



DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS

Speaker: Honourable Gordon Gosse

Published by Order of the Legislature by Hansard Reporting Services and printed by the Queen's Printer.

Available on INTERNET at <http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/proceedings/hansard/>**Fourth Session****MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012**

TABLE OF CONTENTS	PAGE
PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS:	
TIR: Upper Branch Rd. - Upgrade, Mr. G. Ramey	2148
PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:	
Private & Local Bills Committee, Mr. G. Burrill	2149
Law Amendments Committee, Hon. R. Landry	2149
Law Amendments Committee, Hon. R. Landry	2150
TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS:	
Justice: N.S. Civil Procedure Rules - Amendment (05/10/12), Hon. R. Landry	2150

NOTICES OF MOTION:

Res. 1147, Les Red Caps de Petit-de-Grat - 65 ^e Anniversaire, Hon. M. Samson	2150
Vote - Affirmative.....	2152
Res. 1148, Farrell, Comrade Michael - Legion/Commun.: Dedication - Congrats., Mr. A. MacLeod	2152
Vote - Affirmative.....	2152
Res. 1149, Foley, Tom - Prov. Vol. Award, Mr. C. MacKinnon	2153
Vote - Affirmative.....	2153
Res. 1150, Valley Stationers - Anniv. (50 th), Mr. L. Glavine.....	2153
Vote - Affirmative.....	2154
Res. 1151, Griffin, Paul: Marine Atl. CEO - Appt., Mr. E. Orrell.....	2154
Vote - Affirmative.....	2155
Res. 1152, Krzywonos, Lech - Filan Leadership Award, Ms. L. Zann (by Mr. G. Burrill).....	2155
Vote - Affirmative.....	2156
Res. 1153, Davis, Bob - Debert Fire Brigade Serv. Award (25 Yrs.), Hon. K. Casey	2156
Vote - Affirmative.....	2156
Res. 1154, Martell, Laurel: CD Release - Congrats., Mr. A. MacLeod	2157
Vote - Affirmative.....	2157
Res. 1155, Jolly Workers (Black Rock): Dedication - Recognize, Mr. J. Morton	2157
Vote - Affirmative.....	2158
Res. 1156, Haley, Ryan: Acad. Graduation/Awards - Congrats., Ms. K. Regan	2158
Vote - Affirmative.....	2159
Res. 1157, Caldwell, Sam: Hockey Season - Congrats., Mr. E. Orrell.....	2159
Vote - Affirmative.....	2160
Res. 1158, Carrolls Corner Commun. Ctr. - Enhancement: Participants - Congrats., Mr. G. Burrill	2160
Vote - Affirmative.....	2161
Res. 1159, Lawrence, Calvin: Yar. Town & Co. Sports Heritage Assoc. Hall of Fame - Induction, Mr. Z. Churchill	2161
Vote - Affirmative.....	2161
Res. 1160, Prem./Energy Min.: Electricity Plan - Control, Mr. C. Porter	2162
Res. 1161, TIR - Digby Neck Bridge: Crews - Amazing Job - Recognize, Mr. H. Theriault.....	2162
Vote - Affirmative.....	2163

Res. 1162, MacDonald, Francis - Commun. Champion Award (2012), Ms. D. Whalen	2163
Vote - Affirmative.....	2164
Res. 1163, Slack, Joe - Great Village & Dist. Fire Brigade Office of Yr. Award, Hon. K. Casey	2164
Vote - Affirmative.....	2165
Res. 1164, Hannah, Theo - Cdn. Jr. Hockey League Award, Ms. K. Regan	2165
Vote - Affirmative.....	2165
Res. 1165, Yar. Oland Exports Sr. C. Hockey Team: Yar. Town & Co. Sports Heritage Assoc. Hall of Fame - Induction, Mr. Z. Churchill.....	2166
Vote - Affirmative.....	2166
Res. 1166, United Arab Emirates: Delegation - Welcome, Hon. P. Paris	2167
Vote - Affirmative.....	2168
Res. 1167, Allen, Don - Commun. Champion Award (2012), Ms. D. Whalen	2168
Vote - Affirmative.....	2168
Res. 1168, Seamus David's Pub - Success: Hynes Fam. - Congrats., Mr. A. Younger (by Ms. K. Regan).....	2169
Vote - Affirmative.....	2169
Res. 1169, Veterans Mem. Wall: Port Hawkesbury Legion Members - Congrats., Hon. M. Samson.....	2169
Vote - Affirmative.....	2170
Res. 1170, Clayton, Custio: London Olympics - Qualification, Mr. A. Younger (by Ms. K. Regan).....	2170
Vote - Affirmative.....	2171
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:	
GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:	
Res. 953, Commun. Access Prog. - CAP Sites Cuts: Gov't. (Can.) - Reconsider	
Mr. J. Morton	2172
Ms. K. Regan	2176
Hon. C. d'Entremont.....	2178
Adjourned debate	2181
Res. 752, Fortress Louisbourg - Cuts: C.B. West MLA - Fed. Conservatives Contact	
Ms. P. Birdsall.....	2181
Hon. Manning MacDonald	2184
Mr. A. MacLeod	2187
Motion to adjourn debate	2190
Vote - Negative	2191
Mr. C. MacKinnon.....	2191
Hon. M. Samson	2193
Hon. C. d'Entremont.....	2197
Adjourned debate	2198

ADJOURNMENT, House rose to meet again on Tue., May 15 th at 12:00 noon	2199
NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3):	
Res. 1171, Southwell, Rustum: Retirement - Congrats., Hon. P. Paris	2200
Res. 1172, Taste of East Preston - E. Preston United Baptist Church: Hosting - Congrats., Hon. P. Paris	2200
Res. 1173, Astral Dr. Elem. Sch.: Fam. Diversity Wk. - Congrats., Ms. B. Kent	2201
Res. 1174, BIO: Research Contribution - Congrats., Hon. S. Belliveau	2201
Res. 1175, Ryl. Cdn. Sea Cadets Iroquois 339: Ceremonial Review (13 th) - Congrats., Ms. B. Kent.....	2202
Res. 1176, E. Passage Buffalo Club: Fundraising - Congrats., Ms. B. Kent	2202
Res. 1177, Cole Hbr. Midget A Hockey Team: 2011-12 Season - Congrats., Ms. B. Kent	2203
Res. 1178, Johnston, Danny: Gov.-Gen.'s Award, Ms. B. Kent	2203
Res. 1179, Melnyk, Jared: Football Achievements - Congrats., Ms. B. Kent	2204
Res. 1180, E. Passage Lions Club Charter - Anniv. (40 th), Ms. B. Kent	2204
Res. 1181, Kempton, Michelle/Chestnutt, Stacy: Not-For-Profit Running Club - Congrats., Ms. B. Kent.....	2205
Res. 1182, Ingram, Paul - Educ. Wk. Award (2012), Ms. B. Kent	2206
Res. 1183, Harmes, Tom: Moose Fun Run (20 th) - Participation, Ms. B. Kent	2206
Res. 1184, Chisholm, Michael: Funding Recommendation - Congrats., The Premier	2207
Res. 1185, Robson, Denise: Boston Marathon - Congrats., The Premier	2207
Res. 1186, Creaser, Ben/Brophy, Michael: Curling Championship - Congrats., The Premier	2208
Res. 1187, Turner, Chris: Film Production - CBC Funding, The Premier	2208
Res. 1188, Robidoux, John/N.S. Wildlife Carvers & Artists Assoc. - Commun. Contribution, The Premier	2209
Res. 1189, Martin, John/Woodlawn Kiwanis Club - Col. John Stewart Elem.: Breakfast Prog. - Support Commend, The Premier	2209
Res. 1190, Way, MacKenzie et al - Polar Bear Swim: Fundraising - Congrats., The Premier	2210
Res. 1191, Auburn Dr. HS Mascot Slowdown: Fundraising - Congrats., The Premier	2210
Res. 1192, Palladium Fam. Rest. - Feed N.S. Fundraising, The Premier	2211

Res. 1193, Falconer, Perry/PetRide: Init. - Commend, The Premier.....	2211
Res. 1194, Wamboldt, Tammy: Beckoning Bears - Bus. Congrats., The Premier.....	2212
Res. 1195, Zwicker, Paige/Stevens, Aaron - TD Scholarships, The Premier.....	2212
Res. 1196, Colter, Amanda et al: Curling Success - Congrats., The Premier.....	2213
Res. 1197, Guysborough Interdenominational Choir: Success - Congrats., Mr. J. Boudreau	2213
Res. 1198, Canso Lions Club: Area Support - Congrats., Mr. J. Boudreau.....	2214
Res. 1199, Sheet Hbr. Addiction Awareness Comm./ Duncan MacMillan HS: Awareness - Congrats., Mr. J. Boudreau.....	2214
Res. 1200, Sharpe, David: Cdn. Olympic Team - Selection, Mr. L. Preyra.....	2215
Res. 1201, Northern Yacht Club: Success - Wish, Mr. E. Orrell.....	2215
Res. 1202, Dart. & Dist. Pipe Band: World Pipe Band Championships - Success Wish, Mr. A. Younger	2216
Res. 1203, Clean Across N.S. - Promote/Participate, Mr. A. Younger.....	2216
Res. 1204, Congdon, Douglas - Great Village & Dist. Fire Brigade O'Brien Award, Hon. K. Casey	2217
Res. 1205, Congdon, Caitlin - NSAC President's List, Hon. K. Casey.....	2217
Res. 1206, Smith, Keltie/Langille, Jennifer - Butter Trail Run: Coordination - Congrats., Hon. K. Casey	2218
Res. 1207, Sabine, Holly: N. Col. HS Student of Mo. (03/12), Hon. K. Casey.....	2218
Res. 1208, Lundie, Drew - Great Village & Dist. Fire Brigade Jr. Firefighter Award, Hon. K. Casey	2219
Res. 1209, Best, Dave - Great Village & Dist. Fire Brigade Long Term Serv. Award (5 Yrs.), Hon. K. Casey	2219
Res. 1210, Best, Jenny - Great Village & Dist. Fire Brigade Long Term Serv. Award (5 Yrs.), Hon. K. Casey	2220
Res. 1211, Boutilier, Roddie "Yogi": C.B. Hall of Fame - Induction, Mr. A. MacLeod.....	2220
Res. 1212, Deveau, Roland: Golf Can. Appt. - Congrats., Hon. W. Gaudet	2221
Res. 1213, Bourse pour le concours du Centre de la francophonie des Amériques 2012 - Félicitations aux élèves, Hon. W. Gaudet.....	2221
Res. 1214, Élèves de l'université Sainte-Anne: Levée de fonds - Remerciements, Hon. W. Gaudet.....	2222

Res. 1215, Crouse, Megan - Queens Co. Music Fest. Award, Ms. V. Conrad.....	2222
Res. 1216, Inglis, Lincoln - Queens Co. Music Fest. Award, Ms. V. Conrad.....	2223
Res. 1217, Mersey Youth Jazz Band - Queens Co. Music Fest. Award, Ms. V. Conrad.....	2223
Res. 1218, Karavos, Stephen - Queens Co. Music Fest Awards, Ms. V. Conrad.....	2224
Res. 1219, Miller, Tiffany - Queens Co. Music Fest. Award, Ms. V. Conrad.....	2224
Res. 1220, Whynot, Robyn - Queens Co. Music Fest. Award, Ms. V. Conrad.....	2225
Res. 1221, Queens Co. Girls Choir - Queens Co. Music Fest. Awards, Ms. V. Conrad.....	2225
Res. 1222, Wilms, Pyper - Queens Co. Music Fest. Award, Ms. V. Conrad.....	2226
Res. 1223, N. Queens Commun. Sch. Choir - Queens Co. Music Fest. Award, Ms. V. Conrad.....	2226
Res. 1224, Townsend, Nicholas - Queens Co. Music Fest. Awards, Ms. V. Conrad.....	2227
Res. 1225, MacLeod, Makayla - Queens Co. Music Fest. Award, Ms. V. Conrad.....	2227
Res. 1226, Anthony, Lori - Queens Co. Music Fest. Award, Ms. V. Conrad.....	2228



HALIFAX, MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012

Sixty-first General Assembly

Fourth Session

4:00 P.M.

SPEAKER

Hon. Gordon Gosse

DEPUTY SPEAKERS

Ms. Becky Kent, Mr. Leo Glavine, Mr. Alfie MacLeod

MADAM SPEAKER: Order, please. We will now commence with the daily routine.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg West.

MR. GARY RAMEY: Madam Speaker, I beg leave to present a "Petition to Maintain the Upper Branch Road." The operative clause reads:

"Whereas . . . the Upper Branch Road is a safety hazard due to sub-standard construction, crumbling asphalt and deep potholes. Water, snow and darkness hide the hazards that cause vehicle damage and accidents."

And it goes on to say a number of other things about that road.

Madam Speaker, I have affixed my signature to it.

MADAM SPEAKER: The petition actually has to have some form of an ask or request in the operative clause.

MR. RAMEY: Well, there are several other clauses that ask it to be paved - repaved, sorry.

MADAM SPEAKER: Well, we would ask for that to be read then, please, into the record.

MR. RAMEY: Do you want me to keep on going?

MADAM SPEAKER: I want you to read the part that has the "ask".

MR. RAMEY: All right.

"Whereas . . . many seniors and others are fearful of driving on this damaged and poorly constructed road. Residents, [sic] relatives and friends frequently restrict travel due to the poor road conditions . . . snowplows are not capable of properly removing snow from the contorted and damaged road surface . . . numerous vehicles have been severely damaged and suffer ongoing and exceptional stress and wear due to contact with pot holes, depressions, ridges and missing sections of asphalt.

We, the undersigned residents . . ."

MADAM SPEAKER: Right, that's the part we need.

MR. RAMEY: You might as well hear it all:

"We, the undersigned residents of the Upper Branch and area district, request that the Upper Branch Road be upgraded to a safe and maintainable standard. Our safety, economy and daily transportation depend on the proper maintenance of this critical roadway."

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

The petition is tabled.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable member for Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley.

MR. GARY BURRILL: Madam Speaker, as Chairman of Friday's meeting of the Private and Local Bills Committee, I am directed to report that the committee has met and considered the following bill:

Bill No. 90 - Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Act.

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

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

The honourable Minister of Justice.

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

Bill No. 81 - Gaming Control Act.

Bill No. 82 - Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations Incorporation Act.

Bill No. 84 - Dalhousie University-Nova Scotia Agricultural College Merger Act.

Bill No. 87 - Good Forestry Management on Crown Land Act.

Bill No. 88 - Maritime Link Act.

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

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

The honourable Minister of Justice.

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

Bill No. 86 - NewPage Port Hawkesbury Pension Plans Act.

and the committee recommends this bill to the favourable consideration of the House, with certain amendments.

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

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Justice.

HON. ROSS LANDRY: Madam Speaker, in my capacity as the Attorney General, and pursuant to Section 51 of the Judicature Act, I hereby beg leave to table revisions to the Civil Procedure Rules that were made in accordance with the Judicature Act by the Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia on May 10, 2012.

MADAM SPEAKER: The report is tabled.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

NOTICES OF MOTION

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable member for Richmond.

RESOLUTION NO. 1147

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

Attendu que les Red Caps, équipe de baseball de Petit-de-Grat, a une longue et fière histoire au niveau local, provincial et national; et

Attendu que l'équipe, créée en 1947 et intronisée au Temple de la renommée des sports de la Nouvelle-Écosse, a accueilli 210 joueurs différents, a remporté 40 championnats atlantiques, et locaux de l'Association du baseball amateur de Richmond, en 2006 a remporté le championnat national dans la division 35+, en 2011 a remporté la médaille d'argent dans la division Tier 1 44+ et a remporté le Tier II dans la division 35+ au championnat national, et détient le record de douze championnats consécutifs de l'Association du baseball amateur de Richmond, soit de 1990 à 2010; et

Attendu que, du 20 au 22 juillet, les joueurs actuels et les anciens joueurs se réuniront pour célébrer le 65^e anniversaire des Red Caps, ainsi que le retour des équipes participant aux divisions Tier 1 44+ et Tier II 35+ aux championnats nationaux qui auront lieu plus tard cet été à Summerside, à l'Î.-P.-É;

Par conséquent, il est résolu que les membres de cette Assemblée se joignent à moi pour féliciter les Red Caps de Petit-de-Grat pour leur 65^e anniversaire et pour leur souhaiter un succès continu;

Madame le Président, je demande l'adoption de cette résolution sans préavis et sans débat.

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

Whereas the Petit-de-Grat Red Caps baseball team has a long, proud history at the local, provincial and national levels; and

Whereas the Red Caps, first created in 1947 and now enshrined in the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame, has seen 210 different players, won 40 Richmond Amateur Baseball Association (RABA) provincial and Atlantic championships, in 2006 won national championships in the 35+ division, in 2011 won silver in the Tier 1 44+ division and the Tier 2 championship in the 35+ at Nationals, along with a record 12 consecutive RABA championships from 1999 to 2010; and

Whereas from July 20th to July 22nd, both current and former players will gather to celebrate the Red Caps 65th Anniversary, along with a return of the Tier 1 44+ and the Tier 2 35+ teams at the Nationals later this summer in Summerside, P.E.I.;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Petit-de-Grat Red Caps on their 65th Anniversary, and wish the team and players continued success.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Cape Breton West.

RESOLUTION NO. 1148

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

Whereas Comrade Michael Farrell from Sydney Forks has been an active member of Branch 151 Legion in East Bay for the past 56 years; and

Whereas since receiving the Meritorious Service Medal in 1993, Comrade Farrell has been a conscientious, hard-working Legion member who never hesitates to volunteer for the most arduous tasks; and

Whereas Comrade Farrell acts as mentor to everyone involved in Branch 151 by spreading his wisdom, knowledge and stories to everyone;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Comrade Michael Farrell as he continues his dedicated service to all his comrades and to his community.

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

MADAM 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 Pictou East.

RESOLUTION NO. 1149

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

Whereas the 38th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held in Halifax on April 2, 2012, with over 70 awards being presented to outstanding Nova Scotia volunteers; and

Whereas Tom Foley of Westville, Pictou County, a retired school teacher, was honoured with a Provincial Volunteer Award on behalf of the Town of Westville to honour him for his many volunteer contributions; and

Whereas this Provincial Volunteer Award is an acknowledgement of Tom Foley's extensive history of volunteer service to his community of Westville, to the Pictou County Food Bank and to his church, county and province;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Tom Foley on his Provincial Volunteer Award and thank him for his many years of volunteer service.

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

MADAM 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. 1150

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

Whereas Valley Stationers Ltd. has not only managed to stay in business for 50 years, it has grown and become a leader in Nova Scotia and across Canada; and

Whereas the business was established by Douglas Morrison as a supplier of office stationery products to local businesses and today provides all the products for a modern office, distributing them through offices in Kentville, Halifax and New Glasgow; and

Whereas Ian and Leigh joined the business and continued their father's legacy of commitment to the customer and built success on repeat business, and as Ian told the Nova Scotia Business Journal in 1990, "we're big enough to serve, small enough to care," and it stands true today;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Valley Stationers on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary and wish them every success in the future.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Cape Breton North.

RESOLUTION NO. 1151

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

Whereas Paul Griffin was appointed president and CEO for Marine Atlantic for a five-year term; and

Whereas Paul has demonstrated his leadership skills as interim president and CEO, and his experience will be a tremendous asset to the corporation and hundreds of people employed with the passenger and commercial marine transportation service between the island of Newfoundland and the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas with a revitalized Marine Atlantic and with Paul at the helm, the people of Cape Breton North and all Nova Scotians look forward to a prosperous and productive relationship with Marine Atlantic;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Paul Griffin on his new appointment.

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

MADAM 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-Musquodoboit Valley.

RESOLUTION NO. 1152

MR. GARY BURRILL: Madam Speaker, on behalf of the member for Truro-Bible Hill, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Lech Krzywonos is the academic chair of the School of Access at the Nova Scotia Community College in Truro, as well as a graduate of the MED program at UPEI; and

Whereas Lech Krzywonos was one of only two Canadians chosen to receive the prestigious 2012 Gary Filan Excellence in Leadership Award and Scholarship based on his outstanding participation in a foundation academy, as well as his contribution to the overall academy experience; and

Whereas Lech Krzywonos received his award at the Chair Academy's 21st Annual International Leadership Conference that took place from March 26th to 29th in Atlanta, Georgia and while there he also received a scholarship to attend an advanced leadership academy to further his leadership education;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Lech Krzywonos on being the recipient of this very prestigious 2012 Gary Filan Excellence in Leadership Award and thank him for his dedication and outstanding leadership in the field of education.

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

MADAM 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. 1153

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

Whereas rural Nova Scotians for many years have depended on the members of volunteer fire brigades to keep their families and properties safe from fire; and

Whereas training, fundraising, first aid, recruitment and public relations are only a few of the many additional responsibilities of the members of a fire brigade; and

Whereas firefighters seldom receive the accolades which they deserve, most brigades do hold a banquet each year to thank all of those members and to present special honours;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Bob Davis of the Debert Fire Brigade, Colchester North, for receiving his 25 Year Service Award.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Cape Breton West.

RESOLUTION NO. 1154

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

Whereas Laurel Martell from Albert Bridge recently recorded her first full-length CD, called *When It Rains*; and

Whereas Laurel has been an active participant in the local Cape Breton music scene for years; and

Whereas Laurel has performed on just about every stage in the area as a lead or backup singer with many bands;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Laurel Martell on her recent CD and wish her the very best for years to come.

Mr. Speaker - Madam Speaker, sorry about that. Madam Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

By the way, you are better looking than Mr. Speaker any day.

MADAM SPEAKER: No comment on that, although I wouldn't argue with you.

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. 1155

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

Whereas the Jolly Workers have been serving the community of Black Rock for 80 years by holding countless benefits, breakfasts, suppers, and other activities which have benefited Black Rock and the surrounding community; and

Whereas Jean Calkin, Cora Crocker, Evelyn Doherty, Marjorie Pineo, Joyce Brydon, Marion Balsor, Eva Turner, Grace Balsor, and Ida Gould all worked in the hall in the early days before they had running water, when water had to be carried in to wash dishes; and

Whereas the Black Rock Jolly Workers will be honouring these nine former members and celebrating their 80th Anniversary at a special tea at the Black Rock Community Hall on May 19, 2012;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the dedicated work of the Jolly Workers, both past and present, and congratulate them on their many years of service.

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

MADAM 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. 1156

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

Whereas Ryan Haley of Hammonds Plains graduated today, May 14, 2012, from Acadia University with a Bachelor of Applied Science and a Certificate of Applied Science; and

Whereas Ryan received the Chipman Medal, which is awarded to the graduating student from the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science whose overall average is closest to that of the Governor General's medalist, and also received the Mounce Medal in Engineering, awarded to the student receiving the Certificate of Applied Science who has the highest average in the program; and

Whereas Ryan was also awarded the Frederic H. Sexton Scholarship in Engineering, the Engineers Nova Scotia Award, and the Nova Scotia Power Centennial Scholarship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ryan Haley on his degree, his certificate, his medals, and his awards and scholarships, and wish him continued success in his academic endeavours.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Cape Breton North.

RESOLUTION NO. 1157

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

Whereas Sam Caldwell, a North Sydney defenceman, just finished his fourth and final season of junior hockey, having played three and a half seasons with the Truro Bearcats; and

Whereas in January, Sam was traded to the Woodstock Slammers and he scored the game-winning goal in the 3-2 win over the Nepean Raiders in the championship game to win the Fred Page Cup Eastern Canadian Junior A hockey championship; and

Whereas Sam and the Slammers represented Eastern Canada in the Royal Bank Cup at the national Junior A tournament and came second to the Penticton Vees by one goal;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sam Caldwell and the Slammers for a great year and many memories in Junior A hockey.

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

MADAM 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-Musquodoboit Valley.

RESOLUTION NO. 1158

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

Whereas the Carroll's Corner Community Centre hosts a wide variety of programs, including weekly card parties, dances, and the 4YC youth group, as well as a range of community events; and

Whereas the community centre is operated by a strong and dedicated board of directors, who have recently been active with a series of facility upgrades in such areas as heating, lighting, siding, paint, the water system, and the windows; and

Whereas building on the work over many years of Jackie and the late John George, the recently reconfigured board under chair Merridy Rankin has established a solid and productive relationship with the Halifax Regional Municipality and a newly reinvigorated relationship with the community as a whole;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate all those involved with the Carroll's Corner Community Centre on the ongoing enhancement of community life which the centre continues to provide.

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

MADAM 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. 1159

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

Whereas Calvin Lawrence, originally from the Yarmouth area, began his boxing career in his home province, becoming the Nova Scotia champion while serving as a police officer in Halifax; and

Whereas Calvin Lawrence, who had a 10-1 record, proceeded to win both the Eastern Canadian Championship and the Canadian Heavyweight title and won a bronze medal at the 1974 Winter Games, which led to an invitation to participate in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal for which he was unable to get the time off to train and chose, instead, to focus on his career and eventually joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and

Whereas on May 5, 2012, Calvin Lawrence was inducted into the Yarmouth Town and County Sports Heritage Association's Hall of Fame;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Calvin Lawrence on being inducted into the Yarmouth Town and County Sports Heritage Association's Hall of Fame and recognize him for his impressive accomplishments in boxing.

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

MADAM 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. 1160

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

Whereas the Minister of Energy is steadfast about his government's bite-the-bullet higher electricity bills plan; and

Whereas Nova Scotia Power's latest application for 3 per cent rate increases in 2013 and 2014, respectively, will take a total of \$123.85 million from the pockets of Nova Scotians; and

Whereas if approved by the URB, residential customers will be forced to pay an extra \$34.8 million in 2013, another \$37.1 million in 2014, for a total of slightly more than \$72 million;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly encourage the Premier and his Minister of Energy to get a grip on their bite-the-bullet electricity plan and understand Nova Scotians do not have millions of extra dollars to pay for their electricity bills.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Digby-Annapolis.

RESOLUTION NO. 1161

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

Whereas on Thursday night, May 10, 2012, a serious rainstorm in western Nova Scotia washed out a bridge on Highway No. 217 that is the only route in and out of Digby Neck and Islands for 2,000 people; and

Whereas within hours the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal crews from Digby, Annapolis and Middleton went to work around the clock, first

rerouting traffic through Nova Scotia Power's Windmill Road, which is six kilometres through the woods, only one lane and traffic travelling at 15 kilometres per hour; and

Whereas the department's crews and other local contractors went to work, they took out what was left of the old bridge, started rebuilding and by May 15th this new bridge will be replaced and they are doing this amazing and speedy rebuilding by working around the clock, non-stop;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly recognize this amazing and speedy job these workers have done to help the stranded people on Digby Neck and Islands and also Nova Scotia Power for providing a temporary route through their Digby Neck Windmill Road.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Halifax Clayton Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 1162

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

Whereas on May 2, 2012, the Halifax Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee held their annual Community Champion Awards Dinner to recognize outstanding volunteers who consistently dedicate their time and talents to improving the lives of others; and

Whereas Francis MacDonald has always been an outgoing, involved volunteer who gives his all to community causes like the Build it Right organization, which after three years successfully lobbied government and gained public support for a world-class recreation centre, which became a reality with the opening of the Canada Games Centre in Clayton Park; and

Whereas Francis is always the first to help others in need, has been president of the Halifax Clayton Park Liberal Association, and since 2008 has raised more than \$19,000 for Feed Nova Scotia through events and fundraising with his staff at HomeLife Atlantic Realty;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House congratulate Francis MacDonald on receiving a 2012 Community Champion Award, thank him for his tremendous contributions to his community and province, and wish him every success in the future.

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

MADAM 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. 1163

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

Whereas Nova Scotia's fire brigades are made up of individuals who are dedicated to serving others and those brigades are actively recruiting new members at all times; and

Whereas firefighters contribute hard work, skills and time, often risk their lives, and they have taken on the role of first responder, and deal with incidents of great emotional stress; and

Whereas firefighters seldom receive the accolades which they deserve, most fire brigades do hold a banquet to thank their members and to present special awards;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Joe Slack of Great Village and District Fire Brigade, Colchester North, for receiving the Officer of the Year Award.

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

MADAM 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. 1164

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

Whereas the Canadian Junior Hockey League named Bedford resident Theodore Hannah the Scholastic Player of the Year at the site of the RBC Cup National Championships in Humboldt, Saskatchewan on Saturday, May 12, 2012; and

Whereas the defenceman with the Carleton Place Canadians of the Junior A Central Canada Hockey League was selected from among 10 finalists, one from each league in the CJHL, and will receive a \$5,000 scholarship; and

Whereas Theo has also been selected to play hockey for the Ivy League's Amherst College in Massachusetts, and will head there in September to study and play hockey;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House congratulate Theo Hannah on his award and on his admittance to Amherst College, and wish him well in all his endeavours, both scholastic and sporting.

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

MADAM 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. 1165

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

Whereas the remainder of the 1986-87 season saw the Yarmouth Oland Exports Senior C hockey team struggling for a win and facing elite competition as they hosted the Maritime Championship, where they posted three consecutive wins in round-robin play to advance to the championship game; and

Whereas under the guidance of coach Paul Boudreau, the team, consisting of John Murphy, Paul Hatfield, Chris Newell, Rob Semple, Wayne Thibeau, Maurice Monroe, Allan Nickerson, Trent Nickerson, Shawn Saulnier, Eldon Young, Rob Muise, Earl Hope, Paul Jacquard, Phil LeBlanc, Richie Hubbard, Elroy d'Entremont, Curt Goudey, Chris Goudey, Bill Spence, John Quilty, Kevin Locke, Danny LeBlanc and Cliff Hood Jr., won the championship after defeating Moncton by a score of 2-1; and

Whereas on May 5, 2012, the Yarmouth Oland Exports Senior C hockey team was inducted into the Yarmouth Town and County Sports Heritage Association's Hall of Fame;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Yarmouth Oland Exports Senior C hockey team on being inducted into the Yarmouth Town and County Sports Heritage Association's Hall of Fame and thank them for such an exciting moment in Yarmouth's sport history.

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

MADAM 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 Premier on an introduction.

HON. DARRELL DEXTER (The Premier): Madam Speaker, I would like to introduce to the House of Assembly some guests who are seated in the gallery today. I'm pleased to introduce the Bee'ah delegation from the State of Sharjah in the United Arab

Emirates: His Excellency, Sultan Al Mualla, who is the Director General of Sharjah Municipality; Mr. Abdul Rahman Al Mahmoud, an official with the Municipality of Sharjah; Mr. Khaled Al Huraimel, who is the CEO of Bee'ah; and Mr. Najib Faris, the vice-president of Marketing, Communication and Awareness.

The delegation, Madam Speaker, is visiting Nova Scotia to learn more about our province's solid waste resource management programs and technology, and I think to exchange and make presentations also to the province on behalf of the work that they are currently doing which I understand is very advanced in this area.

So we are very pleased to have them with us and I would ask the members of the House of Assembly to welcome our guests both to Nova Scotia and to the House of Assembly. (Applause)

MADAM SPEAKER: We welcome all our guests to the gallery today and hope you enjoy today's proceedings and certainly enjoy Nova Scotia.

The honourable Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism.

RESOLUTION NO. 1166

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

Whereas the province is currently hosting delegates from the United Arab Emirates, including officials from Bee'ah, the Environmental Agency in Sharjah; and

Whereas this visit is part of government's ongoing efforts to strengthen Nova Scotia's international partnership with the UAE; and

Whereas this government remains committed to working with international partners to help Nova Scotia businesses become more globally competitive and innovative;

Therefore be it resolved that the UAE delegation receive the warm welcome of the House of Assembly, and be congratulated on its work in helping the environment and strengthening international relations with the Province of Nova Scotia.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Halifax Clayton Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 1167

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

Whereas on May 2, 2012, the Halifax Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee held their annual Community Champion Awards dinner to recognize outstanding volunteers who consistently dedicate their time and talents to improving the lives of others; and

Whereas Don Allen, a Korean War veteran and Nova Scotia's representative for the Korean Veterans Association of Canada, was actively involved with HRM in the renaming of a section on Jubilee Road to Veterans Memorial Lane and played a key role in the establishment of the Korean Memorial Park and the Strafford Way Gardens in Clayton Park West; and

Whereas Don has coordinated chapel services every Sunday at the Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Hospital for the past 10 years and Remembrance Day Services each year at the Korean Memorial Park, and continues to coordinate trips to Korea for veterans and spouses;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House congratulate Don Allen on receiving a 2012 Community Champion Award for his leadership to ensure that we remember the sacrifice of those who served during the Korean War, and thank him for his tremendous contribution to his community and province.

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

MADAM 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. 1168

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

Whereas Seamus David's Pub opened on March 21, 2012, in Dartmouth; and

Whereas Seamus David's Pub is owned and operated by Bev and Stephen Hynes and is named after their son and future proprietor, Seamus David; and

Whereas Seamus David's Pub has quickly become a popular meeting spot in Dartmouth;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Hynes family on their success with Seamus David's Pub, and wish them great success in the months and years to come.

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

MADAM 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. 1169

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

Whereas on Sunday, May 6th, I joined veterans, Legionnaires and community members at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 43 in Port Hawkesbury for the addition of names to the Veterans Memorial Wall; and

Whereas the Veterans Memorial Wall was started and finished by veteran Stewart MacDonald, with the intent of getting all of the youth from Port Hawkesbury and surrounding area who fought in both World Wars, Korea and all those who served through NATO, recognized with their names displayed on a wall at the Legion; and

Whereas with the help of Joan MacIntyre, 40 additional names were added to the wall, in a ceremony that included a supper and dance;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating veteran Stewart MacDonald, Joan MacIntyre, and all the members of Port Hawkesbury Legion Branch 43 for their efforts to forever recognize those who fought and served our country in World War I, World War II, Korea, and NATO, through the permanent Veterans Memorial Wall.

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

MADAM 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. 1170

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

Whereas Dartmouth boxer Custio Clayton is a member of the City of Lakes Boxing Club training under coach Gary Johnson; and

Whereas Clayton is a six-time Canadian amateur champion; and

Whereas Clayton qualified in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday, May 12, 2012, to compete for Canada at this summer's London Olympics;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly wish Custio Clayton success at the London Olympics representing Canada, Nova Scotia and Dartmouth, and wish him well on his future professional career post-Olympics.

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

MADAM 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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable Deputy Government House Leader.

MR. CLARRIE MACKINNON: Madam Speaker, would you please call the order of business, Government Motions.

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable Deputy Government House Leader.

MR. CLARRIE MACKINNON: Madam Speaker, would you please call Resolution No. 985. (Interruption)

MADAM SPEAKER: There is some confusion about whether or not the resolution is called correctly. Perhaps we can do that again.

The honourable deputy Government House Leader.

MR. CLARRIE MACKINNON: Thank you very much. I was advised to call two resolutions, Resolution No. 953 and Resolution No. 985. Perhaps we could proceed with one of them and we will find out what the second one is.

MADAM SPEAKER: Tell me which one you need.

The honourable member for Richmond.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Madam Speaker, we were advised earlier that the resolutions to be called tonight would be Nos. 953, 752 and 86, if that is of assistance to the Deputy Government House Leader.

MADAM SPEAKER: I will now call Resolution 953, since we're all in agreement on that one.

Res. No. 953, re Commun. Access Prog. - CAP Sites Cuts: Gov't. (Can.) - Reconsider - notice given May 9/12 - (Mr. J. Morton)

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

MR. JIM MORTON: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I'm glad we got that clarified. I'm happy to rise in my place to speak to Resolution No. 953, something which I read to this House last week. It deals with CAP sites, federally-funded, Community Access Program sites and provincially-funded sites which have been in existence in this province and across Canada since 1995.

Madam Speaker, you may be well aware that in Nova Scotia there are and have been for the last while about 209 CAP sites spread in communities from end to end in this province, in the larger centres, in tiny places and all are important.

The federal government has - last year indicates that in the fiscal year 2011-12 - funded CAP sites in this province to the tune of \$740,263. That was matched or combined with some provincial support of \$340,000 from the Government of Nova Scotia, funding which made it possible to keep these 209 centres open and running.

I guess the reason I'm standing in my place to talk about this - which I think everyone in this House knows - is that the federal government - it's hard for me to hear with the noise in this House.

MADAM SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable member for Kings North has the floor.

MR. MORTON: Thank you. As I was saying, the federal government has decided to discontinue its support for this funding, and I think that's unfortunate. In fact, the announcement of the discontinuation of that funding was delivered in a rather cynical way. Late in the evening of Thursday, April 5th, you will remember - as all my colleagues in this House will remember - that was the evening before a long weekend that began with Good Friday. The federal government sent a letter to CAP site officials across the country advising them that the program, which had been in place for more than 10 years, would be discontinued.

I think that decision tends to fail to recognize the value of those Community Access Program sites. These are valuable community resources. They contribute to economic development by giving everyone in the community access to information. They're an important social resource, because they allow people to connect with family and friends, to make contact with the services they need throughout the community, and in fact, throughout the world.

In many cases what they've done is help introduce older Nova Scotians, in particular, to the world of computer technology and help them become more comfortable with a modern means of being in touch with each other. They've certainly created a means of access for economically disadvantaged or poor Nova Scotians, for those people who may be temporarily poor because they're unemployed and don't have the means to provide themselves with that kind of computer access. Those people who are receiving income assistance, or who maybe are living on minimum wage, have found a Community Access Centre as one of the important ways of staying in touch with the wider world.

People use these centres for a variety of means. Some people might use these centres because they need to do banking; others might find it one of the ways that they can communicate with government - perhaps to file their income tax. It can be a way for people to access health information, which many of us might do from our homes. It can become a way for those people who are unemployed to actually conduct a meaningful job search and stay in touch with the range of jobs that might be available in a community.

It certainly - and I don't think this can be downplayed at all, and it shouldn't be - becomes a way for individuals to maintain family and social contacts. I think it's important for us to understand that in the kind of world we live in, where families have become dispersed, where individuals who may have started out in one part of the country now live in another, the Internet, social media, has become one of the ways in which we communicate with each other. That sense of being in touch with the people we care about, with the people who matter to us, is one of the ways in which we measure our well-being and in which we are able to participate in a full and meaningful way in our community.

In a very practical way, even young people who may be quite computer literate may be part of a family that cannot afford a computer, and this may become one of the ways, through being able to access a CAP site at a library or some other community centre, they're able to do their homework. Certainly this has been, in a general sense . . .

MADAM SPEAKER: Order, please. It's becoming increasingly hard to hear. The chatter is very loud. If you could just keep it down a little bit or perhaps take it out of the Chamber.

The honourable member for Kings North has the floor.

MR. MORTON: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Encouraging computer literacy is an important goal in our society. It continues to be an important objective and it's one we have not yet completed. One of the things that have been documented regularly, but has been certainly documented and publicized since the federal government announced its intention to discontinue this program is that there were 500,000 hours of CAP site Internet time logged in the fiscal year that just ended. The usage numbers over the years since 1995, when the program was implemented, have either remained stable or escalated. There has been no indication that the interest in this program has diminished.

But, Madam Speaker, one of the facts is that without federal support, some of these - maybe all of these but certainly some of these - Community Access Program sites will close. I think of the area that I represent where there are CAP sites in Kingsport, Canning, Kentville or Port Williams, of those people who make use of these resources on a regular basis, some who have learned, and are learning, to use the Internet resources through those locations, when I think of those cases I certainly understand that this is an important resource.

It's not only in Kings North, Madam Speaker, that there are important issues. If one were in Barss Corner in the middle of our province, or in Pugwash, one would also be wondering how they would access resources like this. If one were in Louisbourg, one might be asking about resources like this, and you know my colleague, the member for Pictou East, was mentioning to me just earlier today that he recalls his own time living in the Louisbourg area where the children of people who worked in fish plants were primary users of CAP sites in the local library, using the CAP site as a way to get their homework done, as a way to stay in touch with the world, as a way to get a leg up in the world when their parents couldn't afford to offer that directly through their own home.

CAP sites are not only about simply access to computers, they are about all those things which make it difficult for people who have less income to get access to the resources they need. For somebody who has low income, they may not have good access to telephone services. They may not have adequate transportation; they may not be able to afford even to buy a computer let alone to pay Internet fees. This becomes one of the ways that those disadvantaged people can access the world. For people who run libraries, for librarians and library technicians, the computers and the CAP sites located at the those sites become an important part of the network of resources that libraries offer.

I think probably every member of this House is aware that there are pockets of people who are not experiencing issues with income, who don't have access to adequate Internet because broadband Internet has not yet reached every member of our community. In my own constituency of Kings North there are a number of people who live on the North Mountain of Kings North, a number of people who live under the North Mountain who could well afford broadband Internet services but who cannot access them because, technically, it is not yet possible to provide them. Those people also make use of CAP sites as a way to stay in touch with things that are important to them.

Madam Speaker, we haven't been inactive on this side of the House on this issue; we've committed ourselves to continue providing the provincial portion of this funding. We are hopeful that that funding will enable CAP sites to continue to do as much work as they can. Mr. Eric Stackhouse, who is the Nova Scotia CAP chair, has been leading the provincial effort to reinstate the national funding. I think we have to commend Mr. Stackhouse's work - work, which in the past actually, has been effective in discouraging federal intents to reduce, cut back or eliminate this program.

On our own side of the House, Madam Speaker, the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism has written his colleague in Ottawa, the Honourable Christian Paradis, the Minister of Industry, encouraging Mr. Paradis to rethink his position on this whole issue and pointed out the reasons that he should do that, some of which I've highlighted here today.

I read a resolution in this House, Madam Speaker, just last week, asking my colleagues in the Progressive Conservative Party to do their part to help take up the cause with their federal, maybe-not-so-progressive counterparts. The member for Argyle, the member for Hants West, the member for Inverness, the member for Victoria-The Lakes, the members for Cape Breton West and Cape Breton North, the member for Cumberland South, all of those members could certainly be helpful. Obviously I would expect they would have better contacts than we might have on our side with some of those key people who might be able to help influence Mr. Paradis and those people who have influence in the federal Cabinet and the federal decision making regarding this issue, which is not significant when it's compared with many other things in terms of its financial cost but has a tremendous benefit for those people who are the poorest among us.

Again, Madam Speaker, I do want to say that while there are many more people in 2012 that have access to computer services and Internet access in their own homes, that number has risen to 79 per cent. What that means, while that is an amazing number in a short time, it still means that there are 21 per cent of Canadians who do not have computer access in their own homes. I would suggest that by and large, despite those people who don't have access because of gaps in broadband and the like, those 21 per cent tend to be the people among us who need the largest hand-up, who need to be given every tool they can to take part in the society of which they are entitled to be a part.

Madam Speaker, I think that CAP sites provide one of the means of doing that. So I think that at this point I've said what I intended to say and I will take my seat. I appreciate the opportunity to address this issue and to encourage all of us and, in fact, to encourage Nova Scotians throughout the province, to do their part in encouraging the federal government to encourage a reversal of this decision. Certainly, as I've said, I encourage my colleagues in the Progressive Conservative Party to lead the way in that effort. Thank you.

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

MS. KELLY REGAN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So the CAP sites, better late than never. The CAP site program was started in 1995 at a time when the federal government was going through severe budget cuts but they felt that this program was incredibly important to Canadians, to the Canadian economy, to job searches, et cetera. Back then, 40 per cent of Canadian households had computers, 10 per cent of those had Internet. Today, 79 per cent have Internet, but that doesn't mean that the CAP site program should be cut.

In fact, I'm looking here at a letter to the editor in the Hants Journal. It says: "Conservative government must restore CAP funding":

"Many Nova Scotians will be hurt by the Conservative government's decision to stop funding Community Access Programs (CAP) in hundreds of communities.

CAP sites are used for employment searches and to help seniors and students access government services online. Others rely on CAP to stay connected with family and friends.

And staff at CAP sites provide computer training to individuals and businesses to help them take advantage of emerging technologies.

The decision to stop funding this program will mean many low-income families will continue to be at an educational and economic disadvantage.

I believe we need to do everything we can to convince the Harper government to restore CAP funding and to do it now!"

It is signed Geoff Regan, MP for Halifax West. So because I always listen to my husband, I wanted to participate in today's debate and, in fact, I do believe I've read a resolution on this previously because I believe this is an important program.

In fact, the member for Halifax West's point that the decision to stop funding this program will mean many low-income families will mean many low income families will continue to be at an educational and economic disadvantage is exactly my point. The people who are continuing to use these sites are often - well, they're often poor. They can't afford to have a computer and Internet access at home. They're often elderly or homeless, or they're unemployed, or travelers from out-of-town and they just need a place to check in and let people know what's going on and find out what's going on in the world.

I have to say that I know people who use the CAP site to do their Internet work. Not all of us have Internet sites at home and sometimes you're going through a period where you just can't afford it. Or you're living in a place for a brief period of time and it doesn't make economic sense to set that up, and you have this particular service which has been

helpful. You really have to ask yourself why the federal government chose right before a long weekend, a four-day long weekend, to hack that program. You know that if it was a positive decision, they would have been out front with pictures and cameras and announcements but instead they did it, trying to fly underneath the radar. In fact some of the organizations that had their funding cut didn't even know about the cut right away because they weren't at work when it happened.

Anybody who works in a rural community with small business or with low income people knows that the losing the CAP sites is a problem and significantly the decision to chop this program was made without consultation. Nobody called up the CAP sites and said, is there a better way to do this, is there something we can do? According to an article from the Annapolis County Spectator, they were never consulted about this. They've asked for discussions on how to adjust the program to meet government priorities. You have to ask yourself, what does the government think people are doing on those particular sites? We know from talking to CAP volunteers that people are looking for jobs online. CAP volunteers help seniors file for income tax. They help laid-off workers apply for EI online and they work with community groups on projects that require online research or even the printing of a final project if they've been working on it.

Some people come in and they have their resumes done up and the CAP volunteers are actually helping them. They may need some assistance with literacy issues and the CAP volunteers are doing that. That service is going to be lost without the funding from the federal government which wasn't huge in per site per dollar, in terms of dollars, but what it was - it often paid to keep the heat on, to keep the lights on. We weren't paying the volunteers, we are talking about just actually running the computers and that kind of thing.

If you look at the federal government's rationale for chopping this, they said that it launched, as I said, in 1995 but then they went on to say it has met its objectives. Well, what were those objectives - to help poor people find their jobs? Poor people are still trying to find jobs, poor people are still trying to access programs. People are still trying to file for EI. They are still trying to file for their income tax on the CAP sites, so how they could conclude that their objectives have been met, when in fact usage has continued to climb year over year, is beyond me. For the federal government to say many more have accessed through their mobile devices, suggesting that, you know, and I believe it was a federal minister who said, well, people can just get it on their iPhone. Well, lots of people don't have iPhones and lots of people don't have cellphones and this program is penalizing them. It's ridiculous.

Now, when I was at the Law Amendments Committee meeting awhile ago, I did ask - no, it wasn't the Law Amendments Committee, pardon me. It was Budget Estimates and I did ask the Minister for Communities, Culture and Heritage - would this government increase the funding to help make up the shortfall from the federal government? We did not hear that they were going to increase their funding, so once again I would say that this government has it within their power to allocate resources to this needed program if the

government wants it to continue. If the government feels this program is important, it can increase the money to it.

Heaven knows I don't want to let the federal government off the hook, but if you believe, if one believes that this program is important, there is something that can be done about it, and the government members have it within their power. As the Leader of my Party often says, this government doesn't have a revenue problem; it has a priority problem. It could decide to make the CAP sites a priority.

Now that I have complained that the NDP isn't funding the program and the Conservatives aren't funding the program, I think I've made my point and I'll take my seat. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable member for Argyle.

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Madam Speaker, I really don't know where to start on this one. There's so much, so much to say on my thoughts to speaking to a resolution on a Monday night.

I have to say, I think it was great in a way that the backbenchers of the NDP had the opportunity to speak. We don't hear from the member for Kings North very often. It was a great opportunity for him to come up and speak tonight and to bring up the issue of CAP sites in this House on the back of a resolution that's presented when this government should be presenting government business. Government business that we can all discuss like bills and laws and regulations - things that are important to Nova Scotians.

How about talking about things that are important, like jobs? How about talking about power rates? How about talking about taxes? Those are the things that this House should be used for, not frivolous resolutions on the floor of this House. (Applause)

Let me speak quickly to CAP sites for a minute before I go on to other discussions that I think we should be talking about in this House of Assembly. We have a wonderful CAP site in the Musée acadien de Pubnico-Ouest, a beautiful CAP site that's been used for years. Since they put it in, it has helped out hundreds of people. Do I think it should stay there? Absolutely, I do think it should be there. The one in Tusket at the Centre Communautaire - do I think that one should be there? Absolutely. You know what? I took the opportunity to talk to my MP, and I took the opportunity to send a few e-mails around. That's the job that I, as an MLA, can do.

Maybe they don't feel that they can do those kinds of things, but they have the opportunity to talk to MPs across this province from one end to another. I'm sure they could talk to MP Megan Leslie. Maybe they could talk to Scott Brison. Maybe they can talk to all these individuals that . . .

AN HON. MEMBER: Peter Stoffer.

MR. D'ENTREMONT: Peter Stoffer, exactly. These are all MPs. How about their own new leader, Mr. Mulcair? They could talk to him. There are lots of things that they can do rather than bring it to the floor of this Legislature to talk about a resolution. Madam Speaker, I have been here walking these halls since 1999, and I have never seen government - except for Wednesday nights in late debate - call one of their resolutions. It's the first time I've ever seen it.

What is wrong here? Why is this here tonight? It's because they don't have anything important to talk about tonight. Maybe the people watching on TV tonight can understand why I'm upset. I have constituents in Argyle who need to meet with their MLA. I had the opportunity to meet with a few of them this morning, but I had to get on the road to be here at 4:00 p.m. to do the business of this House of Assembly, to find out that less than an hour into that procedure, we call a resolution, a government resolution, to debate CAP sites.

Once again, I'm not diminishing the issue of CAP sites. I think they are important, and I think it's one we should work toward, making sure that they stay in areas of Nova Scotia, but what we should be talking about and what the member for Kings North should be talking about is the jobs that have been lost in the Annapolis Valley. Since this government has taken government, the Valley has lost 5,800 jobs. Why isn't the member talking about that? Why isn't he talking within his Party to find more opportunities for people in the Valley?

That's what we should be talking about on the floor of this Legislature, Madam Speaker. I think if the government is really concerned about rural Nova Scotia, they'd be doing something to stop the bleeding. Under the NDP this government has lost 21,000 full-time jobs. Why aren't we talking about that issue on the floor? (Interruption)

The Minister of Finance is speaking over there, why doesn't he get up and talk about it? He knows there are job losses in Nova Scotia. I want him to tell me how many jobs - if it's not 21,000 jobs, why doesn't he tell me how many jobs have actually been lost in Nova Scotia? It's not anything less than zero; it's a heck of a lot more than zero. Is it 10,000 jobs? Is it 15,000 jobs? You know what, it's got to be more than 18,000 jobs. Why doesn't he talk about those things?

This is what this government wanted to bring in. The Deputy Government House Leader brought this resolution forward and we can talk about it until the end of the evening, if he wants. I'm sure there are lots of great ideas that we want to be talking about in resolutions but again, there's been job losses from one end of this province to the other. (Interruptions)

Madam Speaker, if he wants to get up and speak, I'll let him take some time. He wants to take some time. If he looks at southwestern Nova Scotia, how many jobs in southwestern Nova Scotia, how many jobs in Yarmouth County have there been lost? How many jobs in Shelburne County have been lost? How many jobs in Digby County have been lost? How many jobs in Annapolis County have been lost? How many jobs in Kings County have been lost? How many jobs in Colchester North? Cumberland South?

Which county do you want me to talk about? All right, great, here in HRM they've gotten jobs. Wonderful, I'm glad things are going well. . .

MADAM SPEAKER: Order, please. I just remind the member to be speaking to the Speaker.

The honourable member for Argyle.

MR. D'ENTREMONT: I apologize but he's given me so much to talk about that it's hard not to fall into that kind of rabbit track, to once again tell the member why he's wrong in this particular case. Maybe the overall number looks rosy to him but when we see the regional disparity that's happening in this province, where there are jobs missing - not just the jobs that we're missing, Madam Speaker. It's the people, in my estimation, who made our community strong. We don't have them anymore because they had to move on to other places.

Maybe they are here in HRM and I'm glad they were able to remain in Nova Scotia but I know they're not here either. They are in Alberta, they are in Ontario, they are in other provinces in this country and other places abroad. I think that is a shame because that's the kind of thing we should be talking about on the floor of this Legislature, Madam Speaker.

You know it's funny, and again to go to the job issue, this government took over at the end of a recession and since that time the employment rate is 1.9 per cent lower than when they took power. Places like the South Shore have seen employment rates drop by 5.8 per cent since this government took power. So why don't we find a nice resolution to talk about those kinds of things? You know why? Because this government really doesn't want to talk about it. Maybe they don't go out and talk to the people that we talk to, but do you know what? I think it's going to continue to show.

I'm going to bring back a line that maybe the member - no, the previous member for Cape Breton North and I apologize to the current member - used many times. It's time that this failed Socialist experiment ends. It's time we start listening to Nova Scotians for once, rather than just sort of flying by the seat of your pants, making things up and hoping that people are going to buy the baloney that you've made up.

Madam Speaker, I think there's a lot of things we should be talking about. Once again, I thank the member for Kings North for bringing this to the floor, which gives me an

opportunity to talk about the ineffectiveness of this government. At this time I'll take my place and I'll adjourn debate on this resolution.

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable Deputy Government House Leader.

MR. CLARRIE MACKINNON: Madam Speaker, would you please call Resolution No. 752.

MADAM SPEAKER: Before we move on to new business, we should adjourn debate. A motion needs to be on the floor to adjourn debate on Resolution No. 953.

The motion is to adjourn debate on Resolution No. 953. Would all of those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Deputy Government House Leader.

MR. CLARRIE MACKINNON: Madam Speaker, would you please call Resolution No. 752.

Res. No. 752, re Fortress Louisbourg - Cuts: C.B. West MLA - Fed. Conservatives Contact - notice given May 2/12 – (Ms. P. Birdsall)

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg.

MS. PAM BIRDSALL: Madam Speaker, I would like to read my resolution which says:

“Whereas Nova Scotia is honoured to be the home of many National Historic Sites such as the Fortress Louisbourg, which was rebuilt to interpret and maintain the historic presence of this important French settlement and military installation; and

Whereas the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site employs hundreds of local residents as tour guides, interpreters, archaeologists, carpenters and engineers, whose jobs provide vital economic investment in the Town of Louisbourg and also the surrounding rural community; and

Whereas the federal government has recently announced that 1,689 employees at Parks Canada will be “affected” by the \$5.2 billion job reduction strategy, and 120 positions specifically at Fortress Louisbourg will either be eliminated or face a reduction of hours;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly encourage the member for Cape Breton West to contact his colleagues within the federal Conservative Party to stress the importance of the job losses at Fortress Louisbourg and the impact that the loss of these jobs will have on this vital and historic rural community.”

Madam Speaker, this obviously is going to have a devastating effect on the area. Federal cuts that will look at eliminating 10 jobs and reducing the hours of 120 jobs in a town of 1,265 people is really going to have an impact. We know that Fortress Louisbourg is such an important historic park and one that is the flagship in Canadian park systems. The town is right next to the park and people drive through the town with their shops, B&Bs and bakeries, and all these people will be affected in a negative way. Local restaurants, gift shops and hotels will be affected by a shorter season. The danger, of course, for most of these seasonal workers, if their time is cut back, they very well may not be able to qualify for Employment Insurance which will be another huge factor in the area.

Madam Speaker, I realize that Fortress of Louisbourg is historically a destination where people come from all over the world, certainly all over Canada, and I remember in the 1960s when the restoration first began, I was a young girl and my mother and father and brother and I packed up our car for our family vacation and went to Louisbourg. At the time there were very few buildings, they were actually just using all sorts of string and marking it all out to show where the buildings would go. Over the years people have been brought in from all over the world to work on this historic reproduction and it is drawing people who are interested in historic re-enactments and just to see what the world was like in the 1700s.

The buildings themselves are so beautiful and I know that some of them, like one of the biggest ones, the biggest building - the King's Bastion, thank you. At the time when it was built, it was one of the biggest buildings in North America. I know families and individuals but also school trips are one of those magical things that happens when people go to Louisbourg. I have a friend who had a wonderful experience when she went there with a school trip. She was telling me the way it all worked and she said I remember getting off my school bus and walking into the Interpretive Centre with my classmates. We watched short videos about the history which built the excitement of our day trip. Then we boarded the fortress bus because vehicles were not allowed to go to the fortress, this helps preserve the landscape which is full of shrubs and wetlands and grassy hills.

I do understand that apparently these buses will be eliminated so people will be driving now right to the fort. So that will also be a questionable impact in a negative way on this area that they're talking about. She went on to say that when they got to the fortress they got off the bus and before they entered a traditional 1744 house, they were just amazed.

She said the roof was made of grass and dirt. The floor was also dirt, and the woman in the house was cooking with an open flame, washing clothes in a bucket. She was dressed in what appeared to be a warm dress with an apron and a hat. The animator who

was playing the husband was chopping wood outside. The beds were very small, made of blankets covering hay. When she went to this area and looked at all of this, these people who would be the interpreters in these buildings now, a lot of these jobs will be cut back in hours and some eliminated entirely.

She was talking about how the magic of this place affected her. She said, once the gates of the fortress - and the animator playing the guard told them the story of how the English invaded, about how they all had to say a French word, which was a password, to let them into the fortress. Once inside, she said she felt as if she'd gone back in time. This sort of magical experience that my friend had is one of the reasons that this is such an amazing spot, this park and all that it does for the local area's economy, but it's not just that. It's the kind of impact it has on someone's life.

In our world right now - we were speaking earlier about CAP sites and Internet sites and people being involved in our fast modern world, and to be able to go to a place like Fortress of Louisbourg, to step back in time, to look at the way they did things, is all so wonderful for people to actually see where we progressed as a society, and have we actually progressed?

I know that food is one of the wonderful things at Fortress of Louisbourg. People come away talking about having a gastronomic memory of their visit. They talk about wonderful breads that are cooked right there, hard-crusteds breads, and wonderful stews and the kinds of food they would have had at the time. Very, very different from our over-processed non-food that most of us are eating these days.

I know that as visitors come each year to the fortress, they explore it in different ways. Through the process of the restoration, archaeological students would go in the summers and work there, and it was an amazing treat for them to go and see what they could do and how they could be part of this wild restoration that was a project at the time. When it started in the 1960s, I remember people were shaking their heads and saying, what kind of a crazy thing is this to do? Obviously it was a wonderful investment.

I went back to Fortress of Louisbourg in the mid-1970s - my second honeymoon - and saw a lot of progress at that point. Many buildings were built at that point, and it was really quite a wonderful thing. It changed considerably from the 1960s where it was mostly an open field, and I remember when I was there in the 1960s with my family it was a magical kind of day, very thick fog, and it felt much like it would have to the soldiers at the time.

All the restorations that have happened involve so many people. All the clothing that they wear is made in the area. The whole town, the area, is involved. In the Spring, when the park opens, the town springs to life and young children act as volunteers. They volunteer by dressing in the old clothes as children of the time. They would play with balls and rocks and make instruments of their own creation and play the way children would

have at that time - very, very different, and a wonderful thing for whole families in the area to be able to be involved in the economy.

To cut jobs like this in an area that is so small will have major economic effects on Louisbourg. I know that a lot of the people in the area right now are just sort of shuffling about seeing what is really going to happen, how long will the season actually be? These things have to be nailed down so that they can see what impacts there will be further than what they already do expect.

Also, in Parks Canada Regional Headquarters in Upper Water Street, Halifax, those jobs also will be heavily slashed. Apparently there will be 34 employees gone at that location as well. So it's far-reaching and deep cuts. I think the people of Louisbourg are a resilient bunch, they are Nova Scotians. We are all a resilient group of people and we'll deal with what is dealt to us, and yet I certainly do hope that we can all encourage the federal Party to look at not cutting any further jobs and looking at the real devastation that these cuts have impacted. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton South.

HON. MANNING MACDONALD: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I'd like to thank the member for Lunenburg for taking us down memory lane with Louisbourg. It's interesting that the NDP is so devoid of business in this House that they have to have the member for Lunenburg talk about the situation in Cape Breton West. While I respected everything the member said, I think my friend from Cape Breton West will have something further to say about Louisbourg - I'm sure about that.

You know, Madam Speaker, I'm glad the subject has hit the floor in regard to Louisbourg because there are certain things happening at Louisbourg that I don't like and there are certain things happening to our economy. I would hope that the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, who is in the House, would pay attention to some of the suggestions we may have here. If there's one word that's missing when it comes to that great icon in Cape Breton, it's marketing.

I can tell you, Madam Speaker, that if there's anything we need, it's a marketing strategy for the Fortress of Louisbourg and for the future. Louisbourg should be a thriving town today. It should be something like some of the American places where their history - they have made money off of history. As well as preserving some of the legacy of history, they've also made money. One place comes to mind that in my opinion doesn't have half the historical significance of Fortress Louisbourg but it's the Alamo, for example, in the United States. Millions of people visit the Alamo every year and the United States tourism people in that part of the country do very well off it.

I've said, Madam Speaker, many times, to anybody who would listen to me wherever I was at, is in Cape Breton what we need to do is - and while I respect Parks

Canada and the archaeological features that are out there and the historical implications - I humbly suggest that what we need to be doing with Louisbourg is selling, not digging up rocks but selling them. I think what we have to do is market that fort for the future.

It's something that is sitting there. It's a national, if not an international icon, that is terribly unused, Madam Speaker. It needs, in conjunction with Parks Canada, it needs a strategy from Parks Canada to, yes, beef up their ranks and I agree with the member for Lunenburg who laments the fact that some people working for Parks Canada are being laid off. I suggest that they should be rehired and I suggest with a different purpose. We should be hiring them to go out and start encouraging the private sector. If the government doesn't want to do it then the private sector should do it in marketing Louisbourg.

That goes, for example, for the Highlands; it goes for the Bell Museum in Baddeck; it goes for all our important icons that could, in and of themselves, make the economy of Cape Breton one heck of a lot better than it is right now. I don't think there's any place anywhere that has the kind of historical significance that Cape Breton Island has when it comes to Bell and everything that went along - what did they say about Baddeck? Baddeck is the equivalent, I guess, of Bar Harbor, Maine, in terms of its importance, but the problem with Baddeck is that it's two months of the year. What we have to do is encourage more people to go to the Bell Museum to see the Bell exhibit.

If anybody on the other side of the House, or even on this side, has not been to the Bell Museum, I suggest that you should take a trip down there and see the exhibits there with Alexander Graham Bell and the invention of the telephone, of course, and the early flights that took place on Baddeck Bay. When you go to Louisbourg the historical significance of the battles that used to take place and the falling of the fort, the French versus the English, firing cannons at one another. We should be still doing that every Friday out there in season; we should have people coming to these battles - you could even get the member for Richmond and me to coach each team.

But, seriously, Madam Speaker, Fort Louisbourg is a national historic site. I can recall, just to digress for a moment, about the Highlands, also in Cape Breton, in the riding of Inverness - and Victoria, I guess, or both probably - anyway I've never seen much publicity, great publicity, about a golf course that the Highlands has and it has reached Condé Nast magazine, it reached national golf productions, and all this kind of stuff. But you know what? A few years ago the marketing was so slow down there that we were in danger of losing it, because of losing interest from people coming from away because you couldn't even get a golf cart there for years, and the days of the caddy were gone so you had to truck your clubs around that course and if anybody has tried to do that over the few years they better be in better shape than I was at the time.

The difficulty is that it was inside Parks Canada property - and one of the things that used to infuriate me back, by the way, when I was Minister of Development and was taking people to look at some facilities there, was I would take them in the park and while we were

playing golf somebody would ticket our cars, because you had to go through a certain way to get into the parking and while you were paying green fees somebody was putting a ticket on your car. So that wasn't a good marketing strategy for the Americans over there, that's for sure. I suggest that Parks Canada, while they are a very important part of the federal scene, I think they should be turning their attention, Madam Speaker, to marketing in Cape Breton and I give those three examples.

Really, I thank the member for Lunenburg for talking about Louisbourg and suggesting what a wonderful trip she had down there, her honeymoon I believe she said, and I couldn't think of a better place than Louisbourg - the weather is always so good there. My good friend, the member for Cape Breton West will attest to that.

I can recall though, Madam Speaker, being frustrated from time to time at knowing what a wonderful icon we have there and it is not being marketed. I see nothing wrong with the provincial minister talking to his federal counterparts or the Parks Canada people about perhaps encouraging a private sector company such as Disney, or one of those, to come to Cape Breton and take a look at that icon we have there, and perhaps get involved along with Parks Canada in marketing Louisbourg.

It is something, I think, that could remake the Town of Louisbourg, a town that is no longer a town - one person out there said it's an "occupied town," Allister MacDonald. I don't think they even have a gas station out there anymore in the town. That's terrible, a national icon sitting in its midst. The reason is there is no traffic there; I've taken some people out to Louisbourg and there is nobody there. They have buses to take you down to the fort and the buses are empty more than they're filled. The season is so short, but there is something missing when that's allowed to happen to a national historic icon like Fort Louisbourg.

So I suggest it's an unsolicited ask, I guess, from the provincial minister that perhaps the provincial government, with the help of, hopefully, all three Parties, could talk to federal officials and federal ministers regarding a future strategy for Fort Louisbourg, and the other two icons of Cape Breton that I talked about - particularly Louisbourg. I think that area of Cape Breton could get quite a shot in the arm if we had a rejuvenated facility there, something that people would talk about, go back and talk to their people in the United States, in Britain, or wherever they are coming from - the tourists - to visit these historic sites. I believe that there are certainly enough animators around Cape Breton and they could probably have a role to play in doing something with marketing in the future.

I'm going to take my place in a moment, but I would very seriously say that I think the time has come for us to forget about the status quo, as it comes to Louisbourg, and to get into a marketing situation there that will bring that facility back to what I think it deserves. It will be a huge employer in the area and I believe it would breathe new life into Louisbourg and the surrounding areas and, indeed, the whole Province of Nova Scotia. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton West.

MR. ALFIE MACLEOD: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm pleased to be able to stand today and say a few words about the resolution from the member for Lunenburg regarding the Fortress of Louisbourg. Her resolution is the most information we've heard from that government on the Fortress of Louisbourg since I've been here.

Madam Speaker, I actually worked as a soldier in the Fortress of Louisbourg. I spent some time there. I want to qualify that and let you know it wasn't at the original time, it was in later years. (Laughter) There is no question that the Fortress of Louisbourg is a very important icon in the Province of Nova Scotia and it has created a lot of employment for a lot of people over the years. As a matter of fact, my father-in-law worked at the Fortress of Louisbourg for over 25 years and he was a hewer. He took round logs and he changed them into square building beams and they used them in the recreation of the building. So there has been a lot of activity and a lot of closeness of the Fortress of Louisbourg in our household and it's very important, when you think about what was done.

If we go back in history, we look at the fact that it was started by the Diefenbaker Government as a way to find employment for miners who were losing their jobs in the coal mines of Cape Breton at the time and it was meant as a reason to improve what was going on, so people would know part of our history. Those things have taken place.

I heard the member for Lunenburg talk about there might be some challenges with people actually driving over to the fortress, instead of taking the buses. Well, the roads going to the fortress are quite good. They are excellent, first-class roads so that nobody will be going into the different areas where there are still some archaeological issues that we are looking after.

The fortress also has been very important for a lot of young people in the Province of Nova Scotia, not just on Cape Breton Island but from all over. They have a kids' volunteer program where they get to live and work on the site and act as drummers and pipers and do other types of things all around the site, and get a real sense of what the history of the Fortress of Louisbourg was all about.

The work and the number of people employed - they're not just from Louisbourg, Madam Speaker, they are from all over the island. There are people there from all over the island.

Now I don't know if the member for Lunenburg spoke to the superintendent, but on May 2nd when the announcement was made, I did speak to the superintendent. There are no layoffs. There are 10 people - a number of positions where there are retirements but there are no layoffs. There are reductions in hours but in those reductions in hours they have made sure that the seasonal workers will get at least 16 weeks, which currently would qualify them for unemployment. Those things were taken into consideration.

Was it an easy decision? I'm sure it wasn't, but I do know that they worked at it, and if you are a person who had a 12-month job and you're going back to a seven-month job, that's not easy either, because your life has been determined on 12 months of salary, so there are some concerns from the community. But for the member to say that there were job losses, I don't think that's correct and that may be because he never got the proper information. That happens easily enough in our business and we all know that.

What I really think - and the member for Cape Breton South spoke about marketing. Well, one of the first things I did on May 2nd is I actually wrote a letter to the federal minister and I'm hoping that our provincial Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism did the same thing. I wrote a letter to our federal minister asking him to reconsider the cuts at the Fortress of Louisbourg, and if he couldn't reconsider those cuts, at the very least invest more money in marketing because I, like the member for Cape Breton South and many people on Cape Breton Island, will tell you that the marketing for that fortress is poor. It is very poor.

I remember as a kid watching advertisements on TV and they would show the fortress and there would be . . .

MR. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Was the fortress built then?

MR. MACLEOD: And there were even TVs then. The member for Glace Bay was wondering if there was a fortress then. Well, he would have been one of the ones - no.

They used to advertise, and there would be a picture of the fortress and it was foggy and rainy and they were playing this eerie music that you would hear in a funeral home, and they were saying "Come to Louisbourg." Well, it wasn't a great incentive. I'm sure it wasn't an ad like that that got the member for Lunenburg there on her honeymoon, but we do need to improve how we sell the icon of North America.

You know, at one point it was the biggest recreation in all of North America, and now it's the biggest recreation of an historic site in Canada. We haven't been marketing it well, and I don't believe that the Province of Nova Scotia has been doing a good job of marketing it either. They'll say, well, you know, it's a federal site. Well, everybody who comes into Nova Scotia is helping our economy.

If we have an icon like the Fortress of Louisbourg that we can take advantage of, on the number one island in North America - which again, we should be taking advantage of, as the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism - and the third-most beautiful island in all the world - and we're not taking advantage of those things that are given to us simple and easy, that don't cost us any money. The provincial government is failing. They love to advertise. Well, now, here's an opportunity to promote a product.

The problem from that side of the House seems to be, Madam Speaker, that they don't have any initiative. They don't know how to be leaders. They have been in Opposition for 11 years - as one of the members mentioned the other day - and now they're starting to get back in Opposition with the way they're acting toward some of the most important things in this province.

We are sitting here today and I can't believe that we're debating resolutions in business hours of the House of Assembly. We have the highest power rates in all of Canada. We have higher taxes than anywhere else. We've got Bill No. 102 that this government put into place. (Interruption) The member - again, the Minister of Agriculture has all the answers, except during Question Period. During Question Period he's void of answers. He doesn't have a clue what to say.

The reality is here we are today talking about a very important institution, the Fortress of Louisbourg, but there are many other things that people around home are talking about. The member for Lunenburg talked about the restaurants, the gift shops, and the hotels in Louisbourg, and how they're struggling to keep their doors open. They're also struggling because of the power rates that are being charged, because of the extra 2 per cent on the HST that this government put in place. They're struggling to keep their doors open and to keep people working, because it is very expensive to do work in the Province of Nova Scotia - a province that only had 0.3 per cent growth in the GDP.

This is the same government that cut the funding to the ferry in Yarmouth, and you would say to me, well, what does that have to do with the Fortress of Louisbourg? Do you know that 40 per cent of the bus traffic that came to Cape Breton came across on that ferry? They would have been going to visit the Fortress of Louisbourg, but that government decided, no, we're not going to bother doing that anymore.

Madam Speaker, I could go on for a long time, and most of the people here understand and know that, but here we are. (Interruptions) Excuse me, did somebody call me stupid? Somebody did. That's what I heard over here.

Well, do you know what, Madam Speaker? I might be a lot of things, but I will tell you that when it comes to talking about something as important to the economy of the Province of Nova Scotia as the Fortress of Louisbourg, I don't care what people call me. What I do care about is the fact that the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism of the Province of Nova Scotia is not doing his share to keep this open. A Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism should not be writing letters - if he even did that. He should be in Ottawa talking to the federal minister, talking to his counterpart, and telling them how important it is. That would be what I would do if I was in his position.

It didn't take me two days or two weeks or three weeks to do a resolution about it. I wrote on the day that it happened to the federal minister to express my concerns and talk to people in Ottawa who have the ability to talk to those people. That is what the resolution

asked me to do but I was ahead of the resolution because, Madam Speaker, I do care about what happens to the Fortress of Louisbourg. I do care about what happens to the people who are working there and I do care what happens to all of Nova Scotia when we have no vision or strategy from the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism.

When you ask the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, during debate, during Budget Estimates, what's your strategy for Cape Breton - well we have the Doers' and Dreamer' Guide, oh yeah, we do, we have the Doers' and Dreamers' Guide. When I ask him what his plan is, a simple thing like when you get on to the island of Cape Breton a sign that would say, welcome to the number one island in North America, where could you get that kind of advertising for nothing? But we don't have that advertising yet.

I'm hopeful that if the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism won't do it that the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal would put it right across the top of the bridge at the causeway, welcome to the number one island in North America, because that's where we should be. Instead of paying hundreds of thousands of dollars to PR firms we should be doing, and utilizing, the things that we have free. The number one island, the number one historic site in Canada - those are things that we should be building on, not taking for granted. Those are things that we need to move forward with.

Although there are other things that are important that we should be debating in this House, the very fact that the member for Lunenburg believed that this was important and it gave us an opportunity to talk about such an important icon in our economy, and in our historic background, I thank her for that. I give her full marks for bringing it forward.

Madam Speaker, I have to say there is so much more we should be talking about in this House. We should be talking about all the other things that could create employment on the island of Cape Breton and other parts of Nova Scotia. But most of all we should be taking advantage of the things that are given to us, easily handed to us, like the number one island, like the number one North American historic site. Those are the kinds of things we should be doing.

We should also be talking about the other issues that this government doesn't seem to have the stomach, or the fortitude, to speak to - real business that has been affecting the Province of Nova Scotia. The Fortress of Louisbourg and what's taken place there is real business and those people are concerned, and we've been talking with them. But there are other issues that we need to move on. We need this government to take action and speak to the federal government as we will as a caucus, and as, I'm sure, others will in their particular caucus.

Madam Speaker, I'm going to take my place now. I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak here and I would move that we adjourn debate.

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is to adjourn debate on Resolution No. 752.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The motion is defeated.

The honourable member for Pictou East.

MR. CLARRIE MACKINNON: Madam Speaker, I can't believe the mixed message that we were getting from the opposite side of the House. How important, how very important the Fortress of Louisbourg is but we shouldn't be talking about it in this House. That was the message that I was getting from the other side. (Interruptions)

I want to speak, Madam Speaker, about Louisburg because I have more invested in the Town of Louisbourg than anyone in this House. I have been a taxpayer in Louisburg since 2000. For over 12 years I have been a taxpayer in Louisbourg and I know more about the Fortress of Louisbourg and its value to that community than anyone else in the House.

Now let me explain, if I could. (Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Order please.

The honourable member for Pictou East has the floor.

MR. MACKINNON: Madam Speaker, I really didn't intend to speak on this but what really got me upset was my good friend, the member for Cape Breton West. I lived in that constituency, I know him well, I like him a lot but I can't believe that he is an apologist for the Harper Government, I just can't believe it. That is what he was doing in his remarks, he was saying that there were no job losses. (Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Order, please.

The honourable member for Pictou East has the floor.

MR. MACKINNON: Instead of taking the Harper Government to task for the cuts, he tried to transfer the blame to the provincial minister responsible for tourism and that is not fair.

I used to think there were some Conservatives who were progressive. I don't think there is anything such as a Progressive Conservative any more. (Interruptions)

Madam Speaker, let me talk about Louisbourg. I just wish the Opposition Parties would allow me to talk about a community that is very close to my heart. I still own property there in Louisbourg and I was the president of the District One Tourism Association which covered an area from Main-à-Dieu to Gabarus. Now the member for Cape Breton West knows the geography there and when I got involved with that association, there were seven tourist operators involved with it; we got the number up to 40. We had 40 tourist operators involved there.

You know the Progressive Conservatives and the Liberals have this ability to throw out percentages without any foundation whatsoever - 40 per cent. We heard that 40 per cent of those going to the Fortress of Louisbourg had come over on (Interruptions) My understanding was that about 40 per cent came on the ferry. (Interruptions)

Well, Madam Speaker, I'll look at Hansard when it comes out. However, my wife, Mary Kay and I, had 500 guests a year in a bed and breakfast on Main Street, Louisbourg. I was involved in working with fish plants and other things up there. However, we operated that bed and breakfast for five years with about 500 guests a year, so I think I know the destination of the people who came to visit the fortress. We had a great cross-section (Interruptions)

Madam Speaker, you know we're dealing with cuts at Fortress of Louisbourg but this isn't the first time the Conservatives have done damage to that community because I remember the cuts that took place in the past, under a couple of different governments when the times were cut down, when the times were reduced, and there was a tremendous impact on the business that we operated and the other businesses in the area. Every time you took an hour off the timeframe for the operation of that fortress, there was a detrimental effect because people would actually drive through town as the hours got more limited in the evenings.

That happened a number of times and I don't remember any of the Progressive Conservatives or Liberals standing up for those cuts either. They were cuts that had a major impact on that community.

AN. HON. MEMBER: You're a champion for Cape Breton.

MR. MACKINNON: Sure, somebody has to be a champion for Cape Breton. I'm being heckled from over there. I love Cape Breton. It is a number one island.

MADAM SPEAKER: Order, please. Order. I can't hear the member who is talking, I'd appreciate it if we could keep it down a little bit.

The member for Pictou East has the floor.

MR. MACKINNON: The member for Cape Breton West was saying he'd love to have me back but I might have to go there to visit him after the next election. (Interruptions) Madam Speaker, I don't know why I have them wound up here. I'm just speaking a couple of words from the heart.

One of the things that Fortress of Louisbourg should have done and never did - and there are great people who work at the fortress in management and also all of the staff, I know and respect all of them. I know most of the ones who work at the fortress; I've been there many times, even went last year. However, what we have to do with Fortress of Louisbourg is not blame the provincial minister. There have to be fundamental changes within the fortress and its involvement with the community. The community was consulted a number of years ago. There was a deep consultation process and I remember being involved in that process and attending a lot of meetings. There was the feeling that there would be the involvement of the community.

I suggested things like having some of those dressed in period costume being piped through the main street at various times, once a day perhaps - things like that where the fortress actually came out into the community, where there were some people from the fortress actually into the community. There was never, ever an approach that got the community involved. There has to be a tying in and that tying in has to take place within the community. It can't be people in Ottawa dictating to the fortress folks how things are going to unfold. When we become apologists for the Harper Government, it is most annoying.

I believe we have to get the community involved, that we have to really stand up to Ottawa and that has to be more than one letter being written; it has to be a real involvement from the community. We, on this side of the House, are very concerned and Madam Speaker, we will now adjourn debate on this issue. (Interruption) I'm very pleased to have the opportunity to speak for a couple of moments on something very dear to my heart. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable member for Richmond.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Thank you for the opportunity to say a few words on Resolution No. 752. Allow me to say that while we're all concerned about trying to find new employment opportunities for Louisbourg and all of Cape Breton, may I suggest we may want a make-work project to build a statue or a monument to the member for Pictou East. Because for anyone to stand in this House and to self-proclaim that they've done more than anyone else, I think is a bit disingenuous to say the least. When people talk about playing politics, I don't think there's a better example of that than what we just heard from the member for Pictou East.

What's ironic is that when you listen to how he's saying writing a letter is not enough or standing in the House is not enough, I'm wondering what his Minister of

Fisheries and Aquaculture is thinking while he's saying that because while he stands in the House and talks about the owner/operator policy, the cuts to EI and his concerns, when we said let's have an all-Party delegation go to Ottawa and deliver the message in person, we're still waiting for the phone call from that minister.

So may I suggest to you, Madam Speaker, that this government's bark is much worse than its bite because they seem to be more than happy to be in their little, safe place here in the Legislature to throw shots out and say how concerned they are but when it comes to taking real action, we see something completely different from this government. Let me give you an example. I know they've mentioned the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism and allow me to help him out as well because when you're talking about how the cuts affect the museum and the fortress over in Louisbourg, maybe the member for Pictou East and the member for Lunenburg also want to talk to the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism to see what devastating impact that this government's cuts to the Student Employment Program is having on community museums throughout this province.

When we left office, and I know the Minister of Finance likes for us to give him numbers, so let me give him a number. When our government left office in 1999, in Richmond County there were 48 student employment positions just from the province in my riding. This year under this NDP Government there are 11 - so 48 to 11. We have museums that are now wondering whether they'll even be able to open their doors because of the fact that this government has made so many reductions to the Student Employment Program. So if this government is truly sincere about their concerns for Louisbourg and concerns for museums in this province, then maybe they should have a discussion with their Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism because I can tell you that that is certainly having a major impact on my riding and the many important community museums that we have.

Now, Madam Speaker, allow me to say that it is disappointing when the member for Pictou East self-proclaimed himself as the saviour of Louisbourg and has done more than anyone else, more than the French or the British troops, or anyone else. We'll have to add him into our history books in our schools, if we still have schools after the cuts made by this government, but we'll certainly have to look to amend that. The fact that he would stand in this House and chastise the member for Cape Breton West after he gave the numbers, because I have to say when the cuts were made, when this government eliminated the Yarmouth ferry, if someone had told me it was going to have such an impact on Cape Breton Island, I wouldn't have believed it. It's only once a study was made and that the tourism industry on Cape Breton Island told us, by the way, 40 per cent of all bus traffic to Cape Breton Island came via that Yarmouth ferry. So I can tell you, I'm not from Pictou, I'm from Cape Breton and I knew that statistic. (Applause)

Obviously, this government, when they made their decision to cut the Yarmouth ferry, wasn't thinking about Cape Breton. It certainly wasn't thinking about Yarmouth and

it wasn't thinking about eastern Nova Scotia where his riding is as well, considering this bus traffic.

Madam Speaker, there is no question that Fortress of Louisbourg is an icon for Cape Breton. It's an icon for our province, an icon for our country, and I can say that it has certainly a significant value to the history of my own family because the Samson brothers, there were actually two brothers who came from Normandy, sailed over and went to Quebec. One of the brothers stayed in Quebec but the other brother, Gabriel, came to Louisbourg and fished out of Louisbourg for a number of years before making his way over to Petit-de-Grat and Isle Madame in Richmond County. From there the Samson family grew. Now, I'm not sure if Gabriel Samson back then would have been aware of the contributions of the member for Pictou East to the community of Louisbourg but we'll see if we can't amend some of our family history to put a little note in there as well to make sure he does get some recognition for that. Maybe we owe our own family history to the member for Pictou East. So we'll have to look at that as well.

As was mentioned by the member for Cape Breton West, the fortress has been a major employer throughout Cape Breton Island and many of my constituents over the years have been employed there. In fact, a number of them still are full-time employees over at the fortress. Many of the employees at Louisbourg come from the communities of Richmond County and especially from Chéticamp, because of their ability to speak French, so they continue to be a major employer. In fact, I can tell you, Madam Speaker, that my sister worked there for a number of summers while attending university, because of the fact that she was able to give tours in both languages - in English and in French - and certainly Louisbourg was very close to us.

As was mentioned by the member for Cape Breton West, I know many of the youth in my area go through their summer program as animators there, especially from École Beau-Port in Arichat, which is the Acadian school, because of the fact that they speak French. They go there for the summer. Their parents usually end up bringing a camper, and they take up accommodations. So we're all being part of the economic development that takes place there and the benefits that come from that.

As well, one would note - and I'm sure the member for Cape Breton West knows - that a significant sector of the tourists who do come to Louisbourg are from Quebec, because the people of Quebec have such a rich history and such a knowledge of their history. It's not uncommon to see many licence plates from Quebec making their way down to Louisbourg to appreciate the history that's there and to know that many of their own families' first arrival to North America would have been via the Fortress of Louisbourg. Again, one has to question how much is being done by our province to market the Fortress of Louisbourg over in the Province of Quebec, which continues to send so many tourists here to the Province of Nova Scotia.

Madam Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not join my colleague from Cape Breton West and my colleague from Cape Breton South in saying that for us to be here tonight - the government having called the hours from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - talking about a resolution when you have 28 bills introduced by the Official Opposition - I haven't counted how many, but I know there are at least a couple of dozen coming from the Progressive Conservative caucus as well. The question is, for those who are watching tonight, has the government run out of business? Well, they have.

Is there a reason why the government is not calling Opposition business? Well, I would submit to you, Madam Speaker, that if anyone needs an example of the arrogance of a majority NDP Government, tonight is it. It's bad enough that they really have no business to talk about, but when they did, the member for Pictou East wanted to adjourn the business and prevent any further discussion on this.

Fortunately, Madam Speaker, I did have the opportunity to say a few words, and I have to say that Nova Scotians right now are looking to us for leadership. They are looking for someone to stand up to talk about the devastating impacts cuts to education are having throughout our province, in our classrooms. They are looking for leadership on who is going to stand up to the millionaires over at Nova Scotia Power and say that enough is enough, we expect fair rates in this province. They are looking for leadership to explain, why does Nova Scotia have the highest taxes in the entire country, with the HST having been increased by this government to 15 per cent? Those are some of the issues that Nova Scotians are looking for leadership for.

Is there business that could be called, dealing with those matters? We have 28 pieces of legislation that affect the lives of Nova Scotians, that they would have hoped that a responsible government, even under its majority, would have at least allowed us to have debate on. Madam Speaker, no Party and no government has a monopoly on good ideas, and Nova Scotians expect this Chamber to be the place where we can exchange those ideas. We may not always agree, but we should at least be able to put our ideas forward, to debate them, and to have a vote on them.

We have tried to do that. On our Opposition Days we have continually brought forward legislation only to watch government members talk it out and not even allow it to come to a vote. Madam Speaker, that's not the way democracy should work. I would question many of those elected for the first time in 2009, if this really is what they expected from a majority NDP Government, to basically tell the Opposition, you're irrelevant, as far as we're concerned - even though we represent almost half of this House - to be told your ideas are not going forward. Nova Scotians are not going to have the opportunity to hear a debate on them. They're not going to have the opportunity to see the House vote on them. That's certainly not why I believe many of them put their names on the ballot but that is the reality that we have under this majority government.

Tonight it looks like debate may be coming to a close even though we have all sorts of legislation that we could be talking about and that we could be putting forward as solutions and ideas to deal with the problems facing Nova Scotians. That opportunity rests in the hands of the Government House Leader because under the British Parliamentary system, other than on our Opposition Days, we cannot call our legislation; we cannot demand that it be brought to a vote. We are powerless when it comes to that. It is strictly in the hands of the Government House Leader to determine whether any Opposition business will be considered or will be brought to a vote.

This session seems to be coming near the end. It saddens me that in this session not one piece of Opposition business has made it past second reading even though you have over 30 bills, almost 40 bills, presented by the Opposition. If that is not an example of the arrogance of this government, I cannot think of a better one. Nova Scotians are not better off for that; they are poorer for that and Nova Scotians are seeing now that what the NDP asked for in Opposition and what they are delivering under government, are two vastly different things and I would submit to you our province is not better off because of that. Merci.

MADAM SPEAKER: Is there a motion to adjourn debate?

The honourable member for Pictou East to adjourn debate.

MR. CLARRIE MACKINNON: Madam Speaker, I would call for an adjournment of debate. I move.

MADAM SPEAKER: Actually, that's my error. The honourable member has already spoken to this resolution.

The honourable member for Argyle.

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: While I'm at it, I'll speak for a few moments as well.

I think the member for Richmond had a lot of the issues completely correct and why we're here again this evening. It's 6:15 p.m. so we're two hours into this session today. What we've seen over the last number of weeks, we've seen the longest days we've done as being the Opposition Days where they are a set time of four hours. I think that's a shame.

The member for Richmond was also very correct when it came to working with Opposition, finding the good ideas that are held within the bills that are held on this list that could be good ideas. At this point even if the government would steal the idea and put it in their own bill, it would be a far better way than we've been over the last couple of sessions in accepting or working with the Opposition in order to help out the different areas of Nova Scotia.

Again, this resolution today is one that concerns us, one that we've done our work in dealing with the federal government. You heard the member for Cape Breton West talk about what was important for his community and how he can work with those individuals to make sure that Cape Breton, Cape Breton West, Louisbourg, and all those areas, will remain strong. When we have a strong Cape Breton we have a strong Nova Scotia. It's important for my constituents in Argyle and in southwestern Nova Scotia, just like they are in reverse.

Never in my time here at the House of Assembly - I know some of you are of my vintage of nine years and I'm sure that you can't pick a day that we were discussing resolutions on a government business day. I would love to ask someone to go back and look at it but I know that would be a bit of a waste of time for us.

What's going to happen next, as I finish up? What is going to happen next is that the Deputy Government House Leader will stand and he'll probably end up calling Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

AN HON. MEMBER: When was that speech?

MR. D'ENTREMONT: That speech was now, what, six weeks ago?

AN HON. MEMBER: April 30th?

MR. D'ENTREMONT: April 30th, somewhere around there so we're still going to be replying to it at this point. It is nothing more than trying to make it look like the government is working.

With those few words, I adjourn debate on this resolution.

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is to adjourn debate on Resolution No. 752. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Deputy Government House Leader.

MR. CLARRIE MACKINNON: Madam Speaker, that concludes the government business for the day. I would move that the House do rise to meet again tomorrow at 12:00 noon with the hours being from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. After the daily routine including Question Period, of course, we will be dealing with Government Bills Nos. 81, 82, 84, 86, 87 and 88; Committee of the Whole House on Bills; Private and Local Bills No. 90; and some other business if the Opposition Parties so allow; and Address in Reply.

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is that the House now rise to meet again tomorrow at the hour of 12:00 noon.

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 House rose at 6:16 p.m.]

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)**RESOLUTION NO. 1171**

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

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

Whereas Rustum Southwell has been the chief executive officer of the Black Business Initiative (BBI) since its inception in 1996; and

Whereas in his role as CEO Rustum Southwell had influenced the development and growth of Black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs, while creating nearly 700 jobs throughout the province; and

Whereas after 15 years of commitment and dedication, Rustum Southwell has retired from the Black Business Initiative;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Rustum Southwell on his retirement, and thank him for his years of service to the Black Business Community of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 1172

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

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

Whereas the East Preston United Baptist Church, founded in 1842, is the spiritual home of about 300 members; and

Whereas each year the East Preston United Baptist Church offers another reason to visit our province by showcasing the culture and heritage of the community by hosting an annual fundraising event called Taste of East Preston, featuring a wide range of local dishes and cultural cuisine from the southern United States, Jamaica, and other Caribbean countries; and

Whereas this year visitors far and wide are invited to the annual Taste of East Preston to be held at the East Preston Recreation Centre, 24 Brooks Drive, on Saturday, June 9, 2012;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate East Preston United Baptist Church for hosting this annual event, and commend the leadership and congregation for efforts to reach out and enhance the profile of the church and the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1173

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 children, parents, and staff from Astral Drive Elementary School recognized the need to celebrate the diverse family dynamics that make up their community in Cole Harbour; and

Whereas on May 7th the school kicked off its first Family Diversity Week to celebrate the many kinds of families, such as foster and adoptive families, those headed by gay and lesbian couples, single parents, grandparents, and others; and

Whereas the week-long celebration of family acknowledges that "family" doesn't mean that you are related by blood only, but can mean who you live with, who cares for you, and who loves you;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly commend Astral Drive Elementary School for their first Family Diversity Week celebration of the many different kinds of families that make up our Nova Scotia communities.

RESOLUTION NO. 1174

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 in 1962, a team of marine champions, including Dr. W.E. van Steenburgh, opened the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, a multidisciplinary ocean research centre on the shores of Bedford Basin in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas the team at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography conducts world-class oceanographic research, and is comprised of 600 employees from six federal government departments; and

Whereas the Bedford Institute of Oceanography is celebrating its 50th Anniversary;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the Bedford Institute of Oceanography for its significant contribution to research and, through its work, partnering with local universities, industry, and community groups.

RESOLUTION NO. 1175

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 vision of the Canadian Cadet Movement is to develop in every Sea, Army and Air Cadet, qualities of leadership and aspiration to become a valued member of their community and to reinforce values necessary to prepare them to meet the challenges of tomorrow and to embrace the multicultural dimensions of Canada; and

Whereas 339 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Iroquois work to fulfill this vision through their dedication and enthusiasm, and provide a unique place for youth to grow and mature, and for adults to serve and mentor; and

Whereas the 339 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Iroquois is celebrating its 13th Annual Ceremonial Review on May 26, having a rich and proud history of building strong Nova Scotia citizens through their Sea Cadet program;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulates the 339 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Iroquois on the occasion of their 13th Annual Ceremonial Review and wishes them many more years of success.

RESOLUTION NO. 1176

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 Eastern Passage Buffalo Club is a service club that works tirelessly to support residents and organizations in need in their community; and

Whereas on March 31 the club hosted their 3rd Annual Band Wars Event, which showcased nine bands performing for a live local audience, demonstrating their talent and competing for cash prizes; and

Whereas the organizers surpassed their goal of raising money for the Eastern Passage Education Centre music program by over 140 per cent to have raised \$3,389.00;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly commend members and volunteers of the Eastern Passage Buffalo Club for their outstanding efforts of raising \$3,389 for Eastern Passage Buffalo Club music program through their annual Band Wars Event and wish them many more years of success in serving their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1177

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 Midget A hockey team coached by Dr. Dion Goodland, Fred Werner, Allen Eddy and Brenden Miller led their team through an outstanding season; and

Whereas the team's determination and skills helped them earn gold in the Truro KFC Tournament, gold in the Joe Lemontagne Tournament and silver at the Provincial Midget Tournament Hockey Championships; and

Whereas this year's season also included a trip to Lake Placid, New York, to compete in the CAN/AM Challenge Cup in an olympic arena, competing against eight teams and bringing home a 4th place finish; and

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulates Cole Harbour Midget A hockey team on an outstanding 2011-122 season of success, determination, fun and excitement for all of its players, coaches, volunteers and fans, and wishes them all the best in their future seasons.

RESOLUTION NO. 1178

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 when Terry Fox was running in Northern Ontario in 1980, Danny Johnson did a mini-marathon and went door-to-door to raise funds for Terry's cause; and

Whereas since that time he has raised money in British Columbia, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Nova Scotia for Terry Fox, Military Police Fund for Blind Children and Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA); and

Whereas in 1998 Danny started raising funds for blind and visually impaired students who benefit from the services provided by the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) and he received the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, for fundraising \$341,571.16 for APSEA over the last 13 years;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulates Danny Johnston on his Governor General's Caring Canadian Award, commends him for his passion and dedication in fundraising, and wishes him well in his efforts to make a difference in his community and for those in need.

RESOLUTION NO. 1179

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 Jared Melnyk is a Grade 10 student, starting quarterback, and captain of the varsity football team at Cole Harbour District High School where he was team MVP as a rookie and 2nd Team Rookie of the Year for the Nova Scotia Football Association; and

Whereas Jared's accomplishments include several awards such as 2010 Defensive MVP, Top Defensive Back, and 2011 Top Player and Team MVP, and has demonstrated exceptional skills to earn a place on the 2010 and 2011 Nova Scotia Provincial Football team; and

Whereas Jared recently represented Nova Scotia on Team Canada's 2012 Eastbay Youth All-American squad as a defensive back in San Antonio, Texas;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulates Jared Melnyk of Eastern Passage for his outstanding achievements in football and wishes him many more years of success in all that he does.

RESOLUTION NO. 1180

By: 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 Lions Club's mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs; and

Whereas the Eastern Passage Lions Club has played an integral role in the success of the communities of Cow Bay and Eastern Passage by providing volunteer services through community involvement and international co-operation; and

Whereas the Eastern Passage Lions Club has achieved 40 years of continuous community service and will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of their charter on June 2, 2012;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate the Eastern Passage Lions Club on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of their charter and wish them every success as they continue to serve their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1181

By: 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 Michelle Kempton and Stacy Chestnutt are active, passionate Nova Scotia women who know firsthand the health benefits of running and living an active lifestyle; and

Whereas Michelle and Stacy have started a not-for-profit, all-girls running club for pre-teens called Girls Gone Gazelle, where the young girls follow a proven learn-to-run program designed for children - promoting confidence, body acceptance, and socialization while increasing physical activity in elementary school-age girls; and

Whereas Girls Gone Gazelle gives girls an opportunity to participate in a non-competitive running group in a safe and respectful environment, building their self confidence and knowledge of healthy eating habits;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly commend Michelle Kempton and Stacy Chestnutt for turning their passion for running into a valuable tool for the promotion of health and wellness for young Nova Scotian girls through their learn-to-run program Girls Gone Gazelle, and wish them many years of success.

RESOLUTION NO. 1182

By: 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 Paul Ingram is a guidance counsellor and teacher at Eric Graves Memorial Junior High School who weaves social consciousness into all his lessons; and

Whereas for the past two year Paul has organized a conference for students called What's Normal?, where he invited guest speakers to talk to students about work that they have done throughout the world to make it a better place; and

Whereas Paul leads the active Gay-Straight Alliance at Eric Graves Memorial Junior High School, which consists of 50 members - one-quarter of the school's population;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Paul Ingram on receiving the 2012 Education Week Award and commend him for his work with the Gay-Straight Alliance at Eric Graves Memorial Junior High School.

RESOLUTION NO. 1183

By: 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 Tom Harmes of Cow Bay has a strong and deep-rooted passion for health and wellness and works tirelessly to bring opportunities for community involvement in his passion for running by organizing events and activities; and

Whereas over 20 years ago Tom founded and organized the first annual Moose Fun Run in Cow Bay, and has continued since that time to organize it year after year; and

Whereas at the 20th Annual Moose Fun Run, held recently at the Buffalo Club on Cow Bay Road, a record high of 203 runners participated and ran the 25 km scenic route around Cow Bay;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly commend Tom Harmes and all of the participants in the 20th Annual Moose Fun Run for being such tremendous role models for promoting healthy, active lifestyles in a fun and exciting way.

RESOLUTION NO. 1184

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 Michael Chisholm of Dartmouth was recently recommended for funding through the Emerging Music Business Program; and

Whereas the Emerging Music Business Program is designed to help people get into the music industry by helping emerging musicians create, market, and sell their music; and

Whereas Michael was recommended for \$1,000 in funding to help him record and market a 10-track EP;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Michael Chisholm's recommendation for \$1,000 in funding to help him record and market a 10-track album and join me in wishing him the best of luck with his music in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1185

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 every year, people from around the world, including many from right here in Nova Scotia, travel to Boston, Massachusetts, to compete in the Boston Marathon, a true test of endurance, physical fitness and the human spirit; and

Whereas among those Nova Scotians who ran this year was Denise Robson, a mother of three from Dartmouth, who in 2010 suffered life-threatening blood clots in her lungs that landed her in hospital for three weeks, followed by a long, slow recovery at home; and

Whereas Ms. Robson was the 24th woman to finish this year's Boston Marathon and placed 519th overall, an inspiring finish that will no doubt drive her performance in the Sole Sisters All Women 5K race in metro next month;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House recognize the incredible strength and determination of Denise Robson, congratulate her on a fantastic finish in the Boston Marathon, and wish her and her family a healthy and happy life for many years to come.

RESOLUTION NO. 1186

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 this year's Canadian University Championships in Welland, Ontario, featured a host of extremely talented young curlers, including three former Canadian Junior Champions and the 2012 Canadian and World Junior Champion skip from the Province of Alberta; and

Whereas among those competing were Ben Creaser and Michael Brophy of Cole Harbour, the youngest team at the championship; and

Whereas the Nova Scotia duo had a slow start, losing their first four matches, but came back in the end to win their last three, finishing fourth of the eight teams at the tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Legislature commend Ben Creaser and Michael Brophy for showing the country that Nova Scotians do not give up and congratulate them on a respectable finish at the national championship.

RESOLUTION NO. 1187

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 Chris Turner is a young film producer from Cole Harbour whose most recent work includes *Tainted Love*, a modern day love story about Cupid armed with a magical camera that makes people fall in love with a click of the shutter; and

Whereas earlier this month Mr. Turner received the CBC/Film Nova Scotia Bridge Award which includes \$20,000 in equity funding from Film Nova Scotia and an equal amount in broadcast license and services from CBC to produce his short film; and

Whereas this award is meant to help cultivate and grow emerging talent in Nova Scotia with a chance to produce a six minute to 12-minute short film for Canadian broadcast;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House recognize the up and coming talent of Chris Turner, congratulate him on receiving this support for his film, and wish him great success in all his future products.

RESOLUTION NO. 1188

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 John Robidoux and other members of the Nova Scotia Wildlife Carvers and Artists Association are giving back to their community with the donation of a vendor's table to the farmers market at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth; and

Whereas John and other members are carving birds and animals on a mahogany and basswood table that will become a vendor's table for community groups at the market; and

Whereas this table, and the sentiment behind it, are in tribute to Bob Matheson, the founder of East Coast Specialty Hardwoods and a loyal contributor to the Nova Scotia Wildlife Carvers and Artists Association, who sadly passed away last year;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly note the thousands of carving hours spent on carving birds and animals on a mahogany and basswood table that will become a vendor's table for community groups and join me in recognizing John Robidoux and the Nova Scotia Wildlife Carvers and Artists Association for their generous contribution to the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1189

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 Kiwanis Club of Woodlawn has supported the breakfast program at Colonel John Steward Elementary for 22 years; and

Whereas the Kiwanis Club of Woodlawn is part of a global organization made up of members of all ages who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time; and

Whereas Kiwanis member John Martin has shown his commitment to that mission through his 21-year participation in the Colonel John Stewart Elementary breakfast program;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly commend the Kiwanis Club of Woodlawn, and specifically John Martin, for continued, dedicated support of the breakfast program at Colonel John Stewart Elementary.

RESOLUTION NO. 1190

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 early in January, MacKenzie Way, a Grade 11 student at Auburn Drive High School, organized a Polar Bear Swim at Rainbow Haven Beach in support of Free the Children, an organization that empowers youth to make a difference; and

Whereas in the past, MacKenzie has participated in other similar efforts, including the 30-Hour Famine and 24 Hours of Silence; and

Whereas MacKenzie and several others braved the cold on January 2, raising more than \$600 to buy sewing machines and provide education and daycare for the underprivileged in India;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly commends MacKenzie Way and the others who participated in the Polar Bear Swim for Free the Children and congratulate her on her successful efforts to raise funds for a worthy cause.

RESOLUTION NO. 1191

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 last December, Auburn Drive High School hosted the 2nd Annual Mascot Showdown in support of Phoenix House, a non-profit home for at-risk and homeless youth; and

Whereas students from eight schools participated in the Mascot Showdown event, including Auburn Drive High, Cole Harbour High, Dartmouth High, Prince Andrew High, Eastern Shore High, JL Ilsley High, and Citadel High; and

Whereas the Mascot Showdown offered ticketholders music, video produced by each participating school, and half-time performances and raised \$500 for Phoenix House;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly commend all who participated in the 2nd Annual Mascot Showdown at Auburn Drive High School and congratulate them on their successful efforts to raise funds for Phoenix House.

RESOLUTION NO. 1192

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 15 staff members from the Palladium Family Restaurant in Cole Harbour once again participated in the 3rd Annual Christmas Feed in December of last year; and

Whereas thanks to the efforts of staff and volunteers at Feed Nova Scotia, each dollar donated equates to \$14 in meals for those in need; and

Whereas the Palladium pledged to donate fifty cents of every dollar earned in sales to this worthy cause, which came to a total of \$2,377 plus more than \$400 in cash donations and 74 kilograms of donated food;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly commend the Palladium Family Restaurant and its staff, who participated in the Annual Christmas Feed, and congratulate them on their efforts to raise funds for Feed Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 1193

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 Perry Falconer of Cole Harbour saw a business opportunity and took the initiative to fill a need in HRM when he started PetRide, a taxi service for pets; and

Whereas PetRide offers transportation to a variety of pet-related appointments, like the vet or the groomer, and can accommodate owners who need to go along; and

Whereas Perry has based his business on a simple model of helping move pets and their owners where they need to go, when they need to be there;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Perry Falconer of PetRide and commend him for his novel idea that clearly fills a need for pet owners in this area.

RESOLUTION NO. 1194

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 Tammy Wamboldt of Cole Harbour started her home-based online business, Beckoning Bears, in 2006; and

Whereas Tammy has found a market for her creations, offering them to collectors and fans on the online auction site eBay, where some of the bears have sold for upwards of \$550; and

Whereas Beckoning Bears have found homes all over the world, from Australia to Singapore, from Finland to Denmark, bringing their owners joy;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tammy Wamboldt on the success of her home-based business, Beckoning Bears, and wish her much success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1195

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 every year TD Bank Group recognizes 20 of Canada's most promising students by awarding each of them a TD Scholarship for Community Leadership, a prestigious honour valued at up to \$70,000 per student for demonstrating innovation and initiative while making a difference in his or her community; and

Whereas this year two of the 20 students chosen are from the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas those students are Paige Zwicker of Fletchers Lake, who set up a Leadership Mentor Program in a local public housing community to help at-risk, disadvantaged youth; and Aaron Stevens of Dartmouth, who is working to make Nova Scotia a safer place for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House congratulate Paige Zwicker and Aaron Stevens and commend them for their incredible work to make their communities and their province a stronger, safer place for all Nova Scotians.

RESOLUTION NO. 1196

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 sport of curling continues to grow in popularity across Nova Scotia and is a great way to stay physically active and make new friends, on and off the ice; and

Whereas Amanda Colter, Katrina MacKinnon, Emily Dwyer and Laura Kennedy continue to excel at curling under their coach, Marc Brophy, so much so that the team won the Under-21 provincials in Windsor this past December; and

Whereas the team went on to place fourth in the country in the Under-21 category at nationals in Napanee, Ontario, this past February;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House congratulate these talented young women and their coach on a successful season and wish them all the best in their training for future competitions.

RESOLUTION NO. 1197

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 residents of Guysborough, under the direction of Sharon Martin, recently formed an inter-denominational choir, which was present at a number of events over the Christmas season; and

Whereas on Friday, December 2nd, the newly-formed choir took part in the annual Christmas Tree lighting on Main Street, Guysborough, and attended the reception at the Rare Bird Eatery to enjoy hot chocolate, hot apple cider, treats and a visit from Santa Claus; and

Whereas the Guysborough inter-denominational choir continued to share their talents when they took part in the 11th annual "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Concert" at St. Paul's Church in Boylston on Saturday, December 3rd;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Guysborough inter-denominational choir on their active presence at local community events over the holiday season and wish them much success as they continue to share their talents in the near future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1198

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 Canso Volunteer Fire Department recently received a donation of a portable defibrillator; and

Whereas the Canso Lion's Club was active in the community once again, donating a \$2,377 portable defibrillator to the Canso Volunteer Fire Department to assist them with much appreciated equipment upgrades; and

Whereas Canso Volunteer Fire Department treasurer Juanita Dort, secretary Melissa Richards, and Fire Chief, Addison Underwood, were all present when King Lion, Ray White and Lion's Wayne Sullivan and Emily Lumsden, presented the Canso Volunteer Fire Department with the new, portable defibrillator;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Canso Lion's Club for their continued support of area residents and organizations and wish this much valued club success as they continually work for the betterment of the entire area of Eastern Guysborough County.

RESOLUTION NO. 1199

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 Health Canada uses the third week of November as National Addictions Awareness Week which is celebrated across the country; and

Whereas the Sheet Harbour Local Committee on Addiction Awareness sponsored a kickoff event to start National Addictions Awareness week and invited the students of Duncan MacMillan High School to attend; and

Whereas Ricky Anderson, Drug Prevention Specialist with Addiction Services in Dartmouth spoke to the students on the dangers of alcohol, cigarettes and marijuana and there was also a “Keep Your Dreams Alive” flag unfurled in honour of the start of National Addiction Awareness Week;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Sheet Harbour Local Committee and Duncan MacMillan High School for their efforts in drawing awareness to the dangers of drug addiction and extend our best wishes as they continue to tackle this serious societal problem.

RESOLUTION NO. 1200

By: Mr. Leonard Preyra (Halifax Citadel-Sable Island)

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

Whereas this summer many athletes from all over the world will travel to London, England to compete in the Summer Olympic Games, including swimmer David Sharpe of Halifax, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas 21- year -old David Sharpe has been named to the Canadian Olympic Team after his extraordinary performance in the 200 metre butterfly stroke at the Olympic trials in Montreal; and

Whereas David Sharpe has been working for this his entire life making swimming a top priority in the past year as he really amped up his training at the Halifax Trojans Aquatic Club;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate David Sharpe on being named to the Canadian Olympic Team and wish him all the best in the Summer Olympics in London, England.

RESOLUTION NO. 1201

By: Mr. Eddie Orrell (Cape Breton North)

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

Whereas the federal government has invested \$390,000 in the development of the Northern Yacht Club through Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation; and

Whereas according to Senator Michael L. MacDonald, the investment will have a positive impact on the Northside and Cape Breton Island as a whole by allowing the club to host national and international sailing regattas; and

Whereas the work being done at the yacht club includes berthing and wharf improvements and the establishment of a rock face with concrete anchors and the installation of a floating dock system;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in wishing the Northern Yacht Club great success with its new facilities and thanking Commodore John Anderson and all the contributors and volunteers who helped to make the yacht club a world class facility.

RESOLUTION NO. 1202

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 the Dartmouth and District Pipe Band began as the Dartmouth Boys Pipe Band in 1965; and

Whereas the Dartmouth and District Pipe Band has a mandate of teaching and honouring the tradition of highland drumming and playing of the great highland bagpipe to the youth of Dartmouth; and

Whereas the Dartmouth and District Pipe Band will attend this year's World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland this August;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly wish the Dartmouth and District Pipe Band success at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland in August as well as many more years of providing musical enjoyment to others.

RESOLUTION NO. 1203

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 Clean Across Nova Scotia is facilitating the biggest volunteer-driven cleanup action in Nova Scotia history; and

Whereas a goal of 25,000 participants has been set for this act of community pride and stewardship; and

Whereas this action is part of the global “Let’s do it! World Cleanup 2012” movement which aims to engage approximately 5 per cent of the Earth’s population (300 million people) through community-led cleanups in their respective countries by September 2012 and Nova Scotia holds the singular privilege of being the first Canadian province to represent Canada in this movement;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this Legislature encourage all Nova Scotians to make every reasonable effort to promote and participate in this community-led cleanup initiative following the example of millions of communities across the globe.

RESOLUTION NO. 1204

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Colchester North)

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

Whereas Nova Scotia’s fire brigades are made up of individuals who are dedicated to serving others; and

Whereas firefighters contribute hard work, skills and time, often risk their lives, have taken on the role of first responders and deal with incidents of great emotional stress; and

Whereas firefighters seldom receive the accolades which they deserve, most fire brigades hold a banquet each year to thank all of their members and to present special honours;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Douglas Congdon of the Great Village and District Fire Brigade, Colchester North, for receiving the Claude O’Brien Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 1205

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Colchester North)

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

Whereas the Nova Scotia Agricultural College has gained international fame for the excellent academic standards it maintains; and

Whereas students must be enrolled in four or more courses per semester, must be in the top 10 per cent of their program of study, and must have an average of 80 per cent or higher to be included on the President's List; and

Whereas Nova Scotians can be proud of the academic excellence of these students and look to them as skilled, creative, well-prepared future leaders;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Caitlin Congdon of Great Village, Colchester North, a fourth year Bachelor of Science (Agriculture), plant science, student for being named to the Nova Scotia Agricultural College President's List for the Fall and winter semesters of 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 1206

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Colchester North)

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

Whereas the Butter Trail Run in Tatamagouche, Colchester North, named after the Tatamagouche Creamery beside the trail, has become a yearly event with a five and 10-kilometre course to choose from as well as a one mile kids run; and

Whereas the proceeds from the run go to the North Shore Recreation Centre to support health, sport and wellness programming; and

Whereas the \$3,500 raised by the run in 2011 is being used to create a Little Rocks curling program for elementary-aged children;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Keltie Smith and Jennifer Langille, the coordinators of the Butter Trail Run, for their time, work and dedication in promoting health and fitness, and the beautiful scenery of the North Shore of Colchester County.

RESOLUTION NO. 1207

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Colchester North)

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

Whereas Holly Sabine is a student at North Colchester High School where she is very active in a number of extracurricular activities as well as the student council, helps in several committees, and is involved with Girls' Leadership; and

Whereas Holly is not only a leader and a positive role model at school, but volunteers her time as a peer mentor for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and helps coach youth soccer; and

Whereas Holly is known to her peers and advisors as a responsible, confident and incredibly creative role model who is always on the move and a delight to have around;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Holly Sabine for being named Student of the Month at North Colchester High for March 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 1208

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Colchester North)

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

Whereas Nova Scotia's fire brigades are made up of individuals who are dedicated to serving others; and

Whereas firefighters contribute hard work, skills and time, often risk their lives, have taken on the role of first responders and deal with incidents of great emotional stress; and

Whereas firefighters seldom receive the accolades which they deserve, most fire brigades hold a banquet each year to thank all of their members and to present special honours;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Drew Lundie of the Great Village and District Fire Brigade, Colchester North, for receiving the Junior Firefighter Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 1209

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Colchester North)

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

Whereas Nova Scotia's fire brigades are made up of individuals who are dedicated to serving others; and

Whereas firefighters contribute hard work, skills and time, often risk their lives, have taken on the role of first responders and deal with incidents of great emotional stress; and

Whereas firefighters seldom receive the accolades which they deserve, most fire brigades hold a banquet each year to thank all of their members and to present special honours;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dave Best of the Great Village and District Fire Brigade, Colchester North, for receiving a Five- Year Long- Term Service Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 1210

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Colchester North)

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

Whereas Nova Scotia's fire brigades are made up of individuals who are dedicated to serving others; and

Whereas firefighters contribute hard work, skills and time, often risk their lives, have taken on the role of first responders and deal with incidents of great emotional stress; and

Whereas firefighters seldom receive the accolades which they deserve, most fire brigades hold a banquet each year to thank all of their members and to present special honours;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jenny Best of the Great Village and District Fire Brigade, Colchester North, for receiving a Five- Year Long-Term Service Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 1211

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 Roddie "Yogi" Boutilier will be inducted into the Cape Breton Hall of Fame during the 2012 Awards Banquet; and

Whereas Roddie will be inducted as a member of the 1961 Caledonia Aces Maritime Senior Softball Champs, and also as an athlete for baseball and softball; and

Whereas Roddie is regarded as a gifted athlete who was the catalyst for many championship Glace Bay ball teams over the years;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Roddie “Yogi” Boutilier for receiving this honour, and wish him and his teammates the best for the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1212

By: Hon. Wayne Gaudet (Clare)

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

Whereas Roland Deveau, long-time member of the Clare Golf and Country Club; and

Whereas Roland was one of the two new directors appointed to the 2012 board of directors of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, now operating as Golf Canada, during the annual general meeting held in February in Montreal; and

Whereas Golf Canada has 1,500 club members and more than 340,000 members across Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Roland Deveau on his appointment with Golf Canada, and wish him all the best in his new appointment.

RESOLUTION NO. 1213

By: Hon. Wayne Gaudet (Clare)

Par la présente, j’avise que je proposerai à une date ultérieure, l’adoption de la résolution suivante:

Attendu que le Centre de la francophonie des Amériques lance annuellement le concours @nime ta francophonie; et

Attendu que le sujet de ce concours cette année était Projetez-vous en 2025; à quoi ressemblerait la francophonie des Amériques; et

Attendu que dans le cadre de ce concours les élèves de la première année de l'École Jean-Marie Gay sous la direction de leur enseignante, Natalie Desautels Comeau et de leur moniteur de langue, Mathieu Laprise ont remporté une des 10 bourses d'une valeur de 3,000\$ pour l'achat de matériel pédagogique;

Par conséquent qu'il soit résolu que les membres de cette assemblée se joignent à moi pour féliciter les élèves, leur enseignante et le moniteur de langue pour avoir remporté une bourse dans le concours lancer par le Centre de la francophonie des Amériques 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 1214

By: Hon. Wayne Gaudet (Clare)

Par la présente, j'avise que je proposerai à une date ultérieure, l'adoption de la résolution suivante:

Attendu que le troisième brunch annuel organisé par le groupe SIFE, Student in Free Enterprise, de l'Université Sainte-Anne au bénéfice de l'Atelier de Clare a eu lieu le dimanche 25 mars 2012; et

Attendu que plus d'une centaine de personnes, familles et amis des résidents de l'Atelier sont venus pour assister à cette activité; et

Attendu que environ 1,000\$ fut ramasser pour appuyer des programmes spéciaux pour l'Atelier de Clare;

Par conséquent qu'il soit résolu que les membres de cette assemblée se joignent à moi pour remercier les élèves de l'Université Sainte-Anne qui ont organisé cette activité.

RESOLUTION NO. 1215

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas music plays such an important role in the education and growth of our youth; and

Whereas music festivals promote and encourage the growth in music through local festivals in competitive and non-competitive classes, like the 2012 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Megan Crouse won the Fan Attic Photos Instrumental Scholarship;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Megan Crouse for having won the Fan Attic Photos Instrumental Scholarship during the 2012 Queens County Music Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 1216

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas music plays such an important role in the education and growth of our youth; and

Whereas music festivals promote and encourage the growth in music through local festivals in competitive and non-competitive classes, like the 2012 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Lincoln Inglis won a KMP Award and Kiwanis Scholarship;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Lincoln Inglis for having won a KMP Award and Kiwanis Scholarship during the 2012 Queens County Music Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 1217

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas music plays such an important role in the education and growth of our youth; and

Whereas music festivals promote and encourage the growth in music through local festivals in competitive and non-competitive classes, like the 2012 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas the Mersey Youth Jazz Band won the Queens County Music Festival Trophy;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate the Mersey Youth Jazz Band for having won the Queens County Music Festival Trophy during the 2012 Queens County Music Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 1218

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas music plays such an important role in the education and growth of our youth; and

Whereas music festivals promote and encourage the growth in music through local festivals in competitive and non-competitive classes, like the 2012 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Stephen Karavos won the Bowater Mersey Paper Company Cup, the Music Festival Senior Piano Scholarship, and the MacPherson's Deli/Sears Senior Piano Scholarship;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Stephen Karavos for having won the Bowater Mersey Paper Company Cup, the Music Festival Senior Piano Scholarship, and the MacPherson's Deli/Sears Senior Piano Scholarship during the 2012 Queens County Music Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 1219

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas music plays such an important role in the education and growth of our youth; and

Whereas music festivals promote and encourage the growth in music through local festivals in competitive and non-competitive classes, like the 2012 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Tiffany Miller won a Lions Club Vocal Scholarship;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Tiffany Miller for having won a Lions Club Vocal Scholarship during the 2012 Queens County Music Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 1220

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas music plays such an important role in the education and growth of our youth; and

Whereas music festivals promote and encourage the growth in music through local festivals in competitive and non-competitive classes, like the 2012 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Robyn Whynot won a Kinsmen Vocal Scholarship;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Robyn Whynot for having won a Kinsmen Vocal Scholarship during the 2012 Queens County Music Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 1221

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas music plays such an important role in the education and growth of our youth; and

Whereas music festivals promote and encourage the growth in music through local festivals in competitive and non-competitive classes, like the 2012 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas the Queens County Girls Choir won the Kinsmen Shield and G. Cook & Sons Financial Service Choral Scholarship, in addition to receiving a recommendation to compete in the Provincial Music Festival;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Queens County Girls Choir for having won the Kinsmen Shield and G. Cook & Sons Financial Service Choral Scholarship, in addition to receiving a recommendation to compete in the Provincial Music Festival during the 2012 Queens County Music Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 1222

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas music plays such an important role in the education and growth of our youth; and

Whereas music festivals promote and encourage the growth in music through local festivals in competitive and non-competitive classes, like the 2012 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Pyper Wilms won the Khattar Cup;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Pyper Wilms for having won the Khattar Cup during the 2012 Queens County Music Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 1223

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas music plays such an important role in the education and growth of our youth; and

Whereas music festivals promote and encourage the growth in music through local festivals in competitive and non-competitive classes, like the 2012 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas the North Queens Community School Choir won the Bank of Montreal Cup;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate the North Queens Community School Choir for having won the Bank of Montreal Cup during the 2012 Queens County Music Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 1224

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas music plays such an important role in the education and growth of our youth; and

Whereas music festivals promote and encourage the growth in music through local festivals in competitive and non-competitive classes, like the 2012 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Nicholas Townsend won the Hank Snow Country Music Center Trophy and Tutty and DiPersio Scholarship in addition to receiving a recommendation to compete in the Provincial Music Festival;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Nicholas Townsend for having won the Hank Snow Country Music Centre Trophy and Tutty and DiPersio Scholarship, in addition to receiving a recommendation to compete in the Provincial Music Festival during the 2012 Queens County Music Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 1225

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas music plays such an important role in the education and growth of our youth; and

Whereas music festivals promote and encourage the growth in music through local festivals in competitive and non-competitive classes, like the 2012 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Makayla MacLeod won a Lions Club Vocal Scholarship;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Makayla MacLeod for having won a Lions Club Vocal Scholarship during the 2012 Queens County Music Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 1226

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas music plays such an important role in the education and growth of our youth; and

Whereas music festivals promote and encourage the growth in music through local festivals in competitive and non-competitive classes, like the 2012 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Lori Anthony won a Lions Club Vocal Scholarship;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Lori Anthony for having won a Lions Club Vocal Scholarship during the 2012 Queens County Music Festival.