especially as it revolves around the immediate tenure. There are still some landlords who aren't too sure whether it gives them the tools that they need in order to protect their properties, I guess is how you would put it. As it is here in third reading, we know it will get passed and put into law.

I know a lot of times that we get phone calls as MLAs, so I guess we'll have to hold judgment on whether it will be effective or not, depending on the phone calls that we'll be getting as MLAs. I do agree a fair amount with the previous speaker, that I'm sure we'll be back at it at some other point, making some changes to this bill, but at this point, we'll be seeing it on to the next stage of its life, thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

MR. ANDREW YOUNGER: Mr. Speaker, just very briefly, I just wanted to follow up from the honourable member for Preston on this and just say that I think, as he suggested, it's not that we're against the entire bill. There are obviously some things that we think are positive improvements. I know that two amendments, we had one - we felt very strongly that the domestic violence piece should be included in this bill. I will recognize the fact that the government has indicated an interest to bring that forward at a later date. It remains our feeling that it would have been better to hold this bill at this time until that could be included and worked out among the department. I know that they had some challenges around the legal wording but we think that was extremely important, especially in light of the optics of the fact that the government released a report last week on domestic violence and that very important issue and this was one of the recommendations from the government.

The second issue - and the member for Preston spoke very eloquently on this - was the issue around the tenure. While I do understand where the department is coming from on reducing it to zero tenure, I still feel quite strongly that it's better placed at one to two years because actually I think that not only is the member for Preston correct in saying that we will be back here because of landlords' concerns, I think we're going to be back here because of tenants' concerns in many respects. There appears to be a way around this for many landlords in that you will now have these very cumbersome and very long leases, with a very long list of rules for tenancy, just so that the landlord can ensure that they're covered if they

need to evict somebody. You may find that we have tenants with just really cumbersome leases and find that we end up having as many complaints from tenants in the end on this as landlords.

[12:00 noon]

It's just not in a position where we can support it at this time. As I say, we would have very much preferred to have seen this held until the Spring session so that some of the issues could be resolved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 119. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 88.

Bill No. 88 - Summary Proceedings Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I so move third reading.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No.88. Would all those in favour please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 121.

Bill No. 121 - Human Organ and Tissue Donation Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I so move third reading.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Richmond.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I didn't have the opportunity at second reading to make comments, but I had the opportunity to hear a number of the comments from members on all sides of the Legislature.

I had the opportunity a few years ago under the former Minister of Justice, the member for Cape Breton North, along with the Premier, who was then the Leader of the Opposition, to travel down to the Miami-Dade forensic facility. At the time our province was looking at the adequacy of what we had here for forensic science as well as the morgue, and we had an opportunity to talk about organ and tissue donation.

What was interesting is that in Miami-Dade, and I believe in the State of Florida, there is an automatic assumption of tissue donation when it comes to eyes. They do not need consent to be able to remove the eyes from a deceased individual if they are suitable for transplant. I found that very interesting, that they would have picked that and that there was that automatic assumption. What was interesting as well is that at the actual morgue they had a group, a team, that was designated to call families as soon as they were aware that someone was deceased - whether it be through a car crash or a sudden death - to immediately request, are you prepared to allow the deceased to be an organ donor?

What was interesting there as well - we even got to see part of a couple of autopsies that were taking place. We see it on TV sometimes, but it's a whole other thing when you're in a room seeing it being done. It was interesting to see and to hear them describe - we often think of the major organs and the role those can play in saving other people's lives, but as well there is the skin, the tissue, the muscles. There are so many other parts as well that can be harvested and that can be used in transplants to help others. It's important that that message be out there.

I know when you get your health card now, it does ask you if you wish to be an organ donor. It gives you different options to check off. Often people only think of the major organs, but there's much more that can be donated as well, which I'm sure the Minister of Health is well aware of. I think many colleagues have indicated what we can do toward education and making people aware of that. I know for me it was an education of hearing what skin and muscle tissue, and even bones in some cases, can be used for in transplants and in helping others.

What was interesting is that the Chief Medical Officer was explaining to us why Miami-Dade had one of the highest organ donations anywhere in North America. Naturally we were puzzled - why would it be that this one area would have such high donations? We were travelling from one area to the next and just as we were travelling, a Harley-Davidson went by at high speed and the driver was going by without a helmet, and the Chief Medical

Examiner told us it's because of guys like him that we have a very high donation rate here in Miami-Dade. He said, we don't have a helmet law. He said, it's amazing how many deaths or severe injuries are caused, that someone's in a coma and is just not going to recover. He indicated that the day that they implement a helmet law they will see a dramatic decrease in the amount of organ donations in their area. I found that most interesting.

I heard other members, my colleague, the member for Kings West, for example, speak of a constituent of his who had a double-lung transplant. Members will recall the late Marilyn MacKay, who had the opportunity to raise her issue on a number of occasions. I know my colleague, the member for Kings West, made reference, but obviously that was another case of an individual having to wait over a year, almost two years, before getting a transplant when a donor became available. The transplant was successful, but unfortunately, due to complications shortly afterward, she passed away. Unfortunately there was not a happy ending to that story, but good came out of that, because Marilyn and Ken MacKay were very vocal about the need for government support for Nova Scotians who have to travel out of province.

I was pleased when the former Minister of Health, the honourable member for Argyle, did provide some funding, and then when the new government came in the Minister of Health did announce a formal program to help Nova Scotians who have to travel outside of our province for medical treatment that is not available here.

It is important that we continue to speak to our loved ones to find out what their wishes are. Tragedies will happen, and in many cases, I think as the minister pointed out, it's not everyone who would be a suitable donor, depending how their life has come to an end. But still, it's a discussion that we should all have with our family members and with our friends, so that should anything happen to them there is no confusion as to whether they wish to be a donor or not.

I have no doubt that at one point in this Legislature, there will be legislation with an automatic assumption about donors. I have no doubt we are moving down that road at some point. We are not there yet, but I have no doubt that during my lifetime I will see where it will be an automatic assumption in our province. Like I said, we're certainly not debating that today, but that will be an issue that will come before us. I think some of the stats that the minister made available as to how many transplants took place, those numbers are still very low, especially when the minister indicated over 50 per cent of Nova Scotians have indicated they wish to be donors on their health card.

There is more work to be done, but certainly anything that's going to move this forward and hopefully save lives for Nova Scotians is something we can support. I did take note of the remarks from the member for Cape Breton West, with his own family experience, and I know at home we had a recent tragedy not that long ago - I saw one of the postings on the memorial site was from another family who had lost a child just a year earlier. One of the things that they noted is that as difficult as it was to have lost their child, they did take

comfort in the fact that I believe it was eight or nine different families benefited from some of the organs and tissue that were donated as a result of that tragedy.

I think Nova Scotians certainly take comfort in hearing those stories, that some good can come out of these tragedies. Anything that we can do to get our numbers up and give Nova Scotians a second lease on life, that bears out of tragic circumstances or the loss of life, is certainly something we can all work toward supporting.

I do commend the minister for bringing this bill forward. I know I've been critical of some of the pieces of legislation, but certainly this one helps to balance out the bills that the government has brought out. Clearly, this one will have a direct impact on the lives of some Nova Scotians, possibly even on the families of members here in this Chamber.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to make a few remarks on third reading of this bill. Merci.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 121. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that the bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 122.

Bill No. 122 - Lobbyists' Registration Act.

Bill No. 123 - Municipal Government Act/Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.

Bill No. 126 - Adult Learning Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The motions are carried.

Ordered that these bills do pass. Ordered that the titles be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bills be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, with the indulgence of the House, I wonder if we could revert to the order of business, Presenting Reports of Committees.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

Agreed.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Deputy Government House Leader.

MR. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, as Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, I am directed to report that the committee has met and considered the following bills:

Bill No. 82 - Offshore Licencing Policy Act.

Bill No. 124 - Land Surveyors Act.

Bill No. 125 - Heritage Property Act.

Bill No. 127 - Occupational Health and Safety Act.

and the committee recommends these bills to the favourable consideration of the House, with certain amendments.

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

The honourable Deputy Government House Leader.

MR. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, as Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, I am directed to report that the committee has met and considered the following bill:

Bill No. 128 - Trade Union Act.

and the committee recommends this bill to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendment.

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

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, with the consent of the House again, I would ask that you now would rise and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills to consider the bills that were just reported back.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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.

[12:14 p.m. The House resolved itself into a CWH on Bills with Deputy Speaker Mr. Leo Glavine in the Chair.]

[12:48 p.m. The CWH on Bills rose and the House reconvened. Mr. Speaker, Hon. Charlie Parker, was in the Chair.]

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

THE CLERK: That the Committee of the Whole House on Bills has met and considered the following bill;

Bill No. 128 - Trade Union Act.

and the chairman has been instructed to recommend this bill to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendment.

Further, Mr. Speaker, that the committee has met and considered the following bills:

Bill No. 82 - Offshore Licencing Policy Act.

Bill No. 127 - Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Bill No. 124 - Land Surveyors Act.

Bill No. 125 - Heritage Property Act.

and the chairman has been instructed to recommend these bills to the favourable consideration of the House, with certain amendments.

MR. SPEAKER: Ordered that these bills be read a third time on a future day.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the House for consent to deal with these bills that have just been sent back from Committee of the Whole House on Bills, for third reading.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call the order of business, Public Bills For Third Reading.

PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

Bill No. 82 - Offshore Licencing Policy Act.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill No. 82.

The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

MR. ANDREW YOUNGER: Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to very briefly speak to this, and I'm not sure, but the member for Digby-Annapolis may wish to as well. From the very first day, both the member for Digby-Annapolis and I had expressed concerns about the way that this bill was written, and shared the concerns of NoRigs 3 and the Ecology Action Centre on this. I'm glad that in the last dying days of this bill the Department of Energy has agreed to changes in the bill, largely reflecting the position that we've taken from the very beginning, and certainly the position that NoRigs 3 took at the press briefing as well.

We certainly feel this makes the bill stronger and, while we indicated during second reading we were happy to support the bill at that time, we did feel that it really was not strong enough. The only reason we were going to support it at that point was because it was a step forward - at least it wasn't a step backward. Now I think it more adequately reflects the concerns that we raised at the beginning.

I would like to thank the minister and his department for giving consideration to those amendments and working with those organizations, and keeping the Opposition members in the loop as well as he considered the suggestions we put forward. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Argyle.

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, I too want to speak just for a couple of moments on Bill No. 82. Of course, the issue that was quickly brought to us after the release of the offshore Act was it was felt to be a tad weak on what constituted a review and how government - and not this government, I know the intention of this government and the intention of this Legislature is to protect what happens on Georges Bank, to make sure it is there for the fishery, for the growth of fish in that area, for the growth of the fishing industry in Nova Scotia.

If we allow drilling and exploration to happen within that area, I do believe that we will be basically throwing out one of the best resources that we possibly have in our ecosystem. It's a tremendous opportunity for all of us and it was a tremendous opportunity for us to support the banning of oil exploration on that bank.

As I said before, in second reading I had talked about having the opportunity to visit other jurisdictions in what they would qualify as being a closed area. That's exactly what we do - the intention of the bill is to create a closed area on Georges Bank to make sure that it is there for generations to come.

NoRigs 3, of course, after the release and what I had said at that time, I felt it was weak on what constituted to go back and review and to allow - they took that back, they had their lawyers look at it, they felt there was a number of things that needed to be tightened up, and I thank the minister and I thank the government for listening to those issues and making this bill a better bill than what it was when it first came into this House.

So consultation worked in this instance, and we thank the government for that.

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

MR. HAROLD THERIAULT: Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to rise in my place and speak on this bill today. I want to thank the minister for all the changes he's made in it.

Just last night I was home after the House here and I watched Doc Zone on CBC TV and it spoke about the possible oil spills in the Atlantic waters, in the cold waters. If something like that ever happened in these cold waters off this coast, it would make the Gulf of Mexico look like a picnic. Because of the cold water, the oil that would come out of the ground, it wouldn't even start to come to the surface so you could try to clean it up. It would pave all the fishing grounds of Atlantic Canada - that's what it would do, pave them.

This is something that, seriously, gives us another 10 years to look at this, to 2022, and I want to thank the minister very much for holding off a little longer on this. It's a really good move and maybe in 10 or 12 years we can take another review of this and maybe look

at it again - at least it will give the fishing industry some relief that they don't have to go fight another battle about drilling on this sensitive bank here on our coast.

With that, I want to thank you very much. I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas too. I may not get up again and speak today, or this year. Merry Christmas each and every one of you.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 82. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 124.

Bill No. 124 - Land Surveyors Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to move third reading of Bill No. 124.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 124. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 127.

Bill No. 127 - Occupational Health and Safety Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to move third reading of Bill No. 127.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 127. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 125.

Bill No. 125 - Heritage Property Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I'll just say this, in the Committee of the Whole House on Bills there were amendments proposed by the member for Digby-Annapolis. We were having some difficulty getting everybody together at this short time, but I will give the House my word that those words appropriate to it, what he's put forward, will be dealt with in regulation.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I so move third reading of Bill No. 125.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 125. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 128.

Bill No. 128 - Trade Union Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I so move third reading of Bill No. 128.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 128. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, that will complete most of our business for the day. I would ask that we take a short recess, and we'll call it back in maybe five or 10 minutes.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will take a short recess.

[12:59 p.m. The House recessed.]

[1:01 p.m. The House reconvened.]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, that completes the government's legislative agenda, so I ask that the House recess for a time while we contact Her Honour to assent to the bills. I think we're looking at an area of about 3:00 p.m. We will notify the Whips and they will notify their respective caucuses.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House recess.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will recess until approximately 3:00 p.m.

[1:02 p.m. The House recessed.]

[3:24 p.m. The House reconvened.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor is without.

MR. SPEAKER: Let Her Honour be admitted, please.

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

[The Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Mayann Francis, preceded by her escort, and by Mr. Ken Greenham, Sergeant-at-Arms, bearing the Mace, entered the House of Assembly Chamber. The Lieutenant Governor then took her seat on the Throne.]

The Sergeant-at-Arms then departed and re-entered the Chamber, followed by the Speaker, the Honourable Charlie Parker; Acting Chief Clerk of the House, Neil Ferguson; and Assistant Clerk, Annette Boucher. They took up their positions at the foot of the Table of the House.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: It is the wish of Her Honour that the ladies and gentlemen be seated.

MR. SPEAKER: May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has, in its present session, passed certain bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

THE CLERK:

Bill No. 7 - Pharmacy Act.

Bill No. 58 - Powers of Attorney Act.

Bill No. 63 - Legal Profession Act.

Bill No. 72 - Police Act.

Bill No. 74 - Land Titles Clarification Act.

Bill No. 75 - Merchandise Inspection Act.

Bill No. 76 - Credit Union Act.

Bill No. 78 - Public Utilities Act.

Bill No. 79 - Securities Act.

Bill No. 81 - Oak Island Treasure Act.

Bill No. 82 - Offshore Licencing Policy Act.

Bill No. 83 - Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act.

Bill No. 85 - Police Act.

Bill No. 87 - Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act.

Bill No. 88 - Summary Proceedings Act.

Bill No. 89 - Personal Health Information Act.

Bill No. 90 - Auditor General Act.

Bill No. 91 - Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron Amalgamation Act.

Bill No. 93 - Motor Vehicle Act.

Bill No. 94 - Motor Vehicle Act.

Bill No. 95 - Consumer Reporting Act.

Bill No. 97 - Motor Vehicle Act.

Bill No. 98 - Solemnization of Marriage Act.

Bill No. 99 - Conflict of Interest Act.

Bill No. 100 - Labour Board Act.

Bill No. 102 - Tanning Beds Act.

Bill No. 103 - Motor Vehicle Act.

[3:30 p.m.]

Bill No. 105 - Education Act.

Bill No. 106 - Handicapped Persons' Education Act.

Bill No. 108 - Nova Scotia Museum Act.

Bill No. 109 - Weed Control Act.

Bill No. 110 - Animal Protection Act.

Bill No. 111 - Motor Vehicle Act.

Bill No. 112 - Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.

Bill No. 113 - Clothesline Act.

Bill No. 114 - Anti-idling Act.

Bill No. 115 - Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act.

Bill No. 118 - Public Interest Disclosure of Wrongdoing Act.

Bill No. 119 - Residential Tenancies Act.

Bill No. 120 - Condominium Act.

Bill No. 121 - Human Organ and Tissue Donation Act.

Bill No. 122 - Lobbyists' Registration Act.

Bill No. 123 - Municipal Government Act/Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.

Bill No. 124 - Land Surveyors Act.

Bill No. 125 - Heritage Property Act.

Bill No. 126 - Adult Learning Act.

Bill No. 127 - Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Bill No. 128 - Trade Union Act.

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

In Her Majesty's name, I Assent to these Bills.

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

[The Lieutenant Governor left the Chamber.]

[The Speaker took the Chair.]

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable members, I'm going to ask you to join me in the singing of our national anthem, O Canada.

[The national anthem was sung by the members.]

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated. I just want to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Get some good rest - I'm sure we'll all be busy in the new year, but enjoy time with your family and friends over the holiday season.

The honourable Deputy Premier.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, just to echo your remarks to everybody, it's a very busy season we're entering into, and I know we're all considered leaders in our communities, so I would like to make a special pitch that we look after everybody. It's particularly the season when some people seem to want to get behind the wheel and do something they shouldn't do; as leaders I wish we would take that back home to our respective constituencies and make sure that everybody has a safe and holy season.

Thank you all for all your support and your input. It was much appreciated by the government and you did it with much respect, and I appreciate that.

Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Assembly, I move that this General Assembly be now adjourned to meet again at the call of the Speaker.

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

The motion is carried.

The House is now adjourned.

[The House rose at 3:39 p.m.]

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

Given on December 10, 2010

(Pursuant to Rule 30)

QUESTION NO. 1

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

To: Hon. Marilyn More (Minister of Labour and Workforce Development)

(1) Why has ENS not advised universal employment service providers to refer individuals with disabilities to the ENS funded specialized agencies and further, to be accountable when they do not refer?

QUESTION NO. 2

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

To: Hon. Marilyn More (Minister of Labour and Workforce Development)

(1) Will the government grant an exemption to individuals with disabilities to the threemonth intensive job search requirements with ENS?

QUESTION NO. 3

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

To: Hon. Marilyn More (Minister of Labour and Workforce Development)

(1) Can there be an exemption to the three-year rule or flexibility within the three-year rule for persons with disabilities who can prove that due to the nature of their disability, they will not be able to successfully attach themselves to the labour force without a skill development intervention?

QUESTION NO. 4

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

To: Hon. Marilyn More (Minister of Labour and Workforce Development)

(1) Would ENS provide and train one assessment officer per region who would assess all applications for persons with disabilities?

QUESTION NO. 5

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

To: Hon. Marilyn More (Minister of Labour and Workforce Development)

(1) How can the government support a budget freeze for ENS when the economic spinoffs of having more people in the workforce provide additional benefit to the economy, beyond what is spent by the department?

QUESTION NO. 6

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

To: Hon. Marilyn More (Minister of Labour and Workforce Development)

(1) Will the government create an ongoing avenue to consult with the disabled community on relevant program issues, in an effort to avoid the creation of unequal program access?

QUESTION NO. 7

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)To: Hon. Darrell Dexter (The Premier)

(1) The Kendall Lane Housing Society located just outside Windsor town limits, off of the Chester Road, presently looks after six severely disadvantaged adults suffering from everything from cerebral palsy to impaired vision and spina bifida to global development delay. Your government presently does not allow LPNs to be paid their proper wage at this facility, they are being paid the same as a residential care worker and I and the Warden of the Municipality of West Hants would like to know why.

QUESTION NO. 8

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)
To: Hon. Darrell Dexter (The Premier)

(1) The residential care worker hourly wage rate is \$16.62 per hour while the local LPN nursing rate is \$23.06 an hour. This has resulted in a decreased number of LPNs on staff because your government will only pay them the RCW rate of \$16.62.

The facility believes LPN care is extremely necessary and this issue was brought to the attention of the regional office in Kentville 14 months ago, in October 2009, and they are still awaiting a response. Then it went to head office in Halifax this Spring and still no response. Will the Premier immediately look into this situation today and

determine why the Kendall Lane Housing Society is being ignored by your government?

QUESTION NO. 9

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)
To: Hon. Darrell Dexter (The Premier)

(1) This facility, as I have noted, is home to six physically disabled residents. They deserve the proper care of both RCWs and LPNs. The staff complement in 1993 was five full-time LPNs and one RCW, as well as one part-time RCW. At present there is one full-time LPN and three part-time LPNs, the remaining staff are RCWs.

To prevent any further erosion of care of these six individuals, will the Premier undertake today to ensure no LPNs are forced to leave because of the wage disparity presently in place?

QUESTION NO. 10

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

To: Hon. John MacDonell (Minister of Agriculture)

(1) Eighteen months to develop an 18-page plan that you somehow believe will carry the Nova Scotia agriculture industry for the next 10 years. Your 18-page glossy report shows that in 1921 Nova Scotia had 47,000 small farms spread over 1.9 million hectares, or 4.7 million acres.

Today there are 43,000 fewer farms, using 400 hectares or one million acres of land. The Nova Scotia dairy industry and poultry industry make up for a large component of Nova Scotia farms, at 46 per cent, and are both supply-managed commodities.

Your report indicates that diversification allows an industry to lower risk and improve financial return, much like a healthy investment portfolio. Will the minister today define for Nova Scotia dairy and poultry farmers exactly how he plans to diversity their industry and improve financial return, when you have 30-year old married couples waiting to purchase a dairy farm and can't afford the \$2 million in costs? Will the minister provide us with his magical answer?

QUESTION NO. 11

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

To: Hon. John MacDonell (Minister of Agriculture)

(1) The words used in your 18-page booklet talk about the province being able to focus on broadening the mix of products, markets and marketing approaches, as well as the scale and geographic distribution of farms. Will the minister explain what he means about the "geographic distribution of farms"? Are you going to be moving farms from one location, say Windsor Forks in my constituency, to Aylesford in Kings County? What was the minister trying to say with this statement?

QUESTION NO. 12

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

To: Hon. John MacDonell (Minister of Agriculture)

(1) I mentioned a few seconds ago but the 18-month, 18-page document talks about broadening the mix of products, markets and marketing approaches. Beef farmers still find it tough, farmers essentially do not grow potatoes in large quantities any more in this province, for a host of reasons. However, you look at Nova Scotia's tree fruit industry, apples in the Annapolis Valley.

What products do you forecast to be grown in more abundance and will you define the marketing approaches planned by your government, to ensure Nova Scotians have as much access to locally grown food as humanly possible?

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)

RESOLUTION NO. 3007

By: Ms. Becky Kent (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

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

Whereas being involved in community, school, and provincial sports helps to keep our youth physically fit and healthy; and

Whereas the 2011 Canada Games will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in February with the ringette program running the first week of the Games, February 11th to 18th; and

Whereas Kirsti Mason, a 15-year-old resident of Cole Harbour, is the youngest ringette player to make the Team Nova Scotia ringette roster;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Kirsti Mason of Cole Harbour for her position on the Team Nova Scotia ringette roster for the 2011 Canada Games to be held in Halifax and wish her every success both in her sporting events and in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3008

By: Ms. Becky Kent (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

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

Whereas being involved in community, school, and provincial sports helps to keep our youth physically fit and healthy; and

Whereas the 2011 Canada Games will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in February with the ringette program running the first week of the Games, February 11th to 18th; and

Whereas Ellen Fraser, a 17-year-old resident of Cole Harbour, will be representing her province for the fifth time as a player on the Team Nova Scotia ringette roster;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Ellen Fraser of Cole Harbour for her position on the Team Nova Scotia ringette roster for the 2011 Canada Games to be held in Halifax and wish her every success both in her sporting events and in her future endeayours.

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 RCMP Sergeant Robert Forbes was recognized on November 2, 2010 for 25 years of dedicated policing service in the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Sergeant Robert Forbes, who is a native of Liverpool, has served with the RCMP for a total of 34 years in various postings across Canada; and

Whereas Sergeant Robert Forbes is presently the commanding officer at the Barrington RCMP Detachment, providing invaluable leadership and knowledge to his team of law enforcement officers;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate RCMP Sergeant Robert Forbes for 25 years of dedicated policing service in the Province of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 3010

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 the community of Sable River was the recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award on August 21, 2010; and

Whereas the residents of Sable River and surrounding areas representing numerous interests joined together in nominating the community for the award based on its deep-rooted family and social values and respect for the natural environment; and

Whereas Lieutenant Governor, Honourable Mayann Francis, described Sable River as "a beacon for all of the province" for the standard of living enjoyed in the community during her remarks at the Community Spirit Award presentation;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate the community of Sable River for receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award on August 21, 2010.

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 Regional High School's Environment Club initiated a Community Garden Project in 2009 which resulted in the school's first Harvest Feast and Celebration on September 10, 2010; and

Whereas the Community Garden Project has been incorporated into the Grade 7 curriculum at the school where students examine various topics related to the food supply chain in the classroom, putting their knowledge to practical experience in the outdoor garden setting; and

Whereas the Community Garden Project also involves students at the other grade levels as well as community members who are more than willing to share their expertise with the students, with plans for the project to grow and expand;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate the Shelburne Regional High School's Environment Club for initiating the Community Garden Project in 2009 which resulted in the school's first Harvest Feast and Celebration on September 10, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3012

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 Lions International, the world's largest service organization, designates one day per year as Lions World Service Day; and

Whereas the Coldbrook and District Lions Club, located in Coldbrook, Nova Scotia, participates in World Service Day each year by inviting all seniors within their district to an afternoon of entertainment followed by a full course roast pork dinner provided by the Lions Club; and

Whereas October 23, 2010 marked the 30th year that the Coldbrook Lions Club has participated in World Service Day, marking 4,500 seniors served;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend the Coldbrook and District Lions Club for offering this act of service to deserving seniors in their community for 30 years.

RESOLUTION NO. 3013

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 Gerry Brown has been the owner of Coldbrook Foodland since 2001; and

Whereas Coldbrook Foodland is a strong supporter of many community groups such as the Food Bank, the Coldbrook Lions Club, the Central Kings Band, various community sports teams and local school breakfast programs; and

Whereas Coldbrook Foodland is the site of many charitable fundraisers such as bottle drives, Food Bank barbeques, Lions Christmas tree sales, clothing collection boxes for the Canadian Red Cross and the Canadian Diabetes Association and most recently participating in the Fill the Food Bank/Fuel the Community initiative;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Gerry Brown and Coldbrook Foodland for their positive efforts toward a stronger and more sustainable community for the residents of Coldbrook.

RESOLUTION NO. 3014

By: Ms. Becky Kent (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

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

Whereas for more than 20 years the residents of the Eastern Passage area have been calling on school boards and governments of the day to build a much needed high school in their community; and

Whereas year after year, residents take up the torch to keep the fire burning on this issue by volunteering on a high school committee and uniting their efforts to reach their goal by working with their elected officials; and

Whereas recent efforts included engagement in the Imagine Our Schools process, presentations to the Halifax Regional School Board and Nova Scotia Department of Education, and creation of an advocacy video developed by students of the community;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Eastern Passage High School committee members: Joyce Treen, Kevin Deveaux, Lesley Steel, Beth and Rod Smith, Leslie and Steve Traves, Chris Peters, Kim McCarthy, Andrea Joy and Tracey Mohr for their passionate and continuing commitment to the advocacy for a high school for the community of Eastern Passage.

RESOLUTION NO. 3015

By: Ms. Becky Kent (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

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

Whereas the Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarship Program awards annual financial support for four years to as many as 12 university students and up to 10 Nova Scotia Community College students; and

Whereas these scholarships are awarded to high school graduates based on academic achievements, community involvement, extra-curricular activities, and those who have demonstrated an interest in the Nova Scotia energy sector; and

Whereas Jillian A. Cole, a resident of Cole Harbour, was one of the recipients for 2010 of the Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarships;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Jillian Cole of Cole Harbour, recipient of a 2010 Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarship award, and wish her every success.

RESOLUTION NO. 3016

By: Ms. Becky Kent (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

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

Whereas ball hockey has traditionally been a male dominated sport but women are developing their skills and integrating into the sport here in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas the Nova Scotia Vipers women's ball hockey team has members from around HRM, including Eastern Passage; and

Whereas Amy Scott, Amy Dawson, Angela Colville, Roz Staple, Kate Murie, Amanda Heydon, Aprill Drake, Cheryl Hamilton, Lisa Critch, Diane Erskine and goalie

Vanessa McKilop of the Nova Scotia Vipers made history by being the first women's team from Nova Scotia to qualify for the National Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate the Nova Scotia Vipers women's ball hockey team for their berth as the first women's team from Nova Scotia at the National Championships in St. John's, Newfoundland - and their bronze medal - and wish them every success as they make their way down groundbreaking roads for all women of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 3017

By: Ms. Becky Kent (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

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

Whereas the Cole Harbour Wings Atom AAA hockey team entered the Scotiabank Hockey Tonight Kids contest and won a pre-game spot on CBC Hockey Night in Canada; and

Whereas Scotiabank sponsors this initiative and provides the winning teams with a pizza party to enjoy while viewing the pre-game show from their hometown; and

Whereas the team consists of: head coach, Brad MacLeod; assistant coaches Scott MacKinnon, Mike Cutcliffe and Matt Penney; team manager Richie Holmes; players Nathan Alcorn, Ryan Bickerton, Blake Boutin, Cameron Brown, Sam Brown, Brady Crossley, Hunter Graham, Brian Holmes, Cole Julian, Daniel Lankester, Will McRae, Grant MacDonald, Mark MacKay, Jake MacKinnon, Kyle Penney, Austin Shields and Max Walford;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate the Cole Harbour Wings Atom AAA hockey team for being one of 25 minor hockey teams across Canada to win a pre-game spot in the Scotiabank Hockey Tonight Kids national television program on CBC's Hockey Night in Canada, which aired on October 9, 2010, and wish them every success in their upcoming season.

RESOLUTION NO. 3018

By: Ms. Becky Kent (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

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

Whereas employees at Ocean View Manor, a long-term care facility in Eastern Passage, work as a team to provide excellent care and services to the residents of the manor; and

Whereas in support of a colleague undergoing cancer care, fundraising events such as ticket sales, BBQ, bake sales, auction, dance and head shaving were organized by Ocean View manor staff members; and

Whereas Michael LaRouche, Ken Rehman, Bob Naugle, Jacob Hillier, Charlotte Roach, Joyce Rodrigue, Tammy Glenn, Shirley Parliament, Josephine Brothers, Norma Severeyns, Cindy Deman, Jennifer Aucoin, Harold Cook, Shelley Hotte and Kyla Farnsworth were the 15 employees who shaved their heads on June 7th in support of their colleague;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly commend the employees of Ocean View Manor for their generosity, spirit and kind efforts in raising monies for their colleague undergoing cancer care.

RESOLUTION NO. 3019

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 Dartmouth Junior Varsity Knights is a club football team made up of 15- and 16-year-old players from high schools across Dartmouth and Cole Harbour; and

Whereas the team played eight football games this season, defeating the Halifax Seahawks 14-13 in the championship game earlier this year; and

Whereas this is the first time that the Dartmouth Junior Varsity Knights have brought home the championship trophy;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Legislature congratulate the managers, coaches and players of the 2010 Dartmouth Junior Varsity Knights on winning this year's championship and wish all the young men the best of luck in their studies and future athletic careers.

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Community Services)

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

Whereas we all know that children can sometimes ask the most innocent and most difficult questions of adults; and

Whereas in 1987 one such question was posed of Mr. Brian Cooper, a teacher at Chester District Elementary School, "How many is a million?", prompting a collection of bread tags to illustrate; and

Whereas 23 years later Mr. Cooper has reached the magic mark of 1 million bread tags, which take up a large aquarium, three blue recycling bins and various boxes and bins, receiving tags from as far away as Australia, which will ultimately be sent to Ontario to be recycled into rulers;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Cooper on reaching this milestone, the dedication to find an answer to a child's question, "How many is a million?", and wish him well in his attempt to find a way to transport these bread tags to Ontario to have them recycled into rulers.

RESOLUTION NO. 3021

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Community Services)

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

Whereas Mr. Earl Hiltz is an employee of Sydney Hiltz Trucking; and

Whereas Mr. Hiltz's job involves driving asphalt trucks when our roads are being repaired; and

Whereas this summer, while repairs were being completed on Highway No.103 and Mr. Hiltz was driving his asphalt truck, he narrowly averted what could have been a multivehicle accident;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate and commend Mr. Hiltz on his quick thinking, his reaction time and for making our roads safer to travel.

By: Hon. John MacDonell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas seniors want to receive care and reside as near to their community as they can; and

Whereas there has been a shortage of Level 2 and residential care available in the Hants East area; and

Whereas on December 11, 2010, Rosecrest Communities will celebrate the official opening of The Magnolia continuing care community in Enfield;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate the management and staff at Rosecrest Communities on the opening of The Magnolia continuing care community and extend best wishes to all seniors who will reside there.

RESOLUTION NO. 3023

By: Mr. Jim Morton (Kings North)

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

Whereas Farm Credit Canada (FCC) held their Drive Away Hunger Tour at various sites in Kings County on October 14, 2010, starting at Berwick School and wrapping up at Kent Co-op in New Minas; and

Whereas FCC district director John Hutchings acknowledged the invaluable support of major donations from local companies, as well as the many volunteers who help more than 20,000 people who use Nova Scotia food banks, 34 per cent of them children; and

Whereas the FCC Drive Away Hunger Tour exceeded last year's mark, collecting more than 18,000 pounds of food in Kings County, and last year collected more than 1.6 million pounds for food banks across Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Farm Credit Canada on their very successful annual Drive Away Hunger Tour and for helping to make life better for those in need in Nova Scotia.

By: Mr. Jim Morton (Kings North)

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

Whereas Peter DeWar is the Chief Instructor of the Culinary Arts program at the Kingstec Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College in Kentville; and

Whereas Mr. DeWar recently competed as a member of Team Canada in the Culinary World Cup in Luxembourg, a competition that stretches back to 1986 and draws 1,000 chefs from across the globe; and

Whereas Chef DeWar, with Team Canada, earned two gold medals and learned a lot of new techniques in Luxembourg that he can't wait to share with his students;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Chef Peter DeWar and Team Canada on their double gold medal success at the Culinary World Cup in Luxembourg, thank Mr. DeWar for his commitment to excellence, to teaching, and to his students and wish Culinary Team Canada further success as it prepares for the 2012 Culinary Olympics.

RESOLUTION NO. 3025

By: Ms. Lenore Zann (Truro-Bible Hill)

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

Whereas Justin Palardy, a 22-year-old from Murray Siding, has been a standout football player and kicker for the Saint Mary's University team with four record-setting seasons in the AUS; and

Whereas Palardy was drafted to the Canadian Football League's Hamilton Tiger Cats in the Spring of 2010, and also won a tryout for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' place kicking spot; and

Whereas the place kicker has been named the CFL special teams' Player of the Week, set the single season record for place kicking within the franchise best success rate of 86.7 and has a new career high of a 51 yard field goal;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Justin Palardy on his outstanding performance in football and wish him a successful career in the CFL.

By: Ms. Lenore Zann (Truro-Bible Hill)

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

Whereas Carmen Mason has had long-term employment of 41 years from a single employer and is an active volunteer in the Truro community; and

Whereas Mr. Mason is working towards getting his GED at the age of 60 while continuing to work full time to support his family; and

Whereas Carmen Mason was the recipient of the Special Student Recognition Award during the Colchester Adult Learning Association's annual celebration;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Carmen Mason on receiving the Special Student Recognition Award and thank him for setting an example about the importance of education and for demonstrating that it is possible to achieve educational goals.

RESOLUTION NO. 3027

By: Ms. Lenore Zann (Truro-Bible Hill)

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

Whereas the Feed Those in Need food drive is a collaborative effort by the Cobequid Educational Centre and Pye's Chevrolet Buick GMC dealership; and

Whereas the Student Council is encouraging student participation by offering contests and raffles and Pye's is providing chaperoned vehicles for a door-to-door food collection campaign on December 18th; and

Whereas the goal of the Feed Those in Need campaign is to collect at least 10,000 pounds of food to help make the holiday season easier for those in need in Truro and surrounding area;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature thank the Cobequid Educational Centre and Pye's Chevrolet Buick GMC dealership for working together to form the Feed Those in Need campaign and for offering assistance to others in our community.

By: Ms. Lenore Zann (Truro-Bible Hill)

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

Whereas J. Chalmers Doane has made significant contributions to the musical arts by developing an educational program that has taught children how to play instruments using the ukulele as a starting point, which developed interest in students, creating an increase in participation in school bands; and

Whereas Mr. Doane's efforts have impacted the nation by extending the program country-wide and has fostered a love of music to countless children who have been a part of this program; and

Whereas Mr. Doane is to be recognized as an Order of Nova Scotia recipient for his work in developing this program, making vast contributions to the musical arts and instilling a sense of appreciation of music in our nation's youth;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate J. Chalmers Doane for being chosen to receive this high honour and thank him for his dedication to musical arts, which has provided a foundation for others to share this passion.

RESOLUTION NO. 3029

By: Ms. Lenore Zann (Truro-Bible Hill)

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

Whereas Cindy Tye, a former Truro native, had many great accomplishments in the sport of soccer, including assisting Acadia University in winning the CIS title in 1990, named AUS All-Star from 1991-1995 and AUS MVP in 1995 and received the honour of Canadian and Acadia's Athlete of the Year in 1994 and 1995; and

Whereas Ms. Tye also played on the senior national women's team in 2001 and 2002; and

Whereas Ms. Tye was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame on October 30, 2010;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Cindy Tye for her accomplishments in soccer and on being inducted into the prestigious Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.

RESOLUTION NO. 3030

By: Ms. Lenore Zann (Truro-Bible Hill)

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

Whereas Dr. Celina Spence has been a chiropractic doctor since graduating from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto in 2001; and

Whereas Dr. Spence, co-owner of Truro's Well Within Chiropractic, has a passion for the health and wellness of the community and regularly conducts wellness boot camps, wellness expos, run clubs, wellness movies, discussions and health lectures; and

Whereas Dr. Spence has received the Chiropractor of the Year Award from the Chiropractic Leadership Alliance, an organization that has over 8,000 members internationally;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Dr. Celina Spence of Well Within Chiropractic in Truro for receiving the Chiropractor of the Year Award and for teaching the community about living healthy.

RESOLUTION NO. 3031

By: Ms. Lenore Zann (Truro-Bible Hill)

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

Whereas Eric Banks, age 17, is an outstanding athlete in the sport of golf; and

Whereas Mr. Banks won the Nova Scotia provincial junior championship - the first win for Truro in 40 years - which qualified him for the Canadian National Championship where he had a runner-up finish and qualified for a spot on the Nova Scotia's Willingdon Cup team playing at the national men's amateur championship in Ontario; and

Whereas Mr. Banks was recently named the Nova Scotia Golf Association Central Zone Junior Player of the Year;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Eric Banks on his outstanding season in golf and commend him for his hard work and dedication to his sport.

RESOLUTION NO. 3032

By: Ms. Lenore Zann (Truro-Bible Hill)

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

Whereas the Truro Gyro Club, started in 1960, is a social club based on principles of friendship and fellowship embracing the philosophy of fun for fun's sake and friendship for friendship's sake; and

Whereas the Gyro Club established a booth at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition in Bible Hill in 1966 where they have sold hot, buttered ears of corn and have raised and donated over \$40,000 to the Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation; and

Whereas the Truro Gyro Club recently hosted a special banquet dinner to celebrate their 50th Anniversary and to honour their long lasting friendships;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate the Truro Gyro Club on their 50th Anniversary and thank them for being an example of fun and friendship and also for generously donating to the Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation.

RESOLUTION NO. 3033

By: Ms. Lenore Zann (Truro-Bible Hill)

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

Whereas Leo McKay Jr. is a Canadian writer and novelist who currently teaches at Cobequid Educational Centre; and

Whereas Mr. McKay's first published work was a collection of stories called *Like This*, which was short-listed for the Giller Prize in 1995; and

Whereas Mr. MacKay wrote his first novel, *Twenty-Six*, in 2003 which has been a national best-seller in Canada, won the 2004 Dartmouth book award for fiction and has recently been listed on CBC's top 40 Essential Canadian Novels of the Decade;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Leo McKay Jr. for his accomplishments as a writer and for making the CBC top 40 list for Essential Canadian Novels of the Decade.

RESOLUTION NO. 3034

By: Ms. Lenore Zann (Truro-Bible Hill)

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

Whereas flooding in Pakistan has affected over 20 million people by displacing their properties and infrastructure and has taken the lives of almost 2,000 people; and

Whereas the Nova Scotia Agricultural College graduate, undergraduate and international students held a variety show to raise money for those affected and secured \$2,000 to donate to the victims of flooding through Canadian Red Cross; and

Whereas Corporate Audio Visual, Frank and Gino's, Roadside Willie's, The Clay Café, Kegger's Alehouse, Canadian Tire Gas Bar, Seashell Design and members of the NSAC helped by sponsoring the event and offering items for their silent auction;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate the students and other participants from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and the local businesses who made this event a success and thank them for raising money for this international cause.

RESOLUTION NO. 3035

By: Ms. Lenore Zann (Truro-Bible Hill)

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

Whereas the Truro Saints Rugby Club had an 8-2 regular season record; and

Whereas the Saints beat out Prince Edward Island and Pictou County to win the Nova Scotia league playoff; and

Whereas the playoff win advanced the Saints Rugby Club to the Maritime final in Saint John where they won the Wheaton Club Division 2 senior men's rugby championship and became the Maritime champions;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate the Truro Saints for capturing the Wheaton Club Division 2 Maritime senior men's rugby championship and for becoming the Maritime champions.

RESOLUTION NO. 3036

By: Mr. Maurice Smith (Antigonish)

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

Whereas in response to the hardships suffered by farmers, fishers, industrial workers and others during the 1920s, the Antigonish Movement was initiated to educate and encourage economic change through the principles of human dignity, social reform and economic co-operation; and

Whereas to foster the acknowledgement of the Antigonish Movement, the Education Committee of the Bergengren Credit Union approached Peter Murphy to collaborate on a project to educate people about the local and international impact of the Antigonish Movement; and

Whereas in response, John R. MacDougall, Bill Timmons, Martin Macdonald, Peter Murphy, Cathy MacDonald and Dan Hodgins formed an independent volunteer group called the Tompkins/Coady Multimedia Project which produced an educational DVD entitled *You CAN Do It!: The Story of the Antigonish Movement;*

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House recognize the hard work and dedication of those who strive to further the principles of the Antigonish Movement and congratulate the Tompkins/Coady Multimedia Committee for their film, *You CAN Do It!*, which embodies the spirit of the Antigonish Movement.

RESOLUTION NO. 3037

By: Mr. Maurice Smith (Antigonish)

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

Whereas Patrice Murphy is an Antigonish native and graduate of St. Francis Xavier University's education program; and

Whereas the Terry Fox Run is held annually to commemorate Fox's Marathon of Hope and raise money for cancer research; and

Whereas Patrice recently organized a Terry Fox Run for the 200 middle school students at the American International School of Ho Chi Minh City, in Vietnam, where she has been teaching since August 2010, and raised \$650 for the Terry Fox Foundation;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House applaud Ms. Murphy for her initiative and for spreading Terry Fox's message of hope.

RESOLUTION NO. 3038

By: Mr. Maurice Smith (Antigonish)

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

Whereas December 3rd is one of the most memorable days in the lives of students at St. Francis Xavier University, not only because it is the feast day of St. Francis Xavier but because it is also the investiture of the coveted X-ring to senior students; and

Whereas the X-ring is a conversation starter for graduates across the globe and is thought to be one of the most recognized rings in the world, behind only the papal ring and the Super Bowl ring; and

Whereas on December 3, 2010, hundreds of future St. F.X. graduates received their X-rings and an honorary X-ring was presented to machinist Werner Schnepf;

Therefore be it resolved the members of the House congratulate all of this year's X-ring recipients and wish them all the best for the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 3039

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas Annie, the purebred Shar-Pei dog, was brought to the Town of Mahone Bay by Esther Bourgeois and Robyn Graham of the Cheesecake Gallery eight years ago, becoming a fixture in the town; and

Whereas Annie made many friends, not only in the Town of Mahone Bay but with the many thousands of visitors from all over the world, including Jack Layton, Leader of the federal NDP Party, and even inspired a book called *Annabelle Wrinkles* written by one of Annie's friends; and

Whereas Annie - the unofficial mascot of the Town of Mahone Bay - passed away in November and inspired condolence messages from the local community, and as far away as Newfoundland, Ottawa and California, as well as a memorial walk along the Mahone Bay Waterfront on November 18th of this year;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize the passing of Annie the Shar-Pei, an ambassador for the Town of Mahone Bay, and a much missed friend to Esther Bourgeois and Robyn Graham.

RESOLUTION NO. 3040

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the 2500th Anniversary of the first Marathon, run by Pheidippedes in Ancient Greece, was recognized during the 2010 Athens Marathon in Greece on October 31, 2010; and

Whereas Edie Veinot of First South decided to run the Athens Marathon as her first marathon event, along with her husband Ted Veinot and friends Bill and Laura Roblee, joining former Olympic champion American Jeff Galloway on the trip to Greece and receiving helpful running wisdom from the well-known author on many running books and monthly columns; and

Whereas 12,500 runners and walkers followed the centuries-old 26 mile route from Marathon to Athens, finishing in the first modern Olympic stadium build in 1896, and making Edie and Ted Veinot and Bill and Laura Roblee the proud owners of a medal to recognize this historic event;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Edie and Ted Veinot, and Bill and Laura Roblee, on participating in the 2500th Anniversary of the Marathon held in Athens, Greece in October of this year.

RESOLUTION NO. 3041

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas Bayview Community School has a group of students that started a Social Justice Club, which operates on the belief that increased awareness and education can greatly benefit marginalized groups; and

Whereas Bayview's Social Justice Club participated in an event offered through Second Story Women's Centre and Harbour House addressing violence against women; and

Whereas Bayview's Social Justice Club was inspired by this event to create an assembly to educate their peers about violence against women and children in Lunenburg County on Thursday, December 9th, featuring guest speakers, statistics and performances;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize the Bayview Community School Social Justice Club and their commitment to addressing violence against women and children and making change in their community through education.

RESOLUTION NO. 3042

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas Oakhill, Nova Scotia boxer, Brett Fraser, recently won a pair of bouts at Canada Games showcase events; and

Whereas Mr. Brett Fraser defeated Billy Casey from Newfoundland and Labrador on points, then defeated Zack Campbell of Saskatchewan by retirement during matches held in Kentville on November 12th and 13th; and

Whereas both fight cards featured Canada Games boxers from Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Brett Fraser on his successful boxing matches at the Canada Games showcase events in Kentville on November 12th and 13th.

RESOLUTION NO. 3043

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas Jim Eisenhauer is the president and CEO of ABCO Group Limited and CEO of its subsidiary, ABCO Industries Ltd. in Lunenburg; and

Whereas Mr. Eisenhauer is a respected local and international businessman with over 30 years experience and a wealth of knowledge, business expertise and leadership; and

Whereas Mr. Eisenhauer has been named chairman of Nova Scotia Business Inc.'s private sector board of directors;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Jim Eisenhauer on his recent appointment as chairman of Nova Scotia Business Inc.'s private sector and wish him success in his new role.

RESOLUTION NO. 3044

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the LaHave Manor in Dayspring provides a home and community-based facility to adults in Lunenburg County with developmental and physical challenges; and

Whereas the LaHave Manor held its annual Gala event on November 13th of this year with the sold-out event raising \$30,000; and

Whereas the money raised will be used to renovate the Tri-View Unit courtyard at the residential centre, making it wheelchair accessible, while securely allowing residents to enjoy the outdoors, a tremendous enhancement for daily living;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize the LaHave Manor and the services they provide to Lunenburg County and congratulate them on their successful annual fundraiser, which raised over \$30,000 to improve the lives of its residents.

RESOLUTION NO. 3045

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Lunenburg County SPCA is an organization of volunteers working to help mistreated animals, investigate reports of abuse or neglect of animals; and

Whereas the Lunenburg County SPCA and Ralph's Cat and Dog Health Food Store in Lunenburg have partnered for an initiative to find homes for adoptable cats by showcasing them at the store in Lunenburg; and

Whereas the next monthly adopt-a-thon is taking place on December 11th where prospective pet owners can look at the cats available through the SPCA and fill out an application form to adopt their new friend;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize the important work done by the Lunenburg County SPCA and congratulate them for partnering with Ralph's Cat and Dog Health Food Store in Lunenburg to find homes for cats.

RESOLUTION NO. 3046

By: Hon. William Estabrooks (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal)

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

Whereas Jeff Wilkins of Bridgewater has been a professional truck driver for more than 30 years; and

Whereas Clarke Road Transport Inc. has previously recognized Jeff for his three million safe driving miles; and

Whereas the Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association has named Jeff Wilkins the Driver of the Year for 2010;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jeff Wilkins on his remarkable career, on being named the APTA 2010 Driver of the Year and thank him for his safety on the road.

RESOLUTION NO. 3047

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 the Lockeport Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 130th Anniversary in 2010; and

Whereas the Lockeport Volunteer Fire Department has a long, proud history of fighting fires in the Town of Lockeport and surrounding areas, supported by the dedicated volunteer efforts of more than 300 members over the years; and

Whereas the 24 members of the Lockeport Volunteer Fire Department continue the tradition of providing the firefighting services to the Town of Lockeport and surrounding area;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate the Lockeport Volunteer Fire Department which is celebrating its 130th Anniversary in 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3048

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 Kyle Cotter was a member of the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team that captured the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship in Cheticamp on November 6, 2010; and

Whereas Kyle Cotter posted a shutout in the championship game against the NDA Acadians which the Greenwave won 6-0, giving the Lockeport senior boys squad an undefeated record in provincial qualifier and championship action; and

Whereas the 2010/11 NSSAF senior boys soccer championship is the continuation of a strong sports legacy at the Lockeport Regional High School, where four more senior boys provincial championship soccer banners dating back to 1976/77 hang with pride in the gymnasium;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Kyle Cotter of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior Boys soccer team for capturing the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship on November 6, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3049

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 Kyle Wright was a member of the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team that captured the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship in Cheticamp on November 6, 2010; and

Whereas the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team were undefeated in provincial qualifier and championship action, blanking the NDA Acadians 6-0 in the banner contest; and

Whereas the 2010/11 NSSAF senior boys soccer championship is the continuation of a strong sports legacy at the Lockeport Regional High School, where four more senior boys provincial championship soccer banners dating back to 1976/77 hang with pride in the gymnasium;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Kyle Wright of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior Boys soccer team for capturing the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship on November 6, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3050

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 Michael Hupman served as trainer for the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team that captured the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship in Cheticamp on November 6, 2010; and

Whereas the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team were undefeated in provincial qualifier and championship action, blanking the NDA Acadians 6-0 in the banner contest; and

Whereas the 2010/11 NSSAF senior boys soccer championship is the continuation of a strong sports legacy at the Lockeport Regional High School, where four more senior boys provincial championship soccer banners dating back to 1976/77 hang with pride in the gymnasium;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Michael Hupman, who was the trainer for the Lockeport Greenwave Senior Boys soccer team that won the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship on November 6, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3051

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 Nathan Decker was a member of the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team that captured the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship in Cheticamp on November 6, 2010; and

Whereas the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team were undefeated in provincial qualifier and championship action, blanking the NDA Acadians 6-0 in the banner contest; and

Whereas the 2010/11 NSSAF senior boys soccer championship is the continuation of a strong sports legacy at the Lockeport Regional High School, where four more senior boys provincial championship soccer banners dating back to 1976/77 hang with pride in the gymnasium;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Nathan Decker of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior Boys soccer team for capturing the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship on November 6, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3052

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 Nick Snow was a member of the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team that captured the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship in Cheticamp on November 6, 2010; and

Whereas the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team were undefeated in provincial qualifier and championship action, blanking the NDA Acadians 6-0 in the banner contest; and

Whereas the 2010/11 NSSAF senior boys soccer championship is the continuation of a strong sports legacy at the Lockeport Regional High School, where four more senior boys provincial championship soccer banners dating back to 1976/77 hang with pride in the gymnasium;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Nick Snow of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior Boys soccer team for capturing the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship on November 6, 2010.

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 Riley Harlow was a member of the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team that captured the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship in Cheticamp on November 6, 2010; and

Whereas the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team were undefeated in provincial qualifier and championship action, blanking the NDA Acadians 6-0 in the banner contest; and

Whereas the 2010/11 NSSAF senior boys soccer championship is the continuation of a strong sports legacy at the Lockeport Regional High School, where four more senior boys provincial championship soccer banners dating back to 1976/77 hang with pride in the gymnasium;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Riley Harlow of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior Boys soccer team for capturing the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship on November 6, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3054

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 Riley MacIntosh was a member of the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team that captured the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship in Cheticamp on November 6, 2010; and

Whereas the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team were undefeated in provincial qualifier and championship action, blanking the NDA Acadians 6-0 in the banner contest; and

Whereas the 2010/11 NSSAF senior boys soccer championship is the continuation of a strong sports legacy at the Lockeport Regional High School, where four more senior boys provincial championship soccer banners dating back to 1976/77 hang with pride in the gymnasium;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Riley MacIntosh of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior Boys soccer team for capturing the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship on November 6, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3055

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 Tyler Dominie was a member of the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team that captured the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship in Cheticamp on November 6, 2010; and

Whereas the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team were undefeated in provincial qualifier and championship action, blanking the NDA Acadians 6-0 in the banner contest; and

Whereas the 2010/11 NSSAF senior boys soccer championship is the continuation of a strong sports legacy at the Lockeport Regional High School, where four more senior boys provincial championship soccer banners dating back to 1976/77 hang with pride in the gymnasium;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Tyler Dominie of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior Boys soccer team for capturing the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship on November 6, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3056

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 Tyler Murphy was a member of the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team that captured the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship in Cheticamp on November 6, 2010; and

Whereas the Lockeport Greenwave senior boys soccer team were undefeated in provincial qualifier and championship action, blanking the NDA Acadians 6-0 in the banner contest; and

Whereas the 2010/11 NSSAF senior boys soccer championship is the continuation of a strong sports legacy at the Lockeport Regional High School, where four more senior boys provincial championship soccer banners dating back to 1976/77 hang with pride in the gymnasium;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Tyler Murphy of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior Boys soccer team for capturing the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship on November 6, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3057

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 Mr. John Leefe, the Region of Queens Municipality Mayor, has been recognized by the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia with a crystal Tourism Award of Excellence; and

Whereas Mr. Leefe was presented with the Ambassador Award for excelling in his efforts to develop the tourism industry and making a major impact on tourism and culture in his area and the province; and

Whereas he continues his admirable legacy of more than 30 years of public service to Queens County as both a Member of the Legislative Assembly and mayor;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Mr. John Leefe on his Ambassador Award from TIANS and wish him continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 3058

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 on Friday, October 29th, five artists received Established Artist Awards for their artistic achievements and contributions to the arts community and all of Nova Scotia at the Creative Nova Scotia Awards gala; and

Whereas individual artists play a significant role in the development and growth of Nova Scotia's arts and cultural sector; and

Whereas the five award winners were: musician, Norman Adams; artistic director and musician, Emmy Alcorn; and visual artists, Rose Adams, Cathy Busby and Drew Klassen;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Norman Adams, Emmy Alcorn, Rose Adams, Cathy Busby and Drew Klassen for their passion and dedication to artistic excellence in their disciplines and their contribution to the cultural vibrancy of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 3059

By: Hon. William Estabrooks (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal)

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

Whereas Jeff Wilkins of Bridgewater has been a professional truck driver for more than 30 years; and

Whereas Clarke Road Transport Inc. has previously recognized Jeff for his three million safe driving miles; and

Whereas the Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association has named Jeff Wilkins the Driver of the Year for 2010;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jeff Wilkins on his remarkable career, on being named the APTA 2010 Driver of the Year, and thank him for his safety on the road.

RESOLUTION NO. 3060

By: Hon. Wayne Gaudet (Clare)

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

Whereas on June 18, 2010, Clare hosted its 5^{th} Annual Relay for Life fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society; and

Whereas 16 teams with 135 participants, including 81 cancer survivors, took part in this year's event; and

Whereas through the hard work of the many participants, this year's event raised over \$53,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society and cancer research;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the many volunteers and participants that make Clare's Relay for Life a success and thank them for their commitment to the cause.

RESOLUTION NO. 3061

By: Hon. Wayne Gaudet (Clare)

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

Whereas many local volunteer firefighters provide a vital and outstanding service throughout rural Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Jean Louis Smith has been recognized for his dedication and service beyond the call of duty in helping preserve the security of our community; and

Whereas Jean Louis Smith was recognized on November 27, 2010, by the Little Brook Volunteer Fire Department for his five years of dedicated service;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate firefighter Jean Louis Smith for receiving his Fire Service Long Service Award for his five years of service to his community.

RESOLUTION NO. 3062

By: Mr. Leo Glavine (Kings West)

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

Whereas on December 1, 2010, the Consumers' Choice Awards were presented at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax; and

Whereas the Consumers' Choice Awards are determined by an independent research firm for Consumers' Choice Institute (Canada) by surveying consumers and is unique to North America because it is the consumer who determines the winners, not a panel of judges; and

Whereas the winners of the Consumers' Choice Award can be extremely proud of their accomplishments as the award is considered to be a seal of excellence throughout industry;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Beltone The Hearing Aid Centre Inc. for receiving the 2010 Consumers' Choice Award for the category of Hearing Aid Service and wish them continued success in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3063

By: Ms. Kelly Regan (Bedford-Birch Cove)

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

Whereas 10 Nova Scotia public school students have distinguished themselves with a record of public service, among them a Grade 4 student who organized a campaign to help children attend school in Africa and a Grade 9 student who bicycled across the country to raise awareness for Amnesty International; and

Whereas these students, selected from about 80 nominations for the 2010 Premier's Power of Positive Change Award include Ira Archibald-Faloon, Mallory Borden, Jenna Cormier, Cassandra DeWolfe, Breanna Fitzgerald, Spencer MacKay, Carsten MacLean, Claire Mercer, Tucker Martens and Nam Ong; and

Whereas on June 3rd at Province House, these young Nova Scotians received the Premier's Power of Positive Change Award for their leadership, by organizing a school or community activity;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate these students for their positive attitude, exemplary behaviour, and dedication to humanitarian service improving the lives of people at home and abroad.

RESOLUTION NO. 3064

By: Ms. Kelly Regan (Bedford-Birch Cove)

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

Whereas on December 1, 2010, the Consumers' Choice Awards were presented at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax; and

Whereas the Consumers' Choice Awards are determined by an independent research firm for Consumers' Choice Institute (Canada) by surveying consumers and are unique in North America because consumers determine the winners, not a panel of judges; and

Whereas the winners of the Consumers' Choice Award can be extremely proud of their accomplishments as the award is considered to be a seal of excellence throughout industry;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Atlantic Audiopro DJ & Audio Visual Services for receiving the 2010 Consumers' Choice Award in the category of Audio Visual Services, and wish them continued success in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3065

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Preston)

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

Whereas Eastern Marine Branch No. 161 of the Royal Canadian Legion was founded in 1976 when 13 charter members met in the basement of the founding president, Ronald Moll, eventually moving to the fire hall where money was raised by holding dances, bingos, socials, and then along with a few grants were able to build their own legion in the early 1980s with extensions added later on; and

Whereas the Legion's Poppy Fund is strictly used for helping the veterans and their dependents and they have assisted the Birches Nursing Home by donating thousands of dollars over the years for medical equipment; and

Whereas the legion also serves as a community hall and the members look afer the Porters Lake Memorial Cenotaph Park and also help their local cadets by acting as their unofficial sponsors;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House acknowledge the hardworking and dedicated group of Eastern Marine Branch No. 161 and congratulate them on their upcoming 35th Anniversary this Spring and wish them many more years of success in their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 3066

By: Mr. Alfie MacLeod (Cape Breton West)

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

Whereas David Cann is the proud son of Karen and John Cann of Louisbourg; and

Whereas David is now in his second year of Engineering Studies at Cape Breton University; and

Whereas David Cann has been named to the dean's list at Cape Breton University and will complete his engineering degree following two years at Dalhousie University in Halifax:

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly through this resolution offer David our proud congratulations for his studious work in making the Dean's List at Cape Breton University and wish him every continued success as he completes his degree at Dalhousie in Halifax.

RESOLUTION NO. 3067

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party)

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

Whereas on June 11th, celebrations and memorials in honour of miners who paid the ultimate sacrifice took place; and

Whereas formerly known as Davis Day, in honour of New Waterford miner Bill Davis, the Miners' Memorial Day commemoration in River Hebert pays tribute to those who perished in the River Hebert and Joggins mining disasters; and

Whereas in attendance that day in River Hebert was retired miner Albert Arseneau, who, at age 97, is the oldest living coal miner in the area;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Nova Scotia's active miners, our retired miners like Albert Arseneau and acknowledge the supreme sacrifice of miners who perished in the line of work.

RESOLUTION NO. 3068

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party)

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

Whereas the Oxford Recreation Education Centre Lady Golden Bears defeated Springhill High School Golden Eagles 67-54 in the championship of the 17th Annual Schiefer's Ultramar Tip-Off Girls Basketball Tournament; and

Whereas OREC finished with a perfect 3-0 record in the round-robin event beating out Springhill, Cabot High Trailblazers of Ingonish and Port Hawkesbury's SAERC Saints; and

Whereas tourney all-star Emily Davis led OREC with 22 points in the final, while most valuable player Madison Swan hooped 20;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Oxford Recreation Education Centre Lady Golden Bears on bringing home the championship trophy and wish them continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 3069

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party)

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

Whereas the Oxford Firefighters' Ladies Auxiliary is well-known for giving to the community and this year has been no different; and

Whereas the Oxford Firefighters' Ladies Auxiliary presented a \$1,000 donation towards this year's Light the Way campaign; and

Whereas proceeds will fund the establishment and setup costs related to a new urology clinic at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Clinic, in addition to helping fund other required medical equipment for the regional hospital;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the oxford Firefighters' Ladies Auxiliary on their donation to the Light the Way Campaign and wish them luck on all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3070

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party)

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

Whereas Pat Coffatos was honoured for his dedicated service to the Collingwood Fire Department; and

Whereas Pat Coffatos has given five years of service to the Collingwood Fire Department to ensure the safety of his community; and

Whereas family, friends and dignitaries joined together in Collingwood to enjoy an evening and to show their appreciation for those who give so unselfishly to make their community a better, safer place;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Pat Coffatos on his five years of service to the Collingwood Fire Department and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3071

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party)

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

Whereas Andrea Bishop was honoured for her dedicated service to the Collingwood Fire Department; and

Whereas Andrea Bishop has given five years of service to the Collingwood Fire Department to ensure the safety of the community; and

Whereas family, friends and dignitaries joined together in Collingwood to enjoy an evening and to show their appreciation for those who give so unselfishly to make their community a better, safer place;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Andrea Bishop on her five years of service to the Collingwood Fire Department and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3072

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party)

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

Whereas Pat Coffatos was honoured for his dedicated service to the Collingwood Fire Department; and

Whereas Pat Coffatos has given five years of service to the Collingwood Fire Department to ensure the safety of his community; and

Whereas family, friends and dignitaries joined together in Collingwood to enjoy an evening and to show their appreciation for those who give so unselfishly to make their community a better, safer place;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Pat Coffatos on his five years of service to the Collingwood Fire Department and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3073

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party)

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

Whereas Ron Herrett was honoured for his dedicated service to the Collingwood Fire Department; and

Whereas Ron Herrett has given 20 years of service to the Collingwood Fire Department to ensure the safety of the community; and

Whereas family, friends and dignitaries joined together in Collingwood to enjoy an evening and to show their appreciation for those who give so unselfishly to make their community a better, safer place;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ron Herrett on his 20 years of service to the Collingwood Fire Department and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3074

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party)

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

Whereas Hugh Kontuk was honoured for his dedicated service to the Collingwood Fire Department; and

Whereas Hugh Kontuk has given five years of service to the Collingwood Fire Department to ensure the safety of his community; and

Whereas family, friends and dignitaries joined together in Collingwood to enjoy an evening and to show their appreciation for those who give so unselfishly to make their community a better, safer place;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Hugh Kontuk on his five years of service to the Collingwood Fire Department and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3075

By: Hon. Cecil Clarke (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas on November 14, 2010, Carman United Church in Sydney Mines celebrated 104 years of service to God and community; and

Whereas Reverend Nick Phillips and choir director Paula Jane Francis organized an evening of spectacular song that packed the sanctuary with friends from the ecumenical community who gathered to share in the celebration; and

Whereas Carman United welcomed the talents of Godsent, directed by Keith Burton as well as Gary Nicholson and friends, followed by a fellowship hour showcasing the outstanding hospitality of church members;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Carman United Church on their 104 years of outreach and services and wish them continued success.

RESOLUTION NO. 3076

By: Hon. Cecil Clarke (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas November 8, 2010, marks a significant day in Nova Scotia for social justice; and

Whereas in ceremony at Government House unveiled a portrait by Her Honour, Mayann Francis, unveiled a portrait of civil rights icon and pioneer, African Nova Scotian businesswoman Viola Desmond, as well as the book launch at Province House of *Viola Desmond Won't be Budged*; and

Whereas at Sydney Academy, Viola's sister, Wanda Robson, launched her book, *Sister to Courage*, following the establishment of the CBU Chair in Social Justice at the School of Arts and Social Science in addition to the creation of the Viola Desmond, Wanda Robson Scholarship Fund;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join with citizens across this province in celebrating the positive milestone and outcomes since the unjust treatment of Viola Desmond 50 years ago and echo the call of Wanda Robson that education, indeed, gives a voice to issues of social justice.

RESOLUTION NO. 3077

By: Hon. Cecil Clarke (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas Joe King, a retired pizza shop owner from Florence, is a Texas Hold'em poker player who last year won the Canada Cup of Poker Texas Hold'em held in Toronto; and

Whereas Joe and his two teammates split the \$75,000 purse and each received a \$5,000 piece of Nova Scotian Crystal; and

Whereas the tournament was sponsored by Full Tilt Poker and televised in Toronto;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Joe King and wish him continued poker success as he enjoys his retirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 3078

By: Hon. Cecil Clarke (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas the Police Long Service Award and Medal was established to recognize the respect, appreciation and outstanding career of Nova Scotians who serve and protect; and

Whereas the Province of Nova Scotia annually recognizes the career success of officers who not only contribute to the police service but also to the well-being and strength of their communities; and

Whereas our families, neighbours, communities, province and country are more safe and secure thanks to the 24/7 service our valued police officials provide;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join with me in recognizing Constable Terrance Bork of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service and extend congratulations, thanks and appreciation for his 15 years of long service as recognized at a ceremony on November 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3079

By: Hon. Cecil Clarke (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas Mark Miller, World Vision's representative for Atlantic Canada, recently had a community meeting in North Sydney and using stories, pictures and videos, he explained how child sponsorships and purchases made from World Vision's gift catalogue have a real impact in communities around the world thanks to the generous support of Canadians; and

Whereas Mr. Miller also provided a brief update on the aid agency's response and ongoing challenges in Haiti; and

Whereas Mr. Miller said it is important to share stories of people who are child sponsors and how it has affected their lives in a positive way and that sustainability is what World Vision is about;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Mark Miller and the dedicated people of World Vision for the life changing work that they do.

RESOLUTION NO. 3080

By: Hon. Cecil Clarke (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas the Police Long Service Award and Medal was established to recognize the respect, appreciation and outstanding career of Nova Scotians who serve and protect; and

Whereas the Province of Nova Scotia annually recognizes the career success of officers who not only contribute to the police service but also to the well-being and strength of their communities; and

Whereas our families, neighbours, communities, province and country are more safe and secure thanks to the 24/7 service our valued police officials provide;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of ths House of Assembly join with me in recognizing Constable Derrick Kelly of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service and extend congratulations, thanks and appreciation for his 25 years of long service as recognized at a ceremony on November 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3081

By: Hon. Cecil Clarke (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas the Police Long Service Award and Medal was established to recognize the respect, appreciation and outstanding career of Nova Scotians who serve and protect; and

Whereas the Province of Nova Scotia annually recognizes the career success of officers who not only contribute to the police service but also to the well-being and strength of their communities; and

Whereas our families, neighbours, communities, province and country are more safe and secure thanks to the 24/7 service our valued police officials provide;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of ths House of Assembly join with me in recognizing Constable Harry Halliday of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service and extend congratulations, thanks and appreciation for his 15 years of long service as recognized at a ceremony on November 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3082

By: Hon. Cecil Clarke (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas the Police Long Service Award and Medal was established to recognize the respect, appreciation and outstanding career of Nova Scotians who serve and protect; and

Whereas the Province of Nova Scotia annually recognizes the career success of officers who not only contribute to the police service but also to the well-being and strength of their communities; and

Whereas our families, neighbours, communities, province and country are more safe and secure thanks to the 24/7 service our valued police officials provide;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of ths House of Assembly join with me in recognizing Constable John Anthony of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service and extend congratulations, thanks and appreciation for his 15 years of long service as recognized at a ceremony on November 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3083

By: Hon. Cecil Clarke (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas the Police Long Service Award and Medal was established to recognize the respect, appreciation and outstanding career of Nova Scotians who serve and protect; and

Whereas the Province of Nova Scotia annually recognizes the career success of officers who not only contribute to the police service but also to the well-being and strength of their communities; and

Whereas our families, neighbours, communities, province and country are more safe and secure thanks to the 24/7 service our valued police officials provide;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of ths House of Assembly join with me in recognizing Constable Kenny Routledge of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service and extend congratulations, thanks and appreciation for his 15 years of long service as recognized at a ceremony on November 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3084

By: Hon. Cecil Clarke (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas the Police Long Service Award and Medal was established to recognize the respect, appreciation and outstanding career of Nova Scotians who serve and protect; and

Whereas the Province of Nova Scotia annually recognizes the career success of officers who not only contribute to the police service but also to the well-being and strength of their communities; and

Whereas our families, neighbours, communities, province and country are more safe and secure thanks to the 24/7 service our valued police officials provide;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of ths House of Assembly join with me in recognizing Constable Laurence Doucette of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service and extend congratulations, thanks and appreciation for his 15 years of long service as recognized at a ceremony on November 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3085

By: Hon. Cecil Clarke (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas the Police Long Service Award and Medal was established to recognize the respect, appreciation and outstanding career of Nova Scotians who serve and protect; and

Whereas the Province of Nova Scotia annually recognizes the career success of officers who not only contribute to the police service but also to the well-being and strength of their communities; and

Whereas our families, neighbours, communities, province and country are more safe and secure thanks to the 24/7 service our valued police officials provide;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join with me in recognizing Constable Tamara Christmas-Chasse of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service and extend congratulations, thanks and appreciation for her 15 years of long service as recognized at a ceremony on November 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 3086

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas every day employees of the Nova Scotia Government work hard, using their skills and expertise to serve the people of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Karen Moors of Newport was recently honoured for her 25 years of work with the Nova Scotia Government and her work in the Executive Council Office; and

Whereas after a quarter-century of working hard to make a difference in the lives of Nova Scotians, Karen stepped away;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly applaud Karen Moors for her 25 years of service to the people of Nova Scotia and recognize her contributions to the prosperity of our province during her working life.

RESOLUTION NO. 3087

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas every day employees of the Nova Scotia Government work hard, using their skills and expertise to serve the people of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Nova Scotia civil servants provide high-quality service to keep our businesses growing and our communities thriving every day; and

Whereas Rob Sweet of Falmouth was recently recognized for his 30 years of outstanding service as district traffic supervisor, first in the Sydney office of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and now working in the Halifax Regional Municipality;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly applaud Rob Sweet for his 30 years of service to the people of Nova Scotia and wish him every future success.

RESOLUTION NO. 3088

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas Nova Scotia civil servants are working hard, using their knowledge, skills and expertise to serve the people of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas the Nova Scotia Public Service Commission is committed to making a difference in the lives of Nova Scotians; and

Whereas Steve Sheehy of King Street in Windsor was recently recognized for his quarter-century commitment to Nova Scotia's Public Service as manager of the Nova Scotia Government's Stationary Stockroom with the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Steve on his milestone and wish him many more years of success.

RESOLUTION NO. 3089

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas the Nova Scotia Public Service Commission is committed to making a difference in the lives of Nova Scotians; and

Whereas civil servants provide high-quality service that keeps our families safe, our businesses growing and our communities thriving every day; and

Whereas David Perry of Windsor has worked the past 30 years with the Department of Finance where he is a senior adviser for the Department of Finance to Crown Agencies and Corporations;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize David Perry, thank him for his 30 years of exemplary service and wish him many more years of success.

RESOLUTION NO. 3090

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas competitive swimming has been around since the early 1800s and consists of many different styles of swimming competitions such as breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and freestyle; and

Whereas 15-year-old Hayden Adams who resides in Brooklyn, Hants County, formerly of the Windsor Bluefins and now a member of the Wolfville Tritons Swim Club, was selected to represent Nova Scotia in the 2010 Canadian Age Group National Championships at the Pan-Am Pool in Winnipeg this summer; and

Whereas Hayden participated in a variety of competitions including the 50-metre freestyle, the 200-metre backstroke and the 50-metre backstroke;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly applaud Hayden on his commitment and determination and wish him great success in all his future competitions.

RESOLUTION NO. 3091

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas Men's World Championship Horseshoe titles have existed since 1909; and

Whereas the longest game of horseshoes ever recorded took place in Hayward, Minnesota and lasted five months and four days with the postmaster and train station agent, a game which the postmaster eventually won by a score of 25,000 to 24,999; and

Whereas Victor Mosher, Wilfred Edwards and Gary Ross from Hants West are not vying for World Championship titles but are well-known in Nova Scotia horseshoe circles, enjoying a sport which has become a passion to them;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the sport of horseshoes and the sportsmanship, which occurs at various tournaments and wishing Victor, Wilfred and Gary the very best in future horseshoe competitions.

RESOLUTION NO. 3092

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas Tim Macumber grew up in Newport Station where he followed in the footsteps of his famous pitcher father Billy and began his long and exceptionally successful fast pitch softball career, initially in the shadows of his famous fastball pitching father, Billy; and

Whereas Tim's latest achievement was playing on the gold medal-winning team, the Jarvis Ontario Travellers, at the 2010 International Softball Congress Championships in Midland, Michigan, a tournament held August 14th to 21st, which featured 148 of the best teams in North America; and

Whereas Tim finished two for ten at the plate as the Travellers finished with a 6-1 record on the week and won the ISC Championship with a 4-1 victory over the Kingston, Ontario Riversharks;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly compliment Tim Macumber on an outstanding career in the game of fast pitch softball in which he has starred for more than a quarter of a century.

RESOLUTION NO. 3093

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas women's rugby is a sport becoming increasingly more popular with participation currently at an all-time high; and

Whereas Windsor resident Erin Beazley was named to Canada's under-20 national team in June with an invitation to compete at the 2010 North American Caribbean Rugby Championship in Nassau, Bahamas in August; and

Whereas Erin, who is now finishing up her third year as a member of the Acadia University women's rugby team, played a key role in Nassau as Team Canada scored a 62-0 win over the Cayman Islands and a 43-0 victory over the Caribbean Selects before nosing out the United States 6-3 in the championship game;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Erin on her commitment and determination to the game of rugby and wish her every success in all her future competitions and studies.

RESOLUTION NO. 3094

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas the 2011 National Holstein Convention is scheduled for both Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador between May 12th to19th of next year; and

Whereas Holstein cattle are recognized for their distinctive colour markings and outstanding milk production with a pedigree Holstein producing on average during a lifetime, 26,000 litres of milk; and

Whereas Brian and Angela Masters are chairing the 2011 National Holstein Convention, which will feature meetings of the Board of Directors May 13th and 14th, the Master Breeder Awards Banquet Friday, May 13th and the Annual General Meeting of Holstein Canada on May 14th, all at the Halifax Westin;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly applaud the organizing abilities of Brian and Angela Masters as they prepare for the 2011 National Holstein Convention, while wishing all participants the very best in their tours of respective Holstein dairy farms in the Annapolis Valley, the Noel Shore, Halifax County, Antigonish and Cape Breton before departing for Newfoundland and Labrador.

RESOLUTION NO. 3095

By: Ms. Diana Whalen (Halifax Clayton Park)

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

Whereas on December 1, 2010, the Consumers' Choice Awards were presented at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax; and

Whereas the Consumers' Choice Awards are determined by an independent research firm for Consumers' Choice Institute (Canada) by surveying consumers and are unique to North America because it is the consumer who determines the winners, not a panel of judges; and

Whereas the winners of the Consumers' Choice Award can be extremely proud of their accomplishments, as the award is considered to be a seal of excellence throughout industry;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Simmons Mattress Gallery for receiving the 2010 Consumers' Choice Award for the category of Mattress Store (Local) and wish them continued success in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3096

By: Ms. Diana Whalen (Halifax Clayton Park)

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

Whereas on December 1, 2010, the Consumers' Choice Awards were presented at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax; and

Whereas the Consumers' Choice Awards are determined by an independent research firm for Consumers' Choice Institute (Canada) by surveying consumers and are unique to North America because it is the consumer who determines the winners, not a panel of judges; and

Whereas the winners of the Consumers' Choice Award can be extremely proud of their accomplishments, as the award is considered to be a seal of excellence throughout industry;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Precision Concrete Services Ltd. for receiving the 2010 Consumers' Choice Award for the category of Concrete Contractors and wish them continued success in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3097

By: Ms. Diana Whalen (Halifax Clayton Park)

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

Whereas on December 1, 2010, the Consumers' Choice Awards were presented at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax; and

Whereas the Consumers' Choice Awards are determined by an independent research firm for Consumers' Choice Institute (Canada) by surveying consumers and are unique to North America because it is the consumer who determines the winners, not a panel of judges; and

Whereas the winners of the Consumers' Choice Award can be extremely proud of their accomplishments, as the award is considered to be a seal of excellence throughout industry;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Taylor Flooring for receiving the 2010 Consumers' Choice Award for the category of Hardwood Floor Contractors and Ceramic Tile Distributors and Carpet and Rug Store and wish them continued success in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3098

By: Ms. Diana Whalen (Halifax Clayton Park)

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

Whereas on December 1, 2010, the Consumers' Choice Awards were presented at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax; and

Whereas the Consumers' Choice Awards are determined by an independent research firm for Consumers' Choice Institute (Canada) by surveying consumers and are unique to North America because it is the consumer who determines the winners, not a panel of judges; and

Whereas the winners of the Consumers' Choice Award can be extremely proud of their accomplishments, as the award is considered to be a seal of excellence throughout industry;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Vintage Flooring for receiving the 2010 Consumers' Choice Award for the category of Stair Builder and wish them continued success in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3099

By: Ms. Diana Whalen (Halifax Clayton Park)

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

Whereas on December 1, 2010, the Consumers' Choice Awards were presented at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax; and

Whereas the Consumers' Choice Awards are determined by an independent research firm for Consumers' Choice Institute (Canada) by surveying consumers and are unique to North America because it is the consumer who determines the winners, not a panel of judges; and

Whereas the winners of the Consumers' Choice Award can be extremely proud of their accomplishments, as the award is considered to be a seal of excellence throughout industry;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate AML Communications for receiving the 2010 Consumers' Choice Award for the category of Cellular Phone Retailer and wish them continued success in all future endeavours.

By: Ms. Diana Whalen (Halifax Clayton Park)

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

Whereas on December 1, 2010, the Consumers' Choice Awards were presented at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax; and

Whereas the Consumers' Choice Awards are determined by an independent research firm for Consumers' Choice Institute (Canada) by surveying consumers and are unique to North America because it is the consumer who determines the winners, not a panel of judges; and

Whereas the winners of the Consumers' Choice Award can be extremely proud of their accomplishments, as the award is considered to be a seal of excellence throughout industry;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Minuteman Press for receiving the 2010 Consumers' Choice Award for the category of Printers and wish them continued success in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3101

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas volunteering is the practice of people working on behalf of others or a particular cause without payment for their time and services; and

Whereas Avon View High School students, Kelsey Hubley, Grade 8, and Austin Shaw-O'Leary, Grade 9, recently volunteered their time at their school's annual Christmas craft sale in support of the school's music program; and

Whereas volunteering their time and efforts to support a program they believe in shows great initiative and helps these students understand the importance of volunteers in our community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members in this House of Assembly applaud Kelsey and Austin for their efforts and wish them all the best with future fundraising events.

By: Mr. Keith Bain (Victoria-The Lakes)

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

Whereas on November 12th and 13th the Baddeck Broncos girls soccer team travelled to Oxford for the NSSAF Division 4 High School Provincial Championships; and

Whereas after playing against the Cape Breton Highland Academy squad on Friday, the team took to the pitch against Oxford on Saturday where after regulation time the score was tied; and

Whereas in overtime, Lara Kunz scored the winner for the Broncos, giving them the bronze medal;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate the Baddeck Broncos on receiving the bronze medal at the NSSAF Provincial Championship and wish them every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 3103

By: Mr. Keith Bain (Victoria-The Lakes)

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

Whereas on November 12th and 13th the Baddeck Broncos girls soccer team travelled to Oxford for the NSSAF Division 4 High School Provincial Championships; and

Whereas after playing against the Cape Breton Highland Academy squad on Friday, the team took to the pitch against Oxford on Saturday where after regulation time the score was tied; and

Whereas in overtime, Lara Kunz scored the winner for the Broncos, giving them the bronze medal;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate the Baddeck Broncos on receiving the bronze medal at the NSSAF Provincial Championship and wish them every success in the future.

By: Mr. Alfie MacLeod (Cape Breton West)

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

Whereas Sarah MacNeil, a 17-year-old Grade 12 student at Riverview High School in Coxheath, was named to Nova Scotia's Canada Games hockey team set to hit the ice in February; and

Whereas Sarah is a resident of Albert Bridge, Cape Breton; and

Whereas this honour marks Sarah's second year as a member of Nova Scotia's provincial women's hockey team;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly offer our sincere congratulations to Sarah MacNeil, daughter of Janet Ravanello and Ron MacNeil and proud granddaughter of Victor and Sandy Ravanello, and wish her and her team every success as they strive for a medal in their home province in February.

RESOLUTION NO. 3105

By: Mr. Alfie MacLeod (Cape Breton West)

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

Whereas Sarah MacNeil, a 17-year-old Grade 12 student at Riverview High School in Coxheath, was named to Nova Scotia's Canada Games hockey team set to hit the ice in February; and

Whereas Sarah is a resident of Albert Bridge, Cape Breton; and

Whereas this honour marks Sarah's second year as a member of Nova Scotia's provincial women's hockey team;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly offer our sincere congratulations to Sarah MacNeil, daughter of Janet Ravanello and Ron MacNeil and proud granddaughter of Victor and Sandy Ravanello, and wish her and her team every success as they strive for a medal in their home province in February.

By: Ms. Diana Whalen (Halifax Clayton Park)

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

Whereas Burris Devanney launched his recently published book *African Chronicles: A Memoir* on November 17, 2010 at Saint Mary's University at a reception and reading for friends and colleagues; and

Whereas Burris is the founder of the Nova Scotia Gambia Association and worked for 20 years in education, health and community development in West Africa; and

Whereas African Chronicles: A Memoir tells the compelling and inspirational stories of Burris and Louanne Devanney's work and travels in Africa with Canada's then new International Assistance Program;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Burris Devanney on the publishing of his memoirs and applaud his ongoing spirit of volunteerism and adventure and his strong commitment to making a difference in our world.

RESOLUTION NO. 3107

By: Ms. Diana Whalen (Halifax Clayton Park)

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

Whereas Dress for Success Halifax raised over \$10,000 at their first annual Kick it Up fundraiser on November 25th; and

Whereas since 2001, Dress for Success Halifax has helped more than 900 disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a support network and career development tools; and

Whereas Kick it Up was a successful event put on by committed board members and volunteers and attended by many supporters that helped raise awareness of Dress for Success in Halifax;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the organizers of the Kick it Up for Dress for Success fundraiser for its success in raising awareness of and funds for this important organization.

By: Mr. Andrew Younger (Dartmouth East)

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

Whereas on Monday, December 1, 2010, the Consumers' Choice Awards were presented at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax; and

Whereas the Consumers' Choice Awards are determined by an independent research firm for Consumers' Choice Institute (Canada) by surveying consumers and is unique to North America because it is the consumer who determines the winners, not a panel of judges; and

Whereas the winners of the Consumers' Choice Award can be extremely proud of their accomplishments as the award is considered to be a seal of excellence throughout industry;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate McBurney Pools and Spas for receiving the 2010 Consumers' Choice Award for the category of Swimming Pool Contractor and wish them continued success in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3109

By: Mr. Andrew Younger (Dartmouth East)

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

Whereas on Monday, December 1, 2010, the Consumers' Choice Awards were presented at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax; and

Whereas the Consumers' Choice Awards are determined by an independent research firm for Consumers' Choice Institute (Canada) by surveying consumers and is unique to North America because it is the consumer who determines the winners, not a panel of judges; and

Whereas the winners of the Consumers' Choice Award can be extremely proud of their accomplishments as the award is considered to be a seal of excellence throughout industry; Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Metro Self-Storage for receiving the 2010 Consumers' Choice Award for the category of Storage - Self-Service (Local) and wish them continued success in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3110

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas Jim Saunders was recently inducted into the Bridgetown Area Sports Hall of Fame on November 20, 2010, to a sold out crowd who had gathered to honour legendary greats in the Bridgetown sports world; and

Whereas time and time again Coach Saunders' teams skated repeatedly to victory, often persevering against stronger teams to emerge as the victors; and

Whereas Mr. Saunders for over a decade behind the bench or on the ice inspired players to believe in themselves and strive for the best possible outcome, and, as a result, garnered many provincial championship wins;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Mr. Jim Saunders on his recent induction and thank him for his dedication to sport in Bridgetown.

RESOLUTION NO. 3111

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas on November 20, 2010, "Doc" Scanlan was inducted into the inaugural Bridgetown area Sports Hall of Fame in the category of coach; and

Whereas for 13 years "The Doc" guided young men along life's journey as he taught them that discipline, manners and hard work apply to matters both on and off the court; and

Whereas during the "Scanlan Years", from 1979 to 1992, the BRHS Senior Boys Trojans won three provincial A championships, many NSSAF regional titles and learned that win or lose, they could always be proud of who they were and the school and town they represented;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Dr. Dennis Scanlan on his induction and wish him all the best in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 3112

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas Nictaux resident George Fairn was recently awarded the prestigious 50-year award presented by the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists; and

Whereas Mr. Fairn has worked as a pharmacist for over half a century, starting out at the age of 15 as a summer student at Mumford's Drug Store in Middleton; and

Whereas Mr. Fairn, to this day, is still employed as a managing pharmacist at the Atlantic Superstore in Kingston where he continues to do what he loves in a fulfilling and rewarding career, serving the public;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Mr. George Fairn on his recent award and wish him continued success and happiness in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 3113

By: Mr. Leo Glavine (Kings West)

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

Whereas on December 1, 2010, the Consumers' Choice Awards were presented at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax; and

Whereas the Consumers' Choice Awards are determined by an independent research firm for Consumers' Choice Institute (Canada) by surveying consumers and is unique to North America because it is the consumer who determines the winners, not a panel of judges; and

Whereas the winners of the Consumers' Choice Award can be extremely proud of their accomplishments as the award is considered to be a seal of excellence throughout industry; Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Beltone The Hearing Aid Centre Inc. for receiving the 2010 Consumers' Choice Award for the category of Hearing Aid Service and wish them continued success in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 3114

By: Mr. Leo Glavine (Kings West)

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

Whereas veterans have served our country, defended our rights and made Canada and the world a better place to live; and

Whereas on November 6, 2010, the community of Kingston gathered to support our veterans by joining them in a rally to encourage the federal government to protect the rights of vets; and

Whereas Steve and Roseanne Dornan were the key organizers of Kingston's Veterans Rally;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly recognize the contributions made by our veterans and congratulate Steve and Roseanne Dornan for the success they had in coordinating the Kingston's Veterans Rally.

RESOLUTION NO. 3115

By: Mr. Alfie MacLeod (Cape Breton West)

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

Whereas a Toronto Star feature story in the summer of 2008 recognized that Nova Scotia had more centenarians than elsewhere in the country; and

Whereas centenarians have witnessed many changes to society during their long lives; and

Whereas Beulah MacLeod from Louisbourg celebrated her 101st birthday on November 23rd and has been a member of Nova Scotia's centenarian club for more than a year now;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly extend their sincere and best wishes to Beulah MacLeod on celebrating 101 years and wish her continued happiness and good cheer.

RESOLUTION NO. 3116

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Sheila Pitts for her 14 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3117

By: Hon. Cecil Clarke (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas since 1997, the Celtic Colours International Festival has featured hundreds of musicians from all over the Celtic world and has attracted tens of thousands of visitors to Cape Breton Island - for nine days in October, Cape Breton Island is home to a unique celebration of music and culture; and

Whereas one of the things that sets the Celtic Colours apart from the vast majority of festivals taking place around the globe is that it isn't limited to just one location, communities around Cape Breton Island host concerts and workshops at a time when the Fall leaves are at their most brilliant; and

Whereas for the last two years, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines has been the venue for concerts under the leadership of Cyril Aker and the Stewardship Committee of this church, and after countless hours of preparation the volunteers presented Brenda Stubbert's Reel;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Cyril, the Stewardship Committee and all of the volunteers across Cape Breton that make this festival a world-class event.

RESOLUTION NO. 3118

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Sheila Britten for her 26 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3119

By: Hon. Cecil Clarke (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas the Ladies Auxiliary of the Northside Harbour View Hospital recently donated a gazebo and outside furniture to the veterans of the hospital; and

Whereas president Judy Bailey was pleased their donation would allow the veterans an outside facility to be used in good and bad weather; and

Whereas the ladies auxiliary's fundraising activities also support scholarships and cancer research;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Ladies Auxiliary of the Northside Harbour View Hospital for their dedication in improving the lives of our veterans.

RESOLUTION NO. 3120

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Rosanna Boudreau for her 5 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3121

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 First Annual Festival of Trees was held on November 20, 201 at the Fanning Education Centre in conjunction with the Star of the Sea Parish Annual Community Christmas Dinner; and

Whereas local businesses and community organizations entered trees and these trees were judged by those attending the dinner with the first place award going to Canso Seaside Manor; and

Whereas all proceeds at this event were donated to the Canso Food Bank;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Star of the Sea Parish for hosting the First Annual Festival of Trees and giving the community a festive opportunity to support the Canso Food Bank.

RESOLUTION NO. 3122

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 veteran Maudie Matthews was a pioneer among women who served in the Air Force during WWII; and

Whereas Maudie Matthews joined the Canadian Air Force at 19 years old and, although there were obstacles along the way, she was not deterred and her strengths and abilities were quickly recognized when she was awarded a promotion to corporal after only six months of joining the Air Force; and

Whereas her determination and perseverance helped break down the barriers of gender discrimination in the Canadian Air Force and she feels the military provided her with a great life education;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Maudie Matthews on her determination and contribution to the Canadian Military and thank her for continued contributions to her community.

RESOLUTION NO. 3123

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 on January 6, 2011, Viola Snyder of Guysborough in the Constituency of Guysborough-Sheet Harbour will celebrate her 100th birthday; and

Whereas Viola Snyder, born in 1911 and raised in Halfway Cove, was a homemaker and awesome cook who tended to the needs of four daughters and one son, now enjoys quilting and knitting; and

Whereas Viola, a friend to all who was always willing to share a cup of tea, will celebrate her 100th year milestone on January 8, 2011 with many family and friends at the Milford Haven Home for Special Care;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Viola on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend her very best wishes for many more such celebrations in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 3124

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 Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 56 in the community of Sherbrooke honoured both veterans and fellow legion members for their years of service, commitment and dedication; and

Whereas following a church service held on November 11, 2010, a dinner and awards ceremony was held at the Lions Hall in Sherbrooke where service pins were presented to six of the legion's own; and

Whereas Branch President Gregor Lambourne presented a long-time service pin to Terry Smith for 30 years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Terry Smith of Legion Branch No. 56 on receiving his 30-year service pin.

RESOLUTION NO. 3125

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 Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 56 in the community of Sherbrooke honoured both veterans and fellow legion members for their years of service, commitment and dedication; and

Whereas following a church service held on November 11, 2010, a dinner and awards ceremony was held at the Lions Hall in Sherbrooke where service pins were presented to six of the legion's own; and

Whereas Branch President Gregor Lambourne presented a long-time service pin to Peter Luard for 15 years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Peter Luard of Legion Branch No. 56 on receiving his 15-year service pin.

RESOLUTION NO. 3126

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 Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 56 in the community of Sherbrooke honoured both veterans and fellow legion members for their years of service, commitment and dedication; and

Whereas following a church service held on November 11, 2010, a dinner and awards ceremony was held at the Lions Hall in Sherbrooke where service pins were presented to six of the legion's own; and

Whereas Branch President Gregor Lambourne presented a long-time service pin to Maureen Brown for 10 years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Maureen Brown of Legion Branch No. 56 on receiving her 10-year service pin.

RESOLUTION NO. 3127

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 Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 56 in the community of Sherbrooke honoured both veterans and fellow legion members for their years of service, commitment and dedication; and

Whereas following a church service held on November 11, 2010, a dinner and awards ceremony was held at the Lions Hall in Sherbrooke where service pins were presented to six of the legion's own; and

Whereas Branch President Gregor Lambourne presented a long-time service pin to Don Dunbar for 35 years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Don Dunbar of Legion Branch No. 56 on receiving his 35-year service pin.

RESOLUTION NO. 3128

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 Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 56 in the community of Sherbrooke honoured both veterans and fellow legion members for their years of service, commitment and dedication; and

Whereas following a church service held on November 11, 2010, a dinner and awards ceremony was held at the Lions Hall in Sherbrooke where service pins were presented to six of the legion's own; and

Whereas Branch President Gregor Lambourne presented a long-time service pin to Carol Michaud for five years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Carol Michaud of Legion Branch No. 56 on receiving her five-year service pin.

RESOLUTION NO. 3129

By: Ms. Lenore Zann (Truro-Bible Hill)

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

Whereas Daniel Stephens is a resident of Millbrook and former member of the 2nd Battalion 8th Marines Regiment who completed two tours in Iraq; and

Whereas Mr. Stephens became concerned about the loss of tradition and culture among the Mi'kmaq youth in Millbrook; and

Whereas Daniel Stephens decided to help reserve tradition by raising funds to build a traditional long house where the youth of the community will have a place to learn about their culture through the teachings of the elders of the community;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature acknowledge Daniel Stephens for recognizing the importance of preserving the culture and traditions of his Mi'kmaq elders and for taking the initiative to build a long house so Millbrook youth will have an opportunity to learn about their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 3130

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas Yarmouth Red Cross co-ordinator Wendy Deveau presented commendation awards to two Yarmouth County men for a water rescue on July 16, 2010 at Mavilette Beach; and

Whereas Yarmouth volunteer firefighter Darren King and his business partner Scott Hurlburt were returning from Clare when they followed police cruisers that were heading for the beach and they were called upon by RCMP officers on the scene to assist in rescuing four victims who were caught in an undertow and in danger of drowning; and

Whereas Darren and Scott, with little regard for their own safety and with considerable help from officers, other firefighters and first responders managed to pull a woman, man and two young girls to safety;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Darren King and Scott Hurlburt for their quick, decisive actions and invaluable assistance during this rescue and thank them for their unselfish act of heroism.

RESOLUTION NO. 3131

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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 together to celebrate the life of an individual; and

Whereas on May 27, 2010, Mrs. Anna Bourque celebrated her 90th birthday; and

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

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House join me in congratulating Anna Bourque on reaching this remarkable milestone in her life and in wishing her many more happy birthdays.

RESOLUTION NO. 3132

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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 together to celebrate the life of an individual; and

Whereas on September 23, 2010, Mr. Gerald Pothier celebrated his 90th birthday; and

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

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House join me in congratulating Gerald Pothier on reaching his remarkable milestone in his life and in wishing him many more happy birthdays and continued good health.

RESOLUTION NO. 3133

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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 together to celebrate the life of an individual; and

Whereas on June 5, 2010, Mrs. Geraldine Doucette celebrated her 80th birthday; and

Whereas to have reached 80 years of age and still be active and able to share with your loved ones the memories gathered over your lifetime is a wonderful reason to celebrate;

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

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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 together to celebrate the life of an individual; and

Whereas on July 11, 2010, Mr. Lawrence Clairmont celebrated his 96th birthday; and

Whereas to have reached 96 years of age and still be active and able to share with your loved ones the memories gathered over your lifetime is a wonderful reason to celebrate;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House join me in congratulating Lawrence Clairmont on reaching this remarkable milestone in his life and in wishing him many more happy birthdays.

RESOLUTION NO. 3135

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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 together to celebrate the life of an individual; and

Whereas on August 9, 2010, Mr. Lawrence Boudreau celebrated his 90th birthday; and

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

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House join me in congratulating Lawrence Boudreau on reaching this remarkable milestone in his life and in wishing him many more happy birthdays.

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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 together to celebrate the life of an individual; and

Whereas on June 26th, 2010, an open house was held in Ste. Anne du Ruisseau to honour Celeste Saulnier, formerly of Abram's River, who turned a very young 90 years of age on July 20th, 2010; and

Whereas Celeste was surrounded by her six children, all her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren, extended family and numerous friends to rejoice in her long life;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Celeste Saulnier on celebrating her 90th birthday and wish her many more happy, healthy years.

RESOLUTION NO. 3137

Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas author Eda J. Le Shan said, "A new baby is like the beginning of all things-wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities"; and

Whereas on August 7, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Samantha and Jason LeBlanc welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Samantha and Jason on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas author Eda J. Le Shan said, "A new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities"; and

Whereas on September 29, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Renée LeBlanc and Graham Spinney welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Renée and Graham on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 3139

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas Bill Cosby once said, "This is the hardest truth for a father to learn: that his children are continuously growing up and moving away from him (until, of course, they move back in)"; and

Whereas on September 3, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Melissa and Russell Amirault welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Melissa and Russell on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas author Eda J. Le Shan said, "A new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities"; and

Whereas on July 20, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Leah and Stephen d'Eon welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Leah and Stephen on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 3141

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas Bill Cosby once said, "This is the hardest truth for a father to learn: that his children are continuously growing up and moving away from him (until, of course, they move back in)"; and

Whereas on June 17, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Kristin and Robyn LeBlanc welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Kristin and Robyn on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas Bill Cosby once said, "This is the hardest truth for a father to learn: that his children are continuously growing up and moving away from him (until, of course, they move back in)"; and

Whereas on September 10, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Kate Pitman and Brandon Crosby welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Kate and Brandon on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 3143

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas Bill Cosby once said, "This is the hardest truth for a father to learn: that his children are continuously growing up and moving away from him (until, of course, they move back in)"; and

Whereas on September 7, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Jennifer Jeffrey and Raymond Doucette welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Jennifer and Raymond on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas Bill Cosby once said, "This is the hardest truth for a father to learn: that his children are continuously growing up and moving away from him (until, of course, they move back in)"; and

Whereas on September 28, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Janelle d'Entremont and Michael Kent welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Janelle and Michael on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 3145

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas author Eda J. Le Shan said, "A new baby is like the beginning of all things-wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities"; and

Whereas on November 17, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Jaime Hatfield and Matthew Saulnier welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Jaime and Matthew on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas author Eda J. Le Shan said, "A new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities"; and

Whereas on June 2, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Crissy and Rejean Doucette welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Crissy and Rejean on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 3147

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas author Eda J. Le Shan said, "A new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities"; and

Whereas on October 3, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Corinne and Matthew d'Eon welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Corinne and Matthew on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas Bill Cosby once said, the hardest truth for a father to learn is that his children are continuously growing up and moving away from him until, of course, they move back in; and

Whereas on November 7, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Ashley Doucette and Justin Hubbard welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Ashley and Justin on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 3149

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas Bill Cosby once said, the hardest truth for a father to learn is that his children are continuously growing up and moving away from him until, of course, they move back in; and

Whereas on October 7, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Ashley Bangay and Nathan Hines welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Ashley and Nathan on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas Bill Cosby once said, the hardest truth for a father to learn is that his children are continuously growing up and moving away from him until, of course, they move back in; and

Whereas on October 23, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Amy and Aubrey Hillyard welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Amy and Aubrey on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 3151

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas Bill Cosby once said, the hardest truth for a father to learn is that his children are continuously growing up and moving away from him until, of course, they move back in; and

Whereas on August 24, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Amanda and Joseph Muise welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Amanda and Joseph on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas Bill Cosby once said, the hardest truth for a father to learn is that his children are continuously growing up and moving away from him until, of course, they move back in; and

Whereas on September 27, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Tanya and Robert Fleming welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Tanya and Robert on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 3153

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas Bill Cosby once said, the hardest truth for a father to learn is that his children are continuously growing up and moving away from him until, of course, they move back in; and

Whereas on September 17, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Chadsey and Daniel d'Entremont welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Chadsey and Daniel on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas Bill Cosby once said, the hardest truth for a father to learn is that his children are continuously growing up and moving away from him until, of course, they move back in; and

Whereas on May 10, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Jasmine and Chad Roberts welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Jasmine and Chad on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 3155

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas author Eda J. Le Shan said, a new baby is like the beginning of all things, wonder, hope and a dream of possibilities; and

Whereas on November 9, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Marcella Henrikson welcomed her son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Marcella on this momentous event in her life and in wishing her many more happy years as a parent.

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas author Eda J. Le Shan said, a new baby is like the beginning of all things, wonder, hope and a dream of possibilities; and

Whereas on May 18, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Renée Muise-Bishara and Joseph Bishara welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Renée and Joseph on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 3157

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas author Eda J. Le Shan said, a new baby is like the beginning of all things, wonder, hope and a dream of possibilities; and

Whereas on June 4, 2010, a very special occasion took place when Samantha Woods and Jacques Comeau welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Samantha and Jacques on this momentous event in their lives and in wishing them many more happy years as parents.

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas on November 20, 2010, Annette Tidd was the first woman to be inducted into the Bridgetown Area Sports Hall of Fame for her outstanding achievement in competitive lawn bowling; and

Whereas Annette boasts an impressive 29 provincial championship titles, nine gold and seven silver Atlantic Canada Lawn Bowling titles, three Canadian Lawn Bowling Championships and eight silver and three bronze medals at the national level; and

Whereas in 1981, Annette proudly represented Team Canada at the World Women's Bowl in Willowdale, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Annette Tidd on a successful 32-year run as one of the finest lawn bowlers in Nova Scotia history and wish her well in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 3159

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas Jaffray Rice was the first to be inducted into the Bridgetown Area Sports Hall of Fame on November 20, 2010 under the category of builder; and

Whereas as owner of VJ Rice Concrete Ltd., Mr. Rice has been responding to the recreational needs of Bridgetown and area for over 30 years; and

Whereas Bridgetown may be a small town, but this town is able to boast a big number of athletic facilities such as tennis courts, an arena, ball field and pool, thanks to the outstanding generosity of Mr. Rice and his commitment to helping provide facilities that support recreation for all;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Jaffray Rice on his recent induction and in thanking him for his unwavering support in Bridgetown and surrounding areas.

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas Bill Hirtle's long and successful history as a coach, particularly in track and field, was lauded and celebrated at his recent induction into the Bridgetown Area Sports Hall of Fame on November 20, 2010; and

Whereas Mr. Hirtle over the years coached many teams to victory but one team in particular, the 1963 BRHS Track and Field Team, was undeniably one of the most formidable provincial teams ever to compete, winning many events and setting four Canadian records in the process; and

Whereas this Bridgetown resident is respected and revered as a teacher, principal, coach and friend to many;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Bill on his much-deserved recognition.

RESOLUTION NO. 3161

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Coach Andrew Verran for the time and effort he put into leading his team to victory.

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Coach Todd Warren for the time and effort he put into leading his team to victory.

RESOLUTION NO. 3163

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Chris Greene for the time and effort he put into leading his team a fifth consecutive victory.

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Greg Hamilton for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

RESOLUTION NO. 3165

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Alexi Karamanos for the time and effort he put into leading his team to fifth consecutive victory.

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Ben Osinga for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

RESOLUTION NO. 3167

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Cody Keagan for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Greg Wagner for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

RESOLUTION NO. 3169

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Jamie Ring for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Juan Sebastian Nassar for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

RESOLUTION NO. 3171

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School's senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Kyle Chute for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School's senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Lee Richardson for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

RESOLUTION NO. 3173

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School's senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Lucas VanRoestel for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School's senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Montgomery Ashby for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

RESOLUTION NO. 3175

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School's senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Reec Hewey for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School's senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Zach Taylor for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

RESOLUTION NO. 3177

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School's senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Channen Brooks for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School's senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Kiefer Theriault for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

RESOLUTION NO. 3179

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School's senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Noah Croft for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas an historic moment was realized on the soccer field at St. F.X. on the afternoon of November 13th when the Bridgetown Regional High School's senior boys soccer team captured the District 3 provincial soccer banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas through determination, co-operation and skill the BRHS Trojans were able to defeat École du Carrefour 3-1, coming back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime; and

Whereas through hours of coaching focused on building skills and adopting a winning attitude, this team has achieved a remarkable and premier achievement in bringing home five consecutive provincial titles;

Therefore be it resolved that Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Cale Saunders for the time and effort he put into leading his team to a fifth consecutive victory.

RESOLUTION NO. 3181

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Alfred Boudreau for his 14 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish him continued success in his employment.

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Angela Dorey for her 22 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3183

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Charles MacDonald for his eight years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish him continued success in his employment.

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Chrissy DeRoach for her 10 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3185

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Colleen Dorey for her three years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Connie Pierce for her four years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3187

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Eric Burke for his 13 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish him continued success in his employment.

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Cynthia Landry for her 24 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3189

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Darlene Short for her 13 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Debbie Dorey for her 31 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3191

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Doreen Boudreau for her 11 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Dr. Laurie MacNeil for his 27 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish him continued success in his employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3193

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Edwina Touesnard for her 19 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Lisa Dewolf for her 14 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3195

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Gail Poirier for her 20 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Jennifer Boudreau for her 11 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3197

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Jessica Gibson for her two years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Kanina Clorey for her 11 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3199

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Karen Marchand for her 25 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Lisa Boudreau for her 14 years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3201

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Madonna Broaders for her nine years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mary Anne David for her six years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3203

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Richmond)

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

Whereas St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat is a great place for our seniors and those who need care because of the important role played by each employee; and

Whereas it takes a certain kind of person to have the proper skills and ability to work in a nursing care centre; and

Whereas on Friday, November 19, 2010, St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre held an awards ceremony at the New Horizon Seniors Club in Arichat to honour staff for their years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Roberta Lee Mury for her two years of service with St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre and wish her continued success in her employment.