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**SPEAKER**

Hon. Gordie Gosse

**DEPUTY SPEAKERS**

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

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Before we start the daily routine today, I would like to make a Speaker's Ruling on a point of privilege raised by the honourable member for Halifax Atlantic on April 2, 2013.

**SPEAKER'S RULING:** House of Assembly Act (Section 33) - significance (Pt. of privilege by Ms. Michele Raymond [Hansard p. 240, 04/03/13]) No *prima facie* point of privilege. The member has other recourse.

On Tuesday, April 2, 2013, the member for Halifax Atlantic raised a point of privilege respecting the significance of Section 33 of the House of Assembly Act, which provides in part that the "House is a court of record, and has all the rights and privileges of a court of record for the purpose of summarily inquiring into and punishing the acts, matters and things herein declared to be violations of [the] Act."

I will not repeat all the details of her point of privilege. They are set out in full in Hansard of the day. The member described several past instances in which she believed that her privileges were breached; however, she stated that they were appropriately disposed of and that she was not requesting a re-examination of those matters. The member has not raised any unsolved instances.

The process with respect to question of privilege is clearly established. A question of privilege arises out of an event, the alleged facts of which must ultimately be adjudicated and a determination made as to whether the facts as found result in the infringement of a member's or the House's privileges or the commission of a contempt against the House. A question of privilege is not answered in abstract. A finding of a *prima facie* question of privilege results in the question being given precedence over other House business. An abstract or hypothetical question should not take precedence over other House business. In *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada: Second Edition*, Maingot states that there "must be some act that improperly interferes with the Member's rights."

An additional difficulty with an abstract or hypothetical question is the requirement that a member should "demonstrate that the matter is being brought to the House's attention at the first opportunity" as provided by *O'Brien and Bosc* in the *House of Commons Procedure and Practice: Second Edition*, at Page 144. This would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, with an abstract or hypothetical question. The member for Halifax Atlantic has not demonstrated that she has met this requirement.

Although the member has raised a number of questions that may, indeed, be important, that the member may consider pressing, and that the House may ultimately choose to deal with, the member has not alleged any facts that I may consider as to whether to give rise to a *prima facie* breach of privilege.

The member states in her submission that she is "gravely concerned that [her] service as a member may expose [her] to the possibility of inadvertently committing offences under the [House of Assembly] Act . . ." Her concern is hypothetical. Without a specific allegation of a possible breach of privilege, there is nothing for me to consider and respond to. Therefore, I find that there is no *prima facie* point of privilege.

The member for Halifax Atlantic has other recourse with respect to the questions she has raised. She is free to put her proposed resolution before the House by giving a notice of motion in the usual fashion.

That is the ruling on this matter. Thank you.

The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic.

MS. MICHELE RAYMOND: Mr. Speaker, I thank you very much for that ruling and I am very grateful for the determination of this. I would imagine that there will be

future points of privilege raised by future members of this House, based on this, and I sincerely hope that the House will, in fact, constitute itself and accord you the authority to deal with it. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I'd like to thank the honourable member for Halifax Atlantic for her concern.

Before we start the daily routine, the order of business, the subject matter for late debate has been chosen:

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House condemn the member representing New Glasgow for sitting at the Cabinet Table and not doing anything to help spur on the economy while the town has lost almost 6,000 jobs and seen its GDP shrink by 16 per cent since 2009.

It was submitted by the honourable member for Victoria-The Lakes.

#### **PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

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

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to introduce a petition, the operative clause calling on the government to provide new pavement to the Lake Road in the Wentworth Valley.

I have affixed my signature to the petition and so table it.

MR. SPEAKER: The petition is tabled.

The honourable Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party.

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to introduce another petition, the operative clause calling on the government to repave the Chapman Settlement Road.

I have affixed my signature to the petition and so table it.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to table a petition on behalf of parents, teachers, and community members of the Whycomagh Education Centre, with the operative clause being that they will not accept further cuts to the Education budget, and they are calling on the government to stop making cuts to the Education budget.

Mr. Speaker, I have signed this petition in accordance with the Rules of the House, and I hereby table it.

MR. SPEAKER: The petition is tabled.

### **PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Justice.

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

**Bill No. 80 - Members' Retiring Allowances Act.**

**Bill No. 81 - Builders' Lien Act.**

**Bill No. 82 - Provincial Flag Act.**

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

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

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MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Premier.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1329**

HON. DARRELL DEXTER (The Premier): Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Westray coal mine explosion remains one of Canada's worst mining disasters; and

Whereas today Nova Scotians remember that it was 21 years ago when the province endured the sad and preventable loss of 26 lives in the Westray Mine explosion; and

Whereas the Westray Mine explosion is a painful reminder of the important role all Nova Scotians play in keeping each other safe on the job so that everyone can return home safely to their families each and every day;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join together in remembering the tragic events in New Glasgow 21 years ago, and honour their memory by rededicating ourselves to keep Nova Scotia's workers safe and healthy.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Health and Wellness.

HON. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, may I make an introduction?

MR. SPEAKER: Most certainly.

MR. WILSON: Mr. Speaker, in your gallery today is a special guest and I would like to draw the attention of all members to the Speaker's Gallery. With us today is Dr. Carman Giacomantonio who is from Whitney Pier and a good friend of the Speaker, a good friend of many in the House, and I know the Speaker's mother was good friends with his mother. He's with us today in recognition of receiving an investiture as Knight of the Italian Republic in the Italian Order of Merit and also is, of course, Chief Medical Director of Cancer Care Nova Scotia. I would ask all members to show a warm welcome. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: We welcome all our guests to the gallery, especially those ones from Whitney Pier.

The honourable Minister of Health and Wellness.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1330**

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

Whereas Dr. Carman Giacomantonio has a strong track record as a respected leader, educator, researcher and clinician in our province and abroad; and

Whereas his work has helped Nova Scotia families facing cancer by bringing them comfort in his ability as a clinician and a researcher, and in his capacity as an educator and leader he has strengthened the network of oncology surgeons by preparing young doctors to provide the same dedicated service to their patients that he has always demonstrated to his; and

Whereas for his outstanding contribution, Dr. Giacomantonio has recently received an investiture as Knight of the Italian Republic in the Italian Order of Merit;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House join me in congratulating Dr. Carman Giacomantonio on his knighthood and his continued service to the health and well-being of all Nova Scotians.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1331**

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 Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival attracts 125,000 people every year with an estimated economic impact of \$3 million; and

Whereas the Apple Blossom Festival is the second-longest running festival in Canada and includes communities from Windsor to Digby; and

Whereas the festival will be twinned with the Goosnargh & Whittingham Whitsuntide Festival in the United Kingdom this year;



Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the importance of the Apple Blossom Festival to Nova Scotia and the many ways it brings Nova Scotia to the world.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Communities, Culture, and Heritage.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1332**

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

Whereas Brian Doherty, throughout his long and illustrious career as a businessman, musician, and performer, has made numerous contributions to the economic, cultural, and artistic life of our province; and

Whereas a hallmark of Mr. Doherty's accomplishments has been his promotion and enhancement of Celtic culture here in Nova Scotia, across North America, and around the world through his music, business enterprises, and networking activities; and

Whereas Mr. Doherty has been appointed honorary consul for Ireland, reaffirming his connection to global Celtic culture and his role as a champion of stronger links between Nova Scotia and Ireland;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly congratulate Brian Doherty on becoming honorary consul for Ireland in Halifax, and wish him continued success in his music, business, and diplomatic activities.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Health and Wellness.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1333**

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

Whereas nurses from one corner of our province to the other are hard-working and dedicated to patient care and our health care system, and this year from May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup> marks National Nursing Week, with the theme Nursing: A Leading Force for Change; and

Whereas National Nursing Week is another opportunity to celebrate the difficult but rewarding work that nurses do every day and their commitment to providing the best care for patients; and

Whereas in Nova Scotia we are fortunate to have highly skilled, compassionate, and dedicated nurses to take care of and treat our patients from Yarmouth to Cape Breton;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House join me in recognizing National Nursing Week and the contribution that nurses and licensed practical nurses across Nova Scotia provide each and every day to the people of this province.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Colchester North.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1334**

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

Whereas the United Commercial Travelers Truro Council 856 celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March; and

Whereas they started their community work in 1963 by building the Butler Centre, which provided training and a sheltered workshop for intellectually challenged in the area; and

Whereas the council, which has 60 members, is dedicated to helping the community and is involved with various events and fundraisers for local charities, the Colchester Community Workshops being their first choice, and their second choice being the Canadian Cancer Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the United Commercial Travelers Truro Council 856 on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and express our thanks for their many projects which they work for and sponsor to help others.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Pictou East.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1335**

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

Whereas during the early morning hours of May 9, 1992, residents of Pictou County were awakened by a horrific blast from the Westray Mine; and

Whereas the underground explosion claimed the lives of 26 coal miners, and forever changed our communities and our province; and

Whereas in the days following the disaster, draegermen worked tirelessly in challenging conditions in an attempt to bring some form of closure to families, friends, and the people of Pictou County;

Therefore be it resolved that on this, the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Westray Mine disaster, we remember the victims, thank the brave draegermen who attempted rescue, recall a supportive population, and send our thoughts and continuing support to the families, friends, and communities of Pictou County.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1336**

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

Whereas today is the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the tragedy that no one in this House or in our province will ever forget; and

Whereas the tragic explosion at the Westray Mine took 26 men suddenly from their families, leaving their communities in mourning for the loss of their husbands, fathers, brothers, and sons; and

Whereas Nova Scotians came together in their grief with the common goal to fight for the safety and protection of workers in our province;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly respect and honour the memory of those who were lost in the Westray disaster, send our thoughts and prayers to their families and communities, and ensure that we continue to work for the safety of our workers in all areas of Nova Scotia.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1337**

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

Whereas the Westray Mine disaster in Pictou County is a sad chapter in our province's history; and

Whereas at 5:18 a.m. on Saturday May 9, 1992, far beneath the Town of Plymouth, the Westray Mine exploded killing 26 miners in the worst mining disaster in Canada since 1958; and

Whereas while the Westray structure is no longer standing the lessons of the mine will stay forever in the hearts and minds of all Nova Scotians;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House remember the 26 miners who lost their lives in the Westray Mine and extend ongoing sympathies to the families as they cherish the memories of their loved ones throughout today.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations on an introduction.

HON. JOHN MACDONELL: Mr. Speaker, I thank the House for their indulgence. I would like to draw the attention of the members to the east gallery. The Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations has an orientation process for employees and some of those people today are here checking out what happens in the House of Assembly and to get a tour of the building, this very historic building. I was really pleased to have an opportunity to meet these individuals so I would like the House to give these employees of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations a warm welcome. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: We welcome all our guests to the gallery and hope that they enjoy this afternoon's proceedings.

The honourable member for Timberlea-Prospect.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1338**

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

Whereas on May 10, 1970, legendary Boston Bruins defenceman Robert Gordon Orr scored "The Goal" winning the Stanley Cup in that unforgettable NHL season; and

Whereas Bobby Orr revolutionized the game of hockey during his too-short playing career; and

Whereas loyal fans will always remember "The Goal" scored 43 years ago tomorrow;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature recognize Bobby Orr's cup-winning goal on May 10, 1970, with best wishes to Bruins fans in this year's team quest to capture the Stanley Cup beginning with Friday night's elimination of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

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

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

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Clare.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1339**

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

Whereas Mi'kmaq elder Elsie Charles Basque of Saulnierville has received an honorary doctorate in humanities from Acadia University, during a special ceremony at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital on Monday; and

Whereas Dr. Elsie Charles Basque is a well-respected elder of the Mi'kmaq Nation; and

Whereas as an educator and volunteer, Dr. Elsie Charles Basque has served as a role model and a champion of the Mi'kmaq values and traditions, and has taught several generations of young people;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Nova Scotia Legislature join me in congratulating Dr. Elsie Charles Basque on receiving an honorary doctorate from Acadia University, and wish her good health and happiness in the future.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Victoria-The Lakes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1340**

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

Whereas Danielle Fraser of Bay St. Lawrence has been chosen as one of 15 representatives from across Canada to participate in the National Alliance for Children and Youth, National Youth Engagement Session on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Toronto; and

Whereas the purpose of the engagement session is to provide input to help create a new agenda for children, youth and families in Canada; and

Whereas Danielle has had a strong interest in youth and family issues, particularly those relating to education and health;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Danielle Fraser on being chosen for participation in the Youth Engagement Session, and wish her the very best in this and all her future endeavours.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable Premier.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1341**

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

Whereas Dan and Jamie Latter hosted the 23<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Daddies auction at Big Leagues in Cole Harbour; and

Whereas this annual local event has raised over \$700,000 over the years to support the Christmas Daddies fundraiser; and



Whereas at this year's event, the bidding was fast and furious on the huge selection of items and raised over \$30,000;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join together in thanking Dan and Jamie Latter for hosting this annual event and the many Nova Scotians who came out and bid on all the items for a great cause.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Halifax Clayton Park.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1342**

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

Whereas Canadian War Museum's Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Awards was founded in 1998 to support and encourage students to continue their studies in the field of history; and

Whereas this award is a brilliant way in which Canadian students are drawn to better understand their country's military history in its personal, national and international dimensions; and

Whereas Graeme McKinnon-Nestman was one of only four Canadians to get the distinction of the 2012 Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Award, for his captivating poem, *Unlikely Neighbours*, along with the \$1,000 prize and the exhibition of his poem on the Canadian War Museum's Web site;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly thank Graeme for sharing his reflections on this important topic, applaud him for winning the award, and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Cape Breton North.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1343**

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

Whereas students and staff of Thompson Junior High took to the street to raise awareness of Earth Day and to do their part for the Clean Across Nova Scotia campaign; and

Whereas the two-hour clean-up saw 140 students, supervised by teacher Michelle Pinaud, picking up trash, especially containers from fast food restaurants; and

Whereas the students plan to meet with the various restaurants to discuss solutions to the littering problem, showing how motivated these students are to improve their community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the small army of volunteers from Thompson Junior High who are making a difference in our community.

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

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

Is it agreed?

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 Lunenburg.

MS. PAM BIRDSALL: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to make an introduction.

MR. SPEAKER: Most certainly.

MS. BIRDSALL: Mr. Speaker, in your gallery we have Grace McKnight who is a well-respected resident in the Lunenburg constituency. Grace has lived there for many years and has found physical health and is helping many others across the province and the country to find spiritual comfort. Grace is a valued and honoured member of our community and I ask the members to give her a warm welcome. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: We welcome all our guests to the gallery and hope they enjoy this afternoon's proceedings.

The honourable member for Lunenburg.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1344**

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

Whereas Kinship: Exploring Spiritual Diversity in Lunenburg-Queens was created by Grace McKnight to recognize the essential and complementary roles of spiritual diversity and cultural diversity in creating a healthy and vibrant community; and

Whereas Kinship: Exploring Spiritual Diversity in Lunenburg-Queens project culminated in a photograph exhibition at the Mahone Bay Centre on March 29<sup>th</sup>, exploring the stories of young adults of various backgrounds, expressing diverse spiritual and religious backgrounds in their lives and communities; and

Whereas the project, which was made possible through support by the Inspirit Foundation, Communities, Culture and Heritage, Lunenburg-Queens Recreational Development Agency; the United Way of Lunenburg County, and the Nova Scotia Community College, features photographs and stories by Sauesi Pahulu, Danielle Aspden, Saideepak Nelaturi D, Priya Mashru, Innikki Belajac, Samantha Oickle, Jorel Pentz, Yousef El Bazi, Kshitij Dudhatra, Ashton Rodenhiser, Jennifer Schwartz and Autumn Sheppard;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Grace McKnight and all participants in the Kinship project, and commend the group for exploring spiritual diversity in Lunenburg-Queens constituency.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Preston.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1345**

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

Whereas New Beginnings Ministries in Cherry Brook came to fruition in 1998 in the home of Rev. Glenn and Kathy Gray, moved to Ross Road School, and today has developed into a multi-million dollar worship and multi-purpose facility; and

Whereas New Beginnings Ministries is proud of their growth and since July they have been under the leadership of Rev. Kirby Spivey III, who comes with a new vision and energy; and

Whereas New Beginnings will celebrate their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 19, 2013, and are grateful to God for their growth and mission;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate New Beginnings Ministries for persevering and allowing their faith to take them through milestone after milestone, and welcome all that enter their sanctuary.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Argyle.

### RESOLUTION NO. 1346

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

Attendu que pour la huitième année consécutive, le Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) a organisé son concours d'Expo-sciences à l'École secondaire du Sommet le 22 mars dernier; et

Attendu que les trois meilleurs présentateurs de projets, notamment les présentateurs; Emma Thompson de l'École secondaire du Sommet, Madeleine Robitaille du Centre scolaire de la Rive-Sud et Brandon Doucette de l'École secondaire de Par-en-Bas, participeront à la finale pancanadienne à Lethbridge, en Alberta du 11 au 18 mai 2013; et

Attendu que un des meilleurs présentateurs, Brandon Doucette de Wedgeport étudiant à l'École secondaire de Par-en-Bas, a été lauréat du premier prix dans la catégorie de 11<sup>e</sup> - 12<sup>e</sup> et a reçu 1 700\$ en bourses lors de l'Expo-sciences provincial;

Par conséquent, qu'il soit résolu que tous les membres de cette Assemblée félicitent ces trois étudiants sur leur réussite au niveau provincial et leur souhaitent la meilleure chance à la finale lorsqu'ils se rendent en Alberta, ainsi que dans leurs avenir.

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

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

Whereas for the eighth consecutive year the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) organized its Science Expo at École secondaire du Sommet on March 22<sup>nd</sup>; and

Whereas Emma Thompson of École secondaire du Sommet, Madeleine Robitaille of Centre scolaire de la Rive-Sud and Brandon Doucette of École secondaire de Pas-en-Bas will participate in the pan-Canadian finals in Lethbridge, Alberta, from May 11-18, 2013; and

Whereas Brandon Doucette of Wedgeport won first place in the Grade 11 to 12 category and received \$1,700 in bursaries at the provincial Science Expo;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Emma Thompson, Madeleine Robitaille, and Brandon Doucette on their accomplishments and wish them good luck at the finals in Alberta, as well as in their future endeavours.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Lunenburg West.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1347**

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

Whereas the alternative rock band First to Fall - consisting of James Smith, guitar and vocals, Shawn Selig, guitar and vocals, Mike Smith, drums, and James Ramey, bass - formed 10 years ago in high school; and

Whereas First to Fall has completed an Eastern Canadian tour, an East Coast tour and played at a number of festivals and concerts in Halifax and other locations in Nova Scotia and throughout Atlantic Canada over the past number of years; and

Whereas First to Fall is currently completing the recording of an album soon to be released to their many fans and the buying public;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate bandmates James Smith, Shawn Selig, Mike Smith and James Ramey on the completion of their new CD and wish them success in their future musical endeavours.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Colchester North.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1348**

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

Whereas six of the many churches in Colchester North - two in Five Islands, two in Economy, one in Bass River and one in Portapique - joined together in 1963 to form the Cobequid Pastoral Charge; and

Whereas their mission statement is to reach out to the communities of the Cobequid Pastoral Charge by working together to develop hand-in-hand the spirit of Christian worship and fellowship; and

Whereas the three remaining churches of the charge - Riverside United, Peniel United and Economy United - continue to serve the communities along the shore;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the Cobequid Pastoral Charge on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and commend them for their commitment to ensuring the continuation of their religious worship.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1349**

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

Whereas for many years, the Department of Natural Resources has had helicopters which are intended to be used for department business like firefighting, fire prevention and wildlife surveys but are also brought in for medical evacuations, ground search and rescue and government personnel transport when necessary; and

Whereas unlike the NDP Government, who has made it its policy to use these helicopters as they are intended, the previous Liberal Government used them as political taxis, with 44 trips made by Liberal MLAs and Cabinet Ministers in just 15 months; and

Whereas 19 of those trips were made by MLAs who are still in this House - between May 1998 and July 1999, the member for Preston flew four times, the member for Clare flew five times, the member for Cape Breton South flew twice and the member for Richmond flew a whopping eight times - curiously, many of those trips were from Halifax to his constituency;

Therefore be it resolved that the Liberal members representing these constituencies explain to Nova Scotians why they felt it was right to use the DNR helicopter as a political taxi when they were last in power.

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

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

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1350**

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

Whereas on May 8, 2013 the Nova Scotia Department of Energy filed a letter requesting an attachment in the Maritime Link hearings be considered "Board Only Confidential" and available to no interveners; and



Whereas filing such a document only serves to increase the skepticism of the project and suggest there may be something being hidden; and

Whereas the board is now using some of its already limited time in the hearing to review the secrecy of this document;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Department of Energy, through the Minister of Energy, release the attachment in question today to all interveners in the Maritime Link hearing.

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

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

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Richmond.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1351**

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

Whereas Arichat resident Donald MacLellan started taking pictures with his digital camera in 2008; and

Whereas Donald found a place to store and share his pictures when he started the sites, Isle Madame Through My Eyes, and Cape Breton Through My Eyes, on Facebook which has now attracted other contributors; and

Whereas Donald has attended countless community events, photographed local businesses and construction projects, along with nature photos which now has him with approximately 50,000 to 70,000 digital pictures which are enjoyed by current and former residents of Richmond County and Cape Breton;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Donald MacLellan for his efforts to chronicle community events and everyday activities on Isle Madame and Cape Breton through his photos which are enjoyed by so many, and wish him continued success.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Glace Bay.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1352**

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

Whereas the 2013 Boston Marathon was marred by a senseless act of violence that impacted the celebration of achievement associated with this historic race that happened to fall on another important date for the people of Massachusetts, Maine, and Wisconsin - Patriot's Day;

Whereas humanity was quick to show its resolve with stories of bravery from first responders, acts of generosity from runners, and an outpouring of support for the City of Boston and a celebration of the accomplishments by runners on and since that day; and

Whereas one of those success stories was Kim Scattalon, a Glace Bay native who worked hard to qualify for the Boston Marathon and finished with a very commendable time of three hours, 32 minutes, and 59 seconds;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House join me in congratulating Kim Scattalon for her completion of the Boston Marathon and a 2013 edition of this historic race will remind us that goodness wins over evil every time.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Yarmouth.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1353**

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

Whereas for 35 years Brian Douglas Trask of the Canada Border Services Agency has provided dedicated and exemplary service to his community of Yarmouth, the Province of Nova Scotia, and has ensured the safety and security to the citizens of Canada; and

Whereas Brian Trask has been part of various enforcement teams within the agency, most recently working as part of the integrated border enforcement team that had been located in Yarmouth, a multi-agency team consisting of Canada Border Services Agency, the RCMP, U.S. Customs, and Border Protection, as well as other law enforcement agencies;

Whereas Brian Trask has been active in his community through volunteerism and charity work and according to his fellow staff members has given of his time willingly and for the greater good of the agency, provided excellent customer service with a smile, was the epitome of professionalism, is highly respected amongst his peers, and his knowledge, professionalism, and presence in the operation will be sorely missed;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly thank Brian Douglas Trask for 35 dedicated years of highly respected service to his community, province, and country and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Cape Breton South.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1354**

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

Whereas for five years the Premier used taxpayers' dollars in order to pay for his own barrister fees amounting to \$10,642.67; and

Whereas the Premier also billed taxpayers \$485 for his wife's mileage on a return trip from Vermont; and

Whereas the Auditor General flagged the Premier's expenses as excessive, billing Nova Scotians for a \$409 briefcase, \$2,150 on a digital camera and \$5,501 on two laptops;

Therefore be it resolved that the Premier did use thousands of dollars from the pockets of taxpayers for his excessive billings and that the member for Cape Breton Centre urge the Premier to apologize to all Nova Scotians for using their money for his advantage and reimburse taxpayers for his barrister fees.

MR. SPEAKER: The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Clare.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1355**

HON. WAYNE GAUDET: M. le Président, par la présente, j'avise que je proposerai, à une date ultérieure, l'adoption de la résolution suivante:

Attendu que les Jeux de l'Acadie sont une occasion superbe pour les jeunes acadiens/acadiennes de notre province à célébrer leur langue et leur culture; et

Attendu que les jeux ont été créés pour donner aux athlètes acadiens/acadiennes la chance et le plaisir de découvrir de nouveaux amis, tous en parlant français; et

Attendu que cette année, le 29<sup>e</sup> Jeux régionaux de la Nouvelle-Écosse prennent place dans la municipalité de Clare le 17, 18 et 19 mai 2013;

Qu'il soit résolu que les membres de l'Assemblée félicitent tous les athlètes et les participants des Jeux régionaux de la Nouvelle-Écosse et leur souhaitent bonne chance.

M. le Président, de propose l'adoption de cette résolution sans préavis et sans débat.

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

Whereas les Jeux de l'Acadie are an excellent opportunity for Acadian youth to celebrate their language and culture; and

Whereas the games were created to give Acadian athletes the chance to meet new friends who speak the same language and have fun at the same time; and

Whereas les 29<sup>e</sup> Jeux régionaux de la Nouvelle-Écosse will be held in the Municipality of Clare from May 17-19, 2013;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly extend their congratulations and best wishes to all athletes who will participate in the 29<sup>th</sup> Jeux régionaux de la Nouvelle-Écosse.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Halifax Clayton Park.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1356**

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

Whereas many community groups and organizations in our province would not be able to continue their work without the commitment and dedication of volunteers; and

Whereas on May 8, 2013, the Halifax Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee held their annual Community Champion Awards Dinner to recognize outstanding volunteers who consistently dedicate their time and effort to improving the lives of others; and

Whereas Colleen Cashin was nominated by her colleagues at Scotiabank for her tireless dedication to organizing events and to recognize her success in raising over \$72,000 for local charities in 2012 alone;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Colleen Cashin for the tremendous contribution she has made to improve the lives of others and wish her continued success in the future.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Richmond.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1357**

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

Whereas Give a Gift from the Heart was founded six years ago to hold a one-day event, which allows registered dental hygienists to give back to their communities by providing no-cost dental hygiene care; and

Whereas on February 9<sup>th</sup>, Isle Madame Dental Clinic in Arichat opened its doors to 34 patients who are financially unable to receive dental hygiene care or who have difficulty accessing dental hygiene treatment; and

Whereas 34 patients were treated by registered dental hygienists Sharon Hearn, Jessica Boudreau, Jackie White, Donna Samson, including dental assistants Ashley Clannon, Edith Doyle and former office manager Lisa Morgan;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate these professionals for hosting the Give a Gift from the Heart and allowing 34 patients to receive free dental hygiene care.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Preston.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1358**

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

Whereas the Pentecostal Church wanted to establish a church in Dartmouth and held their first service on the Dartmouth Common in a tent until they rented the IOOF Hall for Sunday services, where 18 people attended, including children; and

Whereas growth continued and the congregation purchased the old Dundas Theatre, followed by a property purchased at 6 Admiral Street, until they purchased their present property at 1412 Cole Harbour Road; and

Whereas on June 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year, Evangel Pentecostal Church will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and at the same time will be burning their church mortgage;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House congratulate Evangel Pentecostal Church for their many accomplishments and their commitment to preserving their faith.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Yarmouth.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1359**

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

Whereas for 39 years Henry Blair Surette of the Canada Border Services Agency has provided dedicated and exemplary service to his community of Yarmouth, the Province of Nova Scotia, and has ensured the safety and security of the citizens of Canada; and

Whereas Blair Surette has been part of various enforcement teams within the agency, most recently working as part of the integrated Border Enforcement Team that had been located in Yarmouth - a multi-agency team consisting of Canada Border Services Agency, the RMCP, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, as well as other law enforcement agencies; and

Whereas Blair Surette has been active in his community through volunteerism and charity work and, according to his fellow staff members, has given of his time willingly and for the greater good of the agency, provided excellent customer service with a smile, was the epitome of professionalism, is highly respected amongst his peers and his knowledge, professionalism and presence in the operation will be sorely missed;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly thank Henry Blair Surette for 39 dedicated years of highly-respected service to his community, province and country, and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Cape Breton South.



**RESOLUTION NO. 1360**

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

Whereas the NDP knowingly accepted \$45,000 in illegal donations during the last provincial election; and

Whereas after accepting these illegal donations, the NDP told Nova Scotians they had returned these illegal monies when, in fact, they had not done so; and

Whereas after accepting illegal donations and after telling Nova Scotians they had returned these illegal monies when they had not, they were found guilty of breaking election financing laws and fined \$10,000 by Elections Nova Scotia; (Interruptions)

Mr. Speaker, I see I've got their attention. I wonder what they're worried about.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. The honourable member for Cape Breton South has the floor. (Interruptions)

Order, please, order. All right, things are getting a little bit heated in here today so I wonder if we could have a nice parliamentary debate this afternoon and do it with dignity.

The honourable member for Cape Breton South to finish a resolution.

MR. MANNING MACDONALD: Whereas after accepting illegal donations and after telling Nova Scotians they had returned these illegal monies when they had not, they were found guilty of breaking election financing laws and fined \$10,000 by Elections Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that the NDP did accept illegal donations in the 2009 election and then told Nova Scotians that they had returned the illegal money when they had not done so, and that the member for Cape Breton Centre urge the Premier to finally abandon this practice in the coming election.

MR. SPEAKER: The notice is tabled.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****ORAL QUESTIONS PUT BY MEMBERS**

MR. SPEAKER: The time is now 1:01 p.m. and we will finish at 2:01 p.m.

The honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

**PREM.: N.S. HOME FOR COLORED CHILDREN - PANEL**

HON. STEPHEN MCNEIL: Mr. Speaker, former residents of the Home for Colored Children are saying that the Premier's panel is the wrong approach and will divide their community. Members of Ujamaa have reiterated this in their statement on April 5<sup>th</sup>, saying, "the panel suggested by the government will revictimize the victims and will not provide transparency and clarity to the African-Nova Scotian community."

My question is, why is the Premier insisting on proceeding with a process that will re-victimize the victims of abuse?

THE PREMIER: Well, Mr. Speaker, nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the process that we are seeking to follow is exactly the one that was recommended not only by the VOICES group, but by other African Nova Scotian groups. We're doing so, of course, to promote reconciliation and healing, and to ensure that there is a full examination. We want all of this to take place compassionately, understanding that there is, at the same time, a legal process underway that is dealing with the question of compensation.

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me. Hold on a second. Kenny, can you go see that camera guy up there in the gallery? He's shooting people in the gallery up there.

The honourable Leader of the Official Opposition has the floor.

MR. MCNEIL: Mr. Speaker, this government has heard from former residents, from Ujamaa and from restorative justice experts, that an independent panel is not what will help the victims heal. Instead, they have said this panel will do nothing but divide the community and continue the hurt.

My question to the Premier is why would the Premier commit to a process that will divide a community rather than support its healing?

THE PREMIER: That is not true. I'm going to now file with you and table a letter that is dated March 7, 2013, which we received from the VOICES group. In it, it says - and I can't read it all, because there's a lot in it - but it says:

"Thank you for your letter of earlier this week. I am very appreciative of your government's expressed willingness to engage in a restorative process, to bring long overdue healing to the abuse victims of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children . . . If we are able to settle the civil claims . . ." - and as I've said, Mr. Speaker, that it is a separate matter of compensation - ". . . we do not . . ." - and I want to stress this - ". . . we do not . . ." (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Premier has the floor.

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker:

“. . . we do not propose a public inquiry per say . . . Rather than ‘finger-pointing’, a restorative approach to justice seeks to understand the context and causes of harm. The designer will help us identify who was involved or affected and who else can affect the outcome and will bring them into the process.”

And then further on, it goes on to say:

“We will be committed to an approach that promotes inclusion and participation among various stake-holders. These will include former staff, social workers/policy makers, members of the African-Nova Scotian community, et cetera.”

Mr. Speaker, this is exactly the process that we have committed to. We are pleased today to have announced that Robert Wright, a well-known African Nova Scotian social worker with extensive experience, will be called upon to put together the terms of reference. We genuinely believe and hope that this will adequately and completely address the situation. (Applause)

MR. MCNEIL: Mr. Speaker, the important part of that letter is called restorative justice, and the victims, the abused at the Home for Colored Children have been denied justice. The Premier knows that the panel put together by his government does not allow the voices of those victims to be heard and it does not have the legal requirement to force people to testify at a public inquiry to ensure that Nova Scotians know exactly what happened at that Home for Colored Children, and that the victims finally get their voices heard and get served justice in the Province of Nova Scotia, where it has been denied for decades. (Applause)

I want to ask the Premier again, why would the Premier commit to a process that will divide a community rather than begin the healing?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Official Opposition shows an extraordinarily poor understanding of the manner in which the Public Inquiries Act works, in the manner in which restorative justice works, in the way that reconciliation and healing takes place. In fact, he is right only about this - it does not start by trying to divide communities.

As I pointed out in that letter, we did exactly the opposite from that. We brought together broad-based groups among the African Nova Scotia community to try to reach a consensus on the kind of process that would actually bring about reconciliation and healing. That is what our government is dedicated to, and it is one that I believe the people of Nova Scotia are committed to. We cannot afford to repeat the mistakes of the past. We

cannot afford to repeat what happened in the Shelburne case. We must learn from the past if we are truly to have a restorative process.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to remind our guests in the galleries that under the Rules of our House, they are not allowed to show either approval or disapproval of anything that happens here on the floor during our proceedings.

The honourable Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party.

**PREM. - N.S. HOME FOR COLORED CHILDREN: INQUIRY - CALL**

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, after many calls from both Opposition Parties and the former residents of the Home for Colored Children, the Premier actually had us believing that he may finally be taking those calls seriously about calling a full public inquiry. But then he sent his legal team in and had them quash the very stories in court that the residents were wanting to tell. Now we see that Tony Smith, the spokesperson for VOICES, has told reporters that they feel misled by what the Premier has said about his intentions around a public inquiry and I will table for the benefit of the Premier Mr. Smith's comments.

The Premier just tabled a letter in this House which he had previously said shows that they want a panel and not an inquiry, but that's not what that letter says. I will ask the Premier, why not do the right thing and call a full public inquiry so that Nova Scotians can get on with putting this horrible chapter behind us and allow the residents to have the closure they deserve?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, the letter, I think, is pretty clear. It says, "... we do not propose a public inquiry per say [sic]." That is an exact quote from what it says. That is exactly what it means, it means that we look to terms of reference. In fact, the terms of reference have not even been set yet.

What we have done is we have selected an individual who is well respected in the African Nova Scotian community, who has the skill set to put together an appropriate terms of reference. The terms of reference looks at the context, looks at the history, looks at the proper forum for giving people the ability to have their voices heard. That's exactly what the terms of reference do.

In this caucus, we have a deep affection for the questions associated with social justice. We have committed ourselves to them for most of our lives and we do so in this regard as well.

MR. BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, no wonder VOICES and the former residents have lost faith in the way this government has handled their cause. Saying they don't "... propose a public inquiry per say [sic]." is not the same as the way the Premier characterizes

which is that they were calling for some panel. That's not the same thing at all. To try to comfort them today by saying that the terms of reference for the panel will satisfy them when those terms of reference are not even written. In fact, I'll table the Premier's own release that says they have appointed someone to write them, it shows the kind of games that are being played on such an important issue.

Will the Premier stop playing these kinds of games and get on with the job of simply calling a public inquiry that will satisfy not only residents but all Nova Scotians that they have a government that will do the right thing?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I really think this is a shame that the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party would stoop to this kind of a response because, of course, that is the ultimate in playing games. You try to dismiss what it is - the work that has already been done, the consultations that have already taken place - and you suggest that there is an alternative process that somehow would be better.

Mr. Speaker, the first thing that an inquiry of any nature would do, of course, is set its terms of reference. That is exactly what would have to happen in any case. It is fundamental to the work, whether it is a panel, an inquiry, you can name it what you like - it is the work that gets done that is the important thing and that is what actually yields up the result.

For example, the Leader of the Official Opposition does not understand that although you might be able to subpoena people, you can't actually make them testify. All of those kinds of things are, of course, very important considerations.

MR. BAILLIE: Okay, Mr. Speaker, so let's call it what we want - let's call a full public inquiry. That has a definition in the Public Inquiries Act. It is what the residents are asking for. It is what Nova Scotians know leads to ultimate justice and the ability for the province to move on. Let's not call it something different, let's call a full public inquiry. As the Premier says, let's call it what it is, let's call what's needed. Then truly, the residents will know that they don't have a government that is playing games; that they don't have to go through some alternative process that doesn't satisfy their needs, so that years from now we are no further ahead.

The Premier has a chance to do the right thing, to stop the shell game that's going on, so I'll ask him - if he truly believes that we should call it what it is, will he call a public inquiry?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I'm sure the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party thinks he knows better than all of the people we have consulted with and all of the individuals who we have talked to about this issue.

As I said, we talked to the members from the VOICES group, they were in my office. They followed up with the letter which I have just read to you. During those conversations they were very animated about the need, the desire to get to the question of their experience, what happened while they were in the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.

We said, and we are committed to a vehicle for that expression, one that not only provides them with the opportunity to tell their story but one to look at the historical context in which it occurred, to look at the actions of governments of the day, which of course were Liberal and Progressive Conservative Governments, to look very specifically at what the societal norms of the day were so that we can try to understand the experience that we had.

Mr. Speaker, this is an attempt to ensure the most transparent and complete examination of the issue.

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

**PREM. - N.S. HOME FOR COLORED CHILDREN: THINK-TANK - MEMBERS**

HON. STEPHEN MCNEIL: Mr. Speaker, today residents of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children had a press conference to share information about this government's active attempts to silence victims of abuse. While victims have called for a full public inquiry and restorative justice, instead this Premier has called for a think-tank to conduct an independent panel to develop terms of reference for this panel.

My question to the Premier is, will the Premier tell the members of this House who sits on his independent think-tank?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I have no idea what the Leader of the Official Opposition is talking about but I don't think I'm alone in that.

Mr. Speaker, all of the work was conducted through my office with the co-operation of the appropriate ministers including the Minister of Justice; the Minister of Community Services; the member for Halifax Needham, who is the Minister of Finance, of course, but was the Minister of Health and Wellness; the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism. We brought together the resources of the government to hear from a broad-based group of people. They came from many different organizations, including the faith community, including groups of interested citizens. Yes, some of them had past experience in public life and of course they would.

MR. MCNEIL: Mr. Speaker, in every answer that this Premier has given he never once mentioned the victims of this abuse - not once has he mentioned the victims. Let me tell you, in my first question today I quoted from a letter that he would have received from

Ujamaa that is supporting the VOICES organization. It said Ujamaa Black family members held a meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to support VOICES organizations and their demand for a public inquiry. The panel suggested by the government will re-victimize the victims and will not provide transparency, clarity to the African Nova Scotia community.

Ujamaa represents African Nova Scotians from one end of this province to the other. My question is - outside a former NDP candidate, a former NDP MLA, do not speak on behalf of the residents. I want to remind the House that that letter was signed by Rocky Jones, whom I know the Premier knows. Finally, will the Premier admit that he appointed a group of individuals to actively silence former residents?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Official Opposition's assertions, besides being demeaning and insulting, are also untrue. They are, in fact, the furthest thing from the truth. In fact, the VOICES group, when we met with them said that we were the first government to ever take them seriously and meet with them - that is what they told us when they met with us. I can only say this, there is nothing that hasn't been completely transparent in what we have done. At every turn we have tried to accommodate the desires of the VOICES group.

And he says we didn't mention the victims - we have talked about nothing else but the victims and trying to ensure that they have the pathway to restoration and healing. That, Mr. Speaker, is exactly what we have done.

MR. MCNEIL: Mr. Speaker, I can tell you what's insulting and demeaning - the fact that the Premier is ignoring the victims of abuse, that's what's insulting. Members from the African Nova Scotia community, VOICES people, victims have asked this government for a full, open, public inquiry. What they've received from this government has been stonewalling at every attempt to even last week when they sent their team of lawyers down to the courthouse to squash affidavits from victims of abuse.

What else are they to think when their own government is trying to have their voices squashed in a court - will the Premier do the right thing and call a full, open, public inquiry?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, what he's suggesting would not adequately, in fact, address the issues and what we have done. In fact, I met with every person who had requested to speak or meet with me on this issue. I have made myself available, whether they are victims, whether they are represented by the VOICES group, whether they are represented by other groups, it didn't matter to me. What I wanted to understand was what the best route, best path forward is. I spent years in the courts, I know very well how adversarial those proceedings are. I understand very well that it is not a very perfect system and it is certainly not the kind of system that leads to the kind of result that we want.

I have been told over and over again by the VOICES group that this is not about money, they said we're not worried about that, so I take that at face value and I say the question of compensation, the question of the lawsuit is over here, the question of reconciliation, of healing, of understanding the circumstances and the pain of the victims, that is what we are engaged in here.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Yarmouth.

**PREM. - ELECTION (2009): ILLEGAL DONATIONS - RETURN CONFIRM**

MR. ZACH CHURCHILL: Mr. Speaker, the NDP track record for election financing is abysmal. During the 2009 election campaign, the NDP took illegal donations from unions that totalled \$45,000. When they were discovered, the NDP promised to return the illegal donations, but misled the public and failed to do so. The offence was so egregious and serious in nature that Elections Nova Scotia levelled its first-ever fine of such a nature to the Premier and his NDP, with the largest fine possible under the law.

Mr. Speaker, it is widely speculated that an election is imminent, within the next few months. My question to the Premier is, will he commit to all Nova Scotians today that he will govern himself within the bounds of the law during this upcoming election, not conduct any illegal acts, as his Party did in 2009 (Interruptions) - I don't know what they're laughing at, this is fact and I'll table the documents - and can he table documents with the Clerk of the House that prove the donations were finally returned and that the NDP paid the maximum fine levied under the Elections Act?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, first of all, all the things he has said are untrue. That's the first thing. In fact the Chief Electoral Officer specifically says that the Party did not and could not have known about the nature of the contributions.

And you know, Mr. Speaker . . .

AN HON. MEMBER: Don't confuse him with the facts.

THE PREMIER: No, I don't want to confuse him with the facts, but you know we're talking about a Party that for years existed on the proceeds of crime, that existed on trust funds, which we still don't know the disposition of. We do know that some \$1.2 million was transferred under the control of this Leader into the finances of the Liberal Party - what they did with it, of course we do not know, but perhaps we will find out.

MR. CHURCHILL: Mr. Speaker, if he paid attention to the facts and the information we've actually tabled in this House, he would know what happened with that. Let's put this into perspective - the Premier is talking about something that happened with the Liberal Party in 1970, I'm talking about something that happened in 2009, under his



leadership - under his leadership and nobody else's. (Interruptions) The contraventions - when imposing their maximum fine under the Act, Elections . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order. Order, please. The honourable member for Yarmouth has the floor.

MR. CHURCHILL: Thank you. When imposing their maximum fine under the Act, Elections Nova Scotia stated the contraventions were serious and not simply technical contraventions. They involved a significant amount of money. The acts were so serious that the matter was then referred to the police immediately after the NDP were fined. Recently Elections Nova Scotia - they're not laughing now over there, are they, Mr. Speaker? (Interruptions)

Recently Elections Nova Scotia identified a loophole that would allow the NDP to inappropriately finance their election campaigns in this province, Mr. Speaker. Nova Scotians expect that unions and corporations will no longer be allowed to provide financial benefits to political Parties - and that includes providing election loan guarantees.

My question to the Premier is, will he commit today to all Nova Scotians that his Party will not accept any donations, loans, or loan guarantees from unions or corporations in this upcoming election - yes or no?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, it is phenomenal that the member for Yarmouth tries to say this is something that happened in the 1970s. Just months ago they were using this money to fund their advertising budgets. (Interruptions) They transferred money over the last three years; they can't wean themselves off it. I realize . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. The honourable Premier has the floor.

THE PREMIER: I realize that this has been a very difficult session for the Liberal Party, I realize that the electricity plan that they had was thrown out by the New Brunswick Government because of its absolute failure, and I realize that they're having difficulty keeping track of where their members are or where they live. Mr. Speaker, I understand that it has been a very difficult time, but we are simply unmasking who the Liberal Party actually is.

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

### **PREM. - MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR FAMILIES: PLEDGE OUTCOME**

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Today a new report entitled *Can Nova Scotians Afford to Eat Healthy?* was released. It's a food costing report for 2012 produced by FoodARC, which concludes that over the last four years families in Nova Scotia are having more and

more trouble feeding their own families nutritious food because of the cost - and I will share that with the House and with the Premier, Mr. Speaker.

There will be more trouble providing nutritious meals to their families, at the same time we've had four years of no real wage growth, four years of growing unemployment, four years of the highest taxes in the country, and skyrocketing power rates. Families deserve much better than that, so I will ask the Premier to explain why his pledge to make life better for today's families has gone so horribly wrong.

**THE PREMIER:** The Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party should read the report. It actually commends our government that have increased income assistance rates. We increased minimum wage to the point where it is now among the highest, if not the highest in the country, and it's hard to believe that the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party attacked the increase in the minimum wage, the very thing that puts food on the table for poor Nova Scotia families.

We're very proud of our record with respect to the support of the working poor and of those on income assistance; we're the ones who are returning the income tax to poor seniors who are on the GIS - these are initiatives that the Progressive Conservative Government had 10 years to do and never did.

**MR. BAILLIE:** I just want to point out that there is absolutely no accuracy to the idea that I attacked the minimum wage - and I wish on such a serious question we'd get a serious answer.

Mr. Speaker, the report shows that 23,561 people in Nova Scotia visited a food bank in the month of March 2012 alone - that's a 5 per cent increase over the same month in 2011, and the number of visitors to our food banks have gone up an astounding 40 per cent since 2008. Those are facts; those are real numbers.

Of course that 40 per cent number should sound familiar because that is in fact as well the amount that power rates have gone up, a price that all Nova Scotians have to pay - and I'll table both of those facts from Statistics Canada for the benefit of the Premier.

Since no one asked Nova Scotians, particularly our most vulnerable, if they wanted to pay the highest taxes or the highest power rates in Canada when they were voting in the last election, I will ask the Premier to explain, why is he forcing those very families to pay so much more now and have less to provide a nutritious meal to their own children?

**THE PREMIER:** Mr. Speaker, the suggestion made by the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party is outrageous for the following reasons. First of all we inherited the Nova Scotia Power regime from the Progressive Conservative Government and the reason why power rates went is because they tied us to fossil fuel rates year after year after year. Secondly, with respect to the question of taxation we actually created the

Affordable Tax Credit, the Poverty Reduction Tax Credit which actually takes some of that tax increase, in fact much more of it than they would have paid in tax and puts it into the pockets of those people who are the worst off, meaning that they have more money to buy the things that they need for them and their families.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, we invested almost \$130 million in poverty reduction initiatives to deal with exactly those communities. Everything from increases in IA to increases in the per diems paid to foster parents. That is the record of this government.

MR. BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, it's sad to see that the Premier seems to be telling our families here in Nova Scotia who are struggling to get by that the NDP answer is that they should go under income assistance under his government, but that is not a good enough answer. The report shows that a family of four trying to eat healthy in 2012 - that cost 26 per cent more than it did five short years ago. In some areas of Nova Scotia like Cape Breton, like Guysborough, Cumberland County it cost even more than that. Perhaps that's why in our rural areas the 10,300 people have moved away in the last four years - and I'll table that - and 6,200 have lost their full-time jobs.

Those are the issues that the Premier wants to focus on, creating real opportunity, with real wages and real growth. Instead he has made life much more expensive for our most vulnerable citizens. I will ask the Premier, why does he insist on making them pay more for HST, more for their power, when it is causing so much hardship?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, we changed the system in order to put more money in the pockets of exactly those people. In fact, as I said, the Affordable Living Tax Credit, the Poverty Reduction Credit puts more money in their pocket. We invested in job growth; we invested in ensuring that there was a minimum wage that was enough to support people; we have supported young people graduating from university, with a Graduate Retention Rebate. Right across the board, where people have found themselves without the financial security they need, they have found the support of this government.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings West.

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS: HEALTH CARE - WAIT TIMES**

MR. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, out of desperation the NDP Government often resort to going back in time in order to deflect and defend their dismal record when it comes to governing.

Let's review the history, Mr. Speaker. In 1999, under the leadership of a Liberal Government the wait time for orthopaedic surgery was six months; today, if you are lucky, it's about 14 months. The wait time for general surgery in 1999, a little over one month; today it's about seven months. Eight years ago, the wait time for an MRI was a little over

two months; today, on the average, it is about seven months. I had a constituent, Mr. Brian Nelson, in my office this week telling my assistant he's waited 17 months.

Could the Minister of Health and Wellness tell us why this NDP Government has disappointed Nova Scotians time and time again, when it comes to addressing health care wait times?

HON. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, first of all, the question that the member brings forward is really meaningless because we did not have accurate information around wait times. That didn't come in across the country until about the mid-2000s to truly reflect what is going on and what's happening across jurisdictions.

We have worked hard over the last three, almost four years, to improve health care delivery here in Nova Scotia. We inherited a financial mess from the former government, along with that was a health care system that was unsustainable. We've made positive changes within the health care system over the last four years so that it will be sustainable into the future and I look forward to working extremely hard as we improve the system in the coming years.

MR. GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, Nova Scotians not only deserve a better response than that, they deserve better from the NDP Government when it comes to addressing wait times. After all, \$34 million in federal funding specifically for wait time reduction and how does government spend the money? They put it into general revenue to help balance the books. To add insult to injury this NDP Government during its mandate has spent close to \$1 million advertising their Better Care Sooner plan - well, how ironic.

Will the minister admit to the thousands of Nova Scotians languishing on wait times that his NDP Government has failed them?

MR. WILSON: Mr. Speaker, what the member should do is apologize to Nova Scotians for the chaos that the Liberals left the health care system when they were last in government; we're still feeling the effects today. He mentions \$34 million of federal transfers coming into the province, we appreciate the minimal support that we do get from the federal government, we spend \$3.9 billion in health care, we spend that to ensure that people have access to the health care services that they need, unlike when the last round of Ministers of Health from the Liberal Government flew around firing nurses, closing hospital beds. We're working with district health authorities to ensure that they have the services Nova Scotians need.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Victoria-The Lakes.

**PREM. - INCOME ASSISTANCE: GROCERIES/POWER BILLS - CHOICES**

MR. KEITH BAIN: Mr. Speaker, the 2012 report of the Participatory Food Costing project shows the amount of money it costs for families and individuals to eat healthy in Nova Scotia. The report takes into consideration the rising cost of power, transportation, taxes and food. You know after a family receiving Income Assistance pays their bills and puts food on the table, that family is \$758 in the hole, and at the end of the month a single mother, earning minimum wage, will be left \$823 in the hole once she feeds her children. And I will table that information.

My question through you to the Premier is, what does the Premier have to say to the families struggling to keep their heads above water? Should they sacrifice their groceries or pay their power bills?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, the next time the member for Victoria-The Lakes stands up, he should begin with an apology to the people of Nova Scotia for the miserable energy policy put in place by the government that he was part of, that led exactly to the kind of increases that we have seen. I would encourage him to encourage the government and to thank the government for ensuring that we are on a path that will prevent that from happening in the future.

The first thing we did, Mr. Speaker, the very first action we took was to put down the price of electricity by 10 per cent.

MR. BAIN: Mr. Speaker, the government has raised the allowance for income assistance, but when shown against the incredible increases in power rates, taxes, and overall cost of living, it simply won't cut it. The NDP are leaving more and more Nova Scotians deeper and deeper in the hole.

My question through you to the Premier is , does the Premier agree with this report that life is becoming unaffordable for today's families?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, this is a member of a government who used to have their Department of Finance reach into the pockets of the poorest seniors in our province, those receiving GIS, and take money from them by income tax.

Mr. Speaker, we increased the IA rates, we took the HST and we actually put it in a fund and took that money and gave it to those exact people through the Affordable Living Tax Credit, through the Poverty Reduction Credit. This government put money into the hands of the poorest people in Nova Scotia, and we did it in ways that no government has ever done it before.

MR. BAIN: Mr. Speaker, I guess that's why the HungerCount 2012 survey shows 23,561 Nova Scotians relied on food banks in March - that's in one month. And I'll table

that. Today's report shows that health food is unaffordable to families. Given these statistics, it's unconscionable for the government to allow power rates to skyrocket, keep taxes so high, and let unemployment continue to climb.

Mr. Speaker, the NDP need to stop making people choose between paying their bills and putting food on the table. My question to the Premier is, will the Premier reverse his expensive policies and create the economic conditions Nova Scotians need to prosper?

**THE PREMIER:** Mr. Speaker, what is unconscionable is that you had a government that was receiving \$450 million a year in offshore royalties, who spent more than \$1 billion over and above expanding budgets and didn't do a thing to address poverty - did not do a thing to address those people who are most vulnerable in our society. That is the record of the Progressive Conservative Government.

This government brought in the Poverty Reduction Credit, brought in the Affordable Living Tax Credit, increased income assistance, increased the per diems paid to foster parents, and increased the Child Tax Benefit. We are the ones who took the HST off home electricity, put in place an efficiency program to provide better efficiencies for the homes that those poor people actually live in to reduce the cost of their electricity budgets. That is what this government is doing.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The honourable member for Richmond.

#### **FISH. & AQUACULTURE: LOBSTER PRICES - MIN. CONCERN**

**HON. MICHEL SAMSON:** Mr. Speaker, the Spring lobster season is underway in Nova Scotia and once again we see fishermen being faced with rock bottom prices for lobster. Everyone in this House knows just how important the lobster fishery is to the economies of rural Nova Scotia and to the economy of our entire province. As we speak, fishermen in Guysborough, Antigonish and Pictou Counties are tying up their boats in protest over low lobster prices.

My question is, is the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture concerned by the low prices for lobster for Nova Scotia fishermen or better yet, does he have any plans to address low lobster prices in Nova Scotia?

**HON. STERLING BELLIVEAU:** Mr. Speaker, to the member opposite, I know, certainly, I am deeply concerned. That is why we have met, consistently, with our federal counterpart, Mr. Ashfield, and the Atlantic Ministers of Fisheries. I can tell you that we also have made a presentation to Ottawa in early February. I suggest the members opposite on both Parties get that presentation. I would love to have the opportunity to talk about diversifying the fisheries and creating more jobs in the rural communities. This is something that's very important to us. We have invested in the Lobster Council of Canada

and we are monitoring this and working with the industry and I thank the member for bringing this question forward.

MR. SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, we're hearing of prices such as \$3.75 a pound. We all know that anything under \$5 is basically such that fishermen cannot make ends meet. As I said earlier, we know the important role this plays in the economy of rural Nova Scotia and in the economy of the province. Anytime that lobster prices are low, it not only affects the fishermen it affects the growth of our province and the revenues of our province.

Again, I ask the Minister of Fisheries, what plan does he have in place to address the low price of lobster in Nova Scotia?

MR. BELLIVEAU: Mr. Speaker, to the member opposite, again we have worked with our federal counterpart, Mr. Ashfield. We are also working with the industry on the certification of the MSC. We also took our presentation to Ottawa and one thing we talked about there is making sure that the lobster industry does not include quotas which I can point out that the federal government and the Third Party, the PCs, are suggesting introducing.

The very first thing that I did as minister of this portfolio was take the vendor's fee for licenses for roadside sales. That's the very first thing that I did in this mandate. We have stood up to Ottawa when it comes to the owner-operator and fleet separation policy - again something the federal Party and the PCs have introduced and want to dismantle the independent inshore fisheries.

We have done a lot for this industry, we understand the struggle that's going on with the low prices and we look forward to working with the industry. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants West.

#### **FIN. - U-VINT REGS.: TIMELINE - EXPLAIN**

MR. CHUCK PORTER: Mr. Speaker, my question will be to the Minister of Finance. In January, this government flip-flopped on U-Vint and homebrew stores. After a public backlash the government backed off and said rules for U-Vints would soon be in place. But businesses are still waiting.

My question to the minister is, it's been four months now - will the Minister of Finance explain why regulations for the province's U-Vint stores take so long to develop?

HON. MAUREEN MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, I thank the honourable member for the question. Staff in my department are currently looking at the various regulatory regimes across the country with respect to U-Vint, U-Brew and they will be analyzing that.

We also will be doing a consultation with the industry and other interested parties and that work will be able to get underway after this House is no longer in session.

MR. PORTER: Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for that answer. The regulations for U-Vint stores are important but Muskrat Falls is a huge project that is important to ratepayers as well. Just yesterday when asked about the U-Vint rules, the Finance Minister said: I'm not sure; I guess I would look forward to having something more concrete further on this year.

Will the Finance Minister explain why she needs so much time to study U-Vint rules but this government doesn't think the URB needs time to study a 35-year, \$1.5 billion contract?

MS. MAUREEN MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, I'm not going to follow those rabbit tracks. What I will say again is that when this House is no longer in session, I will be able to get back to focusing on the work that my staff has been doing, looking at the regulatory regime information from across the country, working through a consultation process with the industry and other interested parties. At some future point this year we will see some regulatory changes here in Nova Scotia.

MR. PORTER: Mr. Speaker, the list of interveners to Muskrat Falls continues to grow but the URB's timeline to review the megaproject is not growing. The Finance Minister told reporters yesterday when asked about U-Vint regulations: I haven't put a deadline on it. When talking about aquaculture regulations, the Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister said yesterday: we take the time, we're going to do it right. I'll table those, just for the record.

My question is, will this government explain why they can't take their own advice on Muskrat Falls and let the URB take the time to do it right?

MS. MAUREEN MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, since the member is so intent on speaking about Muskrat Falls, I'm going to refer that to the relevant minister, the Minister of Energy.

HON. CHARLIE PARKER: Mr. Speaker, I want to quote from an article that was in today's paper by the board that has ruled that it does have sufficient time to make a decision on the Muskrat Falls project. In fact, in a letter that was written just yesterday, the Board Regulatory Affairs Officer, Doreen Friis had this to say, "The board has not received any request from board counsel for an extension or any indication that the consultants retained by board counsel have not had sufficient time to review the information related to their scope of work." Obviously there's sufficient time for the board to make the decision to provide the lowest, fairest rates on electricity for Nova Scotians.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.



**ENERGY - NSP: COMP. - GOV'T. STANCE**

MR. ANDREW YOUNGER: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy. On November 7, 2006, the member for Queens spoke at length about the importance of competition against Nova Scotia Power in the renewable sector - quite a long time in this Legislature and in favour of the very proposals the NDP now attack.

I'll quote part of that. She spoke for quite a long time so I don't have time to quote the entire thing; "We are doing a disservice to our children and our grandchildren not to act now, not to hold Nova Scotia Power accountable not just for rate increases yearly, but to hold them accountable to truly move forward to open up the market, and allow true competition." I will table that, of course, and I suggest he read the rest of her remarks.

Mr. Speaker, why is the NDP so hostile to that idea now?

HON. CHARLIE PARKER: Mr. Speaker, of course as the honourable member would know, we have the COMFIT program in this province that is opening up competition to all kinds of community groups and CEDIFs and universities and non-profit groups and it's working across this province. We have dozens of applications and I think at the last count we had 60-some approvals for COMFIT projects. This could be for small wind, they could be for large wind, they could be for tidal, or they could be sustainable biomass or farm biomass. There are all kinds of possibilities that we're blessed with here in Nova Scotia so we are truly fortunate to have many competitive uses for energy here within Nova Scotia.

MR. YOUNGER: Mr. Speaker, if the minister reads the member for Queens' entire remarks, he will see that she was talking about the exact bill and regulations which we have introduced repeatedly in this House, which do not require that any of the people who he has mentioned go to Nova Scotia Power for permission to access the grid.

Mr. Speaker, she was not the only NDP member. On November 1, 2006, the member for Cape Breton Centre, now the Deputy Premier, asked the former Progressive Conservative Government when they would implement regulations to allow renewable energy providers to sell directly to customers, and I will table that. At the same time the member for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage was voting in favour of a motion at HRM supporting the exact same thing. That's three of them just off the top.

Now the Progressive Conservatives refused to do it then when the NDP wanted, now the NDP are joining the Progressive Conservatives and throwing rural Nova Scotia, HRM, and renewable energy producers all under the same bus. Mr. Speaker, does the minister believe the Deputy Premier was wrong when he demanded the Progressive Conservative Government introduce competition?

MR. PARKER: I'll come back to the COMFIT program for being praised as being one of the best in the world for diversifying our energy mix, for using the natural resources that we're blessed with here in Nova Scotia. I'm still trying to figure out the Liberal energy plan. I know some days they talk about putting the HST back on, some days they want to take it off. They want to eliminate Efficiency Nova Scotia. They're going to deregulate electricity, that's a 30 to 50 per cent increase. We know the model in New Brunswick is not working. They want to cosy up to Hydro-Québec. Just where do the Liberals stand on diversifying our energy policy?

MR. YOUNGER: Mr. Speaker, the only answer that minister has is to make stuff up as he goes along about his opposition. Yesterday as the government members well know - maybe the Minister of Energy should start showing up for briefings because of course what New Brunswick did yesterday was not at all take out renewable, in fact they said that was one of the things that is working and they've kept that in the bill in the legislation they introduced yesterday, sorry to disappoint. But if he wants to talk about deregulation well, in fact, there is actually only one Party in this House that's ever spoken in favour of deregulation and it's the NDP.

On December 4<sup>th</sup> (Interruption) - maybe the Minister of Communities, Culture, and Heritage should listen for a change. The member for Queens, standing up, praised the Ontario energy model saying we need to look to Ontario, a province that is moving aggressively; the expertise is there, we just need to move forward - and I've already tabled that. Will the minister confirm that, in fact, the NDP is the only Party in this Legislature to speak in favour, on the record, of deregulation, that what they are doing is everything they can to strengthen Nova Scotia Power in advance of their move to deregulation?

MR. PARKER: The only Party that has been promoting deregulation has been the Liberal Party in this country. That plan has not worked in Ontario, it has not worked in Alberta, it has not worked in British Columbia, it has not worked in California, it has not worked in Maryland, it has not worked in New Brunswick, so why is the Liberal Party continuing to promote a plan that has failed, that is a recipe for chaos in this province? We as a government are going to work on a renewable electricity plan that is green, efficient, tax-free, and the lowest, fairest rates for Nova Scotians.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Preston.

**PREM.: MOBILE BREAST SCREENING PROG. - SCHEDULE (2013)**

HON. KEITH COLWELL: Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, I asked the Premier a simple question, on behalf of all women in Preston, around the mobile breast screening unit. The response proved just how out of touch this Premier is. In a desperate attempt to cover up the fact that this government left Preston off the schedule, the Minister of Health and Wellness tabled a 2012 press release, I will table that again. The 2013 schedule, as posted on the

government Web site, clearly shows that this NDP Government left Preston off the schedule.

Will the Premier explain to the women of Preston why his government cared about them so much when in Opposition, but completely ignores them when in government?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, the new digital mobile mammography route published on November 5, 2012, says the following: "The new digital mobile route stops at Neils Harbour, Industrial Cape Breton, Cheticamp, Shelburne, Inverness, Preston." I don't know how much clearer you could get than that.

MR. COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, well, that's pretty interesting - last year's information. This year, on the Web site, by this government, it's not on the list.

Here is what the Premier doesn't seem to get - the mobile unit provides digital service. The Dartmouth General Hospital also provides digital service. The only difference between the two is the mobile unit isn't visiting the community of Preston any time soon. The wait time for screening at the Dartmouth General Hospital is the second-highest in the province.

In case the Premier didn't get the chance to read it, I will again table a press release where the Dartmouth General was not good enough in 2001, despite the fact that during that time frame the mobile screening unit and the Dartmouth General Hospital had the same equipment.

Will the Premier apologize to the women of Preston for his blatant disregard for their health and well-being?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, it just amazes me that the member for Preston could possibly - this is a November 2012 press release to cover 2013, that's the first thing. The second thing is that we invested in new digital technology for the Dartmouth General Hospital in order to make sure that women from all around the catchment area for the Dartmouth General got the best possible service - was that clear enough?

MR. COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, all I can say to this Premier is his Web site, his government Web site now, presently, today, does not have Preston on that list. What doesn't the Premier understand about that - can't you read what's on the Web site and understand what's going on in your own area?

You're going to have to explain to the people in my community, a Black community that's not going to get the service this year because it was left off the list of the government site. I would ask the Premier to again apologize to the people of my community for not including this year . . .

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I feel very sorry for that community, I have to tell you at this point. The simple reality, the fact of the reality is that they're going to get the service, they've been told they were going to get the service, the member has been told they're going to get the service - we can put it in big print for him. I don't know. They are going to get the service.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

**ERDT - TRUCKING CONTRACTORS:  
PORT HAWKESBURY PAPER - BOYCOTT**

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism. We know that trucking contractors in northern Nova Scotia are refusing to deliver another stick of pulpwood to the Point Tupper Paper Mill until Port Hawkesbury Paper starts paying more - how does the minister feel about this matter?

HON. PERCY PARIS: Mr. Speaker, I can tell you that it concerns me as I'm sure it would anybody, whether they be in government or anybody on the street, when there's any dispute that goes on around contracts, around labour, when there are work stoppages. I think that this would be a concern to all members. The question is does it concern me? Absolutely.

MR. MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the minister might let us know if he has discussed with the mill ways that they could reduce costs - and I'm thinking about things like lowering taxes, focusing the rail subsidy on the area from the mill to the Causeway so they can increase the weight on that section of line, because that's where most of the transport is now happening. Has the minister talked to the mill about looking at ways to reduce regulations that may be hurting profits in the trucking industry? Of course we don't want them to damage our roads, Mr. Speaker, but maybe there are regulations that the government can be looking at there, all, of course, to put less pressure on truckers so they can earn a sustainable profit margin.

HON. PERCY PARIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will pass that off to the Minister of Natural Resources.

HON. CHARLIE PARKER: Mr. Speaker, certainly government has worked very, very hard to ensure the success of the mill at Port Hawkesbury and we're hoping that we'll be able to continue to build on that. First, truckers and producers all want a fair product for the work they do and also the company wants to remain competitive so the bottom line here is a fair, workable deal that all can live with.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The time allotted for Oral Question Period has expired.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, I'm going to ask for unanimous consent for the bills that were reported back from Law Amendments Committee earlier today, Bill No. 80, Bill No. 81, and Bill No. 82, to be allowed to bring forward to Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

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

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

The motion is carried.

[2:02 p.m. The House resolved itself into a CWH on Bills with Deputy Speaker Ms. Becky Kent in the Chair.]

[2:19 p.m. CWH on Bills rose and the House reconvened with Deputy Speaker Ms. Becky Kent in the Chair.]

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

THE CLERK: That the Committee of the Whole House has met and considered the following bills:

**Bill No. 70 - Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals Act.**

**Bill No. 80 - Members' Retiring Allowances Act.**

**Bill No. 81 - Builders' Lien Act.**

**Bill No. 82 - Provincial Flag Act.**

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

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

**Bill No. 76 - Adult Protection Act.**

**Bill No. 78 - Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act.**

which were reported with certain amendments by the Committee on Law Amendments to the Committee of the Whole House without further amendments and the chairman has been instructed to recommend these bills to the favourable consideration of the House.

Ordered that these bills be read for a third time on a future day.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Madam Speaker, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to have these bills read today for a third time.

MADAM SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: And also with the consent of the House to revert to the daily routine Presenting Reports of Committees.

MADAM SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

**PRESENTING REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic.

MS. MICHELE RAYMOND: Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills I am directed to report that the committee has met and considered the following bill:

**Bill No. 84 - District of Barrington Health Professionals Assistance 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.

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

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

### **PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING**

**Bill No. 62 - Protection for Persons in Care Act.**

**Bill No. 76 - Adult Protection Act.**

**Bill No. 70 - Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals Act.**

**Bill No. 78 - Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act.**

**Bill No. 80 - Members' Retiring Allowances Act.**

**Bill No. 81 - Builders' Lien Act.**

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

### **[PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING]**

MADAM SPEAKER: Madam Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 82 and I move third reading.

**Bill No. 82 - Provincial Flag Act.**

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

The motion is carried.

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

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Madam Speaker, with the unanimous consent of the House, could we revert to the order of business, Presenting Reports of Committees.

MADAM SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

### **PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

MADAM SPEAKER: 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. 83 - Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.**

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 Government House Leader.

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

[2:28 p.m. The House resolved into a CWH on Bills with Deputy Speaker Ms. Becky Kent in the Chair.]

[2:33 p.m. CWH on Bills rose and the House reconvened with Deputy Speaker Ms. Becky Kent in the Chair.]

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

THE CLERK: That the Committee of the Whole House has met and considered the following bills:

#### **Bill No. 83 - Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.**

#### **Bill No. 84 - District of Barrington Health Professionals Assistance Act.**



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

**[GOVERNMENT BUSINESS]**

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Madam Speaker, with the concurrence of the House, I wonder if I could call those two bills that were just reported back, Bill Nos. 83 and 84, for third reading.

MADAM SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

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

**PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING**

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Madam Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 83.

**Bill No. 83 - Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.**

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 83. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

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

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Madam Speaker, would you please call the order of business, Private and Local Bills for Third Reading.

**PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS FOR THIRD READING**

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Madam Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 84.

**Bill No. 84 - District of Barrington Health Professionals Assistance Act.**

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 84. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

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

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Madam Speaker, that concludes the government's business for today. I move that the House do now rise, to meet from the hour of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After the daily routine we will be dealing with Bill No. 61. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is that we do now rise, to meet again tomorrow between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

We have reached the moment of interruption and we will now proceed under Motion Under Rule 5(5) for late debate, as submitted by the honourable member for Victoria-The Lakes, which reads:

“Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House condemn the member representing New Glasgow for sitting at the Cabinet Table and not doing anything to help spur on the economy while the town has lost almost 6,000 jobs and seen its GDP shrink by 16 per cent since 2009.”

**ADJOURNMENT****MOTION UNDER RULE 5(5)**

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton North.

**NEW GLASGOW: JOB LOSSES - MLA CONDEMN**

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: Madam Speaker, it's my pleasure to join in this debate this afternoon as submitted by the honourable member for Victoria-The Lakes.

Madam Speaker, New Glasgow is a small town of about 9,500 people. It's probably about the same population as the Town of North Sydney used to have or the Town of Sydney Mines used to have that I represent, but their economy supports the sprawling area from Pictou, Truro, all the way to Antigonish and even into Guysborough County. The people of the town have an avenue to create real change, change for their community.

One of their MLAs sits at the Cabinet Table, speaks with the Premier and other Cabinet Ministers on a daily basis, on a weekly basis, and could have a real contribution to how the province is run. What better way for the people of that area to have their concerns brought to the government table than to have both sitting government members and sitting Cabinet members at the table?

Madam Speaker, as we can see from some of the results, the member for Pictou Centre has failed his constituents while letting 6,000 jobs disappear from that small town. I mean we know that is not something that someone would intentionally plan, so what is the concern? We know that during the first contract debate last year, industries like Sobeys and Michelin brought concerns to all members of the Pictou County area. We were told that they did not bring those concerns to the government or bring the concerns forward.

We also heard last week and in this House from all Party members that in order to buck the 7.2 year trend for an MLA, they have to look after their constituents. That means bringing their concerns forward, bringing their concerns so that the people have a voice in this government from the area they represent.

It seems to us, Madam Speaker, like this didn't happen. If the businesses had brought their concerns to the MLAs, and the government says they didn't hear those concerns from the Pictou County industries, then we can only assume that they weren't brought forward.

After four years in office, the excuses we're hearing are running thin - \$1.6 billion to the provincial debt; an increase to the HST of 2 per cent, which raised another \$1 billion in tax revenue. We're hearing about the windfall that the offshore revenue brought in for

the government years ago, I think it's around the same amount of money that this government has brought in, in tax raises.

We heard of a \$27 million error in the budget and an error that it was told doesn't really mean that much but, Madam Speaker, the people who are losing their jobs and having to move out of an area, \$27 million seems like a ton of money. That seems like it's the legacy of this government, telling Nova Scotians one thing and doing just the opposite.

There are large companies that employ large numbers of Nova Scotians in that New Glasgow area, probably two of the largest employers in the province, but it seems to us like the NDP didn't listen when Michelin and Sobeys told them their job-killing legislation was wrong. It doesn't happen very often where we see members from the two largest companies in the province come to the Committee on Law Amendments and voice their concerns about a bill that has come forward in this House, but that's what we heard when Michelin and Sobeys came to the table here. These are companies who receive massive equity from the government.

There are companies there who sit with empty parking lots. We hear of a company there, DSTN, that received \$60 million from the government to buy 49 per cent of their company. From all reports we hear, when people drive by, there are not a lot of cars in the parking lot. We've also heard over the last little while that the company now plans to diversify, use the government subsidies against businesses in their own province, businesses that don't get these government subsidies and businesses that have to spend their own money to compete. It doesn't seem fair that a business that's trying to make it on its own is going to compete with a large company subsidized by the government.

It seems like the NDP simply don't get it. We think four years of this is long enough. We have heard from the government, we've heard the Premier say, look what they've done in four years. They would say, what can we do with five more? I shudder to think that. Five more years of what we have here of higher taxes and higher power rates, higher fuel costs - I don't think the people of Nova Scotia are looking forward to that. But we'll find that out. We have a general election coming within the next year. We'll find out if that's what people want to hear.

The issue, simply, may be that the Premier isn't listening to the member. If he's ignoring employers like Michelin and Sobeys, it's obvious there's another agenda and doesn't care what's said by whom and to whom. Who are we standing up for? We know they're not standing up for the people of Pictou Centre who elected an NDP MLA. Then again, as I said, we will see what the people think during the next general election. If they think the job is being done, if they think the government's doing a good job, we'll be back with the same configuration in this House.

From what we are hearing across the province, from what we're hearing from residents of Nova Scotia, they're not happy with this. We're hearing the same thing from

the people of Pictou County. We hear of a jobsHere plan and we hear from the Premier and the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism that the jobsHere plan is working. We also know that there are massive job losses in areas like Pictou County and Cape Breton. Cape Breton has an unemployment rate of over 18 per cent.

We, as Progressive Conservatives, believe, as former Premier G.I. Smith once said, that the purpose of the government is not to regiment and compel people into action, it's to free up the human spirit in all its forms to achieve the highest possible end. Make those conditions correct, proper so that businesses can thrive. Remove the red tape and make it easier for businesses to start up. Decrease the taxes to make it easier for businesses to make the decisions that they could either add to the company, add to the business or employ more people. Decrease the power rates, which are crippling a lot of small businesses in our province, and a lot of the big businesses. Decrease fuel rates and fuel costs so the people who have to get goods to market can get them there and compete with other provinces that don't have those costs.

As Progressive Conservatives we believe in balanced budgets, living within your means, smaller government, lower taxes, less debt and freeing up the entrepreneurial spirit that we know is out there so that every Nova Scotian and every Nova Scotia business can soar as high as their ability, ambition and creative drive can take them. A growing economy is the best way to pay for public services we all cherish like health care and education.

We know that the more people we put to work, the more people we get back in our province, the more money that gets spent here, the more they pay in income taxes, the more they pay in property taxes, money we can use in this province to improve our health care system and improve our education system.

As a Party we need to work with other towns, businesses and associations to create a better Nova Scotia. We need to work with small businesses and we need to work with the people who work in those businesses to make sure they stay and thrive in our province. As a government we need to do all of the above, and reach beyond what we have here today to create a better future for our children and our future generations. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Justice.

HON. ROSS LANDRY: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I do hope there are people in Pictou County watching.

I am hopefully going to just outline some of the favourable things that are happening in our riding, but I want to start off by very clearly stating that the member who just spoke and the member for Cape Breton West, their philosophy on energy is about burning coal and about burning more coal. I want to say to my riding that Progressive Conservative energy policy is more fly ash for Pictou County. So the people in the Hillside group, you want to clearly listen to that group, and clearly understand that they want to

burn more coal in Pictou County. They want to pollute our houses, they want to pollute our community. So those who suffer from fly ash know exactly what I say. So I want to get that right out for that member there, and it's a concern for energy policy and a concern for people in Pictou County.

One of the reasons I ran, Madam Speaker, in Pictou County was because of the mismanagement of the Progressive Conservative Party and their budget. When you look at the decisions that they made in regard to the jail, and I'm going to come into this a little further, and how they politicized that and made decisions that benefited their political advantage rather than the economic needs of this province - so they've got nothing to stand on when they come into this House to speak.

Madam Speaker, our government is talking about the long-term jobs and about a strategy. I'm going to just elaborate on the energy, because this is a key critical factor, and there's a distinct difference between the Progressive Conservative Party and us as a government. We want to have, with the Maritime Link, the ability for us to be a distributor and a transporter of energy, not the end receiver. Their philosophy is go to the coal mines of Cape Breton, dig up the coal and burn it.

And that member who just spoke had the audacity in this House to say that we can burn clean coal. Can you imagine? Somebody with an education today saying that you burn - I'd like to see somewhere where there's energy where it says that there's clean coal that you can burn - and the cost that that would be to our people. So the people of Pictou in the Hillside group, the people of Trenton where I go, the people on the West side of New Glasgow, they've got high real estate - the Progressive Conservatives want to pollute your neighbourhood. I bike through there; I go running through there; I enjoy that neighbourhood; I grew up there. I want a clean neighbourhood, and I want to reduce the amount of carbon and coal that's there.

Also on the carbon issue that's there, Madam Speaker, is that we know in the global economy that if provinces or states or governments are investing in fuels that our ability to sell our products get restricted. The idea that we're taking a step backwards - now I've got some prepared notes here, but I'm worked up, I'm passionate about my neighbourhood, and I'm committed to running in my neighbourhood and serving the people of Pictou County.

The Progressive Conservative ideology is, when I went to ask, can we get a new hospital for Pictou County? We've got an aging building there; no we've got to do upgrades. When I examined further, why do we need to do the upgrades? Because the person in my riding that I'm actually going to be running against was a minister in the Cabinet at the time, they overspent by \$100 million into the Truro hospital. That money could have been used to build a brand new hospital in New Glasgow. So I want people out there to really listen to this question here today. And just think about it a minute, a nice modern hospital, but the Progressive Conservatives mismanaged. So when they come into

this House here, into this House and say they're about managing dollars and helping business, they're the furthest from the truth - because they did unallocated spending and mismanagement of our money.

Madam Speaker, there are a number of companies in our area that bring good jobs to Nova Scotia. Over \$13 million in the provincial coffers that we would be able to save in jobs like PROJEX, IBM, which the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party stood in this House and criticized the people from that company sitting up in our balcony here. And they not only criticized them bringing in good jobs here, that we could take over \$13 million that we'll make in profit that we can spend in the hospitals and into our health care. They didn't do that. They want to be critical that way.

So, Madam Speaker, I'm here today to say that I'm committed to jobs in our area. That we have, through the Productivity Investment Program, businesses of all sizes benefit from this. For example, there's a capital investment of over 10,000 people who will get jobs with training and improve their skills. We do know that in this market we have a lot of labour in Nova Scotia, that we have a lot of people here working. They need the skills, so you need to change the education system, the community college system, to allow them to get that opportunity. We want people to get that chance to get that education so we've invested heavily in there.

A number of companies have benefited from the PIP, from the innovative fund, Stark Oil International, in New Glasgow; MacGregor's Custom in my area, it would actually be in Pictou East area. The Velsoft company got business awards and benefits from this government.

We've invested in something - I want to just stress this to the people of Pictou County who might be seeing this. The Progressive Conservative Government said hey let's take the natural gas and sell it to the Americans and what we'll do is we'll go and dig more coal out of the ground and we'll burn it into the place and we'll say the heck with Pictou County, they're going to vote for us anyway. The Progressive Conservatives of Pictou County think that they have a divine right to govern in Pictou County. It's up to the voter.

It took this government to get natural gas in there. Could you imagine, Madam Speaker, could you imagine that if we had that natural gas when it was first going through - because it runs right by Pictou County, right by New Glasgow that they say that they're so concerned about. Why didn't they bring it in? We wanted it for the hospitals. The mayor and community leaders have been asking for it. He talked about Michelin and Sobeys. Michelin were talking about getting natural gas. This government had to put it in. We got it done. The Progressive Conservatives didn't get it done. That's for sure, and I want to stress that very clearly.

Madam Speaker, another reason I ran was there were 5,000 people without a doctor in my riding when I came in - 5,000 people who needed doctors. There are only a few

hundred there now that are going to get it, so there is improvement. We've got a collaborative health care system, we're making improvements. I had the opportunity the other day, I heard a number of criticisms about the hospital over the years but now I'm starting to hear positive things. We're making changes in there and making it more efficient, unlike the Progressive Conservative Government that was unable to do that.

Madam Speaker, I want to continue as well - just about their management. When I got elected, the Town of Trenton councillor came to me and said Ross we need the \$300,000 and some for our Main Street project, can you get that for us? We're already getting the work done and we need to make a payment on that. I want all listeners out there to know, I asked them to get me the paperwork on it. There was none. I came in and I checked into Cabinet documents. I came in and I checked in government documents. You know what they did? My predecessor made a promise that they would pay it but they didn't go to Cabinet and get authority. They didn't authorize to make that expenditure.

We know that that previous government there, the Progressive Conservatives, turned around and spent over a billion dollars on allocated funding. This government turned around and eliminated the year-end spending. I can say that my predecessor got a \$45,000 tax-free payout - I don't know how you get a tax-free payout but anyways that happened. When we came into government one of the first things we did is we cut off that \$45,000. I'd like to see him pay it back and talk about fiscal management and put that money into good health services in our area, let's just see if he'll do that. Let's see if the Progressive Conservative Leader will come up and stand up and say that that's injustice. We saw the rats leaving the ship back at the time when that money was coming out of there. They got out the door pretty quickly, I can tell you that.

Madam Speaker, I want to talk about DSTN. My father worked in that plant from the time I was a young fellow, between that and Maritime Steel whenever they could get work. The Progressive Conservative idea was get the bulldozer out, clean it out of there but today what we have there is a modern building that's efficient. There are over 100-some workers working there, people I went to school with, people I know, but there is nowhere on the Nova Forge issue where the Progressive Conservatives come to bat. I didn't hear one thing from the Progressive Conservative Party saying let's go to the federal ACOA and get them on board to get some money to keep that forge going instead of letting that world class machinery go out the door. That's their idea.

The Progressive Conservatives did not support the jail in Pictou County. They wanted it to go to Springhill. They were against building it there. That jail is in there for the right reasons. One of the reasons that I ran is that that jail should have been there from the start and it's the most cost effective and efficient way to do that.

Madam Speaker, I want to say thank you and I hope that there are people out there watching this because I know one of the reasons he asked the question today was to stir up that spark. I'm ready for the fight in Pictou County. I believe in Pictou County, I believe in



the people in New Glasgow. Just so you know, the population there is 9,500 and they took 6,000 out of the town and I wonder how many children were laid off their jobs so they should get their facts straight and talk about the broader base of Pictou County. Once again I just want to reiterate, voting Progressive Conservative in my area is more fly ash for Pictou County, thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: The honourable member for Glace Bay.

MR. GEOFF MACLELLAN: It gives me pleasure to rise on this late debate today. It's a very important topic, I think, and I don't want to go down the road with the inside politics of this discussion. I think there certainly is a larger discussion here when you look at the economy. I think every member here has their strengths and has the things that they believe in and certainly feel they can speak to.

This is an important debate and an important resolution because I think it highlights a problem that we have in this province. When you look at the numbers, Pictou County, 6,000 jobs and the GDP shrank by 16 per cent, that's certainly a problem and it's a testament that, whether it's New Glasgow and the 9,500 residents there or if it's the county, the greater county, the economy is in trouble.

I know that the members have seen this many times but I'm just going to quickly go through these - when you look at the numbers for unemployment, it's a problem. Again, I go back to my biggest complaint, I guess, or my biggest issue that I take with the government with respect to economic development, is their marketing strategy tells people that things are so good.

We had that advertising debate yesterday and I wouldn't make this up, this is the truth and I'm glad this is my opportunity to share this story. A friend of mine was watching Hockey Night in Canada a few months back and saw the jobsHere ad and called me up - he doesn't differentiate between Parties, he just knows I'm here in Halifax in the Legislature - and he said, oh, I saw that ad on jobsHere so where do I apply for these jobs? Where do I go? Where's the value?

Again, I'm not going to waste any of my 10 minutes on that but the point is, we're telling people how great the economy is. The economy is great in Halifax, at 6.7 per cent unemployment and that's fantastic and that's the way it should be and that's important but we are seeing the decay of the rural economies and of rural job growth.

When you look at those numbers, the staggering 18 per cent in Cape Breton, what we're seeing in the North Shore at 12.9 per cent, Annapolis 11.5 per cent, southern 13.2 per cent, and when you see those types of numbers and our GDP growth, the gross domestic product, which is based on the entire value of your economy, it grows or it shrinks and that obviously determines recession or a period of growth. It's 0.2 per cent growth in the province, which is staggering when you think - and the government talks about it, we all

talk about this success of Halifax. When you look at the fact that we have a 0.2 per cent GDP growth provincially, Halifax is a heavy impact and a heavy reason why that is in positive. We are not in entire recession, as a province, because of Halifax.

When you think of the fact that there is 0.6 per cent unemployment, our whole growth was 0.2 GDP, we're in trouble in terms of the rural economies and we've got to address that and it's something that we have to take seriously and I don't believe that this government does. When you look at 6,000 jobs, 16 per cent shrink in GDP, a report from the Conference Board of Canada, it's astounding when you see a direct line item in a Conference Board of Canada, which I will table, saying New Glasgow's economy shrank every year since 2009 and the region has shed almost 6,000 jobs since 2008, very significant and that's the point. I think it's another example of what I disagree with, in terms of the government, and that is that the big cheques don't work. They don't work economically and I don't think, and maybe I'll be wrong, but I don't think they work politically either.

When you ignore the symptoms and the symptomatic problems of an economy, the answer is not one industry, the answer is not a big cheque, the answer is not well we've done - you know if you're in a situation where you're talking about economies and when the topic arises, you have one bullet for that answer, it's one, well this is what we did, well this is what we did, we invested in this company. That's not good enough, it's not about - I've said this many times in my place and I'll say it again, if we're counting on the government to steer the economy, then we are failing Nova Scotians, that's not our job.

Our job is to set the parameters within our controls, to make sure that that policy - like red tape, of course, policy like taxation, policy like power rates because they're the things that affect businesses, they're the things we control and that's what we have to look at. Again, I think that economically and politically the big cheques and the corporate welfare don't work.

The minister mentioned DSTN and that's one certainly that's near and dear to me because I've talked about it many times in here and I don't disagree that TrentonWorks, the predecessor to DSTN, had a great impact and the minister talked about his dad and family there. That's important and I'm not questioning any of that but what I see and what I saw and it was alarming the day that I saw it at the Economic Development Committee, I think it was only my second meeting as a member of that committee, that we have an organization in Pictou County that we've given \$60 million to. That's a lot of money in itself but we are now 49 per cent owners of that, Madam Speaker, which is a concern.

Again, back to my previous points. We are directly involved in an industry if we own 49 per cent of a company, so that's troubling. When you look at the fact that that business plan was signed off by the government to produce wind turbines, so for \$60 million we have a 49 per cent stake in a wind turbine operation which is now, as we are

hearing, DSTN is abandoning that and they're moving predominantly to fittings and anything to service the oil and gas.

The global question I have and the concern that relates to all this about rural economies is the fact that we've given money to a company and that business plan has entirely evaporated, and now we're moving on to something else. So I think that, generally speaking, taxpayers should be concerned that we've invested in a business plan that by and large has not succeeded and now we're moving in a different direction. That is one problem. The other problem is now we will have head-to-head competition with public dollars.

How much time do I have, Madam Speaker?

MADAM SPEAKER: Four minutes.

MR. MACLELLAN: Thank you. So we have DSTN - and I'll go very quickly - the minister and I had a very fair and I think reasonable exchange during estimates about Irving and the minister made all kinds of points about the value of Irving and the benefits of that contract. I don't disagree with any of that; we've never disagreed with any of that.

The problem is, if you see Hansard from estimates, you will see the minister respectfully did not have an answer for why this couldn't have been a loan instead of a grant. Irving would have been just as successful; the \$300 million component from the Government of Nova Scotia would have been just as effective if this money had been paid back. We could have put a 10-year term with no interest and we could have eaten the interest for Irving if that was the plan, but it was a grant.

However, notwithstanding that, now we have DSTN who have \$60 million tax dollars, who will now bid for contracts when the Irving shipyard ramps up, with public dollars. So we have \$264 million in non-repayable to Irving and they will put out tenders for bids and DSTN - if they're moving in that oil and gas direction - will now be bidding when they have operations subsidized to the tune of 49 per cent staked by the province and \$60 million tax dollars. So that is a problem, it's a symptomatic problem of what we've done, economic development-wise, and I think it's a concern.

I will wrap up by saying I think we all understand the state of the economy and the fact that rural economies are eroding. We have a shrinking GDP number, we have negative growth, which means we're now in a recession, basically, everywhere outside of Halifax. That's a concern and it doesn't matter who it is, the Government of Nova Scotia - the corporate welfare, the handouts, they don't work economically or politically. I hope they don't work politically and I think that has to become, if we learn any lessons in terms of economic development, it has to be entrepreneurs. We've got to support small businesses.

We can create incentives to grow businesses from five and six people to seven and eight people. We always forget a statistic that's so important - 98 per cent of our economy runs on small to medium enterprises, which means it's not the corporations that drive our economy. We've got to keep that in mind.

Again, it's about making business easier. We all have entrepreneurs in our communities who complain about the little things. After they work their full work weeks and manage employees and do that, then it's the paperwork for Revenue Canada, for the province, for all these different whatever aspect of their businesses. It's a lot of work and it makes it to the point, especially in some of the trades that are in rural communities, they say, do you know what? It's not worth the effort. Rather than do this and fill out the paperwork, I'm just going to go and work 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for somebody else and skip that - and that is the effect that shrinks the economy.

There are ways to grow the economy through entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs are two things - they are smart, and they take on risk. That's what we want. Businesses are going to fail, that's the reality of the competitive environment, but we have to give them an opportunity - and let's make sure New Glasgow has a measured approach to growing their economy. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you. The time allotted for late debate has elapsed. We thank all members for participating in this afternoon's debate.

We will now rise, to meet again tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

[The House rose at 3:05 p.m.]

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**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)****RESOLUTION NO. 1361**

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

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

Whereas on March 1, 2013, the Antigonish Bulldogs Bantam AA team competed in their year-end tournament; and

Whereas the league consists of 10 teams from mainland Nova Scotia who all competed in the tournament; and

Whereas Spencer Barron of the Antigonish Bulldogs Bantam AA team was chosen as the league's Most Valuable Player, based on his performance throughout the 2012-2013 hockey season;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Spencer Barron of Country Harbour on receiving this award for his hard work and dedication to the sport and wish him every success in his future endeavours.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1362**

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 in December, 2012, the Royal Bank in Guysborough honoured their volunteers and their contributions through the Employee Volunteer Grants Program; and

Whereas the program has provided over \$11,000 in Employee Volunteer Grants to the Guysborough Memorial Hospital Auxiliary since 2000; and

Whereas Theresa Dorrington, from the RCB branch in Guysborough, has taken part in the Employee Volunteer Grants for the local hospital;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Theresa Dorrington from the Royal Bank of Guysborough for her generosity, kindness and ongoing dedication to the community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1363**

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

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

Whereas at a ceremony in the Fall of 2012, the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards were presented; and

Whereas the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards are given to those who have achieved personally-established goals and in achieving these goals, they demonstrate their commitment, motivation and personal development; and

Whereas Tyler Marshall of Sheet Harbour was a 2012 recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tyler Marshall on receiving this prestigious award, and wish him every success in his future endeavours.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1364**

By: Mr. Gary Ramey (Lunenburg West)

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

Whereas the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre Society volunteers secured \$1,032,500 last week in cash and pledges; and

Whereas this amount represents about one-third of the goal to be raised by the Lifestyle Centre's capital campaign; and

Whereas this demonstrates dedication and commitment on the part of the residents of Lunenburg County;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate members of the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1365**

By: Mr. Gary Ramey (Lunenburg West)

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was observed from April 21 - 27; and

Whereas an award ceremony was held in Halifax on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, which honoured, among others, Mr. Vernon Whynot of New Germany, who was selected by the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg for his work in creating, developing and promoting environmentally sustainable community ATV trails, ATVing being one of his passions; and

Whereas Mr. Whynot has volunteered and served as president of the Central Nova ATV Club, is a director, administrator and former secretary of the South Shore-Annapolis Valley Trail Association, was involved in raising \$1.5 million for the group, served as co-founder for the Citizens on Patrol Off Road and was also involved with South Shore Safe Communities;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Mr. Vernon Whynot for receiving this award and thank him for the significant contribution he has made toward making life better for those in his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1366**

By: Hon. Gordon Gosse (Speaker)

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

Whereas Doctor Brian Howe commenced teaching at Cape Breton University in 1993 and in 1995, along with Doctor Katherine Covell, opened the Cape Breton University Children's Rights Centre; and

Whereas Doctor Brian Howe was awarded the CBU Alumni Excellence for Teaching Award in 2002, served on many community boards and has written several books promoting an understanding of the importance of children's rights globally; and

Whereas Dr. Brian Howe will be retiring in June, 2013;

Therefore be it resolved that this House join me in wishing Doctor Brian Howe a most enjoyable retirement, and thank him for his dedication and passion to our community and the realm of children's rights.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1367**

By: Hon. Gordon Gosse (Speaker)

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

Whereas Doctor Katherine Covell commenced teaching at Cape Breton University in 1993, and in 1995, along with Doctor Brian Howe, opened the Cape Breton University Children's Rights Centre; and

Whereas Doctor Katherine Covell has received numerous teaching awards, has authored numerous articles and books on children's rights and served on many community boards and committees, including the Whitney Pier Youth Club and Island Community Justice Society; and

Whereas Dr. Katherine Covell will be retiring in June, 2013;

Therefore be it resolved that this House join me in wishing Doctor Katherine Covell all the best in her retirement, and thank her for her dedication and passion to our community and the realm of children's rights.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1368**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas asthma is one of the most common chronic diseases in children and in Canada 15 per cent of children between four and 11 years of age have asthma, and more than 8 per cent of Canadians over the age of 12 haven been diagnosed with asthma; and

Whereas World Asthma Day is recognized on May 7<sup>th</sup> here in Nova Scotia and around the globe with the theme of "You Can Control Your Asthma"; and

Whereas asthma can have an impact on not only the health of an individual but also on their quality of life;



Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House join me in recognizing World Asthma Day and the efforts of experts, researchers, patients and other partners who work toward finding better ways to help asthma patients better manage their condition.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1369**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas the Coalition for Kids International is a non-profit organization providing life changing experiences for youth in partnership with their sister organization in Poland, and has contributed to over 3,000 wishes for terminally ill children since 2004; and

Whereas Sackville High student Madison Falconer was one of four local students to participate in the 12-day Journeys for a Lifetime program, which departed for Poland on April 18, 2013; and

Whereas Madison had the opportunity to deliver wishes to many children and tour Berlin and Warsaw, including a visit to the Canadian Embassy;

Therefore be it resolved that this House recognize Lower Sackville's Madison Falconer for her global compassion through participation in the recent Journeys for a Lifetime program, and wish her future success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1370**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas Zander Downs of Lower Sackville is 9 years old and a Grade 4 student who developed an interest in the arts from his parents who are also in the field; and

Whereas at 7 years old Zander starred in his first short film *Love, Sam* and attended the screening at Toronto International Film Festival Kids in April, 2013; and

Whereas *Love, Sam* has been nominated for awards, won Best Canadian Dramatic Short at the Edmonton International Film Festival, and is receiving great reviews;

Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulate 9-year-old Zander Downs of Lower Sackville for his accomplishments in the file *Love, Sam*, and wish him future success.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1371**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas the 2013 Canada Summer Games will be held in Sherbrooke, Quebec, from August 2-17; and

Whereas more than 600 Nova Scotia athletes, coaches, and managers will represent our province; and

Whereas over the next three months a team of dedicated volunteers will be working diligently and freely giving up their time to ensure all of the logistics are in place to support Team Nova Scotia when they get to Sherbrooke;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly acknowledge the tremendous behind-the-scenes work of these volunteers, under the direction of Chef de Mission Lynda Shoveller, in ensuring Team Nova Scotia is ready to participate in this national sporting event.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1372**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas Sackville resident, Elaine Murphy, age 73, and Gloria Williams, age 71 have been singing together since they met at the Sackville Legion where Elaine was performing 25 years ago; and

Whereas both Elaine and Gloria have been singing for many years, with Gloria being in a band at the age of 16 that opened for performers Bill Haley and Brenda Lee; and

Whereas Electra Gold has had many bookings over the years and the ladies still perform current music and volunteer their time;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend 73-year-old Elaine Murphy and 71-year-old Gloria Williams of Sackville for their tireless spirit in performing for over 25 years, and wish them continued success with Electra Gold.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1373**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas the 2013 Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship was held in Ottawa from March 24-31; and

Whereas Terry Cousineau of Lower Sackville curls out of the Lakeshore Curling Club and has been curling since 2009; and

Whereas Terry played as alternate on the team representing Nova Scotia at the Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize Terry Cousineau of Lower Sackville for representing Nova Scotia at the 2013 Wheelchair Curling Championship, and wish him future success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1374**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas The Metro High School Hockey League holds an annual all-star hockey game; and

Whereas Sackville High School was represented by four players from the Sackville Kingfishers who were selected to play in the all-star game held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at the Sackville Arena; and

Whereas Carter McMullin, goalie; Joel Schaller, defense; Darcy Gittens, centre; and Geoff White, centre were members of the White team who defeated the Blue team with a final score of 6 to 4;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognizes Sackville High School students and members of the Sackville Kingfishers Hockey Team: Carter

McMullin, Joel Schaller, Darcy Gittens, and Geoff White for being selected to play in the Metro High School Hockey League's annual all-star game and congratulates the White team on the 6 to 4 win.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1375**

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Preston)

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

Whereas Captain Kevin W. Brooks of East Preston joined the Armed Forces at the age of 18 and served in CFB Petewawa, Gagetown, Toronto, and Chilliwack, as well as seven months in Germany, two summers in Pond Inlet building an airfield, and completed two short mission terms in Rwanda, Africa; and

Whereas Captain Brooks is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Wentworth #180; and

Whereas Captain Brooks, after an honourable discharge from the military, started a career in corrections for a span of 28-plus years and celebrated his retirement with family and friends this past March;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House join me in wishing Captain Kevin Brooks a happy retirement.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1376**

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Preston)

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

Whereas Fred M. Dunphy will be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fred M. Dunphy Excavating and Construction starting out with one dump truck in 1973 when he was 20 years old; and

Whereas Fred M. Dunphy employs some 20 to 25 people year round, including two of his three children, doing snow removal, excavating, and construction; and

Whereas Fred M. Dunphy is the president of the Halifax County Trucking Association and fundraises for the IWK with this organization;

Therefore be it resolved that this house join with me in congratulating Fred M. Dunphy on his many accomplishments and his commitment to the Nova Scotia economy.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1377**

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Preston)

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

Whereas James Colford, a resident of East Chezzetcook, spent some 30 years working with Maritime Tel and Tel and Aliant, and after retiring has become a very successful real estate agent with Century 21; and

Whereas James has been very active in his community and has volunteered in the Gaetz Brook Junior High School Advisory Council, The Birches Nursing Home, the Chezzetcook Food Bank, continues to volunteer at St. Genevieve's Church, and is still active in the Chezzetcook Recreation Society; and

Whereas James has been responsible for selling a 12-book history and genealogy on 39 families from the Chezzetcook area for the Chezzetcook Historical Society of which he is a member, and having them placed in all the local schools, the Musquodoboit Harbour Library, as well as Memory Lane Historical Village in Lake Charlotte;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House join me in congratulating James Colford for his tremendous contribution to the families of his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1378**

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 Glen and Lisa Jennings, and their family, own and operate Bayview Poultry Farm in Masstown, Colchester North; and

Whereas Glen is a fourth generation egg farmer, and also sits on the board of directors for Nova Scotia Egg Producers; and

Whereas the 12,500 eggs that are produced daily on the Jennings' farm are considered eco-friendly because of the wind turbines that generate three-quarters of the farm's energy;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Glen Jennings and his family for being selected as the focus of a story in Kraft's What's Cooking magazine, Spring edition, which is read by about 1.5 million people and which

features about 35 recipes for appetizers, entrees, desserts, and more, and for proudly carrying on a family tradition of producing food for the consumer.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1379**

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 mission to bring images of the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Elizabeth Bishop, who spent part of her youth in Great Village, Colchester North, began with a celebration marking Bishop's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in August 2011; and

Whereas colourful banners adorned utility poles during the celebrations, the Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia created the "Images of My Village: Online Exhibition and Permanent Banner Project for Youth in Colchester County, Nova Scotia"; and

Whereas 200 entries were received and a panel of guest judges selected one entry for the permanent banner, while a postcard was made of another because of its artwork and creativity, but all entries may be viewed on-line as part of a Web site which was set up by two NSCC students in the IT program;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia for providing this experience for the students who participated, including the "Celebration of Creativity Day" being held at the Great Village School gymnasium on May 18<sup>th</sup>, where free workshops, speakers, and lunch are being provided for these students.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1380**

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 West New Annan United Church, Colchester North, was built in 1890, dedicated in 1891, and officially closed in December, 2011; and

Whereas five community members formed the non-profit New Annan Heritage House Association last June and, after the United Church was declared "in great shape" by an engineer, they bought the building for \$100 from the United Church of Canada; and

Whereas the municipality has approved a grant of \$3,000 for renovations to the building's washrooms, the association is hoping the building will continue to be a meeting place for special events;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the New Annan Heritage House Association for wanting to preserve the West New Annan United Church, an important part of their heritage, and for taking the initiative to save the historic landmark.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1381**

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

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

Whereas a partnership between the Colchester East Hants Health Authority and Colchester East Hants Health Centre Foundation has filled a health care void in the community; and

Whereas a new Ear, Nose and Throat clinic has now opened at the Colchester East Hants Health Center; and

Whereas the establishment of this clinic will significantly reduce travel for local residents requiring ENT services;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia Legislature recognize and applaud the team work of Colchester East Hants Health Authority and the Colchester East Hants Health Centre for enhancing health care in the community.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1382**

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

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

Whereas former councillor, deputy mayor and mayor of Truro (1979-1997) Douglas Carter died on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at the age of 79; and

Whereas Douglas Carter's accomplishments were numerous including past president of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, board of directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, board of directors of NS Municipal Finance Corporation and co-author of the N.S. Clean Water Report; and

Whereas Douglas Carter was bestowed the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his exceptional community service;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia Legislature honour and recognize Douglas Carter for his outstanding dedication and commitment to the residents of Truro.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1383**

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

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

Whereas 21-year-old Michael Stewart was recently presented with the Sir Howard Douglas Award and inducted into the Howard Douglas Society of Scholars; and

Whereas this award recognizes Michael's academic excellence and commitment to extracurricular activities and pursuits; and

Whereas Michael is one of only 17 University of New Brunswick students to be bestowed with this honor, and is now part of a network of outstanding students;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Michael Stewart for being a recipient of the Sir Howard Douglas Award, and wish him the best in his future endeavours.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1384**

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

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

Whereas a partnership between the Colchester East Hants Health Authority and Colchester East Hants Health Centre Foundation has filled a health care void in the community; and

Whereas a new Ear, Nose and Throat clinic has now opened at the Colchester East Hants Health Center; and

Whereas the establishment of this clinic will significantly reduce travel for local residents requiring ENT services;



Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia Legislature recognize and applaud the team work of Colchester East Hants Health Authority and the Colchester East Hants Health Centre for enhancing health care in the community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1385**

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

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

Whereas 96-year-old Vivian Hoar was a recent recipient of the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award; and

Whereas this award recognizes Ms. Hoar's innumerable acts of kindness, charity and lifelong volunteerism in order to build a more caring nation; and

Whereas it also highlights the fine example set by Ms. Hoar, whose compassion and engagement are so much a part of our Canadian character;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Vivian Hoar on receiving this tremendous honour and recognizes her outstanding commitment to the community of Truro.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1386**

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

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

Whereas on March 10, 2013, at the 2013 International Boston Seafood Show, the award for Best New Retail Product was presented; and

Whereas the New Product Showcase features seafood products, condiments and culinary dishes launched in the past year by exhibiting companies, and is an elite award at the show; and

Whereas the Oven Smoked Salmon Stix, made by St. Mary's River Smokehouses in Sherbrooke, was a 2013 recipient of the Best New Retail Product at the International Boston Seafood Show;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the St. Mary's River Smokehouses on receiving this prestigious award, and wish them every success in their future production of quality products.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1387**

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

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

Whereas on December 5, 2012, the Championship Tournament for the Junior Girls NSSAF Volleyball Program took place in Canso; and

Whereas teams from Canso, Antigonish and St. Mary's all competed in the tournament; and

Whereas the St. Mary's Junior Girls were undefeated both in the tournament as well as throughout the 2012 season, and brought the NSAFF Banner home to St. Mary's;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the coach and players on their hard work and on receiving the NSAFF Banner, and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1388**

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

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

Whereas on December 5, 2012, the St. Mary's Municipal Council and staff took part in the sod-turning ceremony; and

Whereas the current Municipal Office was originally built as a home in 1876 and can no longer meet the functional requirements of the municipality; and

Whereas a new municipal building will better house the staff and council and is being built using the Green Globe Certification to be energy efficient and reduce costs;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the St. Mary's Municipal Council and staff on the sod-turning ceremony and future development of their new Municipal Office.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1389**

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 in December, 2012, the Guysborough and Area Board of Trade held a Buy Local for Christmas campaign contest; and

Whereas the Guysborough and Area Board of Trade is a non-profit organization of volunteer, business-minded people whose vision is to ensure Guysborough is an attractive place to do business; and

Whereas the Buy Local contest was held in an effort to remind people of the importance of shopping local, especially at Christmas time;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Guysborough and Area Board of Trade for their continued efforts in promoting local business and their dedication to the community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1390**

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

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

Whereas on April 26, 2013, Douglas and Gertie Snow of Canso will celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and

Whereas Douglas and Gertie Snow have been very active and respected members in their community, Douglas as a lobster fisherman and wood crafter, Gertie as a very active volunteer and together they raised nine children, seven girls and two boys; and

Whereas there will be an open house on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Canso and Area Fire Hall to celebrate their 65 years together;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Douglas and Gertie Snow on their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and wish them many more happy years together.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1391**

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

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

Whereas on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Margaret Delorey of Hazel Hill, in the constituency of Guysborough-Sheet Harbour, will celebrate her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday; and

Whereas Margaret Delorey was born in 1912 and raised in Fox Island; was married and spent most of her life in Hazel Hill; raised six boys, two of whom joined the Navy; has 18 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren; enjoyed hunting and checking trap lines with her husband and being outdoors and now enjoys knitting and spending time with family; and

Whereas Margaret is a respected member of her community and celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> year with many family at Milford Haven Home in Guysborough;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Margaret Delorey on this special occasion of her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday and extend to her our very best wishes for many more such celebrations in the future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1392**

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

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

Whereas on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Canada Post's Area Supervisor Joan Skinner held a celebration in Country Harbour to celebrate the long-term service of employee Mary Rhynold; and

Whereas Mary Rhynold was employed as Post Master for the Cross Roads Country Harbour Post Office for 40 years of service; and

Whereas Mary Rhynold was presented with her 40-year service pin and a gift for her service and dedication to the Canada Post Corporation;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly extend congratulations to Mary Rhynold for her dedicated service to both the position and her community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1393**

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 in December, 2012, Operation Christmas Spirit, in Guysborough County, and its volunteers were busy working to make Christmas wishes come true for children; and

Whereas Operation Christmas Spirit has assisted over 71 families with a total of 126 children in the Guysborough area; and

Whereas the organization and its volunteers have provided the children whose families are in need with toys for Christmas;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Operation Christmas Spirit, its Spirit Elves and volunteers for their generosity, kindness, and dedication to their community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1394**

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 in December, 2012, the Royal Bank in Guysborough honoured their volunteers and their contributions through the Employee Volunteer Grants Program; and

Whereas the RBC Program has provided over \$11,000 in Employee Volunteer Grants to the Guysborough Memorial Hospital Auxiliary since 2000; and

Whereas the Royal Bank in Guysborough has taken part in the Employee Volunteer Grants for the local hospital;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Royal Bank in Guysborough for their generosity, kindness, and dedication to their community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1395**

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

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

Whereas on September 2, 2012, Mr. David Armstrong was preparing for a new school year of teaching, at Chester Area Middle School, and a productive year on the basketball court as a coach but, unfortunately, this was not to be as David suffered a massive heart attack and died, leaving behind his mom Joan, wife Susan, and daughters Ellen and Kelsey, his fellow teachers and students and siblings all in a state of shock; and

Whereas teaching staff and family wanted to come up with a way to honour David's memory in a fitting tribute and raise funds for a scholarship in his name; and

Whereas on March 2, 2013, six schools participated in a basketball tournament and, in the words of his wife Susan: "Dave would have loved this, everyone here to raise money for a bursary in his name and having so much fun playing the sport he loved";

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly extend condolences to David Armstrong's family, and may we always remember him as a dedicated son, brother, husband, father, teacher, coach and friend, and how he changed so many lives with his love of teaching and through coaching basketball.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1396**

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

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

Whereas on January 13, 2013, family and friends gathered at the home of Dorothy (Doll) Stevens to celebrate the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

Whereas Doll was born in Chester, N.S., and has raised two children, enjoys the company of her two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, and has been an avid rug hooker, having hooked more than 100 mats in her lifetime but is no longer able to take part in this pastime; and

Whereas Doll still resides in her own home and looks forward to her nightly game of Sorry! with family members, and to the coming of summer so she can spend family time at her cottage in Squid Cove;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Doll Stevens on becoming a member of the “100 years young club” and wish her many more years of good health, surrounded by family and friends.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1397**

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

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

Whereas the government introduced the province’s first long-term Housing Strategy on May 6, 2013, to a packed room of interested and supportive stakeholders, after consulting with more than 500 Nova Scotians over two months; and

Whereas an advisory panel of experts across various sectors lent their time, energy, and knowledge to help shape a strategy that will see the province invest \$500 million to develop innovative programs and partnerships that will benefit a broad range of Nova Scotians; and

Whereas a great deal of appreciation goes to this advisory panel which included Anne Connolly from Habitat for Humanity; Tim Crooks from Phoenix Youth; Andy Fillmore from the Waterfront Development Corporation; Jim Graham from the Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia; Jeremy Jackson from Killam Properties; Anne MacRae from the Disabled Persons Commission; and Paul Pettipas from the Nova Scotia Home Builders’ Association;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly recognize the members of this advisory panel for their guidance and expertise in helping to develop a bold, new direction for the future of housing in Nova Scotia

**RESOLUTION NO. 1398**

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 Allana Loh is vice-chairman of the Dartmouth North Take Action Society, a member of the Dartmouth North Association, a volunteer on the Harbour View School Advisory Council, and a volunteer at her local Faith Community Church; and

Whereas with tireless energy Allana has been working to reduce the high school dropout rate in Dartmouth North, has aided in the creation of an outdoor classroom and

community garden, and was involved in the development of an anti-bullying campaign called Do the Right Thing;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly recognize Allana Loh for her selfless work on behalf of Dartmouth North, and hold her up as proof positive a dedicated individual can make a world of difference.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1399**

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 Jean Arnold has been a music teacher for 33 years; and

Whereas Jean has been the instrument coordinator for Dartmouth schools since 2000, and a music teacher for the past nine years at Eastern Passage Education Centre; and

Whereas Jean is hanging up her conductor's wand and retiring from teaching after decades of inspiring and mentoring young, musically inclined artists in Eastern Passage;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate maestro Jean Arnold, in chorus, for her years of service to the musical arts of Nova Scotia.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1400**

By: Hon. Maurice Smith (Minister of Gaelic Affairs)

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

Whereas Gaelic has been spoken in Nova Scotia for 240 years, since the first immigrants from the highlands and isles of Scotland settled here; and

Whereas the Gaelic language is alive and well with young Nova Scotians, as exemplified by the Core Gaelic Program at Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School in Antigonish, who raised more than \$30,000 for a trip to Scotland this past March; and

Whereas next month the students in the Grade 12 Core Gaelic class at Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional, led by teacher Mairi Parr, will be the first class in North America to graduate from the Core Gaelic Program;



Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House applaud the students on their interest in and commitment to the Gaelic language, and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1401**

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

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

Whereas at a ceremony in the fall of 2012, the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards were presented; and

Whereas the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards are given to those who have achieved personally established goals and in achieving these goals, they demonstrate their commitment, motivation, and personal development; and

Whereas Lindsay Levy of Sheet Harbour was a 2012 recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Lindsay Levy on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1402**

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 NSISP International Leadership Camp provides students the opportunity to gain experience in international aid work, to develop leadership skills, and to expand their understanding of the world; and

Whereas Eastern Passage's Hannah Tobin travelled with Nova Scotian students to Campeche, Mexico, in March 2013, with the assistance of the Nova Scotia International Student Program to help out a local orphanage; and

Whereas over the weeks leading up to the trip, the team raised \$17,000 and rounded up supplies for the orphanage such as books, toiletries, and toys;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly thank Hannah Tobin and her fellow Nova Scotian student leader teammates for having hearts so big to come to the aid of orphans in Mexico.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1403**

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 Resource Recovery Fund Board and Valley Waste Resource hold an annual Nova Scotia Recycles Contest to raise awareness about waste reduction and recycling in our province; and

Whereas this contest is a valuable, hands-on project to learn about the fragile nature of our environment and the importance of having the best quality of air, water, and soil as we recycle, reduce, and reuse for the benefit of future generations; and

Whereas Tallahassee Community School, led by teachers Manon Roy and Annette Petrie, is a runner up in the 2013 Nova Scotia Recycles Contest;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Manon Roy, Annette Petrie, and Tallahassee Community School on this achievement, and wish them success in their future commitments to a healthy environment.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1404**

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 Cole Harbour's Brett Crossley has, at age 15, been recruited to Shattuck-St. Mary's hockey team in Faribault, Minnesota, on a scholarship; and

Whereas Brett has been playing forward this season on the 2012-2013 Boys Bantam roster where he scored 24 goals and made 36 assists for his team; and

Whereas Brett has finished off this season, his final before his competing with his team in the USA National Hockey Championships in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in April 2013;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Brett Crossley for his years of strong work and dedication to hockey, and wish him years of future success as he pursues his hockey dreams.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1405**

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 on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013, Ocean View Elementary held their very first Family Day; and

Whereas the event was held to recognize and celebrate each and every family as diverse, unique, and special; and

Whereas teachers held class discussions on the diversity of families that exist within our province, and all students wore individually decorated t-shirts at an assembly recognizing their family;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate the students and staff at Ocean View Elementary on the event of their first ever Family Day celebration.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1406**

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 Lions Club held their annual Speakout public speaking competition for Cole Harbour students in grades 9 to 12; and

Whereas this was the first part of a 4-level tournament, with this year's first place winner moving forward to the regional competition to eventually compete with public speakers from other provinces; and

Whereas the Lions Club awarded first place to Amanda Stevens, who spoke on the importance of donating blood;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly commend Cole Harbour student Amanda Stevens for her victory and advancement at the Cole Harbour Lions Club Speakout contest.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1407**

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 Reverend John Ferguson has served and been active for 30 years in ordained ministry of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; and

Whereas Reverend John has been faithfully serving his parishioners in a way that they describe as caring, friendly, approachable, and is a modern thinker who works tirelessly to increase the congregation while staying true to his Anglican roots; and

Whereas on April 14, 2012, to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Reverend John Ferguson's service as Rector for the Parish of St. Peter in Eastern Passage, a fun-filled event called Roastin' the Rector was enjoyed by his parish and guests in a typical Reverend John style;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Reverend John Ferguson on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his service to the Parish of St. Peter in Eastern Passage, and thank him for his unwavering devotion and service to the people of his parish and to the community of Eastern Passage area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1408**

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 Gin Yee is the current Halifax Regional School Board chair and has served on the board for more than five years; and

Whereas Gin and his wife Evelyn have chosen to settle down in Dartmouth and raise a family, after years of contributing to the growth and success of Nova Scotia children; and

Whereas their first child Eli Kai-Wei Yee was born on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, weighing a healthy six pounds, 12 ounces;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Gin and Evelyn Yee of Dartmouth on the arrival of their son Eli Kai-Wei Yee, and wish them all many years of precious memories, milestones, and happiness as a family.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1405**

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 Emma's Eatery in Eastern Passage is a restaurant that is renowned for its all day breakfast and the best fishcakes in town, made by owner and chef Kim Stacey, using local food and providing service with a smile; and

Whereas on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Emma's Eatery was the venue for author and local broadcaster Corey Poirier's radio show; and

Whereas the radio show featured interviews with restaurateur Kim Stacey, entertainer Willy Badger, and Luke Conrad of *Luke and Jock, Reality Show Rejects*;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Kim Stacey at Emma's Eatery and radio host Corey Poirier for their partnership in raising the profile of an Eastern Passage business through a radio event that celebrated Nova Scotia performers and artists.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1410**

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 junior high school teacher and fitness guru, Heidi Lemire, has established a fitness club for young women at the Eastern Passage Education Centre; and

Whereas this one of a kind program, which offers yoga, tai chi, Pilates, weight training, and core-strengthening exercises all within the context of proper nutrition for growing women, has been recognized by the Halifax Regional School Board as a successful program and is being encouraged in other schools across the board; and

Whereas Heidi's trailblazing, hard work, and dedication has resulted in two grants from the Halifax Regional School board, the HRSB After School Physical Activity Program Grant and the HRSB Gender Equity Grant;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly thank teacher Heidi Lemire of Eastern Passage Education Centre for putting her passion for fitness and wellness into action to lead Eastern Passage girls toward a path of a long and healthy life.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1411**

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 2002 NS Prospects Hockey Team completed in the Junior Warrior National Showcase in Haverhill, Massachusetts, in August, 2012; and

Whereas after a tough opening game the team went on to win three games in round robin play, including a 10 to 1 victory over the Boston Jr. Bruins; and

Whereas after a 5-2 victory in the semifinals to the East Coast Express, the Prospects won the final game 3-2 in a shootout over the NB Selects;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulates the 2002 NS Prospects Hockey Team for winning the Junior Warrior National Showcase and wishes them all the best for future victories.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1412**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Education)

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

Whereas Maxine Both, Breanna Huntley, Georgia Stanley, and Sara Conrad were all awarded medals for their efforts at the Skills Nova Scotia Competition recently held in Dartmouth; and

Whereas these young women represent excellent examples of leadership, creativity, and dedication to their studies and to their fields of interest; and

Whereas Maxine, Breanna, Georgia, and Sara have displayed a great deal of maturity and achievement, standing out as role models for their peers;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the efforts and achievements of these four young women in their most recent Skills Nova Scotia Competition.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1413**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Education)

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

Whereas Reverend Canon Russell Elliott of New Ross was recently awarded a lifetime membership with the Nova Scotia Democratic Party; and

Whereas Reverend Elliott was famously a member of the Briefcase Boys in the 1940s and 1950s, a group of young clergy who worked to challenge the church to recognize the respond to the social implications of the Gospel; and

Whereas Reverend Elliott has served the priesthood for 70 years in tandem with his service to community, sitting on boards including Tideways, l'Arche-Homefires and the Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the achievements and service of Reverend Canon Russell Elliott to his faith, his community and his province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1414**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Education)

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

Whereas Scotia Horticultural Congress is an annual event of the Nova Scotia vegetable and berry industries, organized by Horticulture Nova Scotia, and was held this year in Greenwich, Nova Scotia on January 28 and 29 at the Old Orchard Inn; and

Whereas Scotia Horticultural Congress has the potential to attract in the vicinity of 300 people interested in the horticultural industry, many of whom are from outside the province, and offers two days packed with speakers both at plenary sessions of general interest and concurrent sessions on crop specific topics; and

Whereas Scotia Horticultural Congress provides a platform to promote food crops, to disseminate recent research and technology, to inform producers of management and

marketing techniques, to network with trade and government, and to generally give a higher profile to their industry;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Horticulture Nova Scotia for organizing this annual event that keeps the vegetable and berry industries at the forefront of their chosen industries.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1415**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Education)

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

Whereas Al Whittle, who ran Wolfville's Acadia Cinema for 47 years before retiring in 2000, was the youngest theatre manager in Canada at the beginning of his career; and

Whereas for 54 years Al Whittle greeted students at the dining hall of Acadia University during lunch and dinner, being known by many thousands of Acadia students and alumni; and

Whereas now an honorary board member of the Acadia Cinema co-op, Al Whittle remains a fixture at many cultural events in Wolfville and still takes at the Fundy Film Society matinees at the theatre;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Al Whittle for 60 years of contribution to the cultural life of the Annapolis Valley.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1416**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Education)

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

Whereas Selene and Alex Cole of Gaspereau Valley, Nova Scotia, travelled to Kyrgyzstan to learn the art of yurt building, cultivating experience from the masters of the craft; and

Whereas the Coles have started a small, local yurt business, Little Foot Yurts, that offers yurt rentals and yurt making workshops along with their yurt sales business; and



Whereas the yurt is a sustainable, innovative and intriguing example of simple and environmental housing, which is portable and attractive to a new breed of consumer, and Little Foot Yurts feature sustainable materials such as coconut husk and sustainable harvest practices such as coppicing;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognizes Selene and Alex Cole for their innovative business idea and congratulate them on their success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1417**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Education)

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

Whereas Mr. Maurice Lightfoot of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, has recently celebrated 65 years of service with the Wolfville Fire Department; and

Whereas Mr. Lightfoot is a large part of the history of the Wolfville Volunteer Fire Department and has seen many changes and innovations in firefighting techniques over these 65 years; and

Whereas approaching the age of 90, Mr. Lightfoot's current role is one of dispatcher with a remarkable attendance record of 95 per cent;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Maurice Lightfoot for the over 65 years of service he has offered to the Wolfville Volunteer Fire Department.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1418**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Education)

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

Whereas Lindsay Harris of New Minas was a first-team and second-team all-star for the Acadia Axewomen Basketball Team during her undergraduate career; and

Whereas Lindsay also volunteered with Kinderskills, school breakfast programs, WITS anti-bullying initiatives, Run for the Cure, and conducted fundraising for the Canadian Diabetes Association, providing a positive role model for student athletes; and

Whereas Lindsay overcame a knee injury, during a critical time in her career, rebounding to capture the AUBC Championship with her teammates in 2012, a first for the Axewomen in over 60 years;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the contributions made by Lindsay Harris to her team, her university, her sport and her community, an example of sportsmanship and scholarship to all who follow.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1419**

By: Hon. John MacDonell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas bullying in schools is an old scourge that is being earnestly addressed by school authorities and the community at large; and

Whereas one aspect of bullying is the implied condoning of it by the inaction or active participation of bystanders to incidents of bullying; and

Whereas Lee Anne Arsenault, Guidance Counselor at Riverside Education Centre in Milford, led the Stand Up campaign in February, 2013, a one week anti-bullying educational program that focused on encouraging bystanders to bullying incidents to intervene positively;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulates Lee Anne Arsenault and her fellow staff members of Riverside Educational Centre on their positive initiative to eradicate the scourge of bullying from our schools.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1420**

By: Hon. John MacDonell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas firefighters are often hailed as being true heroes; and

Whereas Devin Sanford, who is just about to turn 17, is a Junior Firefighter with the Kennetcook and District Volunteer Fire Department; and

Whereas on Thursday, April 11, 2013, Devin took over the wheel of the tanker truck in which he was a passenger, after his former fire chief Martin Walsh suffered a fatal

heart attack while they were responding to an emergency call, brought the truck safely to a stop, and then called for assistance;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Devin Walsh on his cool actions in the face of an immediate emergency thrust upon him.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1421**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Education)

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

Whereas Gerald and Mildred West are residents of Wolfville, who spend winters in Florida; and

Whereas Gerald West served with the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) as a wireless operator on North Atlantic sub patrol during the Second World War; and

Whereas Gerald West has been the first RCAF aircrew veteran invited on the Honor Flight of West Florida and will be flown to Washington to participate in a tour of Washington and a visit to the War Memorial, amongst over activities;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly wish Gerald West the very best as he takes part in the Honor Flight and visits with other veterans of the Second World War in Washington.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1422**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Education)

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

Whereas Lockett Vineyards of the beautiful Gaspereau Valley is set to open for their third season this April, 2013; and

Whereas Lockett Vineyards was most recently named recipient of WineAccess' silver medals for their L'Acadie as well as bronze awards for their Ortega and Sparkling Helena; and

Whereas Lockett Vineyards continues to grow, providing facilities to guests comprised of a retail shop, a café and restaurants (the Barrel Cellar and the Crush Pad

Bistro), a tasting bar and amphitheatre, driving renewed interest in the local agri-tourism industry as well as the burgeoning wine industry in the Annapolis Valley;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the staff and ownership of Lockett Vineyards on their continued success and contributions to our local community and economy.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1423**

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas Earth Day is an international event celebrated on April 22<sup>nd</sup> each year to promote and support environmental protection; and

Whereas several schools and organizations hold events and activities on this day to educate students and youth on the importance of good stewardship of our planet; and

Whereas on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, the students of Greenfield Elementary School demonstrated their pride in their environment by collecting trash and litter in their community;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize and congratulate the students of Greenfield Elementary School for taking an active role in preserving and protecting their environment.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1424**

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas the performing arts are an important representation of society and culture often posing questions, encouraging self-reflection, and provoking thought on contemporary issues; and

Whereas the Winds of Change Dramatic Society of Liverpool is staging an evening of one-act plays in June; and

Whereas at this event Greg Tutty of Liverpool, who has been involved with the Winds of Change from its first meeting in 1970 to present, will be debuting his first original

play, *Willing You My Love*, a comment on the pursuit of happiness in the commercially driven society of the 1950s;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Greg Tutty on the completion and debut of his first original play, *Willing You My Love*.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1425**

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas Ali Cameron of Queens County, in addition to being an inspiration to all who knew her, was known for her beautiful singing voice, participating in the Queens County Music Festival for all her school years and singing with the Queens County Girls' Choir for six years; and

Whereas on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, Ali Cameron lost her battle with acute myeloid leukemia at the age of 21 years; and

Whereas the Ali Cameron Memorial Award has been established in her memory to be presented each year for the Highest Mark in a Vocal Sacred Solo at the Queens County Music Festival;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize the Ali Cameron Memorial Award as a reminder of the many contributions Ali Cameron made to music and singing in Queens County throughout her life.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1426**

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas the Metro Boston Pizza midget AAA female hockey club is a first class program with many players going on to play at the university level; and

Whereas the Metro Boston Pizza team won the Atlantic Championship in early April going on to represent Atlantic Canada at the National Championship; and

Whereas Kristin Gordon of Mersey Point, Queens County, scored the winning goal at the Atlantic Championship;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Kristin Gordon on her participation and involvement with this successful and prestigious hockey team.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1427**

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas the Lunenburg Queens Business Excellence Awards are organized and presented annually by the Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade in Lunenburg and Queens Counties; and

Whereas this event recognizes, celebrates, and inspires business excellence throughout the region; and

Whereas Memories Café and Eatery of Liverpool won the Best New Business Award at the 2012 Lunenburg Queens Business Excellence Awards held on February 18, 2013;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Memories Café and Eatery for the honour of being deemed a leader in new businesses by their peers at the 2012 Lunenburg Queens Business Excellence.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1428**

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas participation in a winter sport such as broomball is a wonderful way to stay active; and

Whereas the 2013 Liverpool Invitational Broomball Tournament was held on April 7<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas the Reynolds Rebels men's broomball team, consisting of Kevin Gehue, Matt Wainman, Brad Murray, Mike Westhaver, Wayne Smith, Brandon Whynot, Colin VanBuskirk, David Fox, Andrew Burgess, Nick Labour, Thomas Lloyd, Travis Lunn, Tyler Dagley, Brendan Rafuse, Jeff Murray, Quinn Smith and Sheldon Huskins won gold at the invitational tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Kevin Gehue, Matt Wainman, Brad Murray, Mike Westhaver, Wayne Smith, Brandon Whynot, Colin VanBuskirk, David Fox, Andrew Burgess, Nick Labour, Thomas Lloyd, Travis Lunn, Tyler Dagley, Brendan Rafuse, Jeff Murray, Quinn Smith and Sheldon Huskins of the Reynolds Rebels for their success at the 2013 Liverpool Invitational Broomball Tournament.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1429**

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 John's Lunch, a restaurant in the Woodside area of Dartmouth, has been in business since 1969; and

Whereas *Canadian Living Magazine* annually publishes a "Canadian Best" awards, featuring the best places for Canadian delicacies, from coast to coast to coast; and

Whereas John's Lunch and co-owners Fotis Fatouros and Stratos Baltas were recognized by *Canadian Living Magazine* for making the best fish and chips in Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize John's Lunch co-owners Fotis Fatouros, Stratos Baltas and their staff on this well-earned accolade and their commitment to providing hearty fare for more than 40 years.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1430**

By: Andrew Younger (Dartmouth East)

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

Whereas since 1935 the Kiwanis Music Festival has supported young artists, giving them extraordinary possibilities for performing, learning and sharing their musical talents; and

Whereas this year's Kiwanis Music Festival saw 25 entries in the band category alone; and

Whereas the Brookhouse/Portland Estates Elementary combined Grade 6 band competed in the novice category and won a gold medal for their efforts;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate the members of the Brookhouse/Portland Estates Elementary Grade 6 band and their equally extraordinary band teacher, Victor Fraser, on their achievement and wish them many more years of making beautiful music.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1431**

By: Hon. Maurice Smith (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal)

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

Whereas National Public Works Week will be celebrated May 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> across North America with the theme of “Because of Public Works ...”; and

Whereas “because of Public Works” Nova Scotians are able to have clean water, safe streets, good schools and the most livable communities in the world; and

Whereas as Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal I have been able to see first-hand the dedication and drive of Public Works staff in Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly acknowledge the hundreds of men and women in Nova Scotia who provide and maintain the critical infrastructure and services needed in communities across this province during National Public Works Week.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1432**

By: Hon. Maurice Smith (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal)

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

Whereas Mike Cormier of Halifax is the recipient of the national Roger Cyr award for his railway safety efforts; and

Whereas his railway safety efforts have helped diminish crossing and trespassing incidents in the Maritimes and Nova Scotia in particular; and

Whereas Mike Cormier understands that all rail crossing and trespassing incidents are avoidable and his record as a volunteer with the Nova Scotia Operation Lifesaver Committee speaks volumes about his desire to educate people, prevent needless occurrences and save lives;



Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mike Cormier on receiving the national Roger Cyr award for his efforts and encourage Nova Scotians to avoid trespassing on railways and to cross railway tracks safely.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1433**

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 Centreville, Cape Sable Island, athlete Morgan Messenger, was named Rookie of the Year by the Maritime Junior Hockey League on March 14, 2013; and

Whereas Morgan Messenger, in his first season with the Yarmouth Junior A Mariners, was a leading scorer for his team, accumulating 34 points in 36 regular season games; and

Whereas during the 2012/13 season the 17-year-old centre was also named to the East roster for the Canadian Junior Hockey League Prospect Games in November, and to the Team Atlantic U17 roster, where he competed at the World U17 Hockey Challenge in Quebec on December 29 to January 4;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Morgan Messenger for being named Rookie of the Year by the Maritime Junior Hockey League, and wish him all the best in his future pursuits.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1434**

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 Petty Officer Second Class Nick Williams of the 180 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Saxon in Shelburne, Nova Scotia, was awarded the prestigious Commander Canadian Fleet Atlantic Commendation on October 15, 2012; and

Whereas Nick Williams, along with his sailing partner Petty Officer First Class Evan Bower, received the award for taking first place at the Sea Cadet National Sailing Regatta in Kingston, Ontario, this past August, for an unprecedented second consecutive year; and

Whereas the Commander Canadian Fleet Atlantic Commendation recognizes the dedication, teamwork, and commitment to the sport of sailing demonstrated by the sea cadets;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Petty Officer Second Class Nick Williams for receiving the prestigious Commander Canadian Fleet Atlantic Commendation on October 15, 2012.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1435**

By: Hon. Sterling Belliveau (Fisheries and Aquaculture)

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

Whereas The Shelburne Rebels went 3-0 to win the 2012/13 Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation, NSSAF, Division 3 Senior Boys Basketball Championship on March 2 in Annapolis Royal; and

Whereas The Shelburne Rebels defeated St. Mary's Bay Academy 77-63 in the title tilt to earn the fifth Provincial Senior Boys Basketball Championship for Shelburne Regional High School in the past 16 years; and

Whereas The Shelburne Rebels also won the NSSAF Western Region Senior Boys Division 3 Basketball Championship during the 2012/13 season, posting and overall season record of 29 wins and five losses;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulates the Shelburne Rebels for winning the 2012/13 Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation, NSSAF, Division 3 Senior Boys Basketball Championship.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1436**

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 Lockeport Regional High School student Rebecca Buchanan is one of the recipients of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishermen and Scientists Research Society Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Oceans 11 Program; and

Whereas this annual award recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the Ocean 11 class by their level of participation, interest, contributions to the classroom, and scholastic achievement; and

Whereas the Ocean 11 Program is helping to educate the future stakeholders of Nova Scotia's marine industry by offering Grade 11 students the opportunity to learn about a wide range of marine science topics;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulates Lockeport Regional High School student Rebecca Buchanan, who was presented with the award on Oceans Day, June 8, 2012.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1437**

By: Hon. Sterling Belliveau (Fisheries and Aquaculture)

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

Whereas Barrington Sea Star Ice Dogs Head Coach, Tyler Symonds, from Newellton, Cape Sable Island, has been named Coach of the Year for the 2012/13 season by the Nova Scotia Junior C Hockey League; and

Whereas Tyler Symonds, who is in his second year as head coach of the Sea Start Squad, coached his team to a second place finish in both regular season play and the league play-offs for the 2012/13 season; and

Whereas Tyler Symonds has also spent two years on the bench as an assistant coach of the Ice Dogs as well as three seasons playing with the team, earning the respect of fellow players and coaches;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulates Newellton Cape Sable island resident, Tyler Symonds, for being named Coach of the Year by the Nova Scotia Junior C Hockey League for the 2012/13 season.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1438**

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 St. Mary's River Smokehouse of Sherbrooke, Guysborough County, won the Best New Retail award for their Oven Smoked Salmon Stix at the Boston Seafood Show in March; and

Whereas the International Boston Seafood Show is the largest seafood trade expo in North America for buyers, sellers, and media from more than 100 countries; and

Whereas the new product award means huge market recognition for the company and showcases the high caliber of seafood products Nova Scotia has to offer the world;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulates St. Mary's River Smokehouse for capturing the Best New Retail award at this year's Boston Seafood Show, and making Nova Scotia proud on the global stage.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1439**

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 Forest Ridge Academy Grade 2 student, Ocean Smith from Barrington, Nova Scotia, was a winner in the Office of the Ombudsman National Child Day poster contest on November 23, 2012; and

Whereas more than 800 entries were submitted from Primary to Grade 7 students across Nova Scotia in the contest, with the theme Children Helping Children, based on the Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child-the right to protect from harm; and

Whereas the winning entries for each grade level were selected based on artistic merit, creativity, as well as understanding and communicating the contest theme;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulates Forest Ridge Academy Grade 2 student, Ocean Smith, for her winning entry in the Office of the Ombudsman National Child Day poster contest.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1440**

By: Hon. Percy Paris (Economic and Rural Development)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of every community and the people of Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank are honoured to have so many people working to shape our community; and

Whereas this year, the volunteer committee has selected George Matthews to be honoured as the Volunteer of the Year at a banquet held in Waverley on April 19, 2013; and

Whereas George has been recognized for his work with various organizations in our community where he has served as a Boy Scout leader, school board trustee, coach with the Sackville Minor Hockey Association, member of the Lake District Recreation Association, and dedicated volunteer with the Church of the Good Shepherd since 1955;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly extend congratulations to George Matthews for being named volunteer of the year, and recognize his contributions in our community and across the province.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1441**

By: Hon. Sterling Belliveau (Fisheries and Aquaculture)

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

Whereas Shelburne resident and 2011/12 Shelburne Regional High School graduate, Kelsey Torak, is a recipient of both a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee scholarship and medal; and

Whereas Kelsey Torak is recognized as an outstanding volunteer in the community, earning the reputation of being tireless with the work she does annually to help organize the Curl for Cancer Fundraiser; and

Whereas Kelsey Torak has also been a very active member of the Shelburne County Roseway River 4-H Club for the past eight years, where her commitment and dedication has exemplified her qualities as a leader and established her as a role model for other members;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Kelsey Torak for receiving a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee scholarship and medal in 2012.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1442**

By: Hon. Sterling Belliveau (Fisheries and Aquaculture)

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

Whereas Shelburne's Tony Mahaney was presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal during a ceremony on January 11, 2013, at Canadian Forces Base Shearwater, held to recognize outstanding contributions by members of the Regional Cadet Support Unit; and

Whereas Tony Mahaney has been an instructor with the Royal Canadian Air Cadets' 164<sup>th</sup> Shelburne Squadron for more than 30 years, helping to enrich the lives of many youth in the community ; and

Whereas Tony Mahaney is active in the community on numerous fronts, including serving as a town councillor since 1985, with the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department for more than 27 years, as well as volunteering his time for a host of youth, sport, and development programs over the years;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Tony Mahaney for receiving a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, and applaud his contributions to the Town of Shelburne and its citizens.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1443**

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the long running Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival presented the fourth annual "Music From the Next Generation", featuring young local talent, with the event being organized by co-chairs Claire Jaworski and Angela Churchill on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Pearl Theatre in Lunenburg; and

Whereas this year's event has been sponsored by the Leanne's Children's Foundation, whose goal is to assist children aged 15 and under to reach their full potential in the areas of literacy, visual arts, dance and theatre, writing, sports, and kid's camps, making the concert free to attend; and

Whereas "Music From the Next Generation" featured performances by The Dairy Farm Kids, McKinnon Dance, Lucas Reeves, Tea and Biscuits, and Kaylyn Turner;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend the Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival, co-chairs, volunteers, and performers of “Music From the Next Generation” for their commitment to the arts in the Town of Lunenburg, and recognize the contributions made by Leanne’s Children’s Foundation.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1444**

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Peer Gallery in Lunenburg is an artists’ co-operative gallery formed January, 2002, and features the work of 12 Nova Scotian artists who have established reputations in a variety of different mediums; and

Whereas this year the Peer Gallery is celebrating its 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a not-for-profit cooperative with an impressive lineup of exhibits featuring works by seven of its 12 members; and

Whereas the season kicks off with the “Grace Chapel Commission”, mosaics by Regina Couper on May 4<sup>th</sup>; features works by Anke Holm, Anne Tweed, Barbara McLean, and Susan Hudson throughout the year; and closes the season with an exhibit of the works of Tom Ward’s watercolours;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulates the Peer Gallery in Lunenburg as it celebrates its 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1445**

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas Rebecca Weagle of Mason’s Beach has spent three years playing for the Boston Pizza Metros Female Midget AAA hockey team as its goaltender; and

Whereas Rebecca Weagle played an important role for the team during the Female Midget AAA Championships April 4 to 6 in New Glasgow, helping to get them to the final round against the Moncton Rockets, with Ms. Weagle finally being given to play in goal during the championship game; and

Whereas The Boston Pizza Metros won the championship game, with Rebecca Weagle winning MVP, allowing the team to carry onto the Esso Cup in Burnaby, British Columbia, for the second time in two year;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognizes Rebecca Weagle for her contributions to the Boston Pizza Metros, and congratulates her for winning MVP and carrying on to the Esso Cup in BC.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1446**

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas The Limelight Dance Competition held in Halifax promises to bring dancers, directors, instructors, and parents a young, fresh, and exciting dance competition; and

Whereas On Tap Dance Studio in Lunenburg, which teaches modern, tap, and hip hop dance to children, features direction of instructors Shannon Moore and Pamela Segger; and

Whereas five youngsters from the On Tap “Team Magic”, Olivia Keays, Evelyn Ferguson, Aidan Grimes, Lorelei Saunders Smith, and Aiden Buteau, won awards at the Limelight Dance Competition;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulates On Tap Dance Studio’s “Team Magic” members and their instructors Shannon Moore and Pamela Segger on winning awards at the Limelight Dance Competition.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1447**

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas Tummy to Mummy is a boutique-style maternity and baby store with a focus on bringing unique, quality products to the South Shore, opened by Mahone Bay resident Simone Chia-Kangata; and



Whereas the Great Cloth Diaper Change is back for 2013, attempting to break the Guinness World Record for the most reusable cloth diaper changes simultaneously, with over 285 events in 17 countries; and

Whereas the event, which is designed to raise awareness about the environmental benefits of using cloth diapers, will be hosted by Ms. Chia-Kangata at the Mahone Bay Centre on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Ms. Chia-Kangata for her efforts to bring awareness to this issue and hope that they beat the current Guinness World Record for the most simultaneous cloth diaper changes.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1448**

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week 2013 takes place from April 21 - 27, a specially designated week to thank and honour people who donate their time to help others by supporting the causes in which they believe; and

Whereas Nova Scotia has a very high level of volunteerism, with almost one half of all Nova Scotians participating in the voluntary sector to deliver programs and services that build healthy and vibrant communities; and

Whereas the Nova Scotia Provincial Volunteer Awards, held on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, recognized the volunteer contributions of Vernon Whynot of New Germany for his community involvement;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulates Vernon Whynot of New Germany on receiving a Provincial Volunteer Award on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1449**

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas Spruce Top Rug Hooking Studio opened its doors as a co-operative operation 20 years ago, in 1993, joining like-minded individuals with a creative outlet for their rug hooking skills; and

Whereas many original members of the co-operative are still hooking today, although founding member Carol Harvey-Clark took over sole proprietorship of the studio in the year 2000; and

Whereas the Spruce Top Rug Hooking Studio, which features the work of over 30 artisans showcasing traditional trades and knowledge, is open six days a week, year round, with three gallery rooms full of hooked rugs, as well as supplies for rug hooking;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulates the Spruce Top Rug Hooking Studio and Carol Harvey-Clark for reaching its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Town of Mahone Bay.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1450**

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas William Kowalski, an award-winning author and educator who immigrated to Mahone Bay from the United States, has just published his eighth work and fifth novel; and

Whereas Mr. Kowalski's latest book, *The Hundred Hearts*, is a multi-generational story of the cost of war on soldiers and their families as it follows a 25-year-old veteran of the Afghanistan War and his grandfather, a 70-year-old veteran of the Vietnam War; and

Whereas *The Hundred Hearts* by William Kowalski, published by Thomas Allen Publishers, is scheduled to launch on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Biscuit Eater in Mahone Bay;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulates William Kowalski of Mahone Bay on the publication of his fifth novel, *The Hundred Hearts*.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1451**

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas Lunenburg area resident Shyanne Mossman, a member of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets #39 Neptune, decided to get involved with the biathlon program when she first joined the cadets six years ago; and

Whereas despite having no experience with biathlon, Ms. Mossman excelled, participating in zone competitions and provincial competitions with three trips to Cadet Canada's National Biathlon Championship; and

Whereas Shyanne Mossman, the lone sea cadet representing Nova Scotia, won a bronze medal in the event, representing the first medal ever won at a national competition by a representative from #39 Neptune Corps in its 70-year history;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Shyanne Mossman on winning a bronze medal at the Cadet Canada National Biathlon Championship, and commend her for representing #39 Neptune Corps and the Province of Nova Scotia.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1452**

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Progress Bulletin of Lunenburg County has been recognized nationally for outstanding community journalism when Newspapers Canada announced the winners of this year's competition last March; and

Whereas editor Vernon Oickle took top spot for best local editorial in the paper's circulation class, while the paper won for the best holiday edition in its class for its December 19<sup>th</sup> issue, while the Progress Bulletin as a whole placed second, nationally, for outstanding community service in its circulation class; and

Whereas reporter and photographer Robert Hirtle won third place in the best photo essay, assistant editor Lisa Brown placed third in the best news story competition and advertising manager Tina Hennigar took the top spot for newspaper marketing;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate the Lunenburg County Progress Bulletin and its staff for winning awards at the national Newspapers Canada competition in late March, 2013.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1453**

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy in Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, is a non-profit organization committed to preserving headlands, beaches and wetlands of the Kingsburg Peninsula and neighbouring areas, and to safeguarding traditional access to shorelines; and

Whereas the Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy had been able to purchase one-half of West Ironbound Island, a unique and beautiful island off the coast of Gaff Point that has a long and unique history in Lunenburg County featuring spectacular vistas, a flock of wild sheep, and one of only three Great Blue Heron rookeries on the South Shore; and

Whereas the Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy has been able to purchase the second half of the West Ironbound Island, thanks to generous donations from private citizens, a contribution from the Sitka Foundation, and most recently a partnership with the Department of Natural Resources, which will ensure that West Ironbound is protected in its entirety for generations to come;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate all members of the Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy for their dedicated efforts to preserve and protect this pristine piece of wilderness on the South Shore.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1454**

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas Jeanette Poirier's brother Paul and his wife Dianne started a non-profit organization called Arthur Fredericks Community Builders to offer assistance to those less fortunate living in the San Cristobal de las Casas area of Chiapas State, Mexico; and

Whereas Blockhouse Nova Scotia resident Jeanette Poirier, who had visited the area several times, became involved with the initiatives to build houses and schools, developing electrical utilities and digging wells, and was determined to return and offer further assistance; and

Whereas Ms. Poirier undertook extensive fundraising last Fall so she could spend a month at the centre this past February helping to work on restarting the rooftop greenhouse, growing much needed vegetables to feed the children who frequent the centre;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize the volunteer efforts made by Jeanette Poirier of Blockhouse and commend her for contributing to the Arthur Fredericks Community Builders in San Cristobal de las Casas in Mexico.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1455**

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas Lunenburg resident, Cheryl Lamerson, combined her desire to run a store with her wish to do something beneficial for the community, and created the Lunenburg Community Consignment Store; and

Whereas this consignment store allows the previous owner to take 50 per cent but splits the remainder, giving 30 per cent to the running of the store and the other 20 per cent being donated to local charities, with remarkable results, donating over \$2,000 to charity within the first three months of opening; and

Whereas the need for larger premises became apparent after the outpouring of support from the community, allowing Ms. Lamerson to move the Lunenburg Community Consignment Store to the larger venue at 121 Pelham Street, thanks to the support of Scott Sherman of Eleven Eleven Properties;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly congratulate Cheryl Lamerson of Lunenburg on the success of the Lunenburg Community Consignment Store, and wish her continues success in her new location.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1456**

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Mahone Bay and Area Lions Club have been long-time supporters of the Lions Foundation of Canada's dog guide program, which has provided over 2,000 dog guides free of charge to Canadians since 1985; and

Whereas the Mahone Bay Lions Club will be making a second payment of \$6,000 towards the \$12,000 sponsorship of a guide dog for autistic children; and

Whereas the Mahone Bay Lions Club will be holding its major fundraiser, a walk that can be completed with or without a dog, on June 26 of this year, in Mahone Bay, with a goal of raising \$2,500 for the program;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commends the Mahone Bay and Area Lions Club for its continued support of and participation in the Lions Foundation of Canada's guide dog program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1457**

By: Ms. Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the 69<sup>th</sup> annual Lunenburg and District Music Festival, featuring excellent local talented pianists and singers ranging in age from pre-schoolers to adults, is a sure sign of the Spring season; and

Whereas students throughout the Lunenburg area were diligently practicing for their various classes, which was adjudicated this year by piano adjudicator Dr. Simon Docking and vocal adjudicator Paula Rockwell, with the majority of performances held at the Central United Church and Hall in Lunenburg; and

Whereas the Lunenburg and District Music Festival culminates in the popular annual concert that showcases performances, The Stars of the Festival, which was held at Central United Church on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognizes all participants, teachers, volunteers, and organizers involved with the 69<sup>th</sup> annual Lunenburg and District Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1458**

By: Mr. Brian Skabar (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas the fibre arts are a unique and vibrant part of Cumberland County arts and cultural life; and

Whereas Amherst quilt artist Karen Neary's quilts have been exhibited at several national and international quilt shows across Canada, the United States, Europe, and even Japan; and

Whereas for the second time Karen has been selected as a semi-finalist in the 2013 American Quilter's Society Quilt Week in Paducah, Kentucky, where her quilt Roundabout Again, will compete against 401 others;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Karen for her dedication to the fibre arts and thank her for being a Nova Scotia cultural ambassador to the world.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1459**

By: Leo Glavine (Kings West)

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

Whereas James and Amanda Kinsman are the 2013 Atlantic Outstanding Young Farmers and will represent the region later this year at the National Outstanding Young Farmers event; and

Whereas the Kinsmans have combined the hard-earned knowledge and expertise of past generations, especially Lyndsay and Cheryl Kinsman, with innovation and a broad range of approaches for great sustainability; and

Whereas the world of OYFs 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Luanne Lynne are much in evidence and they are excellent ambassadors for modern Canadian Agriculture;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Nova Scotia legislature congratulate the Kinsmans, wish them and their family every success in the future, and in particular at the national event in Regina, Saskatchewan, Nov. 12 to 17.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1460**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Education)

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

Whereas Jake MacDonald of Wolfville was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in addition to recently being named recipient of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Award (Individual) for his years of service to brain injury education initiatives; and

Whereas Mr. MacDonald served as President of the Annapolis Valley Chapter of the Brain Injury Association of Nova Scotia (BIANS) for over a decade, his volunteer commitment to the cause spanning from 1999 to 2011; and

Whereas Mr. MacDonald has been involved in numerous brain injury education initiatives such as Operation Headway, Noggin Knowledge and In-Road to the benefit of all Nova Scotians, in addition to aiding in the formation of the Human Rights Advisory Committee of Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the many contributions made by Mr. Jake MacDonald to the people of Nova Scotia in honour of his long-standing commitment to the people of this province.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1461**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Education)

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

Whereas Peter Goucher of Wolfville was recently named a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal; and

Whereas the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal is awarded to persons who have made a significant contribution to a particular province, territory, region, or community within Canada; and

Whereas Peter Goucher has served his community as an educator with distinction and merit deserving of this award, serving as Vice Principal at Horton High, Principal at Cornwallis High and as a constant steward of all students under his supervision;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the contributions made by Mr. Goucher to past students and to his community in honour of this medal.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1462**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Education)

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

Whereas Dr. James Robert Harris of Wolfville was recently named a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal; and



Whereas the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal is awarded to persons who have made a significant contribution to a particular province, territory, region, or community within Canada; and

Whereas Dr. Harris has served his community as an educator with distinction and merit deserving of this award, particularly focusing on empowering student leadership and building youth leaders to a successful path;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the contributions made by Dr. Harris to past students and to his community in honour of this medal.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1463**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Education)

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

Whereas Connie MacNeil of Wolfville was recently named a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal; and

Whereas the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal is awarded to persons who have made a significant contribution to a particular province, territory, region, or community within Canada; and

Whereas Connie MacNeil has served his community as an educator with distinction deserving of this award in addition to his achievements as an athlete;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the contributions made by Connie MacNeil to past students and to his community in honour of this medal and express our sincere condolences to his family on his sudden passing.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1464**

By: Hon. Percy Paris (Economic and Rural Development and Tourism)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of every community and the people of Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank are honoured to have so many people working to shape our community; and

Whereas this year the volunteer committee have selected Samantha Jardine to be honoured as the Youth Volunteer of the Year at a banquet held in Waverley on April 19, 2013; and

Whereas Samantha has been recognized for her dedication to various organizations where she is active at school helping with the Kids Help Phone, the Girl Guides where she has earned her Chief Commissioner's Gold Award, Beacon House and her church;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly extend congratulations to Samantha Jardine for being named youth volunteer of the year, recognize her leadership of young girls, and thank her for sharing her time and talents with organizations in Beaver Bank and surrounding communities.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1465**

By: Hon. Percy Paris (Economic and Rural Development and Tourism)

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

Whereas each year communities across Canada mark National Volunteer Week to thank and honour the people who generously give their time and talents to help others; and

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of every community and the people of Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank are honoured to have so many people working to shape our community; and

Whereas Paula Beck-Mackenzie of Fall River was recognized at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony for the many contributions she has made to her community and to the province;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly thank Paula Beck-Mackenzie for all the work she does for others and congratulate her for receiving a Provincial Volunteer Award.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1466**

By: Hon. Percy Paris (Economic and Rural Development and Tourism)

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

Whereas each year communities across Canada mark National Volunteer Week to thank and honour the people who generously give their time and talents to help others; and

Whereas dedicated volunteers are the backbone of every community and the people of Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank are honoured to have so many people working to shape our community; and

Whereas Kirk Stephen of Windsor was recognized at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony for the many contributions he has made to his community and to the province;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly thank Kirk Stephen for all the work he does for others and congratulate him for receiving a Provincial Volunteer Award.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1467**

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team assists the RCMP and Municipal Police Service in locating persons missing in the woodlands or other areas of Lunenburg County, assisting the Emergency Management Office, and educates the public about woods safety; and

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with a banquet and awards ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas Barry Whynot is being recognized on June 15<sup>th</sup> for 25 years of service with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Barry Whynot for 25 years of service and community involvement with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1468**

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team assists the RCMP and Municipal Police Service in locating persons missing in the woodlands or other areas of Lunenburg County, assisting the Emergency Management Office, and educates the public about woods safety; and

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with a banquet and awards ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas Walter Wolfe is being recognized on June 15<sup>th</sup> for 10 years of service with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Walter Wolfe for 10 years of service and community involvement with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team

**RESOLUTION NO. 1469**

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team assists the RCMP and Municipal Police Service in locating persons missing in the woodlands or other areas of Lunenburg County, assisting the Emergency Management Office, and educates the public about woods safety; and

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with a banquet and awards ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas Ken Baker is being recognized on June 15<sup>th</sup> for five years of service with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Ken Baker for five years of service and community involvement with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team

**RESOLUTION NO. 1470**

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team assists the RCMP and Municipal Police Service in locating persons missing in the woodlands or other areas of Lunenburg County, assisting the Emergency Management Office, and educates the public about woods safety; and

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with a banquet and awards ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas Gloria Nauss is being recognized on June 15<sup>th</sup> for five years of service with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Gloria Nauss for five years of service and community involvement with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1471**

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team assists the RCMP and Municipal Police Service in locating persons missing in the woodlands or other areas of Lunenburg County, assisting the Emergency Management Office, and educates the public about woods safety; and

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with a banquet and awards ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas Sherry Veinot is being recognized on June 15<sup>th</sup> for 25 years of service with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Sherry Veinot for 25 years of service and community involvement with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1472**

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team assists the RCMP and Municipal Police Service in locating persons missing in the woodlands or other areas of Lunenburg County, assisting the Emergency Management Office, and educates the public about woods safety; and

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with a banquet and awards ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas Peter Lake is being recognized on June 15<sup>th</sup> for 15 years of service with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Peter Lake for 15 years of service and community involvement with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1473**

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team assists the RCMP and Municipal Police Service in locating persons missing in the woodlands or other areas of Lunenburg County, assisting the Emergency Management Office, and educates the public about woods safety; and

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with a banquet and awards ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas Harold Rafuse is being recognized on June 15<sup>th</sup> for five years of service with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Harold Rafuse for five years of service and community involvement with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1474**

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team assists the RCMP and Municipal Police Service in locating persons missing in the woodlands or other areas of Lunenburg County, assisting the Emergency Management Office, and educates the public about woods safety; and

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with a banquet and awards ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas Creig Veinot is being recognized on June 15<sup>th</sup> for 25 years of service with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Creig Veinot for 25 years of service and community involvement with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1475**

By: Pam Birdsall (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team assists the RCMP and Municipal Police Service in locating persons missing in the woodlands or other areas of Lunenburg County, assisting the Emergency Management Office, and educates the public about woods safety; and

Whereas the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with a banquet and awards ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas Troy Hughes is being recognized on June 15<sup>th</sup> for five years of service with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Troy Hughes for five years of service and community involvement with the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1476**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Olivia Gaetz won the Henneberry's Barber Shoppe Trophy;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Olivia Gaetz for having won the Henneberry's Barber Shoppe Trophy during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1477**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Victoria Hopper won the Veinot's Footwear Cup and Ali Cameron Memorial Award;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Victoria Hopper for having won the Veinot's Footwear Cup and Ali Cameron Memorial Award during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1478**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and



Whereas Clare Amirault won the Winds of Change Plaque;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Clare Amirault for having won the Winds of Change Plaque during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1476**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Bailey Selig won the Lion's Cup;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Bailey Selig for having won the Lion's Cup during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1480**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Brent Raddall won the Winds of Change Plaque;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Brent Raddall for having won the Winds of Change Plaque during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1481**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Angus Stevens won the Evelyn Reiser Memorial Trophy and the KMP Award for Junior Musical Theatre;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Angus Stevens for having won the Evelyn Reiser Memorial Trophy and the KMP Award for Junior Musical Theatre during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1482**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Queens County Girls Choir won the Kinsmen Shield;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Queens County Girls Choir for having won the Kinsmen Shield during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1483**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Clare Amirault and Hannah Barnes won the RICJAC Irving Mainway Trophy;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Clare Amirault and Hannah Barnes for having won the RICJAC Irving Mainway Trophy during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1484**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Hannah Barnes won the Lion's Cup;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Hannah Barnes for having won the Lion's Cup during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1485**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Jordan Haughn won the Maddie Keay Memorial Trophy;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Jordan Haughn for having won the Maddie Keay Memorial Trophy during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1486**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Gwendolyn Williams won the IODE Cup;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Gwendolyn Williams for having won the IODE Cup during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1487**

By: Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas the 25<sup>th</sup> East Coast Music Week took place in Halifax March 6 - 10, 2013, culminating in a Music Award Gala and Industry Award Brunch; and

Whereas the 2013 East Coast Music Industry Award nominees include individuals, companies, and organizations that have made outstanding achievements in developing, promoting, and showcasing East Coast music; and

Whereas SpinCount of Queens County was nominated for Music Merchant of the Year;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognizes and congratulates SpinCount on its nomination for Music Merchant of the Year at the 2013 East Coast Music Industry Awards.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1488**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Lincoln Inglis won the Atlantic Superstore Trophy, the Private Stock Studio Trophy, and Ali Cameron Memorial Award;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Lincoln Inglis for having won the Atlantic Superstore Trophy, the Private Stock Studio Trophy, and Ali Cameron Memorial Award during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1489**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Janelle Veinot won the Hank Snow Country Music Centre Trophy;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Janelle Veinot for having won the Hank Snow Country Music Centre Trophy during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1490**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas North Queens Elementary Choir won the Kiwanis Trophy;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate North Queens Elementary Choir for having won the Kiwanis Trophy during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1491**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Stephen Karavos won the Bowater Mersey Paper Company Cup;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Stephen Karavos for having won the Bowater Mersey Paper Company Cup during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1492**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Ruthie Hartlen and Naomi Blackadar won the Khattar Cup;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Ruthie Hartlen and Naomi Blackadar for having won the Khattar Cup during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1493**

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 2013 Queens County Music Festival recently held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas North Queens Middle School Band won the Queens County Music Festival Trophy;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate North Queens Middle School Band for having won the Queens County Music Festival Trophy during the 2013 Queens County Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1494**

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas participation in a winter sport such as hockey is a wonderful way to stay active; and

Whereas the Queens County Minor Hockey Association concluded the 2013 hockey season with an awards ceremony; and

Whereas Chloe Burgess received the Hannah Connolly Female Player of the Year Award;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Chloe Burgess for her success in the Queens County Minor Hockey Association.



**RESOLUTION NO. 1495**

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas participation in a winter sport such as hockey is a wonderful way to stay active; and

Whereas the Queens County Minor Hockey Association concluded the 2013 hockey season with an awards ceremony; and

Whereas Brent Raddall received the Dwight Wolfe Defensive Player of the Year Award;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Brent Raddall for his success in the Queens County Minor Hockey Association.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1496**

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas participation in a winter sport such as hockey is a wonderful way to stay active; and

Whereas the Queens County Minor Hockey Association concluded the 2013 hockey season with an awards ceremony; and

Whereas Thomas Harvey received the Sue Morash Player of the Year Award;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Thomas Harvey for his success in the Queens County Minor Hockey Association.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1497**

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas participation in a winter sport such as hockey is a wonderful way to stay active; and

Whereas the Queens County Minor Hockey Association concluded the 2013 hockey season with an awards ceremony; and

Whereas Andrew Dixon received the President's Award;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Andrew Dixon for his success in the Queens County Minor Hockey Association.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1498**

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas participation in a winter sport such as hockey is a wonderful way to stay active; and

Whereas the Queens County Minor Hockey Association concluded the 2013 hockey season with an awards ceremony; and

Whereas Logan Comeau received the Woodford Wall Goalie of the Year Award;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Logan Comeau for his success in the Queens County Minor Hockey Association.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1499**

By: Ms. Vicki Conrad (Queens)

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

Whereas participation in a winter sport such as hockey is a wonderful way to stay active; and

Whereas the Queens County Midget B Cougars hockey team have enjoyed a successful 2013 hockey season; and

Whereas Queens County Blades Midget B Cougars earned the gold medal and championship banner at the Birthplace of Hockey tournament held in Windsor on March 8 - 11, 2013;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate the Queens County Midget B Cougars on their success at the 2013 Birthplace of Hockey tournament.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1500**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Minister of Education)

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

Whereas Le Caveau was most recently named the recipient of the Best Fine Dining Award for the year of 2012 at the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Event; and

Whereas Le Caveau maintains the highest standards of excellence in food preparation and service paired with award-winning wines, under the management of Chef Jason Lynch; and

Whereas the staff and management of Le Caveau work very hard to ensure that guests are well cared for and valued, making each experience special and ensuring a return visit to our region in addition to their establishment;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognizes the achievements of Le Caveau, in particular efforts made by their staff, management, and ownership.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1501**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Minister of Education)

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

Whereas Maxwell's Shoes was recently named the recipient of the Best Shoe Store Award for the year of 2012 at the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Event; and

Whereas Maxwell's Shoes maintains a very high standard of excellence in sales and service in their operations, blending high quality goods and fashionable footwear; and

Whereas the staff and management of Maxwell's Shoes work very hard to ensure that customers are well cared for and valued;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognizes the achievements of Maxwell's Shoes, in particular efforts made by their staff, management, and ownership.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1502**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Minister of Education)

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

Whereas Summit Hyundai was recently named the recipient of the Best Car Dealer Award for the year of 2012 at the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Event; and

Whereas Summit Hyundai maintains a very high standard of excellence in sales and service in their operations in New Minas; and

Whereas the staff and management of Summit Hyundai work very hard to ensure that customers are well cared for and valued as part of their mission statement as the "dealer for the people";

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognizes the achievements of Summit Hyundai, in particular efforts made by their staff, management, and ownership.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1503**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Minister of Education)

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

Whereas Sobey's New Minas was recently named the recipient of the Best Grocery Store Award for the year of 2012 at the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Event; and

Whereas Sobey's New Minas maintains a very high standard of excellence in sales and service in their operations, blending high quality groceries and value to customers; and

Whereas the staff and management of Sobey's New Minas work very hard to ensure that customers are well cared for and valued;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognizes the achievements of Sobey's New Minas, in particular efforts made by their staff, management, and ownership.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1504**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Minister of Education)

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

Whereas The Swimwear Hut was recently named the recipient of the Best Clothing Store Award as well as the Best Specialty Store Award for the year of 2012 at the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Event; and

Whereas The Swimwear Hut maintains a very high standard of excellence in sales and service in their local operations in New Minas; and

Whereas the staff and management of Maxwell's Shoes work very hard to ensure that customers are well cared for and valued while also contributing to local fundraising efforts, donating proceeds at times throughout the year to charitable causes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognizes the achievements of The Swimwear Hut, in particular efforts made by their staff, management, and ownership.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1505**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Minister of Education)

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

Whereas Swiss Chalet New Minas was recently named the recipient of the Best Family Dining Award for the year of 2012 at the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Event; and

Whereas Swiss Chalet maintains a very high standard of excellence in terms of table and guest service as well as delicious food; and

Whereas the staff and management of Swiss Chalet work very hard to ensure that customers are well cared for and valued;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognizes the achievements of Swiss Chalet New Minas, in particular efforts made by their staff, management, and ownership.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1506**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Minister of Education)

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

Whereas The Tattingstone Inn was recently named the recipient of the Best Hotel/Motel/B&B Award for the year of 2012 at the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Event; and

Whereas The Tattingstone Inn provides a relaxing and comfortable atmosphere on an acre and a half of beautifully manicured and landscaped heritage property in the heart of Wolfville; and

Whereas The Tattingstone Inn makes every effort to ensure that each guest has a wonderful stay, complete with excellent service and knowledgeable staff that direct guests to local landmarks and amenities;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognizes the achievements of The Tattingstone Inn, in particular efforts made by their staff, management, and ownership.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1507**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Minister of Education)

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

Whereas the Wolfville Farmer's Market was recently named the recipient of the Best Farm Market Award for the year of 2012 at the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Event; and

Whereas the Wolfville Farmer's Market has become an iconic destination for tourists and locals alike; and

Whereas the Wolfville Farmer's Market provides ample opportunity for guests to purchase organic meats and produce, local wines, baked goods, preserves, as well as providing vendors with the opportunity to engage with an energetic and motivated clientele in a friendly, rural setting;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognizes the achievements of the Wolfville Farmer's Market, in particular efforts made by their staff, management, and volunteers.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1508**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Minister of Education)

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

Whereas Hampton House was recently named the recipient of the Best Furniture/Home Décor Store Award for the year of 2012 at the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Event; and

Whereas Hampton House maintains a very high standard of excellence in sales and service in their operations, blending high quality goods and home fashion; and

Whereas the staff and management of Hampton House work very hard to ensure that guests are well cared for and valued;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognizes the achievements of Hampton House.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1509**

By: Hon. Ramona Jennex (Minister of Education)

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

Whereas Domaine de Grand Pré was recently named the recipient of the Best Winery Award for the year of 2012 at the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Event; and

Whereas Domaine de Grand Pré continues in their tradition of excellence from their earliest days as Nova Scotia's first operating winery, winning awards for both product and service year after year; and

Whereas the staff and management of Domaine de Grand Pré work very hard to ensure that guests are well cared for and valued, making each experience special and ensuring a return visit to our region in addition to their establishment;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognizes the achievements of Domaine de Grand Pré, in particular efforts made by their staff, management, and ownership.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1510**

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 Dreams Take Flight Program, started by Air Canada employees in Toronto in 1989 and expanded to Atlantic Canada in 1994, is an opportunity for hundreds of young people nation-wide to experience Disney World for the first time; and

Whereas children who qualify for the program must be between the ages of seven and 12, have never been to Disney World, and have the stamina and energy to handle an over 20-hour long day; and

Whereas eight-year-old Oceanview Elementary student Derek Hubley was chosen to go on this whirlwind experience to the Magic Kingdom on Wednesday, April 24, 2013;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Derek Hubley for his Dreams Take Flight experience and wish him a lifetime of opportunities that will create happy and magical memories.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1511**

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 Dreams Take Flight Program, started by Air Canada employees in Toronto in 1989 and expanded to Atlantic Canada in 1994, is an opportunity for hundreds of young people nation-wide to experience Disney World for the first time; and

Whereas children who qualify for the program must be between the ages of seven and 12, have never been to Disney World, and have the stamina and energy to handle an over 20-hour long day; and



Whereas nine-year-old Oceanview Elementary student Paige Hubley was chosen to go on this whirlwind experience to the Magic Kingdom on Wednesday, April 24, 2013;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Paige Hubley for her Dreams Take Flight experience, and wish her a lifetime of opportunities that will create happy and magical memories.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1512**

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 Dreams Take Flight Program, started by Air Canada employees in Toronto in 1989 and expanded to Atlantic Canada in 1994, is an opportunity for hundreds of young people nation-wide to experience Disney World for the first time; and

Whereas children who qualify for the program must be between the ages of seven and 12, have never been to Disney World, and have the stamina and energy to handle an over 20-hour long day; and

Whereas 11-year-old Seaside Elementary student Summer Negus was chosen to go on this whirlwind experience to the Magic Kingdom on Wednesday, April 24, 2013;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Summer Negus for her Dreams Take Flight experience, and wish her a lifetime of opportunities that will create happy and magical memories.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1513**

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 Eastern Passage RCMP Community Safety Office ran a successful and informative Seniors Academy at St. Andrew's Parish Hall led by RCMP Constables Bart Leppen and Brenda Elson; and

Whereas after six consecutive Tuesdays, 32 registrants graduated from the course where different guest speakers educated attendees on all aspects of navigating their golden years by advising them of the many health care professionals and agencies available to assist seniors; and

Whereas Gail Armstrong of GSA Catering was of invaluable service to the Seniors Academy by providing lunches for volunteers, organizers, and attendees;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Gail Armstrong of GSA Catering and thank her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia seniors.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1514**

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 Eastern Passage RCMP Community Safety Office ran a successful and informative Seniors Academy at St. Andrew's Parish Hall led by RCMP Constables Bart Leppen and Brenda Elson; and

Whereas after six consecutive Tuesdays, 32 registrants graduated from the course where different guest speakers educated attendees on all aspects of navigating their golden years by advising them of the many health care professionals and agencies available to assist seniors; and

Whereas Eastern Passage Pharmasave was of invaluable service to the Seniors Academy by providing water to the volunteers, organizers, and attendees;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Eastern Passage Pharmasave and thank them for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia seniors.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1515**

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 Eastern Passage RCMP Community Safety Office ran a successful and informative Seniors Academy at St. Andrew's Parish Hall led by RCMP Constables Bart Leppen and Brenda Elson; and

Whereas after six consecutive Tuesdays, 32 registrants graduated from the course where different guest speakers educated attendees on all aspects of navigating their golden

years by advising them of the many health care professionals and agencies available to assist seniors; and

Whereas Ted McLean was of invaluable service to the Seniors Academy through his volunteering efforts;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Seniors Academy volunteer Ted McLean and thank him for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia seniors.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1516**

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 Eastern Passage RCMP Community Safety Office ran a successful and informative Seniors Academy at St. Andrew's Parish Hall led by RCMP Constables Bart Leppen and Brenda Elson; and

Whereas after six consecutive Tuesdays, 32 registrants graduated from the course where different guest speakers educated attendees on all aspects of navigating their golden years by advising them of the many health care professionals and agencies available to assist seniors; and

Whereas Debbie McLean was of invaluable service to the Seniors Academy through her volunteering efforts;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Seniors Academy volunteer Debbie McLean and thank her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia seniors.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1517**

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 Eastern Passage RCMP Community Safety Office ran a successful and informative Seniors Academy at St. Andrew's Parish Hall led by RCMP Constables Bart Leppen and Brenda Elson; and

Whereas after six consecutive Tuesdays, 32 registrants graduated from the course where different guest speakers educated attendees on all aspects of navigating their golden years by advising them of the many health care professionals and agencies available to assist seniors; and

Whereas Dianna White was of invaluable service to the Seniors Academy through her volunteering efforts;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Seniors Academy volunteer Dianna White and thank her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia seniors.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1518**

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 Eastern Passage RCMP Community Safety Office ran a successful and informative Seniors Academy at St. Andrew's Parish Hall led by RCMP Constables Bart Leppen and Brenda Elson; and

Whereas after six consecutive Tuesdays, 32 registrants graduated from the course where different guest speakers educated attendees on all aspects of navigating their golden years by advising them of the many health care professionals and agencies available to assist seniors; and

Whereas Vicie Murphy was of invaluable service to the Seniors Academy through her volunteering efforts;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Seniors Academy volunteer Vicie Murphy thank her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia seniors.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1519**

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 Eastern Passage RCMP Community Safety Office ran a successful and informative Seniors Academy at St. Andrew's Parish Hall led by RCMP Constables Bart Leppen and Brenda Elson; and

Whereas after six consecutive Tuesdays, 32 registrants graduated from the course where different guest speakers educated attendees on all aspects of navigating their golden years by advising them of the many health care professionals and agencies available to assist seniors; and

Whereas Rose Smith was of invaluable service to the Seniors Academy through her volunteering efforts;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Seniors Academy volunteer Rose Smith thank her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia seniors.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1520**

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 Eastern Passage RCMP Community Safety Office ran a successful and informative Seniors Academy at St. Andrew's Parish Hall led by RCMP Constables Bart Leppen and Brenda Elson; and

Whereas after six consecutive Tuesdays, 32 registrants graduated from the course where different guest speakers educated attendees on all aspects of navigating their golden years by advising them of the many health care professionals and agencies available to assist seniors; and

Whereas Mike Smith was of invaluable service to the Seniors Academy through his volunteering efforts;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Seniors Academy volunteer Mike Smith thank him for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia seniors.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1521**

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 Eastern Passage RCMP Community Safety Office ran a successful and informative Seniors Academy at St. Andrew's Parish Hall led by RCMP Constables Bart Leppen and Brenda Elson; and

Whereas after six consecutive Tuesdays, 32 registrants graduated from the course where different guest speakers educated attendees on all aspects of navigating their golden years by advising them of the many health care professionals and agencies available to assist seniors; and

Whereas Elizabeth Gill was of invaluable service to the Seniors Academy through her volunteering efforts;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Seniors Academy volunteer Elizabeth Gill thank her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia seniors.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1522**

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 Eastern Passage RCMP Community Safety Office ran a successful and informative Seniors Academy at St. Andrew's Parish Hall led by RCMP Constables Bart Leppen and Brenda Elson; and

Whereas after six consecutive Tuesdays, 32 registrants graduated from the course where different guest speakers educated attendees on all aspects of navigating their golden years by advising them of the many health care professionals and agencies available to assist seniors; and

Whereas Eastern Passage Tim Hortons was of invaluable service to the Seniors Academy by providing tea and coffee for the volunteers, organizers, and attendees;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Eastern Passage Tim Hortons thank them for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia seniors.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1523**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21-27, 2013, with the Provincial Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony being held on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Halifax; and

Whereas Fred and Mabel Witherall from Blandford were the family nomination for the Municipality of the District of Chester and attended the Provincial Volunteer Recognition ceremony on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and were again recognized at the Municipality of Chester's Volunteer Recognition ceremony on April 24, 2013; and

Whereas Fred and Mabel have, for 20 years, been integral to the Blandford Community Centre and associated society, and in the last year alone they have contributed 621 volunteer hours to the centre and their community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Fred and Mabel Witherall on being recognized as a Volunteer Family Award recipient, and thank them for all that they do for the community of Blandford and surrounding area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1524**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21-27, 2013, with the Provincial Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony being held on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Halifax; and

Whereas Jane Wilkins has been involved with the Chester Garden Club for more than 26 years and takes part in all aspects of the club, competes in the annual Garden Show, has also been very involved with Shoreham Village, and makes regular visits to less able seniors; and

Whereas Jane and her husband have lived in many places and the wisdom that she shares with others about moving to a new place is that it is important to join things and do things in new communities to make friends, to learn, and to share;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Jane Wilkins on being nominated as the volunteer for the Chester Garden Club in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank her and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1525**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21-27, 2013, with the Provincial Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony being held on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Halifax; and

Whereas Jackie Benoit and Sharon Gates have been members of the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue Team for four years and are very valuable and dedicated members of this team; and

Whereas Jackie Benoit and Sharon Gates are sisters, are always ready for any type of search, and have recently completed training as Electronic Search Specialists in Project Lifesaver Program;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Jackie Benoit and Sharon Gates on being nominated as the volunteer representatives for Lunenburg Ground Search and Rescue, thank these compassionate volunteers for the work that they do, and thank them and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1526**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21-27, 2013, with the Provincial Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony being held on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Halifax; and



Whereas Pam Bedard comes from a long line of great family volunteers, has been involved with the Lunenburg Crime Stoppers, and for the last five years has served as secretary; and

Whereas Pam has helped raise awareness in Lunenburg County through participations in parades, sitting at booths handing out promotional literature, Michelin Health and Safety Fair, participating every January for Crime Stoppers Month, helping with the most recent food drive for the Interchurch Food Bank in Lunenburg, plus she has spent several years as a Beaver and Scout Leader and she has coached two soccer teams, plus raising her young family.

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Pam Bedard on being nominated as the volunteer for the Lunenburg County Crime Stoppers in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank her and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1527**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21-27, 2013, with the Provincial Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony being held on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Halifax; and

Whereas Morley and Jeannine Bezanson are long-time residents of the New Ross/Forties area and have been active in their community for more than 40 years; and

Whereas during the last five years they have served on the board of directors of the Forties Community Centre and can be seen taking an active part in a supper, event, or card party held at the hall, and have contributed to increasing the revenue of the hall;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Morley and Jeannine Bezanson as being the volunteers nominated for the Forties Community Centre in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank them and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1528**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21-27, 2013, with the Provincial Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony being held on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Halifax; and

Whereas over 16 years ago Linda Nauss-Saltzman got together with Jason McCorrison to plan a fundraiser for the Lighthouse Food Bank in Chester; and

Whereas Linda is responsible to organize bands, coordinate the venue and many donations for an auction, she draws on a large pool of her own volunteers to make this event of reality and over the 16 years has raised over \$50,000 for the food bank;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Linda Nauss-Saltzman on being nominated as the volunteer for the Lighthouse Food Bank in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank her and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1529**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21-27, 2013, with the Provincial Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony being held on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Halifax; and

Whereas Diane Webber is a valued member of the community of New Ross and is involved in many different venues from the New Ross Family Resource Centre, organizes and works at the Annual New Ross Farmers Fair, in the past has judged the Ross Farm Museum Pumpkin Growing Contest, has volunteered with the legion, the Forties Community Centre during the Christmas Festival, and the co-chair developing the New Ross Recreation Complex; and

Whereas Diane gives to the Family Resource Centre and to our community without hesitation and without thoughts of personal recognition, is a hands-on hard worker and her community is blessed to have her in the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Diane Webber on being nominated as the volunteer for the New Ross Family Resource Centre in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank her and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1530**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21-27, 2013, with the Provincial Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony being held on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Halifax; and

Whereas Wayne Rafuse has been an active member of the Western Shore and District Fire Department for approximately 11 years, has proven to be a wonderful asset to the department, has been an engineer for three years and a commissioner for five years; and

Whereas Wayne says being part of a fire department is like having another family and the best thing about families is the memories shared and was proud to be in charge of establishing a committee to erect a monument to pay tribute to fallen members and auxiliary members;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Wayne Rafuse on being nominated as the volunteer representative for Western Shore and District Fire Department in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank him and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1531**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21-27, 2013, with the Provincial Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony being held on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Halifax; and

Whereas Mary Eldridge has been an exemplary volunteer since she moved to Chester Basin with her husband Richard; and

Whereas Mary, in her early years, was a big part of the scouting movement and is also involved with her church as clerk, choir member, Praise Team Member, Sunday School teacher, currently serving as president of the Women's Missionary Society, assists with S.A.V.E. Program, hosts the Lenten Lunches, and in her spare time she works with the Chester Basin Volunteer Fire Department and Everett Branch 88 of the Royal Canadian Legion and is only ever a phone call away;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Mary Eldridge on being nominated as the volunteer representative for Aeon Baptist Church in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank her and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1532**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21 - 27, 2013, and the Municipality of Chester honoured its dedicated volunteers on Wednesday, April 24, 2013; and

Whereas Barbara Naugler is a dedicated volunteer with organizations such as the Chester Basin Legion and Ladies Auxiliary, her church, St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Guild, Charing Cross Garden Club, and canvasser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation; and

Whereas Barbara always pays attention to the small details and has a great desire to make every event special for those attending, she has quiet personality and always has a welcoming smile;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Barbara Naugler on being nominated as the volunteer for Chester Basin Legion and Ladies Auxiliary in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank her and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1533**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21 to 27, 2013, and the Municipality of Chester honoured its dedicated volunteers on Wednesday, April 24, 2013; and

Whereas Kelly Mattinson has been involved with HHELLPS, Helping Hands to Enrich Learning and Lifestyles Programming Society, since its inception in 2010; and

Whereas Kelly is great at keeping people involved with projects focused at all levels, is reliable and responsible, an excellent communicator, and now serves as chair;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kelly Mattinson on being nominated as the volunteer for HHELLPS in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank her and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1534**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21 to 27, 2013, and the Municipality of Chester honoured its dedicated volunteers on Wednesday, April 24, 2013; and

Whereas Mary Jane Dorey is a lifelong resident of Hubbards area and is always willing to help out; and

Whereas Mary Jane has made it her desire throughout her life to volunteer, from contributing to her church, clubs and committees for the school and the Home and School, to the present time where she has been the Secretary of the Hubbards Heritage Society for the past 10 years;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mary Jane Dorey on being nominated as the volunteer representative for Aspotogan Heritage Trust in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank her and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1535**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21 to 27, 2013, and the Municipality of Chester honoured its dedicated volunteers on Wednesday, April 24, 2013; and

Whereas Calvin Awalt has spent his entire life in East Chester and since 1992 has been a regular volunteer with the East Chester Recreation Association and is a volunteer at the Chester Rink, operating the time clock for some of the hockey games; and

Whereas on the day of the Annual Mackerel Snappers Picnic, at 5:30a.m., you can find Calvin on the shoreline where the mackerel are cleaned, ready to help carry water until all the fish are cleaned, all 1,000 pounds, and then he spends the rest of the day cooking and carry pots of potatoes and finishes his day off with helping to dismantle the equipment, booths and chairs and delivering them back to the hall;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Calvin Awalt on being nominated as the volunteer representative for East Chester Recreation Association in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank him and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1536**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21 to 27, 2013, and the Municipality of Chester honoured its dedicated volunteers on Wednesday, April 24, 2013; and

Whereas Nancy Fitch started volunteering in her teen years and it has continued through her entire life; and

Whereas through the years Nancy has volunteered with such organizations as a Cub and Brownie Leader, active member of both the Aenon and Chester United Baptist Church serving in many capacities, but her love is the Basin Gardeners Association of which she is a founding member, has the longest membership, has written the *History of the Gardeners' Association*, and is always willing to share her plants, seeds and knowledge with others;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Nancy Fitch on being nominated as the volunteer representative for Basin Gardeners

Association for the Municipality off the District of Chester, and thank her and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1537**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21 to 27, 2013, and the Municipality of Chester honoured its dedicated volunteers on Wednesday, April 24, 2013; and

Whereas Richard “Rick” Armstrong of East Chester started with his volunteer career in early 1979 spending the first 23 years with the Chester Volunteer Fire Department, then moved in 2002 to the Chester and Area Citizens on Patrol logging over 110 patrols, and he has gone from a regular patrol member to secretary and for the last several years as group leader; and

Whereas Rick has always felt that it does not matter what he does to help, all that matters is that you help and he has always had a desire to help his community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Richard “Rick” Armstrong on being nominated as the volunteer representative for Chester and Area Citizens on Patrol in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank him and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1538**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21 to 27, 2013, and the Municipality of Chester honoured its dedicated volunteers on Wednesday, April 24, 2013; and

Whereas Mary Schnare of Chester was the volunteer representative for the Municipality of the District of Chester, attended the Provincial Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and was again recognized at the Municipality of Chester’s Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on April 24, 2013; and

Whereas Mary Schnare moved to Chester in 1947 and immediately became involved with St. Augustine's Church and is a diligent worker and volunteer helping to host the Guild birthday parties for Shoreham residents, responsible for Mass Cards for 30 years, member of the Altar Society for 23 years, has worked with the CVFD for 45 years, and as an auxiliary fundraiser they purchased the very first helmet for the firefighters in the 1960's;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate Mary Schnare as the Volunteer Recipient for the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank her and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1539**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21 to 27, 2013, and the Municipality of Chester honoured its dedicated volunteers on Wednesday, April 24, 2013; and

Whereas Aubrey Myra has been an active volunteer of the Western Shore Legion for over 10 years; and

Whereas Aubrey has held many offices within the legion, is always helping with maintenance issues at the Branch, and within the last years designed and made all the Garden Party Wheels that are needed for the July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Aubrey Myra on being nominated as the volunteer representative for Western Shore Legion in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank him and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1540**

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

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

Whereas National Volunteer Week was from April 21 to 27, 2013, and the Municipality of Chester honoured its dedicated volunteers on Wednesday, April 24, 2013; and



Whereas Bonita Church is known far and wide for her many talents in the kitchen and the members of the Canaan and District Hall Association have been glad for the last five years that she has been a director and volunteer for their group; and

Whereas no matter the event that is being held at the hall, Bonita is there to contribute and can be found at the end of an event either cleaning the stove or scrubbing the floor before going home for the evening;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bonita Church on being nominated as the volunteer representative for the Canaan and District Hall Association in the Municipality of the District of Chester, and thank her and all volunteers for their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1541**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Dennis W. Perry, late, of Marriotts Cove was one of the three posthumous awards presented and was received by his niece, Vick Perry;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank the late Mr. Dennis W. Perry, the other two who received this award posthumously, and the 24 veterans who were awarded the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1542**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Basil Bond of Chester was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. Basil Bond, the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1543**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presentthree posthumous recipientsted to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Clyde Mosher of Chester Basin was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank the late Mr. Clyde Mosher, the other 23 recipients who received this award, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1544**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Emery Stevens, late, of Chester was one of the three posthumous awards presented and was received by his great-grandchildren;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank the late Mr. Emery Stevens, the other two who received this award posthumously, and the 24 veterans who were awarded the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1545**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of

Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Donald Kempton Allen of Chester was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank the Mr. Donald Kempton Allen, the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1546**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. George Hilchie of Chester was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank the late Mr. George Hilchie, the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1547**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Robert J. LeBlanc of Hubbards was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank the late Mr. Robert J. LeBlanc, the 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1548**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Laughlin MacDonald of Chester was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank the late Mr. Laughlin MacDonald, the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1549**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Ira Gates of Hubbards was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank the late Mr. Ira Gates, the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1550**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of

Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Guy Morash of Chester was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank the late Mr. Guy Morash, the other 23 recipients and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1551**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country, with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from the F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Gerald Stevens of Chester was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. Gerald Stevens and the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service Medallion for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1552**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country, with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from the F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas the late Mr. Harvey Cook of East River was one of the three posthumous awards presented, and it was received by his daughter-in-law Marion Fryday Cook;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank the late Mr. Harvey Cook, the other two who received this award posthumously, and the 24 veterans who were awarded the Honorary Century of Service Medallion for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1553**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country, with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from the F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and



Whereas Mr. Richard Logan of New Germany was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. Richard Logan and the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service Medallion for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1554**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country, with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from the F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Joseph Payne of Chester was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. Joseph Payne and the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service Medallion for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1555**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of

Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country, with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from the F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Murray Lanigan of Chester was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. Murray Lanigan and the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service Medallion for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1556**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country, with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from the F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas. Ruby Eichel of Chester Basin was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Ruby Eichel and the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service Medallion for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1557**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country, with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from the F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Edris Grady of Boutilier's Point was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. Edris Grady and the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service Medallion for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1558**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country, with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from the F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Walter Publicover of Hubbards was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. Walter Publicover and the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service Medallion for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1559**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Vic Flemming of Black Point was one of the 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. Vic Flemming, the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and County that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1560**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of

Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Wallace Chandler of Chester Basin was one of 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. Wallace Chandler, the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and County that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1561**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Tom Montgomery of Chester Basin was one of 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. Tom Montgomery, the other 23 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and County that can never be repaid or forgotten.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1562**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Walter Webber of Chester was one of 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. Walter Webber, the other 24 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and Country that can never be repaid or forgotten.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1563**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. Charles Dujohn of Hubbards was one of 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. Charles Dujohn, the other 24 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and County that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1564**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. William Martel of Chester was one of 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. William Martel, the other 24 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and County that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1565**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of

Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. William Nauss of Hubbards was one of 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. William Nauss, the other 24 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and County that can never be repaid or forgotten.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1566**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. William Hood of Lawrencetown was one of 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. William Hood, the other 24 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and County that can never be repaid or forgotten.



**RESOLUTION NO. 1567**

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

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

Whereas the Honorary Century of Service Medallion was established in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Nova Scotia, and honours veterans for all their contributions to Crown and Country with over 1,100 awards being presented in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 24, 2013, veterans, Legions, and family members of veterans gathered at the Bridgewater Royal Canadian Legion and were presented with the Honorary Century of Service Medallion, with 24 awards being presented to veterans from F.E. Butler Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester, and three awards were presented posthumously to family members; and

Whereas Mr. William Dyer of Chester was one of 24 recipients present to receive this award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mr. William Dyer, the other 24 recipients, and the three posthumous recipients, receiving the Honorary Century of Service for their service to Crown and County that can never be repaid or forgotten.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1568**

By: Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

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

Whereas in February, 2013, the recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals were announced; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee is an opportunity to celebrate our ties with the Commonwealth, our traditions and our rich and diverse heritage, a time to recognize Nova Scotians for outstanding service to the communities and province; and

Whereas Michael Coady of Sheet Harbour was presented the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his service and dedication to his community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Michael Coady on receiving this prestigious award for his dedicated service to his peers and community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1569**

By: Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

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

Whereas in February, 2013, the recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals were announced; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee is an opportunity to celebrate our ties with the Commonwealth, our traditions and our rich and diverse heritage, a time to recognize Nova Scotians for outstanding service to the communities and province; and

Whereas Lisa Bedell of Sheet Harbour was presented the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her service and dedication to her community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Lisa Bedell on receiving this prestigious award for her dedicated service to her peers and community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1570**

By: Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

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

Whereas in February 2013, the recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals were announced; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee is an opportunity to celebrate our ties with the Commonwealth, our traditions and our rich and diverse heritage, a time to recognize Nova Scotians for outstanding service to the communities and province; and

Whereas David Gammon of Sheet Harbour was presented the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his service and dedication to his community'

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate David Gammon on receiving this prestigious award for his dedicated service to his peers and community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1571**

By: Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

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

Whereas in February, 2013, the recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals were announced; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee is an opportunity to celebrate our ties with the Commonwealth, our traditions and our rich and diverse heritage, a time to recognize Nova Scotians for outstanding service to the communities and province; and

Whereas Arthur MacKenzie of Sheet Harbour was presented the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his service and dedication to his community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Arthur MacKenzie on receiving this prestigious award for his dedicated service to his peers and community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1572**

By: Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

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

Whereas in February, 2013, the recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals were announced; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee is an opportunity to celebrate our ties with the Commonwealth, our traditions and our rich and diverse heritage, a time to recognize Nova Scotians for outstanding service to the communities and province; and

Whereas Anthony Turner of Sheet Harbour was presented the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his service and dedication to his community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Anthony Turner on receiving this prestigious award for his dedicated service to his peers and community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1573**

By: Jim Boudreau (Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)

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

Whereas in February, 2013, the recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals were announced; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee is an opportunity to celebrate our ties with the Commonwealth, our traditions and our rich and diverse heritage, a time to recognize Nova Scotians for outstanding service to the communities and province; and

Whereas Vance Thompson of Sheet Harbour was presented the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his service and dedication to his community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Vance Thompson on receiving this prestigious award for his dedicated service to his peers and community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1574**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh' Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Stanley Cashin, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Stanley Cashin on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1575**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Robert Moore, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Robert Moore on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1576**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Robert Dobson, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Robert Dobson on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1577**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Robert Armstrong, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Robert Armstrong on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1578**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Roy Simpson, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Roy Simpson on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1579**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Nettie Rhynold, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Nettie Rhynold on receiving this prestigious award, and thank her for her sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1580**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Gorley Webber, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gorley Webber on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1581**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Frank Lombardo, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Frank Lombardo on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1582**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Simon Avery, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;



Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Simon Avery on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1583**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larrys River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of the Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Wayne Hadley, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Wayne Hadley on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1584**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larrys River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of the Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Vernon Zwicker, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Vernon Zwicker on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1585**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larrys River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of the Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas William Winters, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate William Winters on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1586**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larrys River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate and celebrate, and through their

participation they exemplify the best of the Canadian spirit of service and achievement;  
and

Whereas Wilbert DeCoste, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Wilbert DeCoste on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1587**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larrys River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of the Canadian spirit of service and achievement;  
and

Whereas the veterans of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, were the 2013 recipients of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the veterans of the Torbay Legion Branch 117 on receiving this prestigious award, and thank them for their sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1588**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larrys River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of the Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Wayne Silver, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Wayne Silver on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1589**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larrys River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of the Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Thomas Richard, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Thomas Richard on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1590**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larrys River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of the Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Sandra Ehler, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sandra Ehler on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1591**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larrys River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of the Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Brian Munroe, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brian Munroe on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1592**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larrys River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of the Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Brian Richard, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brian Richard on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1593**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Bruce Jarvis, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bruce Jarvis on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1594**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Arnold Goodwin, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Arnold Goodwin on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1595**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas David Cashin, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate David Cashin on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1596**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas David Avery, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate David Avery on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1597**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Dennis Randall, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dennis Randall on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.



**RESOLUTION NO. 1598**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Edison Cooke, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Edison Cooke on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1599**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Floyd George, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Floyd George on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1600**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Frank MacLeod, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Frank MacLeod on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1601**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas George Pellerine, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate George Pellerine on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1602**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Gerald Fitzgerald, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gerald Fitzgerald on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1603**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Frank Pellerine, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Frank Pellerine on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1604**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Gary Laycox, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gary Laycox on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1605**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Judy Burke, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Judy Burke on receiving this prestigious award, and thank her for her sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1606**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Kenneth D. Munroe, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kenneth D. Munroe on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1607**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas Leonard Avery, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Leonard Avery on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1608**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas John Schofield, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate John Schofield on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1609**

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

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

Whereas at the celebration in Larry's River on March 10, 2013, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal was presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Society; and

Whereas the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal is an opportunity to honour citizens who choose to volunteer, commemorate, and celebrate, and through their participation they exemplify the best of Canadian spirit of service and achievement; and

Whereas John Peitzsche, a veteran of the Torbay Legion Branch 117, was a 2013 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate John Peitzsche on receiving this prestigious award, and thank him for his sacrifice and service to Her Majesty and Canada.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1610**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Guysborough Amateur Athletic Association/Guysborough Fish & Game, Shawna Cody was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Shawna Cody on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1611**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Larry's River and District Volunteer Fire Department, Michael Gerrior was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Michael Gerrior on receiving this prestigious award and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1612**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Antigonish-Guysborough Black Development Association, Mary Williams was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mary Williams on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1613**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the St. Francis Harbour Ladies Aid Society, Ruby Ehler was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ruby Ehler on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success



**RESOLUTION NO. 1614**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Chedabucto Curling Club Community Activity Society, Ray Bates was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ray Bates on receiving this prestigious award and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1615**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Masons, Milton Gillie was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Milton Gillie on receiving this prestigious award and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1616**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Guysborough Swim Program Society, Liz MacIntosh was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Liz MacIntosh on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1617**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Awakening Souls Association, Mary Desmond was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mary Desmond on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1618**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Sunnyville Community Association, Mary Ann Clyke was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mary Ann Clyke on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1619**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Physically Active Lifestyles Society, Marion Brow was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Marion Brow on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1620**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the With A Little Help Society, Mary Cooke was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mary Cooke on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1621**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Seniors Along the Bay group, Mary Richard was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mary Richard on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1622**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Upper Sunnyville Ballfield, Martha Jane Mansfield was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Martha Jane Mansfield on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1623**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Wesley United Church, MacKenzie Cook was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate MacKenzie Cook on receiving this prestigious award and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1624**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Sunnyville Community Development Association, Linda Desmond was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Linda Desmond on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1625**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Canso Area Development Association, Jennifer Roberts was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jennifer Roberts on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1626**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the New Harbour Scouts Group, Jason Pinkham was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jason Pinkham on receiving this prestigious award and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1627**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Chedabucto Place Society, Justin MacDonald was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Justin MacDonald on receiving this prestigious award and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1628**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Canso Volunteer Fire Department, Juanita Dort was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Juanita Dort on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1629**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Canso & Area Development Association - Swim Program, Kerri Rhynold was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kerri Rhynold on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.



**RESOLUTION NO. 1630**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Harbourview Community Centre, Leona Sangster was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Leona Sangster on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1631**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Milford Haven Home for Special Care, Ira Corkum was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ira Corkum on receiving this prestigious award and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1632**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Guysborough and Area Food Bank, Jim Muise was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jim Muise on receiving this prestigious award and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1633**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Route 344 Community Action Group, Jean Grant was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jean Grant on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1634**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Chedabucto Place Breakfast Program, Kelsey Worth was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kelsey Worth on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1635**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Guysborough Mixed Darts League, Kerstin Hanke was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kerstin Hanke on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1636**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Guysborough Memorial Hospital Auxilliary, Grayce Pellerin was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Grayce Pellerin on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1637**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the La Societe des Acadiens de la Region de Tor Baie, Ian Pellerin was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ian Pellerin on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1638**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Whitehaven Community Association, Hilda George was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Hilda George on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1639**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Canso Lion's Club, Emily Lumsden was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Emily Lumsden on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1640**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Chedabucto Place Breakfast Program, Geneva Clyde was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Geneva Clyde on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1641**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Harbourview Volunteer Fire Department, Edison Gosbee was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Edison Gosbee on receiving this prestigious award and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1642**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Country Harbour Gun Club, Gladys Hudson was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gladys Hudson on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1643**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 81, Edith Walker was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Edith Walker on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1644**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Tree Top Volunteer Fire Department, Francis Bond was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Francis Bond on receiving this prestigious award and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1645**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the MADD Guysborough County, Eiline Hayns was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Eiline Hayns on receiving this prestigious award and wish her continued success.



**RESOLUTION NO. 1646**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Chedabucto Snowmobile Club, Dermot Chisholm was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dermot Chisholm on receiving this prestigious award and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1647**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the Guysborough County Trails Association, Creighton Sangster was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Creighton Sangster on receiving this prestigious award and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1648**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards night on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of their dedication to the St. Patrick's Men's Club, Danny Rodgers was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Danny Rodgers on receiving this prestigious award and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1649**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of her dedication to the Chedabucto Fitness Centre, Audrey MacPherson was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Audrey MacPherson on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1650**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of his dedication to the Aulds Cove Volunteer Fire Department, Art Andrews was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Art Andrews on receiving this prestigious award, and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1651**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of her dedication to the Goldboro Interpretive Centre, Barbara Silver was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Barbara Silver on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1652**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of her dedication to the Canso Seaside Manor, Clarice Grant was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Clarice Grant on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1653**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of her dedication to the New Harbour & Area Fitness Centre, Anna Nickerson was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Anna Nickerson on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1654**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of her dedication to the Upper Big Tracadie Ladies Auxiliary, Catherine Hartling was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Catherine Hartling on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1655**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of her dedication to the St. Francis Harbour TOPS Group, Catherine Kearley was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Catherine Kearley on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1656**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of his dedication to the Tracadie United Baptist Church Men's Brotherhood, Alonso Reddick was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alonso Reddick on receiving this prestigious award, and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1657**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of her dedication to the Guysborough Youth Health & Services Centre, Adrienne Grant was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Adrienne Grant on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1658**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of her dedication to the Little Dover Community Development Association and the Little Dover Crafts and Sewing Club, Bernice Munroe was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bernice Munroe on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1659**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of her dedication to the Fanning Fitness Centre, Doreen Boudreau was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Doreen Boudreau on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1660**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of his dedication to the Port Felix Rink Association, Donald Cashin was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Donald Cashin on receiving this prestigious award, and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1661**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of her dedication to the Guysborough Historical Society, Sandi Potter was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sandi Potter on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her continued success.



**RESOLUTION NO. 1662**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of his dedication to the Guysborough Minor Hockey program, Taylor Grady was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Taylor Grady on receiving this prestigious award, and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1663**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of his dedication to the Country Harbour Community Centre, Willie Cameron was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Willie Cameron on receiving this prestigious award, and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1664**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of her dedication to the Fanning Education Centre, Winnie Bent was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Winnie Bent on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1665**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of her dedication to the Country Harbour Dart League, Theresa Beiswanger was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Theresa Beiswanger on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1666**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of his dedication to the Eastern Light Lodge No. 72 and the Manchester/Boylston Volunteer Fire Department, Wayne Simpson was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Wayne Simpson on receiving this prestigious award, and wish him continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1667**

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 Province of Nova Scotia held its 36<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Night on April 12, 2013, in Halifax; and

Whereas each year the province recognizes individuals who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and those who have made a significant contribution to their community; and

Whereas in recognition of her dedication to the Goldboro Quilter Group, Veronica Jack was one of the 2013 Volunteer Award recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Veronica Jack on receiving this prestigious award, and wish her continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1668**

By: Mr. Leo Glavine (Kings West)

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

Whereas Mollie Symons won The ChronicleHerald Nova Scotia Spelling Bee on April 29<sup>th</sup> in her second appearance at the Grades 4 to 8 contest; and

Whereas Mollie is a Grade 8 home-schooled student who, with a winning smile, correctly spelled the championship word “bandicoot”, which is a rat-like marsupial; and

Whereas Mollie, the oldest of four children, moves on to the Scripps National Spelling Bell in Washington D.C. in late May, and adds a \$5,000 prize from the Nova Scotia Egg Producers to her education account;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Mollie and the educational influence of her parents, and wish her every success in Washington, D.C.