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SPEAKER

Hon. Kevin Murphy

DEPUTY SPEAKER

Ms. Margaret Miller

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable member for Hants West.

MR. CHUCK PORTER: Mr. Speaker, may I make an introduction?

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MR. PORTER: Thank you, sir.

Today I would like the House to recognize three Pages who will be moving on, today is their last shift: Joshua Lohnes from down in the Valley, in the Kentville area; Anika Roberts-Stahlbrand from Toronto; and Melanie Gillis from Bedford. Today is their last day with us and we want to give them a warm round of thanks for all the work they do here in the House looking after us. (Standing Ovation)

MR. SPEAKER: We will begin the daily routine.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Beaver Bank.

MR. STEPHEN GOUGH: Mr. 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 bills:

Bill No. 50 - St. Francis Xavier University Act.

Bill No. 59 - XMLAS 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.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Labour and Advanced Education.

HON. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to table the *Report of the Superintendent of Pensions on the Administration of the Pension Benefits Act for the Year Ending March 31, 2013*.

MR. SPEAKER: The report is tabled.

As Speaker, it is my pleasure to table from Elections Nova Scotia, the *Report on the Conduct of the October 8, 2013 Provincial General Election and Recommendations for Legislative Change, Volume II*.

The report is tabled.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Labour and Advanced Education.

HON. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to make an introduction before I do my notice of motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MS. REGAN: I would like to direct the members' glance to the east gallery where we're joined today by Laurie Edwards, who I believe is the president of Techsploration, and Tricia Robertson, who is the executive director. Ladies, if you could stand up. Also accompanying them is Bryan Duffy, who is a friend of mine and served as my official agent in the election - but that has nothing to do with this particular notice of motion. Please stand up, Bryan, and receive the warm welcome of the House. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Labour and Advanced Education.

RESOLUTION NO. 1743

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

Whereas Techsploration is an interactive program that brings together educators, industry, unions, government, and students to introduce young women to in-demand careers in science, trades, and technology; and

Whereas Techsploration's programming for young women in Grades 9 through 12 creates awareness about the role of work in their lives, helping them to understand the significance of math and science for their future careers; and

Whereas Techsploration started in 1998 as a pilot project in eight schools, and now serves over 40 schools and more than 3,000 students each year;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Techsploration, its board of directors, role models, sponsors, and partners - the Department of Labour and Advanced Education Apprenticeship Division, Women in Trades and Technology Nova Scotia, and the Nova Scotia Community College - on 15 years of introducing young women to fulfilling careers in science, trades, and technology.

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 Agriculture.

RESOLUTION NO. 1744

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

Whereas Loblaws is one of the major department grocery store retailers in the Maritimes, offering such well-known brands as NoFrills, SaveEasy, and Atlantic Superstore; and

Whereas on April 24th over 80 farmers and food producers from all across Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island attended Loblaws' annual Atlantic producers meeting in Halifax; and

Whereas Nova Agri farms, based in Centreville, Nova Scotia, was awarded a prestigious Loblaw Vendor Development Partnership Award for Atlantic Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Nova Agri farm on receiving this Vendor Development Partnership Award and recognize all of our provincial farmers who provide Nova Scotians with fresh, local produce, helping to make agriculture a thriving sector of our economy.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

RESOLUTION NO. 1745

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

Whereas 75 fatalities and 37 serious injuries occurred across Canada in 2013 as a result of railway crossing collisions and trespassing on rail property; and

Whereas most pedestrians and drivers do not realize how dangerous it is to walk on or near railroad tracks; and

Whereas we are in the midst of Public Rail Safety Week, which runs until Sunday, May 4th;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House urge Nova Scotians to be aware of the theme of the week, which is when you see tracks, think trains, and to avoid dangerous activities such as trespassing near tracks or trying to race a train to an at-grade crossing.

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 Justice.

HON. LENA DIAB: Mr. Speaker, before I table my notice of motion, I beg leave to make an introduction.

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MS. DIAB: If you could all turn your attention to the east gallery, we have with us some very dedicated people from the Department of Corrections. I'm going to read the names and ask them to stand. Sean Kelly, director; Tim Carroll, superintendent, Northeast Nova Scotia Correctional Facility; Scott Keefe, deputy superintendent, Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility; Michael Gaudet, correctional officer, Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility; Dan Ray, senior probation; Kirk Maye, probation officer; Regina Martin, administrative assistant; Tracy Sabeau, administrative assistant; Rebecca Sarty, administrative assistant. If we could all give them a great warm welcome. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Justice.

RESOLUTION NO. 1746

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

Whereas the correctional services provided in our communities and in our correctional facilities by Correctional Services, probation officers, youth workers, correctional officers, support staff and managers contribute to just and safe communities in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Correctional Services works co-operatively with other departments and many individuals and organizations including district health authorities, the IWK Health Centre, other law enforcement agencies, volunteers and non-government agencies to provide correctional programs and services; and

Whereas the work of all those who provide correctional programs and services deserves the respect, appreciation and recognition of this House and of all Nova Scotians;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House recognize the week of May 4-10, 2014 as Correctional Services Week and honour the good work of correctional staff in our communities.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Gaelic Affairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 1747

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

Whereas five Nova Scotia Gaels will further their studies in Gaelic language and culture with a bursary funded by the Scottish Government and administered by Gaelic Affairs; and

Whereas the bursaries will support Laura Stirling of Halifax, Amber Buchanan of South Bar, Beth Anne MacEachen of Lake Major, Dartmouth, Bernard Cameron of Northeast Mabou and Jennifer Richards of Halifax to attend Gaelic language training in Scotland with travel, meal and accommodation costs; and

Whereas the province is grateful for the supportive partnership through the Scottish Government and Bòrd na Gàidhlig, and to everyone who works tirelessly and shares the language and culture of the Gaels in our communities;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly congratulate the bursary recipients and wish them success as they work to enhance their Gaelic language and culture skills.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

RESOLUTION NO. 1748

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

Whereas each year thousands of Nova Scotian volunteers participate in the Nova Scotia Adopt-A-Highway program by cleaning litter from beside sections of highway; and

Whereas the Nova Scotia Adopt-A-Highway program continues to recognize the volunteer spirit of its participants, who strive to keep our highways and environment clean and litter-free; and

Whereas the Premier of Nova Scotia has proclaimed May 4, 2014, as Adopt-A-Highway Day in the Province of Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House show their appreciation of the hard work and valuable efforts performed by Adopt-A-Highway volunteers and thank them for giving Nova Scotia's roadsides a needed Spring cleaning.

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. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, if I could make an introduction first.

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MR. GLAVINE: In the east gallery today we have Donna Lugar, who has been a wonderful advocate for the prevention of Lyme disease, and so if she would stand and get the warm welcome of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Health and Wellness.

RESOLUTION NO. 1749

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

Whereas since 2011 Donna Lugar has worked tirelessly to raise awareness about tick-borne diseases, specifically Lyme disease; and

Whereas Donna Lugar has educated journalists, the medical community, provincial and federal government officials, volunteer organizations, and Nova Scotians about Lyme disease, its devastating effects, its prevalence in this province, and ways to avoid contracting the illness; and

Whereas Donna Lugar's efforts have resulted in more research, improved diagnostics, and better treatment of tick-borne illness for Nova Scotians, and have influenced proclaiming this month as Lyme Disease Awareness Month;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Donna Lugar for helping all Nova Scotians to guard their health from the threat of tick-borne disease.

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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1750

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

Whereas Heather Rolfe-Reid of Springhill is a Nova Scotian suffering from Lyme disease; and

Whereas governments have failed Ms. Rolfe-Reid by not properly equipping health professionals with the resources they need to quickly and accurately diagnose Lyme disease; and

Whereas Heather Rolfe-Reid and all Nova Scotians deserve to know that if they are bitten by a tick and go to a doctor or an emergency room that they will receive an appropriate standard of care no matter how old or young they are or where they live in this province;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House inform the government that the current action on Lyme disease is not reaching enough Nova Scotians and they must be a leader and develop a provincial strategy to protect and treat all Nova Scotians, regardless of where they live.

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 New Democratic Party.

RESOLUTION NO. 1751

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

Whereas Mary Boyd is a native of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, an alumna of St. F.X. University, and is most recognized as one of Canada's outstanding leaders in social justice; and

Whereas Mary Boyd has contributed to the social justice movement by introducing community-based initiatives to fight homelessness, poverty, and unemployment, and is the founding member of the MacKillop Centre for Social Justice in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; and

Whereas Mary Boyd is a member of St. Francis Xavier's Hall of Honour, was named to the Order of Canada, and will be given an honorary degree from St. Francis Xavier University during Spring Convocation on May 4th;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend and thank Mary Boyd for her inspiration and contributions to social justice, and congratulate her on the well-deserved honorary degree.

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 Chebucto.

MR. JOACHIM STROINK: Mr. Speaker, may I make an introduction?

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MR. STROINK: I'd like to turn your attention to the east gallery where we have the staff of Camp Brigadoon, and the Executive Director, David Graham. This is a camp built on Lake Aylesford for chronically ill kids, and I'd ask the House to acknowledge their presence and say thank you for their work. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Chebucto.

RESOLUTION NO. 1752

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

Whereas Brigadoon Village is a camp dedicated to allowing children with chronic illness, chronic conditions, or special needs to have an opportunity to be kids, to be themselves, and meet like-minded friends; and

Whereas Brigadoon Village puts on Brigadoon Day, a day for everyone to learn more about the camp; and

Whereas Brigadoon Day is Sunday, May 25, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulate the organizers of Brigadoon Day, and the staff of Brigadoon Village for their generous and honourable work they do.

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. 1753

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

Whereas Chelsey Livingston is a Nova Scotian suffering from Lyme disease; and

Whereas governments have failed Ms. Livingston by not properly equipping health professionals with the resources they need to quickly and accurately diagnose Lyme disease; and

Whereas Chelsey Livingston, along with all Nova Scotians, deserve to know that if they are bitten by a tick and go to a doctor, or emergency room, they will receive an appropriate standard of diagnosis and care no matter how old or how young they are or where they live in the province;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly inform the government that the current action on Lyme disease is not reaching enough Nova Scotians and that they must be a leader and develop a provincial strategy to protect and treat 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.

The honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid.

RESOLUTION NO. 1754

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

Whereas today, May 1st, is International Workers' Day, an annual event in over 85 countries; and

Whereas International Workers' Day celebrates the labour movement and reminds us all of the great social and political changes we have made while working together; and

Whereas the Halifax-Dartmouth Labour Council, the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, Unifor, NSGEU, NSNU, and many other labour organizations are supporting local events in honour of International Workers' Day;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this Legislature recognize May 1st as International Workers' Day and celebrate the contributions the labour movement has made to our province for generations.

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. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, if I could do an introduction first?

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MR. GLAVINE: We have with us today in the east gallery, members of the midwifery coalition of Nova Scotia.

If you could rise when introduced - Nicole Eddy, Janis Wood, April Hubbard, and Christine Saulnier - and if everybody could give them a warm welcome to the Legislature. (Applause)

The honourable Minister of Health and Wellness.

RESOLUTION NO. 1755

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

Whereas midwives provide care to birthing women in every corner of the globe; and

Whereas midwifery is increasingly recognized and respected in Nova Scotia, across Canada and around the world; and

Whereas this is an opportunity to pay tribute to the dedicated and compassionate work of midwives as well as the many Nova Scotia women and babies who received their care;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House recognize May 5, 2014 as International Day of the Midwife and acknowledge midwives' role in providing quality health and maternity care to Nova Scotia women.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Pictou East.

RESOLUTION NO. 1756

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

Whereas Donna Lugar is a Nova Scotian suffering from Lyme disease; and

Whereas governments have failed Ms. Lugar by not properly equipping health professionals with the resources they need to quickly and accurately diagnose Lyme disease; and

Whereas Donna Lugar, along with all Nova Scotians, deserve to know that if they are bitten by a tick and go to a doctor or emergency room, they will receive an appropriate standard of diagnosis and care no matter how old or how young they are and where they live in the province;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly inform the government that the current action on Lyme disease is not reaching enough Nova Scotians and that they must be a leader and develop a provincial strategy to protect and treat 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?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

The honourable member for Queens-Shelburne.

RESOLUTION NO. 1757

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

Whereas next week, May 5th to May 11th, is the Canadian Mental Health Association's Mental Health Week; and

Whereas this annual national event, in its 63rd year, encourages people from all walks of life to learn, talk, reflect and engage with others on issues relating to mental health; and

Whereas mental illness, either directly or indirectly, affects all Canadians at some time through a family member, friend or colleague;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly commit to learning, talking and engaging their fellow community members about their mental health needs and concerns during the CMHA's Mental Health Week, next week, and throughout 2014.

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.

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I was wondering if you could call that last resolution back for the member for Pictou East to read the "Therefore be it resolved" once again please?

MR. SPEAKER: We'll revert to the member for Pictou East to read the last clause of the resolution again.

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly inform the government that the current action on Lyme disease is not reaching enough Nova Scotians and that they must be a leader and develop a provincial strategy to protect and treat 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.

The honourable Minister of Labour and Advanced Education.

RESOLUTION NO. 1758

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

Whereas Bedford resident Peter Christie has served his community in an exemplary fashion having created, promoted and served on numerous volunteer committees as well as having represented Bedford in volunteer and political roles; and

Whereas Mr. Christie has held positions as a councillor and deputy mayor of the Town of Bedford, as MLA for Bedford-Fall River and as a minister of the provincial government, as well as serving as a hockey coach and as an executive member of many organizations including Bedford Business Association, Bedford Basin Yacht Club, Bedford United Church, Light Up Bedford Parade, Bedford Minor Hockey and the Rocky Lake Development Association; and

Whereas Mr. Christie was nominated for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards by the Bedford Business Association for his many and varied volunteer contributions;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Honourable Peter Christie on being recognized as Bedford's Distinguished Businessperson of the Year 2014 at a ceremony on April 27th in Bedford and commend his outstanding service to his community.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: If I may, Mr. Speaker, can I do an introduction?

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MR. ORRELL: I'd just like to direct your attention to the opposite gallery where we have the Warden of Victoria County, who is here on UNSM Advocacy Days, Mr. Bruce Morrison. I'd like the House to give him a warm welcome, please. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.

RESOLUTION NO. 1759

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

Whereas physiotherapy promotes mobility, independence and overall health and well-being; and

Whereas the health professionals help prevent disease, injury and disability while managing acute and chronic conditions; and

Whereas physiotherapists provide a necessary service to our health care system and improve the lives of those suffering from a variety of medical conditions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly acknowledge and recognize this month of May as National Physiotherapy Month.

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 Chester-St. Margaret's.

RESOLUTION NO. 1760

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

Whereas in communities throughout Nova Scotia and across Canada, we depend on volunteer firefighters to fulfill vital roles in their communities, and their communities admire their dedication and are very grateful for the service they give; and

Whereas Lloyd Publicover has been a volunteer firefighter for 45 years, before Blandford even had an independent fire department, and he is the longest-standing member of the Blandford Volunteer Fire Department today; and

Whereas Lloyd Publicover's service and leadership as a volunteer firefighter is noted among his fellow volunteer firefighters and it's also appreciated in the community that he serves;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly commend Lloyd Publicover for the 45 years of service he has given as a volunteer firefighter and thank him for his high standard of service and his continued dedication.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Dartmouth South.

MR. ALLAN ROWE: Mr. Speaker, I ask your permission to make an introduction.

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MR. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, I direct the attention of the House to the east gallery where I have two very dear friends and very close supporters in the gallery: Mr. Ed Jack, who is a very successful computer programmer and a part owner of the company Computerease Limited, and his wife Ethel, who is a great volunteer in our riding of Dartmouth South and in many other areas of the city as well. I would ask that the House give them a round of applause and thank them for their services. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth South.

RESOLUTION NO. 1761

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

Whereas Dartmouth High School supports a number of community-active and innovative student groups, including the Human Rights Interact Club; and

Whereas 23 students of Dartmouth High's Human Rights Interact Club organized a humanitarian service trip to the Dominican Republic during their March Break this year; and

Whereas in addition to donating items like school supplies to local children and medical supplies to remote villages, these students stayed with local families and engaged in outreach projects in impoverished areas while visiting the Dominican Republic;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly recognize the humanitarian service of the members and organizers of the Human Rights Interact Club at Dartmouth High School and may all members wholeheartedly encourage these students to continue their good work in their community, whether local or international.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Inverness.

RESOLUTION NO. 1762

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution, and I do so as the member for Inverness but on behalf of the former member for Timberlea-Prospect, Hon. Bill Estabrooks, because I promised him I would continue with this tradition:

Whereas on May 10, 1970, legendary Boston Bruins defenseman Robert Gordon Orr scored "the goal", winning the Stanley Cup for that unforgettable NHL season; and

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

Whereas loyal Bruin fans cling to the memory of that goal scored almost 44 years ago in St. Louis;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Bobby Orr's cup-winning goal on May 10, 1970, with best wishes to Bruins fans in their team's quest to capture another Stanley Cup.

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 Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River.

RESOLUTION NO. 1763

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

Whereas a national public broadcaster is a core institution in developed countries around the world, educating the electorate, fostering democratic values, and helping citizens from coast to coast understand their own identity and thus preserving national unity; and

Whereas a recent survey found that 83 per cent of Canadians believe that the CBC is important to protect Canadian identity and culture, and 72 per cent want to build a new and rejuvenated CBC that provides strong national programming with regional content; and

Whereas a recent study found that Canada ranked 16th out of 18 nations in terms of providing funding to public broadcasting, well below the international average, and the Canadian Government is cutting a further \$115 million to the CBC's budget;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature strongly urged the Canadian Government to preserve public broadcasting, providing the CBC with adequate, stable and secure financing that will allow it to continue the valuable role it serves to foster Canadian culture and define our identity and national pride.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Hants East.

RESOLUTION NO. 1764

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

Whereas still an average of four Canadians are killed and 175 are injured each and every day, due to impaired driving; and

Whereas Susan MacAskill is the chapter services manager of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada for the Atlantic Region; and

Whereas Susan travels all across the Atlantic Provinces to visit MADD chapters, providing unwavering support to chapter executives and members;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly thank Susan MacAskill for her dedication to MADD Canada and the effective operation of local chapters.

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.

I just want to ask all members, before we go on to the next notice, to please keep the chatter down if at all possible.

The honourable member for Pictou West.

RESOLUTION NO. 1765

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

Whereas in March 2014, the Lyons Brook Women's Institute handed out reflective arm bands to Grade 5 students to make them more visible during their evening outdoor activities; and

Whereas the Women's Institute focuses on projects and programs for the betterment of the community and giving out the reflective arm bands will help improve the safety of children and youth; and

Whereas in 2013 the Women's Institute celebrated 100 years in Nova Scotia and has more than 700 members across the province who offers programs such as the Buy Local Challenge, cooking classes, farm safety, and Adopt-A-Highway, just to name a few;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank the Lyons Brook Women's Institute members for their generous community service and volunteer work.

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 Timberlea-Prospect.

RESOLUTION NO. 1766

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

Whereas on Sunday, February 15, 2014, the SLAM Junior Mini-division 1 boys basketball team defeated Community Y by a score of 57-41 to capture the Metro Basketball Association's Division 1 Championship; and

Whereas this is the second championship win for the team this season after capturing the SLAM Christmas Classic Division 1 title; and

Whereas the following team members, Dustin MacDonald, Kyle Munro, Owen Johnson, Jackson Hurshman, Nathan MacHardie, Andrew Dobson, Jack Young, Kyle Dunlop, Zachary Keddy, and Micah Anderson were coached by Head Coach Colman Munro, with Assistant Coaches Andrea Johnston and Tom Dobson;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the SLAM Junior Mini-division 1 boys basketball team, their players, their coaches, and their fans.

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 Centre.

HON. PAT DUNN: Permission for an introduction, Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MR. DUNN: In the opposite gallery there are two people I'd like to introduce: Helen MacGregor from St. F.X., and Joel Sellers, a lawyer with Mac Mac & Mac, constituents of mine in Pictou County. I would ask them to stand and receive a warm welcome. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

RESOLUTION NO. 1767

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

Whereas New Glasgow native Doris Mason has been bringing the joy of music to our community since she was a young girl; and

Whereas she has enjoyed both local and international acclaim for her talents as a performer, producer, and writer in her field of musical entertainment; and

Whereas Doris continues to bring her gift of music to our area, supporting our New Glasgow Music Festival, now in its 76th year, engaging in fundraising efforts for many causes, seasonal performances, and has become a large part of the foundation of our very rich musical talent in Pictou County;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Doris Mason for spreading joy through her musical talents for many years, which has brought more smiles and memories to our community than can be counted.

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 Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank.

RESOLUTION NO. 1768

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

Whereas Sean Hanlon, a physical education teacher with Georges P. Vanier Junior High School, has been an integral supporter and developer of the youth basketball programs in the Fall River area; and

Whereas after eight years Sean is retiring from coaching the Lockview Dragons High School girls basketball team where he has gone above and beyond what is expected on and off the court, earning the respect of many players, parents, and coaching staff he has worked with over the years; and

Whereas Sean has supported and been instrumental in the delivery of the Bill Dompierre Memorial Tournament in support of kidney disease, as well as the Hoops for Hope Tournament in support of multiple sclerosis;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly thank Sean for his dedication to the sport of basketball and generous support of his community.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg.

RESOLUTION NO. 1769

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

Whereas Canada has one of the highest occurrences of MS in the world, with approximately three people diagnosed every day; and (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg has the floor.

MR. MACLEOD: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Whereas Canada has one of the highest occurrences of MS in the world, with approximately three people being diagnosed every day; and

Whereas May is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, a time dedicated to helping Nova Scotians understand the symptoms and the impacts of this disorder; and

Whereas across the country fundraising events are held to raise money for research, equipment, and support groups for children and families;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly acknowledge May as MS Awareness Month, and commit our resources to helping Nova Scotians understand the disorder and do everything in our power to support them.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Clare-Digby.

RESOLUTION NO. 1770

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

Whereas the Digby Regional High School Robotics Club participated in the Robot Programming Competitions at Acadia University on Saturday, February 15, 2014; and

Whereas Robofest 2014 included schools from all over the province and involved the designing and programming of a Lego robot to complete a number of tasks within a time limit; and

Whereas the Digby Regional High School Robotics Club finished fourth and qualified for the World Robotics Championships in Southfield, Michigan, May 16th and May 17th;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Katie Milne, Felipe Rios, Murray Bishop, Arda Kayral, and their coach Tim Mollins for their fourth-place finish, and wish them all the best in the upcoming World Robotics Championships in Southfield, Michigan.

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-Musquodoboit Valley.

RESOLUTION NO. 1771

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

Whereas the Eagle is a prestigious award presented each year by the Brookfield Men's Club to the area's top citizen; and

Whereas the 2014 Eagle Award was presented to Lyle Carter for his service to the community including serving on the Brookfield Athletic Association, the Don Henderson Memorial Sportplex Board, as a deacon of the Brookfield Baptist Church, and helping to organize the school breakfast program; and

Whereas Lyle Carter is not only an exemplary volunteer, he was also a superb athlete who was elected to the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 1984 for his accomplishments in softball where he was a four-time all-Canadian third basemen, and hockey, where skills as a goalie brought him all the way to the NHL where he played for the California Golden Seals in the 1971-72 season;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Lyle Carter for being named the 2014 Eagle Award recipient for his dedication and service to the community of Brookfield.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1772

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

Whereas the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame recently enshrined its class of 2014; and

Whereas Lunenburg-based businessman Henry Demone has been president of High Liner Foods since 1989, seeing the company through the collapse of the East Coast fishery, and raising its profile and financial viability; and

Whereas Henry Demone was inducted into the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame, Class of 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Henry Demone on his hard work and tremendous achievements in leading one of Lunenburg's most respected and revered companies.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Kings North.

RESOLUTION NO. 1773

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

Whereas the Government of Canada has set aside May 9th as National Day of Honour for Afghanistan; and

Whereas Canadians are invited to honour the legacy of these heroes with a national moment of silence; and

Whereas Land Force Atlantic Area Training Centre Aldershot of the Canadian Army, along with members of the Royal Canadian Legions, the RCAFA, and the RCMP will also be holding an event in Kentville which will coincide with observances taking place in the national capital;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize and pay tribute to the fallen, the sacrifices of the wounded, and the special burden borne by the families of those who served in Afghanistan.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage.

RESOLUTION NO. 1774

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

Whereas Medric Cousineau is a highly dedicated and committed spokesperson for service dogs; and

Whereas he walked from Nova Scotia to Ottawa as a fundraiser and to raise awareness for this initiative; and

Whereas he received the Star of Courage for his unwavering loyalty and contributions to his community and beyond;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Medric on receiving the Star of Courage, and wish him 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 Argyle-Barrington.

RESOLUTION NO. 1775

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

Whereas the function of this House of Assembly is made possible by the hard-working individuals of the Nova Scotia Legislature; and

Whereas as the end of each session draws near, it is important that we recognize the dedication of these individuals; and

Whereas we are so grateful to the many staff that keep this House of Assembly running by ensuring that we're never without the resources necessary to conduct business in this Chamber;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank the staff of the Nova Scotia Legislature, including the well-informed Legislative Library staff, our Clerks, Neil Ferguson and Annette Boucher and their staff, our Sergeant-at-Arms, Ken Greenham, all of the Commissionaires, the Hansard staff and Bob Kinsman, Gordon Hebb and those with Legislative Counsel, the Committees Office staff, Legislative TV, the Office of the Speaker, Mike Laffin and Peter Theriault, and the always-helpful Pages for everything that they do to keep things running smoothly.

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. (Standing Ovation)

The honourable member for Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie.

RESOLUTION NO. 1776

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

Whereas Guysborough Options for Adaptive Living Society is a vocational training centre for adults with special needs, located in the Village of Guysborough, and has been serving their community since 1995; and

Whereas they offer a school-to-work transition program, provide a fantastic weekly dinner served at lunchtime on Fridays, operate a used clothing depot and a small carpentry shop; and

Whereas GOALS has an amazing crew of clients and staff who have made their organization a vital asset to the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly express their support for the importance of vocational training centres and wish GOALS continued success in all 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 Sackville-Beaver Bank.

RESOLUTION NO. 1777

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

Whereas respected Mi'kmaq leader Noel Knockwood, as the spiritual leader of the Mi'kmaq people, ceremonially lifted the curse from the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge at its opening in 1955; and

Whereas, as an advocate of the Mi'kmaq culture, he encouraged people to look back and follow the Mi'kmaq ways, rather than borrow from other customs and practices; and

Whereas being a Mi'kmaq traditionalist, he had a vision of a society that practices inclusion and respect of Mi'kmaq heritage and culture;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly recognize Mr. Noel Knockwood for his contribution and dedication to the preservation of the Mi'kmaq culture.

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 Municipal Affairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 1778

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

Whereas Exit Realty Inter Lake is a successful real estate company that understands the importance of paying it forward through fundraising and support of Habitat for Humanity on the South Shore; and

Whereas Exit Realty Inter Lake has raised over \$150,000 for the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity through charity golf tournaments and, most recently, the Habitat for Humanity Gala Dinner; and

Whereas at the Nova Scotia Volunteer Awards ceremony on April 7, 2014, Exit Realty Inter Lake was presented with the Small Business Volunteer of the Year Award for their efforts;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the hard work Exit Realty Inter Lake has contributed to the local Habitat for Humanity organization and wish them many years of successful fundraising to come.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable Government House Leader.

RESOLUTION NO. 1779

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

Whereas Athens United is a metro senior men's soccer league team; and

Whereas the team have been members of the masters division since 2007, four-time provincial champions, and Eastern Canadian silver medal winners in 2011 and 2013; and

Whereas last night, on April 30, 2014, Athens United won league playoffs for the second year in a row;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Athens United, which includes the superior goaltending of the honourable member for Halifax Citadel-Sable Island, on their victory and recognize the athletic prowess of this great local team.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Kings South.

RESOLUTION NO. 1780

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

Whereas Ms. Callie Lathem is a student at Acadia University and resident of the Town of Wolfville; and

Whereas as Acadia Student Union Equity Officer, she has served as an advocate for sexual health and social justice on campus; and

Whereas Ms. Lathem's efforts have been recognized by the province through the Minister's Award for Leadership in Crime Prevention;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly congratulate Callie Lathem on her efforts and thank her for her commitment to supporting and building her 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 Government House Leader.

RESOLUTION NO. 1781

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

Whereas West Arichat native Robert Bouchard has been a country singer-songwriter for over 45 years; and

Whereas he has opened for country stars like the Gatlin Brothers, Gene Watson, and Earl Thomas Conley, and appeared on programs such as The Tommy Hunter Show; and

Whereas Mr. Bouchard was named to the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame and will be inducted officially this September;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Robert Bouchard on this wonderful accomplishment and his impressive career.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 1782

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

Whereas the Bridgewater Firemen's Band has the distinct honour of being Canada's oldest fire department band dating back to 1868; and

Whereas the 40-member band plays in an annual Summer Bandstand Concert Series at Shipyard's Landing, and later this year will be travelling to Ottawa to participate in the 2014 Canadian Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony that pays tribute to the over 1,100 firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty; and

Whereas the Bridgewater Firemen's Band was presented with a volunteer award on April 7, 2014 at the Nova Scotia Volunteer Awards ceremony in Halifax;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Bridgewater Firemen's Band for their award, and wish them well at the ceremony in Ottawa.

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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

ORAL QUESTIONS PUT BY MEMBERS TO MINISTERS

MR. SPEAKER: Question Period will begin at 3:07 p.m. and conclude at 4:07 p.m.

The honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

PREM. - IVANY REPT.: TASK FORCE - TIME FRAME

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Premier. Last night at their Spring Dinner, Halifax Chamber of Commerce President Francis Fares called for an all-Party task force to oversee implementation of the Ivany report. This was, of course, a recommendation of the Ivany report and we have some sense the task force is coming, so I would like to ask the Premier, when will the Premier be calling this group together?

HON. STEPHEN MCNEIL (The Premier): Mr. Speaker, as the Leader of the Official Opposition has said, there will be some movement on this file, and I'm pleased to say that the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party and the Leader of the New Democratic Party of Nova Scotia have agreed to sit on a committee which will include members of the business community, members of academia, and members from all sectors across this province to ensure that we now move towards the implementation phase of the Ivany commission and, quite frankly, do what I believe was what all Nova Scotians want us to do, which is put aside partisan politics.

MR. BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that answer. The Ivany report has 19 goals to turn our economy around, to get our financial house in order, to encourage more Nova Scotians to move here and be part of our great province. I've asked the Premier previously to enact those goals in law, as is also a recommendation of the Ivany report, so that all of us in this House have a chance to vote on something positive together. Enshrining the Ivany goals in law would be another good step along with the creation of the task force, so I will ask the Premier on this last day, possibly, of this session, will he reconsider that other Ivany recommendation and agree to enshrine the Ivany goals in law?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I actually believe we've had something positive we could all vote on and it was called the budget, which focused on so many Nova Scotians.

(Interruption) You have to appreciate the member for Cape Breton Centre. I do want to go back to the question though, if I may, and the reality of it is the spirit which the Ivany report was focused on was talking about providing opportunities for young people to stay in this province - our investment in research grants provides that, broadening the apprenticeship opportunity is allowing that to happen in this province.

If you've gone through the Spring session, government is working towards getting its own fiscal house in order. There have been some tough challenges, tough decisions taken by the members of this caucus. I'm very proud of the fact that they've been able to show the people of this province that not only are we focused on today but we're focused well into the future. By the way, I'm very pleased that the members of the Ivany commission have been encouraged by the steps this government has taken.

MR. BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I'm not taking credit for this line, but I do want to get it on the record: the budget certainly is the "Irony" report and not the Ivany report because far from doing what the Ivany report recommended, which was to get our financial house in order, the budget adds another \$0.5 billion to our debt, doing the opposite of what Ivany recommended. It foresees another \$1 billion over the life of this government when the Ivany report said to get our debt in line, and it finds new ways to send young graduates away from our province, the exact opposite. No wonder that the member for Cape Breton Centre has labelled it the "Irony" report when it comes to the budget.

Mr. Speaker, I'm trying to be co-operative today, so I will ask the Premier, in my last question, this. It has been reported in his own address to the Halifax Chamber of Commerce that there would be two recommendations that the government would not be following through on; one is legislating the Ivany report in law - and I guess we know the answer to that - and the other is creating an all-Party committee to oversee progress. The Premier said at that time that he wouldn't be creating an all-Party committee. I'll table that.

I would just like to ask the Premier in light of that, and also the fact that he said in that same article that the place to work together is in the Legislature - well we see how that has been going recently. Apparently the Premier has changed his mind, which is a good thing in this case. I'd like to ask the Premier why has he changed his mind and now agreed to create an all-Party task force?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I've been encouraged by the support that I've been receiving from so many Nova Scotians about the direction this government has been going. I want to tell you that there are so many Nova Scotians who want to be part of continuing to move forward, generating a positive direction in moving this province forward.

I want to tell the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party and the Leader of the New Democratic Party that I am very pleased with the fact that they have both agreed to be part of that committee. I'm looking forward to having it go forward, I'm looking forward to seeing some of the results, I'm looking forward to continuing the conversation with Nova

Scotians because ultimately, Mr. Speaker, it will be Nova Scotians who will continue to drive the spirit of the Ivany report going forward and I'm looking forward to that.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party.

PREM. - NURSES STRIKE: LAW AMENDMENTS COMM. - RESPONSE

HON. MAUREEN MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, my question through you is to the Premier. Today *The Chronicle Herald* is reporting that Nova Scotia will need to hire several thousand nurses over the next 10 years to avoid a nursing shortage. This was a message that nurses at Capital Health tried to tell the Premier just one month ago, when they went on strike in order to secure nurse-to-patient ratios that would improve patient safety.

As we all know, Mr. Speaker, the Premier wasn't interested in listening to the nurses' legitimate concerns. Instead, he argued that Nova Scotia had more nurses for our population than the national average, saying, "The question becomes what more . . . do you want? How much above the national average does Nova Scotia have to become before the union is satisfied?"

Mr. Speaker, my question for the Premier is, when hundreds of Nova Scotians protested at Province House and spoke at Law Amendments Committee asking the Liberal Government to hire more nurses, why didn't the Premier listen?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I was following the lead of one of the former Health and Wellness Ministers under the former government, who did not implement the same policy that they are now advocating for in Opposition.

MS. MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, in spite of the statistics, the Health and Wellness Minister didn't seem too worried about the impending nursing shortage. He told *The Chronicle Herald* yesterday that he thinks ". . . we'll be in great shape", and that's a direct quote.

But this isn't what young nurses are saying. They say the elimination of things like the Graduate Retention Rebate and the passage of Bill No. 37 are forcing them to look for work elsewhere. As one young nurse told CTV: I work in ICU and our manager is actually worried about an out-flux of people who are leaving at the moment, most of whom are young recent graduate nurses.

So my question to the Premier is, how does taking away the collective bargaining rights of nurses and the elimination of programs like the Graduate Retention Rebate place Nova Scotia in "great shape" to attract and retain more nurses in the coming years?

THE PREMIER: I want to, first of all, correct part of the question that came from the Leader of the New Democratic Party. We did not take away the right to strike, Mr. Speaker, from the health care workers. What we did is ensure that there is a level of essential services in this province so that Nova Scotia patients will know that there will be services in place that they can rely on. If there seems to be a labour disruption after that they can then take us on a strike, Mr. Speaker, unlike the former New Democratic Government who stripped away the right to strike from paramedics in this province.

Mr. Speaker, there is only one Party in this House who has taken away the right to strike from paramedics, and there is only one other Party in this province who wants to take it away from every health care worker. This Party has stood to ensure that we have essential services legislation in place while protecting workers' right to strike. (Applause)

Mr. Speaker, I further want to remind the Leader of the New Democratic Party that the Minister of Health and Wellness is continuing to work with Nova Scotians, continuing to provide great leadership on this file, continuing to make sure that we move away from an administrative-focused health care system to one that is focused on patients, and I'm very pleased to tell the member that we've now reached a number of 83 per cent of nurses who are working in this province staying in this province.

MS. MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, I believe those were statistics that were achieved under the previous government and the previous ministers, so I thank the Premier for the compliment.

Mr. Speaker, in the Liberal platform, the Premier makes a commitment to support nurses. I say it's pretty clear from nurses that, once again, the Liberals haven't delivered as advertised on another election promise.

My question for the Premier, why does he think threatening nurses with punishment, ignoring their concerns about patient safety, taking away their rights and the fair collective bargaining process, and throwing on top of them a massive tax increase is being supportive to young nurses?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, a tax increase? That's kind of ironic, considering it comes from the former Minister of Finance who raised the HST in this province. Mr. Speaker, it's kind of ironic coming from a Minister of Finance and from a government that continued to write blank cheques across this province. On October 8th, Nova Scotians took the blank chequebook away from that Party and we understand exactly why.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to remind this House that it was under the NDP that half a million dollars was taken out of the Nursing Strategy. This government is going to continue to work and ensure that Nova Scotian nurses stay and work in this province.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West.

CCH - BLUENOSE II OVERRUNS/DELAYS: INFO - LUN. MLA/MIN. SHARE

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, the *Bluenose II* project is millions of dollars and two years overdue. In a recent South Shore Now news article, the member for Lunenburg said, "I have spent a great deal of time collecting information on the rebuild delays and cost overruns." She added, "It has taken a considerable amount of time to compile information, and is an ongoing piece of my constituency work."

Mr. Speaker, my question through you is to the Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage. Has the member for Lunenburg shared the information she collected about the overruns and delays with him, and has she shared the sources of this information with him?

HON. TONY INCE: Mr. Speaker, the member for Lunenburg and I have had a few conversations about what's going on down in Lunenburg. Thank you.

MS. MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, the iconic *Bluenose II* has been called a cathedral among sailing ships, yet sadly she is tied to the dock without usable steering equipment. The original contract provided a 43 per cent markup on materials and labour costs of \$62 an hour during a regular shift and \$93 an hour for overtime.

My question to the Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, can he guarantee to the taxpayers of Nova Scotia that no markup costs or overtime labour will be added to the fixing of the failing rudder, and will he provide the taxpayers with a full and public update on the costs associated with fixing the rudder this Spring?

MR. INCE: Mr. Speaker, as was mentioned in November, as was mentioned last month and I continue to tell everyone and I will reiterate that, the Auditor General will make public all those concerns when this project is finished and he has done his review.

MS. MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, the province has announced that the Auditor General will review the project after its completion. With no end in sight, no spending limits, no time for it to sail, the builders quite literally are now looking at basically reinventing the wheel.

My question to the minister, does he still think the best way to protect taxpayers' dollars is to review a project after it has spun completely out of control or will he call on the Auditor General to review this project now?

MR. INCE: Mr. Speaker, I will tell you that the answer to that is no.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Argyle-Barrington.

CCH - BLUENOSE II: SEA TRIALS - INFO CLARIFY

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, I'm going to continue on the same one for a few moments, if you don't mind. Today the government announced a test drive of the *Bluenose II* - do you think they were trying out an F 150 or, God forbid, try out a Lada. I mean are we going to get stuck with something that doesn't work at all?

The Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage (Interruptions) I know the Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage doesn't remember the Ladas but they weren't much good, I can tell you. You were lucky if you had any heat.

The Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage said today, we have decided that we need to take *Bluenose II* on a test drive before sea trials - that's the first thing we've said. Yet on Thursday, April 17th, the same minister told this House twice, and I'll table the Hansard, that the *Bluenose II* was already under sea trials - that's number two. Mr. Speaker, if you want the quote, "As we've stated in the past, the vessel is currently under dock and sea trials."

The third thing the quote says, "What I am saying to you is that we're still going through those dock and sea trials." So how can the boat be in sea trials on April 17th and then today the minister announcing a pre-sea trial, or a test drive?

My question to the minister is, will he please correct his answer to the House and if he didn't get the sea trials question right, what other answers should Nova Scotians question? Which one is right? Is it the first one? Is it the second one? Is it the third one? Just clarify what we're doing now.

MR. INCE: Mr. Speaker, I will state to the member across the floor that first of all, being the minister who has received something that both the Parties across the floor began and we have to try to correct and fix all that was done prior? I would suggest to the member that he would look at what I said - I said it was in dock and sea trials, which accommodates to both the ship being there and being looked at. Everything that is being done currently is to correct any issues that we are addressing from past mistakes. Thank you.

MR. D'ENTREMONT: Let's line up one of your mistakes; the 2014 Doers and Dreamers Travel Guide has hit the shelves, ladies and gentlemen. Unfortunately not everything in it is quite factual. On Page 81 of the guide - and I will table it - the province describes: a sail on the iconic *Bluenose II* - the *Bluenose II* in Lunenburg - breathe the salty air aboard the Nova Scotia world-famous sailing ambassador, *Bluenose II*, recently restored in the Lunenburg waterfront. I'll let you have that one, too, if you want to have a look at it.

Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage. As the lead on this project, does he think that it's okay to speak in the past tense and publicly declare that the boat has been recently restored?

MR. INCE: Mr. Speaker, to the member opposite, I thank you for that question however, as the Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage I have not made that statement that he is claiming was made. Thank you.

MR. D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, maybe the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism should take it up because it's in his document that he printed. (Interruption) Maybe I will, maybe I will.

I don't know about you Mr. Speaker, but I think it may be premature for people to invite people to breathe salty air on a boat with failing steering equipment. The solid steel rudder weighing several tons is just the latest problem in a long line of delays and cost overruns. The shipbuilders are now speaking out against the original rudder design. Taxpayers are already on the hook for \$110,000 for the rudder, and some estimates say that the cost could climb to over \$500,000.

My question to the minister is, what is the new rudder going to cost and how long is it going to take before people can breathe the salty air aboard the *Bluenose II*?

MR. INCE: Mr. Speaker, to my colleague across the floor, first of all I'd like to state that there are a lot of rumours and to stand up in the House to speak on the rumours, I don't appreciate. First of all, the rudder is not being remodelled, fixed or taken out and being redone. That's not the statement. We are going through tests; we are going to ensure that Nova Scotians (Interruption)

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage has the floor.

MR. INCE: We are going to ensure that Nova Scotians get to enjoy their famous sailing ambassador again. Also during the tests we will correct any of the issues that seem to be out there in the media. Thank you.

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

LAE - NURSES UNIONS: AMALGAMATION - LEGISLATION

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education. Earlier this week the Minister of Health and Wellness told reporters that his preference is to have one union representing all nurses in this province. The Minister of Health and Wellness went a little further saying he would prefer health care workers not vote on which union should represent them - no he wouldn't want to have

that democratic right. What he would prefer is that government introduce legislation this Fall to decide which union represents each health care worker. I will table that story.

Mr. Speaker, through you to the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, when does she plan to introduce such legislation dictating which union will represent which health care worker?

HON. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I thank the honourable member for the question, I think. Just to be clear, I have had no conversations with the Minister of Health and Wellness on this particular subject and I have no plans to introduce any such legislation. Thank you.

MR. CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, they're not only rudderless on the *Bluenose II* but they're rudderless on the labour issues. The Minister of Health and Wellness has some odd ideas about labour relations. Taking away the right to choose which union represents you in the workplace is another one of these musings by the ne'er-do-well minister. What this does is it really destabilizes the workforce within the health care system.

I want to ask the minister once again, through you Mr. Speaker. If the minister shares the views of the Minister of Health and Wellness and should they decide which union should represent which health care workers at the bargaining table, then when will these public consultations begin?

MS. REGAN: Mr. Speaker, there are no consultations planned because there is no legislation of this kind planned either. Thank you.

MR. CORBETT: Well Mr. Speaker, we have a lone ranger apparently in that cabinet, who is making musings and he's making it up as he goes apparently.

Now look, Mr. Speaker, these are not things that this caucus is saying. We've tabled the musings, if you will, of the minister and it's not like someone on the backbench had said this. This is someone that's a member of the Executive Council. That should carry a fair amount of weight, even with that government.

Mr. Speaker, the last time the Liberals amalgamated district health authorities there were runoff elections, health care sector unions were left in flux, labour (Interruption) was broken up . . .

AN HON. MEMBER: That's with you in power.

MR. CORBETT: The Minister of Natural Resources is chirping now.

ANOTHER HON. MEMBER: He didn't say anything.

MR. CORBETT: Oh I'm sorry, I apologize. (Laughter)

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable member for Cape Breton Centre has a question, I think.

MR. CORBETT: Thank you Mr. Speaker, and I apologize to the Minister of Natural Resources, because his shy, retiring type would never say something like that from the benches.

Mr. Speaker, I'm going to ask just a very simple question. Why would the Minister of Health and Wellness say this if he wasn't contemplating it? And why would this government then not respect the rights of health care workers to choose which union they want to belong to?

MS. REGAN: This government will respect the desires of the health care union members in which union they want to belong, thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West.

TIR: ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY TRUCKS - DELAY EXPLAIN

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. Regulation for weighing the 3,800 pound Volvo air suspension truck has become quite an issue in Nova Scotia. These new trucks allow for significantly lower impact on fuel consumption; the Volvo air truck actually gets 9.5 miles per gallon while a regular fleet truck would only get 8.2.

Up to approximately \$16,000 a year is in the savings cost for gas, and obviously leaving a lesser carbon footprint as well. The problem is that when these trucks go into the weighing stations, they are not weighed properly because of the distribution of weight. I'm wondering if the minister will explain what the delay is in moving forward with making changes to accommodate these new environmentally-friendly trucks.

HON. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, to the member opposite, I've had brief conversations with Vehicle Compliance with respect to the issues surrounding this particular vehicle and I don't have the specifics as to why we haven't ironed out those details yet. It seems like something that is an administrative fix and something that's certainly causing significant headaches to small businesses that the member opposite represents, so I'll give the member my word that I'll check on that immediately and see if we can find updates. I'd be happy to report to her office with the findings.

MS. MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for his answer. According to some contacts that we've had within your department, there has been a briefing on this issue in the month of January. Also, over a month ago, the owner of King Freight Lines,

Roland MacDonald, had a conference that he attended with a member, I believe from the department as well, Mike Balsom.

Mr. Balsom indicated that he would be getting a hold of Mr. MacDonald in the near future to discuss that changes that would be taking place. He still has not received any contact from Mr. Balsom. I'm wondering if the minister himself would follow up by calling Mr. MacDonald to provide him with an update, maybe in the next week or two.

MR. MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, to the member opposite, I haven't had those conversations with respect to the specifics. If the member wants to provide me with that number, I'll be happy to call him, no problem.

MS. MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the minister for that. I know Mr. MacDonald will really appreciate that. The system of these trucks is to redistribute about 1,200 kilograms when needed, so like when they are on a hill or in a slippery non-traction situation, they adjust their weight so that it's safer. So it's obviously making our roads safer as well. As I mentioned, they are more efficient and literally will save thousands of dollars every year.

King Freight in Pictou West employs over 100 people, and they have 80 trucks on the road. They will probably have to lay off people due to the recent Michelin situation, which is very unfortunate. Just yesterday, once again, at Kelly Lake weighing station where he finds he is fined most often, he was fined again yesterday.

King Freight has no problem in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, or travelling into the United States. The fine yesterday was close to \$300. What I'm hoping is that, where he pays taxes and he lives here and he wants to keep his businesses here in Nova Scotia, the minister will please make this unfortunate situation a top priority and will have an opportunity to discuss it with Mr. MacDonald and, more importantly, so that Mr. MacDonald can keep his trucks on the road . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Does the member have a question?

MS. MACFARLANE: Sorry, I just want to confirm once again that he will ensure that Mr. MacDonald will not have to take these two trucks off the road that are \$150,000.

MR. MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, to the member opposite, there's a number of issues with respect to the fleet under the trucking association. My department and my office itself are scheduling a meeting with the trucking association. There are a number of issues that I think we have to get up to speed with, as a department, as a government. Long combination vehicles are one of those, and wide-base tires are another.

This issue with this particular piece of the fleet for our Nova Scotia trucking industry, so I certainly - we're going to endeavour to get up to speed on those. If there's any

advantage we can give to the private sector, Mr. Speaker, we'll take every opportunity to do that. We're certainly going to move in that direction as quickly as we can.

Again, specific to this file, I'd be happy to speak with the gentleman and see what we can do. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid.

HEALTH & WELLNESS: TOBACCO-FREE N.S. STRATEGY (2011) - UPDATE

HON. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, my question through you is to the Minister of Health and Wellness. In 2000, Nova Scotia had 30 per cent of its population who smoked. Over the past 14 years that number has declined to 20 per cent, but has recently plateaued. This means we have work to do.

In 2011 the government released a revised Tobacco-Free Nova Scotia strategy with realistic targets that will benefit all Nova Scotians, including decreased tobacco use for all age categories, more public awareness, and more community action.

I'd like to ask the minister, when will the minister update Nova Scotians on the progress of the latest Tobacco-Free Nova Scotia strategy that was released in 2011?

HON. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, to the member opposite, he raises a very, very important public health issue. We have made great strides in Nova Scotia in reducing smoking through the Tobacco Access Act and also the Smoke-free Places Act. We are now, of course, taking a look at possible legislation for the coming Fall around working to make even further reductions.

I know that releasing where we are in relation to the strategy and what needs to be done will be part of our early Fall plan.

MR. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, evidence from the Canadian Cancer Society shows that Nova Scotians, in particular our youth, are facing another fight with tobacco companies with the distribution of flavoured tobacco products like cigarillos and flavoured water-pipe tobacco; 49 per cent of Atlantic Canadian high school youth have used tobacco in the last 30 days, and have also used flavoured tobacco, which is concerning.

Our Nova Scotia youth are still 6 per cent above the national average for those reporting having smoked a cigarette in the last 30 days and 5 per cent above the national average for those having smoked menthol cigarettes. I'm wondering if the minister could be specific on the actions he has taken to reduce these numbers.

MR. GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, he does point out an alarming trend toward flavoured tobacco, hookah, and the e-cigarette, this whole area. The department will be

providing an update next week on this whole issue as we plan for the Fall, but I think getting back to a strong education program is critically important as well. It has been a combination of legislation and education that helped Nova Scotia reach the reduced about 10 per cent in our population over the last number of years. Flavoured tobacco is very much top of mind in the Department of Health and Wellness.

MR. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, although the federal government passed legislation in 2010 prohibiting use of certain products, the experts feel it doesn't go far enough and there are a number of loopholes in that legislation, Mr. Speaker.

In an article on December 5, 2013, in the New Glasgow News, the minister said that he hoped to have legislation in the Spring session of the Legislature. Well, Mr. Speaker, we know that the House is winding down and there is no legislation on the order paper, so I'd like to ask the minister through you, when will the minister commit to taking the advice of the experts and amend the legislation and close the loopholes that the experts have identified?

MR. GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, the member opposite is exactly right. The provinces, in fact, have often taken the lead in terms of both the - whether it's legislation or whether it's waiting for Health Canada. Nova Scotia has been a leader in reducing the use of tobacco products, and now we are about to embark on making further improvement. In the Fall we'll be prepared to bring legislation forward.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

SNS - HFX. WATER DITCH TAX: BARRETT LUMBER - COMMUNICATION

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - I believe the department name has changed, they keep changing so much. But the minister knows who he is, I know that.

Mr. Speaker, Halifax Water has imposed a new fee on residents living in suburban and rural areas. The ditch tax, as it has become known, has hundreds of residents upset. I know all members have received a letter from David Barrett, owner of Barrett Truss and Building Supplies in Beaver Bank. His business is facing an increase of \$6,000 on the company's water bill next year. Mr. Barrett has written a letter, of course, to us all. My question is, has the minister had any communication with Mr. Barrett and other residents about the issue?

HON. MARK FUREY: I acknowledge the question from my colleague in opposition. I too have the correspondence from Mr. Barrett and have been involved in some discussion around the fee charged by Halifax Water. The area of responsibility falls within Halifax Regional Municipality, and as we speak, we are permitting HRM officials to follow through with the process for which they're responsible.

MR. MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, it certainly makes sense - I mean, it is a municipal issue - but at the same time, we know that people do contact us from time to time about issues related to other levels of government. I know members opposite certainly champion causes that may be related to the federal government sometimes. They even bring them forth here in the Legislature.

My question for the minister, given that many residents are dealing with the cost of the ditch tax, does the minister plan to keep his eye on this and to perhaps get involved if the response isn't to the liking of the people here in HRM?

MR. FUREY: The circumstances that we're speaking to, obviously very conscious of the anxiety and concern that it's causing homeowners. As I indicated earlier, I'm privy not only to the correspondence of Mr. Barrett, but the concerns of a number of residents within HRM. I certainly will continue to monitor the process and stay abreast of this matter as it goes forward.

MR. MACMASTER: My final question is a bit more specific. One of Mr. Barrett's requests surrounded the transparency in operating habits of the Halifax Water utility. I know, Mr. Speaker, here in the province when there is a matter like that, oftentimes we would have the Auditor General review the operations. Has the minister considered speaking with HRM about having their auditor examine the operations of Halifax Water to ensure that it is providing services at the least cost possible for the residents of HRM?

MR. FUREY: Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for the question. The administration of the Halifax Water Commission, as I indicated earlier, is the responsibility of HRM. At that municipal government level, I certainly have the utmost respect in their ability not only to be transparent but to bear in mind the concerns of homeowners and ratepayers.

We will continue to monitor the situation through the staff and contact with HRM staff where there's an excellent dialogue. We'll continue along those lines and certainly monitor as we go forward.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid.

HEALTH & WELLNESS: MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS STRATEGY - IMPLEMENTATION

HON. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, my question through you is for the Minister of Health and Wellness. When Nova Scotia's first Mental Health and Addictions Strategy was tabled by the now Leader of the NDP, it was a hopeful day for people in our province. The strategy was developed by experts who stressed all of the recommendations were interconnected and in order for the strategy to be effective, all of the recommendations needed to be adopted as a package. I'd like to ask the minister, what is the minister's plan to

ensure all of the Mental Health and Addiction Strategy recommendations are fully implemented and who will oversee this plan?

HON. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, to the member for Sackville-Cobequid, mental health and mental health issues and the strategy, *Together We Can*, is a very valuable contribution to where we will go in the next number of years. We are now down to about five or six of those recommendations that will need to still be implemented and we know the department continues to make sure that all will be implemented as well as those that may be partially, to date, are being implemented. We do have some lead areas. Just yesterday we held the first national conference on peer support - again, another first for Nova Scotia in the mental health field.

I can assure the member opposite that this is a very important issue and topic to our government. We will continue to implement the strategy as well as the recommendations of Dr. Jana Davidson for adolescent mental health.

MR. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, the issue of access to mental health support in communities for families continues to be a challenge. We have learned from past experiences that adding more clinicians doesn't address the issue of access. I'd like to ask, what is the minister's plan to improve access to psychiatric services for people across the province in the communities where they live?

MR. GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, we now have shorter wait-lists in many of the districts across the province for mental health, psychiatric services, and I'm pleased to say that our peer support program, our clinical follow-up has really seen significant improvement, and that's a journey that those who suffer from mental health have some major requirements. Often there is not a cure but if we can assist in recovery and have access in the community to those providers, then we have strengthened the mental health response in this province and we'll continue to go in that direction.

MR. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, I'm glad to hear that we are seeing those shorter wait-lists and that the work in previous years is paying off. Compassion fatigue is another serious challenge facing health care providers here in Nova Scotia and across the country. That includes nurses, doctors, paramedics, and especially mental health clinicians. I wonder if the minister could indicate, what steps is he taking to address compassion fatigue and ensure the well-being of the health care providers Nova Scotians depend on?

MR. GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, the member opposite raises a very important question because sometimes the provider, the deliverer of mental health services also needs the kind of support and, I guess, a break from those kinds of demands.

One of the areas where I think we've made significant improvement upon is having a greater support system across the province. Our community health boards are working on a program, the mental health tool kit, or the mental health first aid, and that kind of help is

actually reducing some of that burden that has been solely placed at one time on those who are our primary mental health clinicians.

I think as we move further in this direction, we'll have a stronger community-based support system that in fact will alleviate that extreme workload that many of our clinicians have traditionally had.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants East.

TIR: BILL NO. 168 (2007) - ENACT

MS. MARGARET MILLER: Mr. Speaker, as this House knows, impaired driving legislation is very near and dear to me, especially since this May is the 10th Anniversary of my son Bruce's death at the hands of an impaired driver.

In my former life as president of MADD Canada, I lobbied governments across Canada for better legislation, including one that asks drivers to have a zero blood alcohol content for the first five years of driving. There is no question that this is valuable legislation because it will save lives, because it keeps new drivers separated from alcohol for those first five years of driving.

In 2007 I was thrilled when the then Progressive Conservative Government of Nova Scotia introduced and passed Bill No. 168 that allowed this to happen. MADD Canada praised the government of the day for this measure with a national press release and, furthermore, awarded them a higher rating in a national document that rated all the provinces on their legislation.

But, Mr. Speaker, that's as far as the legislation got; it has never been enforced. When it came to that government, it was about getting the press, taking the credit, and not saving lives on our highways.

In 2009 we asked the new government of the day, the NDP Government, to enforce the 2007 legislation and, again, waited four years for it to happen. Again, road safety was not a priority.

Mr. Speaker, my question today to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is, will this government finally put the youth and safety of our motorists first and enforce Bill No. 168 from 2007?

HON. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, thank you to the member for the question. It takes a lot of courage for her to stand in her place and ask questions of this nature. She is driven by the memory of her son, Bruce, and her time at MADD, and I know she wants to make meaningful changes in this province.

I was really surprised to learn when I asked the question, initially upon joining the department, why this wasn't proclaimed. There isn't really an answer and I'm surprised to know that things can pass through this Legislature and not actually come into law seven years later.

We are taking steps to enact that legislation; we're moving very quickly on that. We're working with our counterparts in Justice and Municipal Affairs to make that happen, Mr. Speaker. We will work on that legislation and we're aiming to have it in the Fall - not only some of the components that the member mentioned, we're going to reintroduce those and we're going to make even stiffer penalties and increase some of the impaired driving legislation that will strengthen our system.

It won't be this minister, Mr. Speaker, and it won't be this government, it will be that member who will drive those changes, as we're going to rely on her to lead the way, so we're looking forward to that. Thank you very much. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg.

**ENERGY - NSP ELECTRIC BILLS:
CALCULATION - ACCURACY MECHANISM**

MR. ALFIE MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the minister for his answer.

Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Energy. As people know, Nova Scotia Power is a monopoly - customers do not have a choice to go to another company should they be unhappy with their service. This is why it is important that there is an oversight of NSP as it ensures that they are providing quality service. This oversight is especially important to ensuring that the electricity bills sent to customers are accurate.

Mr. Speaker, my question to the minister is, can the minister provide details on whether or not there is a mechanism in place to ensure that Nova Scotia Power is accurately calculating the electric bills sent to its customers?

HON. ANDREW YOUNGER: Thank you for the question. I think it's a good question, because over the years I've had a number of complaints from residents on this very issue. In fact, there is a mechanism in place. I don't want to stand here and say that it can't be improved, because I think it probably can be, but there is a mechanism through the Utility and Review Board; it's actually the identical process for municipal water bills that are regulated through the board.

It is a bit of a cumbersome process - I say that right up front - and it is one that I think begs looking at and potentially improving.

MR. MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for that answer and I think there are a few individuals who have contacted us who would thank him for that answer as well.

Mack Garland of Baddeck received his latest electricity bill and he noticed that something just wasn't right. His Efficiency Nova Scotia charge increased nearly 120 per cent from the bill prior, yet he used less electricity. I'll table those power bills.

He called Nova Scotia Power about it. They didn't give him an answer immediately but then later they admitted that it was an error and his bill will be adjusted. I've had several calls since then from other people in the area who had similar issues, with others reporting it and wondering what's going on.

My question to the minister is, does the minister have an explanation as to how this could have happened? Is the onus on the ratepayer to ensure that NSP is accurately charging the individuals?

MR. YOUNGER: Mr. Speaker, I guess there are a couple of issues there. First of all, I'm sure his constituent will be happy that the government is taking the efficiency charge off his bill so that will be one less charge that he has to watch. It's just too bad the Progressive Conservatives didn't vote in favour of taking that off as well.

There are a couple of elements here. Mr. Speaker, in fairness, I actually think it's a serious issue because I think probably a lot of people actually look at their bill and don't pay as close attention to it. There are two issues. One, the meters are not always read. Sometimes they are estimated and there's actually a way - and I can't remember off the top of my head what it is - there's a mark on the bill that will tell you whether it's a month that it was estimated or whether it was actually read and they do true-ups. I can find out exactly what that mark is. I remember seeing it on my own bill.

Then there is also somebody at Nova Scotia Power who is designated to deal with those kinds of issues and have it come out and read again if there is an issue. I've also heard issues from some residents where there ended up actually being a faulty meter. Those are usually the three most common issues that can result in that.

Mr. Speaker, I don't think it's fair to the resident and I'm certainly happy to look at it. If they don't get resolution through the designated person at Nova Scotia Power, I know our office is very happy to make inquiries on that constituent's behalf as well.

MR. MACLEOD: Thank you, the minister's answer is very reasonable, I think. I guess the very fact that he used less power and is getting charged more tax on the efficiency thing is something that really would bother him.

You're right; I don't think a lot of people take a look at it maybe as closely as that. The amount charged per kilowatt hour for the Efficiency Nova Scotia program is not clearly listed on the bill and yes, that's going to be coming off at some point.

This inaccuracy on Mr. Garland's bill highlights the importance of reviewing bills as they come in and that's something that you should be talking to all our ratepayers about and our constituents. It's unfortunate that it seems that the onus is on the ratepayers to correct the mistakes of Nova Scotia Power. While I recognize that the government plans to hide the charge entirely, come next year, in the time being that rate should be clearly displayed until that happens.

My question to the minister is, has the minister had any conversation with Nova Scotia Power about the transparency of its bills, including whether the Efficiency Nova Scotia calculation rate should be displayed? Anyone who is paying a bill to Nova Scotia Power or any other utility should know exactly what they are paying for and I wonder if the minister will make sure there is transparency in the bills they are paying.

MR. YOUNGER: Mr. Speaker, I'm just reading the two bills very, very quickly, but my initial thing that I notice is that the first bill crosses a period of December 13 to February 14 and there was both an Efficiency Nova Scotia rate increase in that period, before the next bill, and there is also a Nova Scotia Power rate increase of three per cent.

That being said, of course, the member is correct that it goes from basically \$6 to \$12 for the Efficiency Nova Scotia charge. At the end of the day, he is absolutely correct there is a certain amount of onus that's on customers to look at their bills, whether it's Nova Scotia Power, Sobeys, or wherever else. But when these issues are found, they need to be brought, and I'm perfectly happy if they're brought to my attention or my department's attention because we will look into them.

One of the things that we've done with the new efficiency legislation, since the member asked about that, is that the charges that people pay are audited and published through the board and so forth annually. They will be completely transparent - not only transparent, but they will be audited by independent auditors in a manner that people will know not only what they're paying for that, but will know what they're paying for other fuel types as well. But I'm certainly happy to also look into this one specifically, thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.

SNS: STUDED TIRE REMOVAL - DEADLINE EXTENSION

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. Today is the deadline to have studded tires off your vehicles. The weather has been cold later in the season than usual, mechanic shops are

backed up due to the weather, and one shop in my area didn't take its first snow tire off until late into April - it was actually the 17th or 18 of April. They're now booking a week in advance to get studded tires off cars. So my question is, what steps has the minister taken to ensure driver safety is a top priority?

HON. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, I know that the member is asking about studded tires and the duration of the season for which they have to be removed. I've got a little bit of good news, but I'll allow my colleague, who is so diligent on these issues, to answer the question. So I'd like to turn it over to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

HON. MARK FUREY: Mr. Speaker, I thank the member opposite for the question. Just this Saturday I was in and had my tires rotated and spoke to the staff. They shared the very same concerns that the member has shared today, acknowledging that the weather itself, the period of winter was extended longer than normal - God knows - and the backup that this has created in those service centres for these tire rotations or tire exchanges.

What I will share with the member opposite, Mr. Speaker, is I've reached out to staff already specific to this issue, cognisant of today's date and those pressures that not only vehicle owners are facing but pressures that service centres are facing, and certainly prepared to extend the date until the first of June to facilitate these circumstances.

There are a couple of necessary steps, both regulatory and through my colleague in the Department of Justice, appropriate to correspond with the law enforcement community to ensure that in the short term, vehicle operators aren't impacted by enforcement. So those are the steps that we're prepared to take.

MR. ORRELL: I want to thank the minister for that because I know the local garage owner I talked to had spoken to the local police force who allowed them to say they may and they weren't sure. So I want to thank you for that, minister, thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Queens-Shelburne.

FISH. & AQUACULTURE: UNDEVELOPED SPECIES - RESEARCH FUND

HON. STERLING BELLIVEAU: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture. In the fishing industry, now more than ever, there is a need for innovation and cooperation. Several fishers applied to Ottawa to gain access to undeveloped species such as green crab, hagfish, quahogs, and Irish moss.

These applications were denied, Mr. Speaker, due to the lack of scientific research. Last year, Nova Scotia was willing to partner with Ottawa to help fund this research. My question to the minister is, can the minister give us an update on any progress made on behalf of fishers to fund the research and give them access to undeveloped species?

HON. KEITH COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, this is a very important topic to the fishing industry in Nova Scotia. I think the problem we've had in the past is that we haven't really approached the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to find out exactly what science they need done. There are always new species in the mix, and we want to make sure that we do the right science to convince them that, yes, it's a good process to go through. We are now in the process of working with DFO to see if we can get that formula in place, because so many times when these things come forward, it's not clear exactly what DFO is looking for.

We're going to try to find out exactly what they're looking for so that we can provide the valuable information that they need to ensure that we can get these species open, help the economy in Nova Scotia, and help the long-term viability of the fishing industry as we move forward.

MR. BELLIVEAU: Mr. Speaker, the fishing industry employs thousands of Nova Scotians, many of whom are seasonal employees. Providing harvesters with access to undeveloped species will help the industry diversify and supplement their incomes, which are already under attack with the federal employment insurance reform.

My question to the minister is, what action is this Liberal Government taking to limit the impact of these employment insurance reforms and protect the livelihood of people and the fishing industry in Nova Scotia?

MR. COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, we're very deeply concerned about that change in employment insurance, and it's unfortunate the Conservative Government in Ottawa has made this change. As a result of that, there's going to be some hardships in the communities, and not only in direct harvesting. It's also in the processing, where they're going to lose the workers . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The time allotted for Oral Questions Put by Members to Ministers has expired.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, with the unanimous consent of the House I would ask that the bills reported back from Private and Local Bills Committee today be added to the order paper for consideration at Committee of the Whole and third reading.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

The motion is carried.

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: 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.

[4:07 p.m. The House resolved itself into a CWH on Bills with Mr. Speaker, Hon. Kevin Murphy, in the Chair.]

[4:24 p.m. CWH on Bills rose and the House reconvened. Mr. Speaker, Hon. Kevin Murphy, resumed the Chair.]

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

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

Bill No. 50 - St. Francis Xavier University Act.

Bill No. 59 - XMLAS Act.

Bill No. 63 - Education Act.

Bill No. 64 - Financial Measures (2014) Act.

Bill No. 67 - Invest Nova Scotia Board Act.

Bill No. 69 - House of Assembly Management Commission Act.

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

Bill No. 62 - Halifax Convention Centre Act.

which was reported with certain amendments by the Private and Local Bills Committee to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills without further amendments, and the chairman has been instructed to recommend these bills to the favourable consideration of the House.

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

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, with the unanimous consent of the House, I would ask that the bills just reported back from Committee of the Whole House on Bills be added to the order paper and considered for third reading today.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

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

PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 64.

Bill No. 64 - Financial Measures (2014) Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Finance and Treasury Board.

HON. DIANA WHALEN: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill No. 64.

I have only a few comments to make today about the Financial Measures (2014) Bill. We were commenting just earlier about what a very small bill it is. Usually governments put an awful lot of things into the Financial Measures Bills, and it can become a really big omnibus bill. We have been able to enact the legislative requirements for the budget in this Financial Measures (2014) Bill with just two major clauses in it.

There has been a lot of debate here in the House, and perhaps we'll hear a bit more on this third reading, but we feel that the budget as it stood was very well done, and that these two pieces, particularly looking at the HST and the Graduate Retention Rebate, were both very well thought out, well evidenced, and done for the right reasons.

I would like to just mention that we are very well aware of the comments made at the Law Amendments Committee, and we particularly appreciate the fact that our province has that opportunity, which is not afforded everywhere in the country, that there be an opportunity to hear from people who believe there should be amendments to any bill that passes through the House. The emphasis in what we heard at Law Amendments Committee really stressed the go-forward in terms of what changes could be made to support young people both trying to get forward and get their first job and move forward in our province, but also to help people in university with access to university, with the affordability of

university and colleges, so we can help young people get the training they need to be successful.

I think it's very important to note that the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education has already begun those discussions, and had in fact begun them since coming to office. We are continuing them. They will be productive, I'm sure, and we have many ideas that people are presenting to us.

With those few comments, I look forward to hearing from the members of the Opposition.

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

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I just for a moment want to start by congratulating the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board on her first budget and bringing it to this point where it will inevitably be passed into law this afternoon. I know it's an accomplishment to take note of, and I'm sure all members feel the same way.

Having said that, we've had a lot of debate in the last few days, particularly in Question Period, about the importance of the Ivany report and putting its goals into law. I know all Parties say that they want to see the Ivany report recommendations and goals acted upon. One of those goals - a very important one that I believe all Nova Scotians share - is that we return to a time of appropriate balanced financial management here at the level of the provincial government.

The Ivany report specifically sets a goal of decreasing Nova Scotia's net debt to the size of its economy. The government may think that somehow this budget is consistent with the Ivany report, but the facts are quite the contrary. We know already that the government has presented to this House a budget that has a deficit of \$279 million. If you remove the one-time items out of last year's budget that the NDP did, that's actually a worse result than even the NDP had in their last budget, and all Nova Scotians certainly had a lot to say about the way the NDP managed the finances of the province. I can imagine how disappointed they're going to be to see that the Liberals, in their first budget, after saying they would be better financial managers, actually brought in a worse bottom line that resulted in a \$279 million deficit. They're spending that much more money than they're going to take in - worse than the NDP.

In fact, where the Ivany report says let's get our debt under control, in this one year the Liberals are going to add \$500 million to our already too-high provincial debt and project - using their own numbers - that they will add \$1 billion over the life of their government. The Ivany report was very clear, and Nova Scotians have been very clear - we all know in our heads and our hearts that we can't go on like this. With a new government and supposedly new hope that things would get better, they're about to get a lot worse, and this budget paves the way.

Many people say you have to compare your debt to the size of the economy, and that's true, but we also know the economy has flat-lined. It had less than 1 per cent growth last year, 0.3 per cent the year before, so there is no way that the government can say they're taking some initial steps toward implementing the Ivany goal and financial responsibility when we have a flat economy and a debt that is going to go up by \$500 million in one year, and \$1 billion overall. Clearly we're going in the wrong direction, Mr. Speaker. When the government says they're trying on Ivany, Nova Scotians have to question their competence when it's so clear that they're running in other direction from Mr. Ivany and his report.

Mr. Speaker, the main issue today in this province is jobs and the economy. Where are families going to find a place to work? Where are young people going to find a place to work when they get out of school? Where are people that live in our rural communities in particular, who rely on resource industries, going to find the jobs of the future? There is no plan for jobs in this budget, none.

The Premier says you can't legislate prosperity. Well you know what, Mr. Speaker? With this budget we've learned something: you can legislate stagnation. Because when you drive our taxes up to the highest in the country, when you drive our debt up to record levels, when you impose a gigantic tax increase on the backs of our young graduates, you are legislating the opposite of prosperity. That's what this budget does and that's why it's getting a thumbs down by us and by other Nova Scotians who are still hopeful that someday there will be a government that is competent enough to get our finances under control and get the conditions right to create jobs.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, the great irony is that the only jobs that are going to be created as a result of this budget are in the Public Service, government jobs. As much as we appreciate people that work for the government, it flies in the face of the statements of the government and of others that I agree with, that is that the government can't create jobs - that our employers large and small, they are the ones that we have to turn to for job creation. But there is nothing for them, and so there is no plan to create real sustainable private sector jobs in companies large and small. There are only 551 new government jobs - or 100, depending on how you count it over there at the Public Service Commission. But in any event, for all those Nova Scotians that were looking for some restraint, the government with a majority coming in, in its first year with a mandate to actually turn the finances around, there is no restraint to be found here. More government jobs are being created and funded with our tax dollars - another example of going in the wrong direction.

Mr. Speaker, the very Nova Scotians that we are concerned about the most, the very Nova Scotians that the Ivany Report says that we have to find ways to keep them here - our young graduates out of our schools, our universities, our community colleges. The Ivany report says focus on them, and the government did focus on them, Mr. Speaker, but in the exact opposite way that the Ivany report says. Instead of finding ways to keep them here and give them a break so they can start to put down roots in our province, maybe pay off

their student loan, save up the down payment for a house, do a proper search for that first job, the government eliminated the Graduate Retention Rebate and imposed on those very young graduates a 275 per cent tax increase.

Mr. Speaker, that's not Ivany, that's the anti-Ivany. That's the problem with a government that just doesn't get it, that isn't competent enough to focus on what really matters, that actually looks at our young graduates, looks at the families today across the province that already are struggling at the end of the month, and finds new ways to tax them when we already had the highest taxes in the country.

Mr. Speaker, the government says, well, we can't give them a break. We can't give them a break because of the deficit. The budget's not balanced. Well that would be fine, except it's in their hands to balance the budget. You know, Mr. Speaker? For once, when someone says to one of us on the Opposition side, well what would you cut? We can say, look at the numbers. They don't even have to do a lot of cutting. If they just held the line on government spending, kept it the same as last year, don't add more, we would have had a surplus today that Nova Scotians could use for meaningful tax relief or meaningful debt relief, or a little of both. But instead they have neither, because government spending is going up over \$400 million in this budget. That's why there is a deficit.

For all those Nova Scotians who are wondering why they can't get tax relief, it's not because the government inherited a problem, it's because they're spending their tax money at a whole new level. If they had just decided to keep it the same, we'd be in a much better place today, but they didn't do that.

Mr. Speaker, what is particularly galling for all those Nova Scotia families that have to balance their own budget is where the government is spending its money. There aren't great new programs that we can complain about the cost of but recognize the benefit of; there aren't new initiatives that will make things better in the future. Some of the biggest percentage increases in this budget are at the head office level of the Departments of Education and Early Childhood Development, Health and Wellness, and so on, where they got double-digit increases while everybody else has to struggle to get by.

Mr. Speaker, I heard that the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board said yesterday that people have to understand that it's really hard to balance the budget; it's really hard to be in government. Well do you know what's really hard - getting to the end of the month at home and trying to decide how you're going to pay the rent, and how you're going to pay your power bill, and how you're going to pay your property taxes, and how you're going to pay all that HST, and how you're going to make sure your kids get looked after. That's hard and there are hundreds of thousands of Nova Scotia families that face those decisions every month. They don't have 500 civil servants backing them up when they try and make it balance. They don't get to go and borrow \$500 million to make it work. They don't get to decide to charge another tax to someone else - that's hard.

It is for them, Mr. Speaker, that we stand here and say, if Nova Scotians are being asked to make the hard decisions in their own family budget at the end of the month, then the least the government can do is show the way and be there, too.

But we don't have that - no plan for jobs, brand new levels of debt, brand new taxes. The fact of the matter is that all the problems the government truly did inherit - our debt, our tax levels, our power rates, the out-migration of young people, this budget actually addresses every single one by making them worse and that's the problem, Mr. Speaker. That's why we're voting "no".

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party.

HON. MAUREEN MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to have one last kick at the can on the Financial Measures (2014) Bill, the bill that accompanies the budget, the enabling legislation for that budget.

This bill, as we know, is a short bill and it only contains a couple of provisions. The most concerning provision to us is the reduction or the elimination of the Graduate Retention Rebate, which we've had a lot of discussion around. I think our position has been pretty clear with respect to that.

It is a provision that will be felt by many people who were relying on this particular rebate to help them reduce debt and cushion the high cost of living, especially when you are starting out, young people who are in that age group of 20 to 29, two-thirds of the recipients of the Graduate Retention Rebate were in that position.

This is a bill that will hurt the very people who we most need to feel an attachment to Nova Scotia and to stay here and contribute to our province. Of course the other part of this bill is to essentially absolve government of any responsibility to start to reduce the HST, which we all recognize is a means of taxation that will contribute to the government's revenue, at a time when government needs revenue.

However, Mr. Speaker, we do have to have an adult conversation about how to have a competitive tax regime in the Province of Nova Scotia. I'm afraid that this government and the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board have avoided that entirely. This measure they're taking today in the Financial Measures (2014) Bill looks as if they're not prepared anytime soon to have that conversation and to make the very tough decisions that need to be made - the tough decisions that the Minister of Finance used to lecture the previous administration and the previous Finance Ministers about all the time here, in lengthy, lengthy, lengthy debates on the Financial Measures Act.

I can recall quite a number of those debates when quite often it was the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board who was the only member on the Opposition side who spoke,

and she never spoke briefly, I can assure you, Mr. Speaker. She spoke at length. She had quite a lot of critical comments to make about the direction of the province's finances.

Frankly, Mr. Speaker, there's no difference, there's no change here. This is essentially going in the same direction, by and large, with two differences. One of the differences is that spending in the various departments has not been disciplined, is something that, certainly, we worked very hard to have a very disciplined Public Service capable in budget years of meeting targets and living within their means. It appears that that is not a philosophy that this government subscribes to, and that has serious implications for our province on a go-forward.

Mr. Speaker, we were promised - Nova Scotians were promised and they were led to believe there would be quite a number of benefits from having a Liberal Government. They were led to believe that electricity rates would be lower. They were led to believe that the cost of gasoline in the province would be lower. Students were led to believe that education would be more affordable and tuition would be lower. These aren't things that are imaginary. They are on the record repeatedly as members of the Opposition outside of government saying these things.

If you talk to the residents of the province, they will tell you that they got those messages loud and clear. And now people are feeling, well, who are these people? This isn't the behaviour that we expected based on the rhetoric we heard. Electricity rates aren't any lower. Gasoline costs are higher than they had been. The relief for students with respect to tuition, those things, they didn't expect a \$50 million cut to the Graduate Retention Rebate.

The critique and the criticism around increasing the HST could only lead people in the province to think, well if you're that critical of it, then you must be going to do something about it. But apparently not. Apparently that was perhaps what was intended by being critical without going the extra mile and being specific and saying well, we're critical of it and we're going to do something about it, and this is what we're going to do.

I think it was quite clever that those comments were never actually made. It gave the government the out. But I can tell you that many, many Nova Scotians today are recognizing that this Liberal Government is not exactly as advertised, in a whole variety of areas. They simply are not as advertised.

The Financial Measures (2014) Bill is here before us. We've had extensive debate on this. We've had quite a number of presenters come to the Law Amendments Committee and our caucus will not be supporting this bill when it comes to a vote, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, it's a pleasure to rise today and speak to this bill. I'll keep my comments today to - we have to, as we're standing in this Chamber and we're making decisions on bills that come before us, we do have to be conscious of the Nova Scotians who will be impacted by the legislation that is passed here. The reality in this province is that families are struggling. Families have to make tough decisions every day as to what they can afford and what they can't afford.

I'm sure it's not easy to govern. I know there are a lot of tough decisions that are required in running a province. You know, when we think about the families and the tough decisions they are making, a cut in the HST puts money back into the pockets of those families that they can then spend to run their households. Sometimes it's money that could be necessary for groceries, and in some cases it's just the money for the extra niceties to provide for their family.

I talked to a family whose kids won't be going to hockey school this year. I'm sure that may resonate with the Speaker and his love of hockey and providing for children. When you think about families having to make those types of decisions, it may not be easy to govern, but it's not easy to raise a family and run a household in this province either. We need to be thinking about those types of people.

I did hear loud and clear last night from the minister about what a difficult job it is, what a monumental task it would be to balance the budget. I don't try to minimize that but I'm sure it probably is a monumental task. It's not a simple task to finance a family either, so in this Chamber we should be looking for ways to make the lives of Nova Scotians better. We should be asking ourselves every day, how can we help the people of Nova Scotia?

We can have a bit of fun back and across the floor about how we may accomplish that but I just worry that we lose sight of that in here. I try not to but I'm sure some members do.

Nova Scotians won't have sympathy for a government that says, well, it's really hard. The job should be hard, and they expect that, but they put us here because they think we can make good decisions on their behalf. They are asking us to make those good decisions in the face of adversity. So when we think about the priorities of a government and we think about what's important to Nova Scotians, I can assure you that a new holiday was not a huge priority to the vast majority of Nova Scotians. They don't really care about another day off; what they care about is providing for their families, being able to pay for what's important to their families.

So here we are; we are getting a good glimpse of the priorities of the government and they are pretty divergent from the priorities of Nova Scotians. We even see - I mean we had a lot of discussion in this Chamber about the cost of running the government and the

cost of running departments and trying to focus on how we can control those costs and reduce those costs.

I do just remind the members that that's only part of the equation. We need to find a way to increase the revenue of the province so we can fund more departmental activities. But we always need to think back about - we need to be very conscious of where the money is being spent.

I was concerned back in the Fall when I used to hear statements that we're going to reduce departmental spending by 1 per cent. I have to tell you, I always thought that was a bit of a cop-out, because saying you are going to reduce by a blanket amount is just a statement. How you reduce expenses and how you control expenditures inside a company is line by line, because one department might not be able to do 1 per cent, but another one might be able to do 10 per cent, and you can only do that. So if you kind of minimize (Interruption) I do appreciate the comments of the Minister of Internal Services - maybe his Party will let him stand up and talk on his own one time, but I'd like the floor right now.

The Minister of Internal Services and I had quite a few discussions about one very offensive increased expenditure of the government - a significant increase in the size of the civil service. I echo my colleague's comments about the importance of the work that government does, but I question whether you need 550 more civil servants - and here's where it gets really interesting . . .

HON. LABI KOUSOULIS: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. The member who just spoke with regard to 500 new FTEs, that number is inaccurate. It has been explained to him many times; he knows it's inaccurate and he does this to actually enrage Nova Scotians. In light of the Ivany commission, I would say that is not co-operative in the House and I'd like that statement retracted. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Overruled, it's not a point of order. The honourable member for Pictou East has the floor.

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to talk about the budgeting process and the size of the civil service. When I talk about new FTEs, I think Hansard will be very clear on this from the estimates. I'm talking about the number of new FTEs that are budgeted (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. A few more things to go here. The honourable member for Pictou East has the floor.

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, I am looking at the number of actual FTEs that it took to run the government last year. Through the budgeting process we have learned how many - just wait, it gets better, I think Nova Scotians will find this extremely interesting because I know I did. I look at the number of FTEs that it actually took to run the

government last year and then through the budgeting process, I've learned how many this government estimates it will take to run the government this year. If you look at that actual number and compare it to their estimated number, you will see that they are estimating that they will need 550 new FTEs.

The thing that I think will surprise Nova Scotians is when I talked to the government during estimates they say we will never actually fill those 550 positions, and when I ask why, they say you have to account for vacancies and you have to account for this - lots of complicated explanations, shall we say, to a very simple thing. One thing that I have learned is when somebody hides behind complicated explanations, there is probably a reason.

What I find disturbing about the budgeting process is now we have FTEs that have been budgeted for that will never be used, and when you question the minister further on that he says, well, we use that for departments to control expenses. Mr. Speaker, it's a slush fund buried at the departmental level - it is offensive to Nova Scotians and it is offensive to me.

But we're talking about departmental expenses. Now we need to talk about - for the benefit of the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, I'll just let her know that I'm looking at the Budget Estimates and Supplementary Detail, Page 1.14.

Mr. Speaker, let's talk about how we increase the top line, because that's really what we need to do. We do need new jobs. We don't need fictitious new estimated jobs. We actually need real jobs that people can get up in the morning and go to. Where are we at on that? We hear nothing.

We're speaking today about the HST. Nova Scotians know very well about the HST. They pay the highest taxes in Canada, but we do have a tax review to look forward to. Now, the thing I'm concerned about is the tax review. We already have an indication from the government that we shouldn't expect the tax review to decrease taxes. Mr. Speaker, if we shouldn't expect it to decrease taxes, I think we know what we should expect from the tax review: more taxes piled onto the backs of Nova Scotians to create money to be funnelled into departments, to be spent by people that don't know what they're doing with it, because they don't know how many FTEs they budgeted.

Before I take my chair and let the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board respond, I do want to talk briefly about the (Interruption) I'm so glad that the member for Halifax Chebucto chimed in on this, because I am so sure that he is so delighted to see the highest taxes. I'm sure it's good - as a business owner he would know what an extra vacation day does to businesses. You don't need a crystal ball, Mr. Speaker, to realize the state of this province and the bad decisions that we see being made with our money, the decisions we see being made with the money of Nova Scotians - picked from their pockets with the highest taxes in Canada and distributed through departmental expenses.

Perhaps I'll retract the term "picked from their pockets," just in keeping the spirit of collegiality that we have here.

But, Mr. Speaker, before I take my seat, I do feel that it's necessary to talk about the Graduate Retention Rebate. There has been a lot of talk about this and we do hear - I know it's a point of stress for the government. It does seem to hit a nerve when it comes up. The reality is that what has happened is that the trust of young people has been broken, and people who were expecting to benefit from that - whether the government says it does what it was intended to do or not, I don't want to weigh in on that debate today. But what I will say is that the message that it sends to young Nova Scotians is not a good one, and young Nova Scotians - it's too late, maybe - I don't know, maybe I did weigh in. Perhaps it was too late. But the message it sends to young Nova Scotians is not a positive one.

If you're a young Nova Scotian and you're looking at your opportunities in life, and you're looking at where your life could possibly take you, you are definitely looking at places away from Nova Scotia, where they can trust the government to do what it says it's going to do, because we are not seeing that on all accounts.

Maybe on a positive note I will finish up today and say we do have at least three more budgets to look forward to from this government, and maybe in the future we will see a government that has the courage to make the tough decisions, because it's not supposed to be easy. (Interruptions) Mr. Speaker, there is a little bit of education that is required over there, which I'll save for another day.

With those few words, I will say that we can't support this budget, and Nova Scotians won't support this budget, but I appreciate you for your time today. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Finance and Treasury Board.

HON. DIANA WHALEN: Mr. Speaker, I only want to say a few words on closing debate for this bill. I know everybody has other bills they want to get to as well, but it's a very important bill. The FMA is the sister bill to the budget, which we voted on about a week ago. It is also the plan for the coming year for the Province of Nova Scotia. It's how we're going to care for the needs and the programs that people rely on, how we're going to ensure that we have summer student programs.

This year, 50 per cent more students will be hired than last year in this province. There are hundreds more students who will be working this summer in small communities where there are very few jobs available; many of them will find positions. That's very important.

Mr. Speaker, we carried through on our commitments in this budget. That was a key thing for us, to look at the campaign commitments and carry through on them. That has been very much reflected particularly in our reinvestment in education, which had \$65

million removed from it over the last four years. That's very important. The members of the Opposition have seen it, they know it's in there. There will be a lot of improvements at the classroom level in every case.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to speak a little bit about the path forward as well, and the need for co-operation. A number of members have spoken, and the critic most recently from the Progressive Conservative Party has spoken. It's important that we try and speak the same language. I know that the honourable member is an accountant, and so am I. You need to look at estimate-to-estimate to get an accurate picture.

Mr. Speaker, if the member is so fond of forecast-to-estimate, I'd like to remind him to look at the last budget of the Progressive Conservative Government under Rodney MacDonald in 2009 - Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the member is listening about the last budget of the Progressive Conservative Government in 2009. If you wanted then to compare apples to oranges, you would have had 900 differences in the number of FTEs, 900 in that time. It's not accurate.

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, I must stand up for my former colleague; he used to represent Inverness when he was Premier. That budget, if she checks the Auditor General's own audit of that budget, was a balanced budget.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the honourable member have a point of order?

MR. MACMASTER: Sorry, Mr. Speaker, I believe I've made my point, sorry.

MR. SPEAKER: Overruled, we have a disagreement of facts between two members.

The honourable Minister of Finance and Treasury Board.

MS. WHALEN: Mr. Speaker, I hate to say that it's almost comical to hear that sort of thing said. That budget was about as balanced as last year's budget was balanced.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable Minister of Finance and Treasury Board has the floor.

MS. WHALEN: Mr. Speaker, the key thing I'd like to say is that we do need to move forward and we need to have a much better sense of working together in this Legislature. I know there are very well-meaning, very capable members on all sides of the House, and I hope that we will be able to move forward. All of us want to chart a course that will get us to a surplus position, where we can begin to lower taxes and address more

of the issues about the economy. I hope that we can work together. I know there was talk about the committee that may be set up. Let's hope that works.

I can assure members of the House that we are going to continue on, to look line by line, as was suggested earlier, to look for the savings that we can get to create even stronger foundations for economic growth. That is our goal on this side of the House as this budget passes, to set that ground foundation, to go forward and create a better environment for the business community which will ultimately help all of us.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I close debate on Bill No. 64, the Financial Measures (2014) Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 64.

There has been a call for a recorded vote.

Ring the bells. Call in the members.

[5:04 p.m.]

[The Division bells were rung.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Are the Whips satisfied?

[The Clerk calls the roll.]

[5:13 p.m.]

YEAS

Mr. Colwell
Mr. Churchill
Ms. Bernard
Ms. Regan
Mr. Samson
Mr. McNeil
Ms. Whalen
Mr. Glavine
Ms. Casey
Mr. MacLellan
Ms. Diab
Mr. Younger
Mr. Horne
Mr. Hines

NAYS

Mr. MacMaster
Mr. Porter
Mr. Dunn
Mr. Baillie
Mr. d'Entremont
Mr. Corbett
Ms. MacDonald
Mr. David Wilson
Ms. Zann
Ms. Peterson-Rafuse
Mr. Belliveau
Mr. Orrell
Ms. MacFarlane
Mr. Houston

Mr. Stroink	Mr. MacLeod
Ms. Arab	Mr. Harrison
Mr. Delorey	Mr. Lohr
Mr. Ince	
Mr. Kousoulis	
Mr. Furey	
Mr. Farrell	
Mr. Gordon Wilson	
Mr. Rankin	
Ms. Miller	
Mr. Rowe	
Mr. Maguire	
Ms. Eyking	
Ms. Lohnes-Croft	
Ms. Treen	
Mr. Gough	
Mr. Irving	

THE CLERK: For, 31. Against, 17.

MR. SPEAKER: 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. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call the order of business, Private and Local Bills for Third Reading.

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS FOR THIRD READING

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 50.

Bill No. 50 - St. Francis Xavier University Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie.

MR. LLOYD HINES: I move this bill for third reading, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

HON. PAT DUNN: Mr. Speaker, with this bill that we are looking at is the 160-year long tradition of the bishop as chancellor of St. FX University. A 160-year-long tradition as chancellor, I think, definitely should be respected. What do we have to gain from passing this bill? We will please a few, and ignore the mass of alumni and traditions of this university, 160 years. Is that the right thing to do?

Mr. Speaker, the board participated in a secret ballot to basically remove the bishop as chancellor. You wonder why the board chose to do it this way. Was there a broad consultation? Is there someone with an internal agenda? In fact, a member of the community who donated \$1 million to the university knew nothing about this, knew nothing about the internal decision of the board.

Is the bishop really in agreement with this legislation? I really don't think so, Mr. Speaker. Was the bishop appropriately represented? I'm not so sure, Mr. Speaker. He did participate at the committee level. How much? Who knows? I believe they met three times in the past 12 months. The cards were definitely stacked against him. Does he still have the opportunity to be chancellor? Well, perhaps on paper.

The communications officer for St. FX performed very well at the Committee on Private and Local Bills earlier today, and she covered all the bases very well, Mr. Speaker. The bishop, Sisters of St. Martha and Sisters of Notre Dame created this university, and we should at least honour this religious foundation and keep it in the religious order. That was one alternative that they had, to allow the chancellor of this university to be someone from St. Martha or Notre Dame.

Mr. Speaker, this is a mistake, a movement by a few as opposed to a decision by the broader alumni base. It is ironic how a few people can make such an alarming change in this university. I am sure former alumni across this province, country and globe will be dismayed when they hear the news. In fact, having the opportunity to speak to former alumni in Cape Breton, Guysborough, Antigonish County and Pictou County recently, they knew nothing about this; it has been well hidden. It continues to amaze me how so few can alter the fabric and tradition of this university.

Mr. Speaker, having said those few words, again I'm dismayed that this bill is before the House and dismayed that the member for Antigonish and the member for Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie have supported this particular bill. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Environment.

HON. RANDY DELOREY: Mr. Speaker, since the member opposite has concern about the position on the bill, I'd like to clarify. As the member for Antigonish, I can state for the record that I am a Catholic as well, a practising Catholic, just to put perspective into context, in terms of this bill and how it has moved forward.

I can also say that I am an alumnus of St. Francis Xavier University and I'm also a former faculty member from that institution so I'm well aware of the history behind this particular bill. Just for the benefit of all members of the House and members of the public, this particular change that has come forward, at the request of the institution, to my colleague here, the member for Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie, it was brought forward and asked for by the institution.

Within the institution this particular request for this change was brought forward by students, by the students that the Opposition Parties have argued so often that this government does not hear from and does not listen to. This bill clearly demonstrates that the institution and this government do listen to the students in Nova Scotia. This particular change that was requested stemmed from, most importantly, a concern for a public institution, so without denying or ignoring the history of this great institution, we must, as a government, recognize that this institution is now a public institution, an institution that is the responsibility of the Government of Nova Scotia.

In that regard we must, as a government, recognize the importance of equity in all our public institutions. That is the primary concern that was brought forward to motivate this change in the governing structure of that institution.

In its current form, the Chancellor of St. Francis Xavier University can never, ever be a woman. That was a very, very concerning fact for students and faculty at St. Francis Xavier University. That's why they brought that request forward. Given that the majority of students who attend St. Francis Xavier University are women, one must consider what signal it sends, the institution to its students and to the broader public, when it is not willing and it maintains an historical position only on the basis of history.

There are many things in history that have changed over time, that have evolved, and not all change is negative; not all change is bad. It is clearly the consensus of the Board of Governors of St. Francis Xavier University, we'll see in a few moments if it is the consensus of this government, that change in this instance is positive; that a public institution needs to represent the broader public and allow an opportunity for all people, no matter their religious background, their gender, their sexual orientation or any other criteria, from being Chancellor of St. Francis Xavier University, going forward.

Simultaneously, what this piece of legislation, if you read through it - as was noted but perhaps not well enough that some members continue to criticize this piece of legislation - it was noted in the first reading by the member for Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie that the institution and this legislation respects and acknowledges the significant contribution of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Antigonish in the history of this fantastic institution. They've created in this piece of legislation a specific position that will remain accessible and in the purview of the bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish as a member of the board of governors for the institution. That position will

always be there in recognition of the founding work that the diocese and the Catholic Church have done in establishing and developing the great institution that we have today.

Simultaneously, the institution itself on the ground continues to have an active chaplaincy and it's active and engaged and very, very well respected. Any suggestion that this particular piece of legislation in any way diminishes the pride that the Catholics that continue to attend St. Francis Xavier University or the pride that Catholics in the alumni of St. Francis Xavier University have in the institution, I think, is inappropriate.

I think it's important to note that the only criticism that I've heard about this bill does come from Catholics. It is a little bit disheartening, as a Catholic myself, to hear that, because one of the fundamental tenets of our religion is one of being open and accepting of others. What this piece of legislation does is it opens up the institution, a public institution, while at the same time simultaneously recognizing the important historical contributions of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Antigonish by maintaining the bishop as a member of the board of governors. And it does not prevent the bishop from being elected to the position of chancellor. It does not prevent any member of the board of governors from that position going forward.

While I respect and appreciate the concerns that have been raised by those who have raised them, I do hope that in considering this piece of legislation in its entirety, in the context in which it was presented, that they do consider supporting this piece of legislation as well. It is very important to demonstrate that our future is not always to be directed and moved based upon our history, that we can change and evolve, and that sometimes change is good. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, I thought we were going to see a miracle today. When we were in the committee meeting, we had a vote. The first vote was a tie - it was three-three. Then we had a second vote, and it was a four-four tie. The chairman voted, and I was thinking in my mind, what is going to happen? Are we going to see something special happen here? We didn't, because the chairman did vote, as really I expected, with his colleagues. But it was funny, for a few seconds there I was wondering, are we going to see something happen here? Now, it didn't happen, and I respect the member's comments opposite, and I think this is a matter that we'll have to agree to disagree on.

I do want to make some points. I know for any government, when you've brought forward a bill like this, at first glance - often these bills, as we know, get very little attention. They're often about something in somebody's area that really has nothing to do with our own areas and the areas we represent. I can also appreciate that when you have an institution coming to you and this affects legislation that pertains to their institution, that you would trust them, that what they want makes sense, they're coming forward with

something they want. It would make sense to agree with it. It would also bolster the case if it was brought to the government with people who are very professional in terms of communications.

I'm going to make some points here that you may not have heard, and I did make some of them over there today. I fully expect the members opposite will be passing this bill but I'm going to put these points on the record so that you are aware of them, because they do conflict with some of the things you have heard.

Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about a few things and I'm going to try to not make it too long because I know - and I could try to hold this bill up in the Legislature and push in to next week but I know it is likely not going to make a difference anyway. I'm conscious of that.

Mr. Speaker, the member opposite - one of the big issues that I've heard brought up about this is equity, and while I am here to represent the people of Inverness, I'm also a Catholic. People often say the Catholic Church is behind the times. People have opinions on that. I think of my cousin who I referenced, who is a saint. Now people probably wonder, what the heck is a saint? (Interruption) Somebody said their wife is a saint, he is probably correct - but in all seriousness, these matters come down to faith.

Faith is not something that you can write; in fact, Mr. Speaker, I was at Mass on the weekend - if it wasn't this weekend, I believe it might have been the weekend before - and in the gospel it spoke about Jesus and about the doubt and the disciple who wanted to put his finger in the wounds.

AN HON. MEMBER: Thomas.

MR. MACMASTER: Thomas. I think Jesus made the point at the time, you know it doesn't matter, things can be very apparent, you can be told something but in your heart, if you don't believe it, you'll never see it. Mr. Speaker, I think what this bill really is about is if we want to talk about equality, to me women are just as powerful in the church as men and when I think about my cousin who is saint . . .

ANOTHER HON. MEMBER: Oh, Allan.

MR. MACMASTER: Well, please get up and speak if you disagree and use your time to speak against that. You let me speak and I'll say what I believe - and I'll tell you why, because how much higher standing could you receive in the church than to be canonized a saint?

ANOTHER HON. MEMBER: Mary MacKillop?

MR. MACMASTER: Mary MacKillop is my cousin, I'm very proud of that. I have to go all the way back to Scotland to connect those dots but they're there. When her people were leaving Scotland they ended up in Australia and mine ended up in Canada. Mr. Speaker, this will continue to be debated but my faith as a Catholic tells me, it gives me - a lot of it is about humility and really, why do people leave the church?

You go into a church now on Sunday and there are not a lot of young people there. One of the reasons I think that is - the members opposite say, maybe it's because the church is behind the times, but you know why I think it is? It's because we've lost our humility. We're too busy to say we know what's best, and member opposite, I think you've just done it yourself when you contradicted me there. I don't want to go down that road but I do think that - and it's true of me as it's true of anybody else - I have my own pride and sometimes it gets in the way of my thinking and my decisions, but a person's pride separates them from God, I believe - I almost feel like I should be in a church right now, not in the Legislature.

My intent is not to lecture people but I'm just telling you what I see, and I think that we can come up with a million reasons to remove the bishop as chancellor and as head of St. F.X. but my one reason why I think the bishop should be there is because the bishop is ultimately the representative of the diocese. The diocese started the university.

I think of - and I mentioned it the other day in my speech - I think of St. Mary MacKillop, it was a bishop who excommunicated her for a reason that was not relevant and that excommunication was later lifted. Her faith was tested but she had humility. She didn't leave the church, she didn't stop her work. Her heart was focused on her work, which was helping the people that were forgotten in society, educating women as one thing, Mr. Speaker. So for people to say that the church is not an institution of equity, I say they're wrong, and if you feel otherwise, stand up and say what you believe.

Mr. Speaker, we say this is now a public institution. I was speaking to somebody outside the Chamber today and they were saying that this has happened at other universities - it has happened at Acadia and other universities and nobody is really going to care about this.

Mr. Speaker, if that's the case, then why don't they change the name of the university? If it's no longer going to be a Catholic university, why don't you take the name of the saint off the university? What would that do to the university? I think that would speak volumes about what it would do to the university.

Why don't you take - and I know we're not allowed to use props in here - why don't you take the "X" off the ring because X refers to St. Francis Xavier.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I do remind the honourable member that he just violated the rule that he just referred to, so I'm obligated to enforce my rules.

The honourable member for Inverness has the floor.

MR. MACMASTER: To me, I mean the X is there because of St. Francis Xavier, and we're really getting to the integrity of what the university is about. I know one of the things that struck me at the end of the presentation today by the group that was in favour of this, that was representing the university, one of the things that was said was that they wanted to keep the best and they didn't want divisions. Mr. Speaker, if you're getting rid of the very integrity of the founding of the university, that is really to me what is the best of the university.

Mr. Speaker, I could speak all day and I don't think it's going to make a lot of difference. There are a couple of things I should put on the record. One of the things said today in the committee was that there are just as many representatives from the church on this board as compared to an institution like Notre Dame, which I referenced the other day in second reading.

I want to make the point that the percentage of the voice that the church holds on the board, I believe it's eight people, it's on a board of well over 20 people, whereas at Notre Dame there are six priests on a board of twelve - totally different. These are important facts, Mr. Speaker, because I believe they refute some of the points that have been made to support this bill.

The bishop is not going to have the same authority any longer. People say, well, the bishop is still going to be the vicar-founder and they've even said the bishop has suggested that. It needs to be put on the record that there was a secret ballot, as my colleague had referenced, because people didn't want the bishop to know that they were voting him off the board.

You can imagine how the bishop felt after that vote. You can imagine how he felt that people sitting around him didn't value his position on the board any longer. I know also with the shame of the previous bishop and we all know he is no longer even a priest, Mr. Speaker, because of his actions, and I won't get into that, but there's probably not a lot of strong feeling of confidence in an environment like that, especially when people around you want you off the board.

Mr. Speaker, I think I should finish up. There are other points I could mention but if the government insists on putting this forward and insists on supporting it, people will know. It's not going to end here - this will be something that will continue to be discussed. I think it will be discussed more broadly outside of the circles where it has been discussed, because it has been very carefully managed, including coming into this Legislature.

Mr. Speaker, I know when I wear my X ring, I'm going to wear it knowing the university and its history and where it has come from, and I don't think that is something that I want to disassociate myself with - it's something I'm proud of. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: If I recognize the member it will be to close the debate.

The honourable member for Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie.

MR. LLOYD HINES: Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague opposite for his thoughtful presentation on the matter. I also want to thank my colleague, the member for Antigonish for his incisive view of what is happening here.

I am also a proud Catholic, Mr. Speaker, and an alumnus of St. F.X. and I am extremely proud of that university. I must admit it wasn't in the last decade that I graduated from there - or even the second last decade - but I will tell you that I have been amply proud of the forward thinking that has occurred at that university for many years - certainly when I was there, and particularly in the last little while.

If you look at the former president - and we're welcoming a new president into the university - he did a masterful job of moving that university forward, both in its efficacy and also its brick-and-mortar portion. The enrolment at that university has continued to grow, and I'm very proud of that institution.

I'm also proud of the progressive nature of this particular legislation that we have before us, Bill No. 50, an Act to Amend and Consolidate the Acts Relating to St. Francis Xavier University. This legislation has not been substantially altered since 1957 - that's 57 years. There were things in the existing legislation that needed to be refreshed - associations with the University College of Cape Breton and Mount St. Bernard College, where the recitals in the previous Act counted those organizations as having board seats - but this is certainly about more than housekeeping.

I would like to direct the House's attention to Clause 4(a) of the legislation. It says, "The objects of the University are to provide students with a post-secondary education that is intellectually stimulating and personally enriching within an atmosphere of inclusiveness for all students, Faculty and staff." I believe that's what this does.

Clause 4(d) says that it is an objective of the university to "respect the Catholic heritage and character that have formed a vital part of the University's history." As has been so very well-articulated by previous speakers, that is something that everybody can be proud of, because it is a public institution. In particular, in deference to the significant and ongoing important role that the Catholic Church will play in this institution, Clause 15(1) says, "In light of the historical and continuing relationship between the Diocese and the University, the Bishop shall occupy the position of the Vicar of the Founder of the University." I think that amply recognizes the antecedents, the great work that was done by the church in founding this particular university.

The proposed changes have been under development for over three years, in consultation with representatives of all key stakeholder groups: students, the clergy,

faculty, and alumni. The proposed changes strike an appropriate balance between the honoured and cherished history and traditions of our institution and the 21st Century reality in which the university is operating.

Historically, only the bishop could serve in the role of chancellor. Concerns were raised that this discriminated on the basis of marital status, gender, and religion. It was also noted - and this is very important - that the role of chancellor in universities has changed a bit. Chancellors of universities are increasingly involved in high-profile promotion and fundraising for their respective university. This is a role which perhaps doesn't naturally fit with the pastoral and other duties of a bishop.

There's ample evidence before us why this is a sensible and progressive move. The thing to recall and to take away is that the bishop remains a member of the board, and this legislation creates a separate, distinct role that maintains the historic connection and provides future opportunities relevant for today's students. The Vicar of the Founder position has been created in the proposed Act.

To wind up, students, faculty, alumni, priests, and the bishop have been involved and have signed off on the changes. The stakeholders have spoken and are in agreement. I would move to close debate on Bill No. 50.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 50. 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.

[PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 40.

Bill No. 40 - Maintenance and Custody Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Justice.

HON. LENA DIAB: I move that Bill No. 40 be read a third time and I'll just have five brief words on that given the hour.

I believe these amendments play to the significant role grandparents have in a child's life, especially those children whose parents are going through difficult times, and

in situations where parents are separating. Grandparents have had a two-step process to making access applications up till now. The legislation does eliminate a step for grandparents who need the court's help to have any contact with their grandchildren. The family court system will continue to address these cases with the best interest of the child in mind, and finally, Mr. Speaker, I believe that this legislation is an important step for our justice system and for grandparents, children, and parents in Nova Scotia, thank you.

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

MR. LARRY HARRISON: I just want to say that the PC Party, of course, has had that as part of their platform and we certainly support the bill as well.

MR. SPEAKER: If I recognize the minister it will be to close the debate.

The honourable Minister of Justice.

HON. LENA DIAB: I move to close debate on Bill No. 40.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 40. 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.

[PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS FOR THIRD READING]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, under private and local bills, which I failed to call after the last one, would you please call Bill No. 59.

Bill No. 59 - XMLAS Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clare-Digby, who looks like he is settling in for a speech.

MR. GORDON WILSON: My eyesight, Mr. Speaker. I move that Bill No. 59 - an Act to Incorporate XMLAS, an Association of Former Members of the House of Assembly - be now read for a third time and do pass.

I just would like to quickly say that I'm very proud to bring this forward. I think this is an excellent example of how we can get together in that time when we move on as former

members and talk about things and promote democracy. It is going to be an excellent opportunity.

As I mentioned in my opening remarks on it, a day or so ago, I encourage everybody, when the time comes, to become involved in this and to promote this fantastic institution that we have here.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 59. 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.

[PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 56.

Bill No. 56 - Dental Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Health and Wellness.

HON. LEO GLAVINE: I now move third reading of Bill No. 56.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 56. 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. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 60.

Bill No. 60 - Securities Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, I move that Bill No. 60 be now read a third time and do pass.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 60. 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. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 65.

Bill No. 65 - Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. KEITH COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, I now move third reading of Bill No. 65.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 65. 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. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 66.

Bill No. 66 - Halifax Regional Municipality Charter and Municipal Government Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

HON. MARK FUREY: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 66 be read a third time and do pass.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 66. 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. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 62.

Bill No. 62 - Halifax Convention Centre Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 62 be now read a third time and do pass.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West.

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, I'm going to be really quick here. We're totally in favour of this. I know it's a really good investment for Nova Scotia, specifically Halifax, although when it was first announced that it was going to happen, I think a lot of Nova Scotians were feeling like, okay, once again, Halifax is getting something and the whole Province of Nova Scotia is paying for it.

So I only ask - no, really. The only thing, when I was reading over the bill, that I would ask the minister to seriously consider - because once again, we're in favour of this, we know that it's going to be a good thing for Nova Scotia - but under Clause 8(1)(a) and (b), I just hope that when you consider your board, that you remember that there are taxpayers who are from Yarmouth right to Neil's Harbour, Cape North, and that maybe they will have their board not just filled with people from this metro area, that they will consider everyone across the province to serve on this board and give all Nova Scotia a chance to have a say. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid.

HON. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, I just want to say to the minister that I appreciate the fact - I know I had some concerns during second reading around the potential impact that the legislation would have, especially around that fact that there could have been shares with the convention centre and the municipality really had the authority, in the future, to possibly sell the convention centre without the province's agreement on that. I know the minister, during his closing on second reading, said he would look at that.

The department did look at it and brought changes forward that equally benefit the province and the municipality in case, in the future, we see the sale of the convention centre. I appreciate the minister and his staff for taking the concerns back and making an amendment to this piece of legislation. We will support this legislation.

MR. SPEAKER: If I recognize the minister it will be to close the debate.

The honourable Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the comments from the members of the Opposition and the member for Sackville-Cobequid. As he pointed out, he raised a legitimate concern and we believe our process works best when we're able to speak freely and raise concerns and have government try to address them. I was pleased that our staff very quickly - even before I had the chance to get to the office, just in listening to the member for Sackville-Cobequid - were already drafting an amendment to address his concerns. I certainly want to thank my staff and staff at the Department of Justice who were quick to put an amendment together to address those concerns and I think that's a sign of when our democracy works well.

For the member for Pictou West, we do see the new Nova Centre as a benefit to the entire Province of Nova Scotia, from one end of our province to the other. I can assure the member we will ensure there is representation on that board, reflective of the fact that it is a new convention centre that is meant to benefit the entire province. With that, I want to, again, publicly thank Mayor Mike Savage and the HRM Council for their support on this bill and certainly recognize, again, Minister Peter MacKay and the federal government who is a one-third funding partner in this new convention centre.

With that, I would close debate on third reading of Bill No. 62.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 62. 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. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 63.

Bill No. 63 - Education Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development.

HON. KAREN CASEY: Mr. Speaker, I move Bill No. 63 for third reading. I'm only going to make a few comments about this but I feel I need to respond to the amendments that have been presented and to thank the member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg for bringing those amendments to the floor.

We have talked at the bill briefing, we've had the introduction, we've had second reading, we've had the Fowler report tabled and we've had my response tabled, so I think everybody is very clear on what the bill is. But to the member opposite, one of the amendments spoke to the distance travelled and time on bus and those kinds of things, which are real concerns in every rural community that we have. When those amendments came forward to me, I reviewed them personally and I recognize that those are the kinds of details that will be included in the minister's policy that supports the bill. In the piece of legislation, it is not the place for that detail, but I want to assure the member those details will be part of the minister's policy.

Also, some of the comments that were made about the distance travelled - I did a little bit of checking to confirm. I know that provincially we have guidelines for how long students should be on bus. They are guidelines. We know that boards have their own guidelines within the provincial ones and for the Cape Breton board in particular, I'm sure the member is aware of this, the provincial guideline is 3.6 kilometres. Beyond that, students are to be bused, and the Cape Breton guideline information that I've received is that for Primary to Grade 6 students, it's 1 kilometre, and for Grades 7 to 9, it's 2.5 kilometres. Both of those distances that are articulated by the board as guidelines are well within the provincial guidelines.

The time, of course, has been suggested, and every board tries to live within that one hour of travel time. But as the member would know, sometimes if it takes longer to get from a child's home to the school and there's no other place to go, the board is sometimes pressed with living within that, but it is a guideline and it's something that they strive for.

The other amendment that came forward was to go back and look at the number of schools that had been closed under the previous legislation, the previous process. When we had said in the beginning that this is go-forward, this is a new piece of legislation, we recognized that every community has gone through a difficult time, a very emotional time, and if we were to go back and reopen that, there would be 25 of those communities that would have to go through that same process again.

We recognize that much or all of some of the decisions that have been made over the last 15 or 20 years regarding school closure might not have been the first choice for a

community. Those decisions have been made and we're moving forward with a new process which we believe allows for more co-operation, more collaboration, more understanding and more long-range planning.

As I've said before, we hope that no longer will a board spring upon a community that their school will be closing. Mr. Speaker, with those few comments, I will take my seat.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

HON. PAT DUNN: Mr. Speaker, I was very pleased to see Robert Fowler, his leadership in the school review process. I knew if he was involved that the outcome would be very, very positive. We do support this particular bill; however, we would have liked to have those two amendments move a little further than they did.

Having said that, you'll find that we will definitely support this particular bill. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, I echo my colleague's comments in that I do support the bill, and I thank the minister for having the initiative to look at the school closure process because I have seen first-hand how flawed the old process was, just over the past few months and attending some of the meetings and watching the school board in action.

I just want to put on the record about the request to go back and look at some of the - I think the language was - the "recent" school closures, that was certainly the intent of it. I know the minister - I would understand the minister's reluctance to go back over a number of years she said there, but I think she said 25 schools. I think on this side, we're concerned about four schools, and we're concerned about schools inside the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board, because there was a time not too long ago when the government said it asked the school boards around the province to stop their school review processes. I believe I'm correct in saying that Chignecto-Central was the only one that didn't. So, for whatever reason, they did not. They continued with their review process.

I'm thinking of the school in my own constituency, Highland Consolidated, the vote to close Highland Consolidated, I believe it was March 18th or 19th. It was pretty much yesterday in my mind, Mr. Speaker. So I would understand the minister's reluctance to open up things over some period of years, but having seen the way that that board operated - and the very night that the school board was voting to close that school, there were comments made by some of the school board members as they sat around the table that

made it absolutely clear that they didn't know what they were talking about, quite frankly. That was very disappointing.

I've said before in this House that I can accept decisions that are made, and quite often when you sit on this side, you simply have to accept decisions that are made. But when you see decisions that are made and come out of a failed process, you know that what built up to that process is broken, it makes it very hard to accept that decision. Sometimes we see the government do things, we may not agree with them, but we do respect that there was a process that happened over there through their caucus, through their Cabinet there is a process that happened. The decision comes and it is what it is. But when you see a school board making a decision that impacts an entire community forever, and you know that they didn't have a process and they just made a decision, it's pretty disheartening.

I just wanted to say that I know the minister is very well aware of the situation at Highland Consolidated, and the other three or four schools that we're talking about in Chignecto. I feel like she listening, so I appreciate that. I will accept the minister's decision because I will know that she has been thoughtful of what we're saying, so I appreciate that. I am happy that the process is about to change, because the process was broken and I would just say that maybe she might think of some of the decisions that were made, just very recently, under a broken process and say you know what? Those were decisions that were made under a failed process and maybe I should look at them.

So I'll just leave the minister with that, but I will support the minister and I do thank her for bringing this forward.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg.

MR. ALFIE MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, through you to the minister - I want to thank her for her looking at the distances travelled by young people on their way to school and I appreciate what she has said about the minimum distance, but I'm also concerned about a maximum distance that they should be bused because, as I have mentioned before and I know the minister knows this, the longer a child is on a bus after they've had their breakfast and the more travelling they do, the less attentive they'll be in school. I'm really appreciative of the fact that we have minimum standards, and I hope we'll have a maximum standard. Again, I appreciate and I'll be looking forward to supporting this bill and I know the minister is listening, so thank you for that.

MR. SPEAKER: If I recognize the minister it will be to close the debate.

The honourable Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development.

HON. KAREN CASEY: I want to thank the members opposite for their comments and I do understand the unique circumstances of the schools that have been raised with

respect, of course, to the ones in Chignecto. The request that went out from the minister of the day in 2013 was simply an ask and all boards except one did respect that.

I have stated in this House that I have written to that board chairman asking that they would consider giving those last three schools that additional year to come up with some kind of proposal that might allow the schools in those communities to stay open. I'm waiting to hear from the decision of the board, but I certainly did ask him, the board chairman did say that that would go to the committee the first week of May.

One more point to clarify - the 25 would be schools that would be closing, the decision has already been made, the school has not been closed, they will start closing as of the end of June of 2014. So we're not going back years - from 2008 until now it would be 42, for the next move forward its 25.

Thank you very much, and with those comments I would move we close debate on Bill No. 63 - and thanks for your support.

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

The motion is carried.

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

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 67.

Bill No. 67 - Invest Nova Scotia Board Act.

The honourable Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 67 be now read a third time and do pass.

Mr. Speaker, very briefly this bill is legislation as a result of the Dr. Traves' report. We asked for review of the economic development tools used by the Province of Nova Scotia for encouraging economic development initiatives. This board will now be independent of government and will be able to make investment decisions in the best interests of our province. It is given a broad mandate involving sector development, new technologies and a range of other options for growing our economy.

I look forward, once this bill clears this House, to working on naming the initial board for Invest Nova Scotia. I am confident that when members of the House and Nova Scotians see the ladies and gentlemen who will make up the first board, that they will see how serious our government is in ensuring that not only do we have the best people, but they are truly making investment decisions independent of government and in the best interests of Nova Scotians. Merci.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West.

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, I stand here today with the same opinion as I had the other day when I spoke on the bill. Unfortunately, this Party right here cannot endorse this bill. We are not in favour of it. We still believe that all funds should be in the hands of NSBI and have it so that there's no politics involved. The people of Nova Scotia work hard for their money and they would like to see this money put into a board, a group of people that are non-partisan and have no influence.

It's really not a step forward. Once again, we just cannot agree on this bill. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party.

HON. MAUREEN MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, it's not very often that I find myself in agreement with a gentleman who would be known to probably most members of this House, Mr. Ross Haynes. Mr. Haynes has a letter, I think, in today's newspaper. I don't know who would be more surprised, he or me, that we're in agreement. But he made some pretty interesting points about the role of elected officials and the fact that we ultimately are the people who should be accountable and held accountable for decisions with respect to the expenditure of public funds.

Mr. Speaker, we have made our concerns known about the government's proposal and plan. We essentially see no significant change in this bill, and the Premier himself has said that business will continue as usual.

As well, this is not what the Premier and his Party committed to and told Nova Scotians that would be put in place if they were to form the government. You know, the previous Jobs Fund was set up with an arm's-length group of very experienced and very credible businesspeople led by Mr. Ron MacDonald, who is well known and well respected in the business community around the province. They reviewed applications and made recommendations to a committee of elected officials.

There's essentially no difference. We have a new name here and a different committee. Mr. Speaker, this is a bit of a shell game, and again it's a Liberal Government that is delivering something that is quite significantly different than what was advertised. For that reason, we will not be supporting this bill.

MR. SPEAKER: If I recognize the minister it will be to close the debate.

The honourable Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the comments made by the members of the Opposition. The member for Pictou West again says that the Official Opposition will not be supporting this bill because it doesn't give all of the authorities of investments to NSBI - Nova Scotia Business Incorporated.

She would be aware that Dr. Tom Traves explored that very issue in his report. In his report, Dr. Traves said, do not send it to Nova Scotia Business Incorporated. He says it very specifically in his report. So we have an independent report from the former President of Dalhousie University telling us do not send it to NSBI, yet the Official Opposition says, disregard the independent report and do as we say.

Mr. Speaker, we don't believe that's the way we should do business here. We asked for an independent report and we believe we should follow those recommendations. But at the same time, while the Official Opposition says it should all be sent to NSBI, you'll recall that it was the same member for Pictou West during the session that would ask questions of me to justify decisions made by Nova Scotia Business Incorporated with some of the investments that they brought to our government. You can't have it both ways. You can't say you want NSBI to be responsible for all economic development in this province, and then stand in the House and start criticizing NSBI.

Mr. Speaker, during the session, we even saw one day where the member for Pictou West got up and asked me questions about a certain investment that had been made, and when I asked her which company she was referring to, she refused to answer. She kept going on with her questions and wouldn't name the company, because they didn't want to criticize the company in question. So they were being cute by just asking about the investment without naming the company. Nova Scotians could see right through that and see what the Official Opposition was trying to do, but clearly Nova Scotians supported those investments that were being made.

I have to say, Mr. Speaker, that I'm disappointed - not surprised, but disappointed - to hear the Leader of the NDP suggest that the Invest Nova Scotia Board is no different than the Jobs Fund. She knows that's not the case. The advisory board she refers to was an advisory board whose decisions no one knew of. No one knew what they were telling Executive Council. No one knew if they were saying this was a good investment, this was not a good investment. It was never shared with Nova Scotians.

What we now know after the Auditor General's Report is that on various occasions the advisory board of the Nova Scotia Jobs Fund said no to investments that Executive Council overturned and approved. Now, Executive Council has every right to do that. Executive Council runs the government. They had every right to do that. But by not sharing

with Nova Scotians the fact that their own advisory board said no, we believe is not the way to ensure transparency, accountability, and good government for the people for Nova Scotia.

Which is why, Mr. Speaker - we have made it very clear, and the Premier has made it very clear and our government has made it very clear - the Invest Nova Scotia Board will have the sole authority for making investment decisions on behalf of the people of Nova Scotia without any interference at all from the government of the day, and we certainly hope any future governments that will be in place, that they do allow this to continue to be an independent process.

More importantly, all decisions of Invest Nova Scotia will be posted online. We are the first government in Canada that has allowed a website that is going to show all of the economic development decisions and investments made on behalf of the people of Nova Scotia. It is now live, people can access it now, it is being updated, and it is being accountable to the people of Nova Scotia.

I would say that when we look at Bill No. 67, when we look at the Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Act from the Fall, when we look at the actions of this government, and when we look at the leadership from our Premier, I would say that when it came to the question of being accountable to the people of Nova Scotia when it comes to economic development, when it comes to investing their hard-earned money, when it comes to being transparent, the Premier and this government have delivered. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 67. 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. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 69.

Bill No. 69 - House of Assembly Management Commission Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Internal Services.

HON. LABI KOUSOULIS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 69 be now read a third time and do pass.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 69. 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. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, that concludes the government's business for today. I would ask that you now recognize the Premier for a few comments.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Premier.

THE PREMIER: Thank you. I want to thank all members of the House for this session and the work they have done on behalf of Nova Scotians; particularly, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you and the Deputy Speaker. I think it is fair to say all members know this, when you head into a budget session there's a tremendous amount of added stress but this session has been unique in many ways, in my time being here. I know some prior to me had put in long hours before but the fact that we were sitting at 12:01 a.m. and many continuous days we were sitting here, coming back quite late at night, put a great deal of added stress on the staff in this place. The Pages were recognized earlier, the Clerks, all members who work on behalf of the people of this province did a tremendous job.

I particularly want to acknowledge and recognize the Commissionaires who went through what were some difficult days and difficult legislation in this House, acted very professionally and ensured that people's access to this building was continued and allowed to happen in an orderly way, and they did so in an extremely professional manner. I want to thank them. (Applause)

Of course, I want to thank the Sergeant-at-Arms who is here. (Applause) I want to thank him for not kicking anyone out on this side of the House. The Sergeant-at-Arms has been here in many capacities, representing the people of the province and ensuring that the House continues to move along. To him, we appreciate that.

Mr. Speaker, to staff members who work for all of the caucuses, for the work they have done on behalf of each member of our individual caucuses and what they've done on behalf of the people of the Province of Nova Scotia. While, as I think I heard earlier today, we may not always agree with the decisions that each side of the House takes, we do respect the process that goes through that and quite frankly, without the great staff that we have, it would make this job that much more challenging at times. So, on behalf of all of us, to the staff who are here and those who are listening, I want to thank and express my great appreciation for the work that they do. (Applause)

Finally, but surely not last, I want to thank the media. (Interruption) Don't jump, guys, don't jump; whatever you do, don't jump. (Laughter)

On behalf of all members of this House, I want to thank you and I want to wish all members of this House a safe summer. This is a time that we're really - it's a great time for all of us who have the privilege of being an elected member to represent our communities. There are many festivals and activities that are going on that we get the privilege to participate in - not as work, but as being a member of the community - to help celebrate what is unique and special about each of our communities. To all of you, to your families, have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you back here in a pleasant mood in the Fall. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House now recess until 6:45 p.m. to allow time for the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor. At that point the House will reconvene to conclude its business.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is that the House recess until 6:45 p.m. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The House will now recess until 6:45 p.m., in preparation for the Lieutenant Governor.

[6:25 p.m. The House recessed.]

[6:53 p.m. The House reconvened.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Let His Honour be admitted.

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

[The Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable J.J. Grant, preceded by his private secretary, and by Mr. Ken Greenham, Sergeant-at-Arms, bearing the Mace, entered the House of Assembly Chamber. The Lieutenant Governor then took his seat on the Throne.]

The Sergeant-at-Arms then departed and re-entered the Chamber followed by the Speaker, the Honourable Kevin Murphy; the Chief Clerk of the House, Neil Ferguson; and Assistant Clerk, Annette Boucher.

The Speaker, with the Sergeant-at-Arms on his right and the Clerk on his left, took up his position at the foot of the Speaker's Table.]

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

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

THE ASSISTANT CLERK:

Bill No. 27 - "St. Andrew's Society of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia." Incorporation Act.

Bill No. 32 - Forestry Agreement Statutes Repeal (2014) Act.

Bill No. 33 - Fair Registration Practices Act.

Bill No. 34 - Notaries and Commissioners Act.

Bill No. 35 - Property Valuation Services Corporation Act.

Bill No. 40 - Maintenance and Custody Act.

Bill No. 41 - Electricity Efficiency and Conservation Restructuring (2014) Act.

Bill No. 43 - Direct Sellers' Regulation Act.

Bill No. 44 - Public Trustee Act.

Bill No. 45 - Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications System Reform (2014) Act.

Bill No. 49 - Motor Vehicle Act.

Bill No. 50 - St. Francis Xavier University Act.

Bill No. 51 - Municipal Government Act.

- Bill No. 52 - Liquor Control Act.**
- Bill No. 53 - Police Act.**
- Bill No. 55 - Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.**
- Bill No. 56 - Dental Act.**
- Bill No. 57 - Cemetery and Funeral Services Act and the Embalmers and Funeral Directors Act.**
- Bill No. 58 - Oil Refineries and L.N.G. Plants Municipal Taxation Act.**
- Bill No. 59 - XMLAS Act.**
- Bill No. 60 - Securities Act.**
- Bill No. 62 - Halifax Convention Centre Act.**
- Bill No. 63 - Education Act.**
- Bill No. 64 - Financial Measures (2014) Act.**
- Bill No. 65 - Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Act.**
- Bill No. 66 - Halifax Regional Municipality Charter and Municipal Government Act.**
- Bill No. 67 - Invest Nova Scotia Board Act.**
- Bill No. 69 - House of Assembly Management Commission Act.**
- THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:
- In Her Majesty's name, I Assent to these Bills.
- MR. SPEAKER: Your Honour, having been graciously pleased to give your Assent to the Bills passed during the present Session, it becomes my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her faithful Commons of Nova Scotia, to present to Your Honour a Bill for the Appropriation of Supply granted in the present Session for the support of the Public Service and to request Your Honour's Assent thereto.
- Bill No. 70 - Appropriations Act, 2014.**

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

In Her Majesty's name, I thank Her loyal subjects, I accept their benevolence, and I Assent to this Bill.

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

[The Lieutenant Governor left the Chamber.]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: His Honour, the Speaker.

[The Speaker took the Chair.]

MR. SPEAKER: I would ask all honourable members to please rise and join me in the singing of our national anthem.

[The national anthem was sung by the members.]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Premier.

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

THE SPEAKER: The motion is that the House rise to meet again at the call of the Speaker.

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 stand adjourned. (Applause)

[The House rose at 7:07 p.m.]

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)**Tabled April 30, 2014****RESOLUTION NO. 1588**

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas it is estimated that only 4 per cent of all marriages ever reach the 60th Anniversary celebration level; and

Whereas in 1950 a loaf of bread cost 14 cents, a gallon of gas 18 cents, and the average price of a new home was \$8,450 while the number one song on December 30, 1950 was the Tennessee Waltz by Patti Page; and

Whereas Bruce and Edith Saunders of Winsor will celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on June 9th;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Bruce and Edith for reaching this milestone of wedding exclusivity, for raising three children who all now have successful careers, and for their involvement in the Windsor-West Hants community with their exceptional volunteer work.

RESOLUTION NO. 1589

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas the Newport Station District School held their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, April 26th with friends, former students and staff members all in attendance; and

Whereas the Newport Station District School serves communities such as Sweet's Corner, Gypsum Mines, St. Croix and of course Newport Station; and

Whereas during their 50th Anniversary celebrations, their annual Spring Fling will be held Thursday, May 22nd and their school talent showcase May 28th as well as Learn to Fish program for Grades 2, 3 and 4 on May 26th;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the historical significance of this special anniversary being celebrated by Newport Station District School in 2014 and wish the teaching staff and volunteers at the school every future success.

RESOLUTION NO. 1590

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Minister of Agriculture)

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

Whereas Jack Helmkey was born and brought up in St. Catherines, Ontario, married, is the father of four children, and joined the Royal Canadian Navy and served from 1958 to 1978; and

Whereas when he retired from the Services he started his own extermination business which he sold and bought Hungry Jack's Restaurant in 1989 and cooked there until he sold the business this year; and

Whereas Hungry Jack's was best known for its hamburger poll that the clientele took part in during election campaigns, which Jack says the unscientific poll was accurate most of the time, and Jack now intends to leave the restaurant and the polls behind as he retires to home renovations and travelling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House recognize the success of Jack Helmkey and wish him all the best on his well-deserved retirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 1591

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Minister of Agriculture)

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

Whereas Ernest Simmonds was born and raised in the community of North Preston, married, is the father of four wonderful children, has worked with the Halifax Regional School Board driving the school bus, and is now the caretaker at Nelson Whynder Elementary School; and

Whereas Ernest has volunteered for 23 years as a volunteer fire fighter, as a captain for 15 years at the local fire department, and he is a member of his church's choir as well as being a member of the RCMP Core Group; and

Whereas Ernest Simmons and his wife purchased 120 pink anti-bullying tee shirts for every child and staff member of Nelson Whynder Elementary School for Pink School Day;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House recognize and thank Ernest Simmons for the amazing work he has done for his community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1592

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Minister of Agriculture)

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

Whereas Ginnie Clark was born and brought up in Dartmouth where she attended school and after graduation was accepted into the Certified Nursing Assistant Program at I. W. Akerley Community College; after finishing her course she met and married her husband Ross and raised three wonderful children; and

Whereas she became involved in the Westphal-Port Wallis Minor Hockey Association as a volunteer in 1976 and later with Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association until SEDMHA started holding their international hockey tournaments in 1979, and she continues to volunteer to this day carrying out various duties such as Registrar, Special Awards and Accommodations; and

Whereas Ginnie has also volunteered in the Ian Forsyth Home and School Association, St. Thomas More, Hope Cottage, The Heart and Stroke Fund, Cancer Society, minor soccer, Mic Mac Boat Club, St. George's Tennis Club and Dartmouth Figure Eights;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House join me in thanking Ginnie Clark for her many contributions to her community and to this province.

RESOLUTION NO. 1593

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Fisheries and Aquaculture)

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

Whereas William Whitman has worked with the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture since 1989; and

Whereas he has progressed through his career from Fisheries Technician 5 to Fisheries Officer 3, Coastal Resource Coordinator in January 2007 before starting in his current position as manager of the Nova Scotia Coastal Secretariat; and

Whereas this past year William celebrated 25 years as a public servant;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly thank William Whitman for his dedication to public service and congratulate him on his 25-year milestone.

RESOLUTION NO. 1594

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Fisheries and Aquaculture)

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

Whereas George McCarthy left Port au Port, Newfoundland, in 1979 at the age of 18 years and eventually settled in Nova Scotia, where he married and raised his family of three sons; and

Whereas shortly after arriving in Nova Scotia he found himself with many orders to do chimney sweeping and roofs for friends and neighbours, which soon expanded to a large company who now has offices in all of the Atlantic Provinces, employing between 180 and 230 employees; and

Whereas Mr. McCarthy supplied roofing to such charities as Hope Cottage, The Women's Centre, and Feed Nova Scotia, and as well supported street people by employing them;

Therefore be it resolved that this House join with me in recognizing the many contributions that George McCarthy has made to his chosen province of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 1595

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Fisheries and Aquaculture)

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

Whereas John Withrow was born and raised in Upper Rawdon until 1967, when he left to attend university in Halifax, graduating with his Masters of Education and later completing his Doctorate in Education; and

Whereas John taught and/or worked in the educational field for some 35 years and was principal of Eastern Shore Junior High, A.G. Smeltzer Junior High School, and St. Pat's High School, and later became a supervisor at the Halifax Regional School Board; and

Whereas John was on the board of trustees at the Twin Oaks Hospital as well as the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre, and volunteered with the Lake Echo Boy Scouts and still volunteers with St. David's United Church;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly acknowledge the enormous contribution that John Withrow has made to the educational system in Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 1596

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas Kyle Hill, a native of Yarmouth now residing in Toronto, has been appointed to the Education and Early Development Minister's Education Review Panel, which will be chaired by former Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman; and

Whereas Kyle Hill, who is a project leader with The Boston Consulting Group, a global management consulting firm, has had a stellar history of scholarship at Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School, Mount Allison University, and England's Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar; and

Whereas the five-member Education Review Panel has accepted the awesome responsibility of reviewing and renewing Nova Scotia's education system;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly thank Kyle Hill for accepting this position on the panel and wish him every success in his deliberations with his fellow panelists.

RESOLUTION NO. 1597

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas Loran Penney of Yarmouth has retired after 43 years as a member of the Yarmouth Fire Department; and

Whereas Loran Penney has served his fire department and his town and community honourably during all those years; and

Whereas his fellow firefighters displayed their affection for Loran by escorting him home after his last day of work, in a caravan of duly-decorated Yarmouth fire trucks;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Loran Penney on his retirement and thank him for his many years of selfless service to his community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1598

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas The Yarmouth band, Rain Over St. Ambrose, has been nominated for an East Coast Music Award for Rock Recording of the Year; and

Whereas this band of young performers consists of Cory LeBlanc, Marc Durkee, Curt LeBlanc, Luke Amirault, and Matt Amirault; and

Whereas the recording, which has earned them the nomination, titled Truth for News, promises to expand their ever-growing popularity;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the Rain Over St. Ambrose band on their nomination and wish them every success in their future musical endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1599

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 20-year-old Ryan Shay of Yarmouth has become a fantastic role model for persons with debilitating injuries; and

Whereas Ryan has battled back from an injury suffered in a 2013 car accident, and this former AAA hockey player is now confined to a wheelchair; and

Whereas Ryan's determination and positive attitude have led him to compete in paratrack wheelchair racing with a goal to participating in the Paralympic Games 2016;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ryan Shay on his admirable determination and wish him every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1600

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas members of the *Yarmouth Vanguard* weekly newspaper have received numerous awards and nominations for their work throughout 2013; and

Whereas those awards include six CCNA national journalism awards and a blue ribbon, as well as seven finalist nominations in various categories of the Newspapers Atlantic Better Newspapers Competition; and

Whereas nominees include: Tina Comeau Surette, outstanding journalist and outstanding photographer; Carla Allen, outstanding journalist and outstanding photographer; Editor Fred Hatfield, outstanding photographer; and the *Vanguard* newspaper for best community service in recognition of its support and work for the All Hands on Deck initiative, for the Georgetown Conference, and for a community survey;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the staff members of the *Yarmouth Vanguard* on their continuing excellent journalism and wish them every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1601

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas the Yarmouth Whitecaps swim team participated in the East Coast Swim Championships in Saint John, New Brunswick; and

Whereas the senior women's relay team, comprising Charli LeBlanc, Zoe LeBlanc, Jessie LeBlanc, and Mary Beth Brown, earned a bronze medal in the 4x100 Free Relay, and Zoe LeBlanc placed first in the women's 100 breast; Jessie LeBlanc finished second in the B Final of the Fly; and Charli LeBlanc finished second in the 100 Black; and

Whereas other members of the team included Cameron Boudreau, Hannah Doucette, and the team placed a respectable 15th out of 31 teams from throughout Atlantic Canadian and Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate all members of the Yarmouth Whitecaps swim team and wish them continued success in this important sport.

RESOLUTION NO. 1602

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas Linda Marie Coakley of Yarmouth worked with students of two elementary schools on a project designed to raise awareness about the use of child soldiers in some parts of the world; and

Whereas on January 16 the students produced a dramatic presentation at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Western Branch in Yarmouth, in conjunction with a photo exhibit provided by Dalhousie University's Roméo Dallaire Child Soldier Initiative, an organization founded by retired Lt. General and humanitarian Roméo Dallaire, a global partnership committed to ending the use of child soldiers worldwide; and

Whereas Lt.-General Daillaire has congratulated Linda Coakley and her students on their dynamic grasping of their subject;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly also congratulate Linda Marie Coakley and her students on their contribution to this important initiative and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1603

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas singer and songwriter Ryan Cook of Yarmouth has been nominated for the Country Recording of the Year at the East Coast Music Awards; and

Whereas Ryan's reputation as both singer and songwriter has grown tremendously in recent years; and

Whereas the latest album, *Wrestling with Demons*, which has earned him the ECMA nomination, is considered to be his finest effort to date in a growing career;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ryan Cook on his nomination for the prestigious ECMA award, and wish him every success in his career.

RESOLUTION NO. 1604

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U-14AA (formerly the Halifax Hurricanes) is a blended ringette team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and Saint Margaret's Bay area; and

Whereas this is a group of 17 girls ranging in age from 12 to 14, playing a highly competitive, high performance sport that at this level features only females; and

Whereas they became Team Nova Scotia when they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia and wish them continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1605

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas Joseph Bishara has been selected as Yarmouth Municipality's Volunteer of the Year for 2013; and

Whereas Joseph Bishara, a teacher recently retired from Maple Grove Education Centre, is the founder of the nationally renowned Memorial Club; and

Whereas he has devoted his unflagging energies to mentoring youth and volunteering his services to veterans, seniors, and the community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Joseph Bishara on his recent selection as Volunteer of the Year 2013, and wish him well in his continuing good work for his community and his country.

RESOLUTION NO. 1606

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas Ginny Smith of Argyle Municipality has been named Volunteer of the Year for 2013; and

Whereas Ginny Smith, a retired teacher who worked many years with the Tri-Counties Regional School Board, has devoted countless volunteer hours as a swimming instructor and coach of Yarmouth Swim teams; and

Whereas she has also volunteered many hours to environmental issues;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly thank Ginny Smith for her continuing hard work on behalf of her community, and congratulate her on her selection as Argyle Municipality Volunteer of the Year 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 1607

By: Hon. Andrew Younger (Energy)

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

Whereas Heidi Boutilier, a small business owner in the riding of Dartmouth East, has launched a new and innovative business, Foot Care by Heidi Boutilier; and

Whereas Foot Care by Heidi Boutilier is a mobile foot care service providing in-home foot care to seniors and specializing in diabetic foot care; and

Whereas Heidi Boutilier is a long-time Licensed Practical Nurse with 14 years of experience working with seniors, and she has completed the advanced foot care training program and gained her certification;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Heidi Boutilier for her commitment and support to seniors and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1608

By: Hon. Andrew Younger (Energy)

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

Whereas the Prince Andrew Players are the renowned and long-standing drama group of Prince Andrew High School in the riding of Dartmouth East; and

Whereas each Spring family, friends, and fans mark their calendars for the Prince Andrew Players' annual production, which showcases the theatrical talents of students, staff, and community volunteers; and

Whereas the Prince Andrew Players presented the Rogers and Hammerstein classic *Oklahoma!* from February 27th to March 1st at the Prince Andrew Theatre;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the cast and crew of *Oklahoma!* on a brilliant performance and wish them every success with future productions.

RESOLUTION NO. 1609

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas few things individuals encounter can devastate lives like a fire; and

Whereas volunteer fire departments provide dedicated service to their communities as first responders; and

Whereas the Noel Volunteer Fire Department has celebrated 45 years of providing protection and emergency services to Noel and surrounding areas;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate members of the Noel and District Volunteer Fire Department on their many years of dedicated service to their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1610

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas Mr. Robert and Mrs. Lucille Stillman of Milford, Hants East, will celebrate 50 years of marriage on April 4, 2014; and

Whereas 50 years of marriage have undoubtedly seen Robert and Lucille grow together through all of the trials and victories of life; and

Whereas Mr. and Mrs. Stillman's marriage serves as a shining example to married couples both old and new;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Stillmans on 50 years of marriage and wish them continued love and happiness in all the years ahead.

RESOLUTION NO. 1611

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas Andrea Lake and John Brownell welcomed two bouncing baby girls into the world on February 3, 2014; and

Whereas there is nothing more beautiful than the birth of a child and to double that joy with twins; and

Whereas the pleasures of parenthood will stay with Andrea and John as they watch in splendour as their daughters grow through every stage of life;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Andrea Lake and John Brownell on the birth of daughters Stella Irene and Lilley Mae.

RESOLUTION NO. 1612

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (East Hants)

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

Whereas National Child Day was held on November 20, 2013; and

Whereas students from all across Nova Scotia submitted posters to a contest that fostered learning about children's rights; and

Whereas Emma Baker, Ainsley Brightman, and Nicholas Sherman, were the winners of this competition;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Emma Baker, Ainsley Brightman, and Nicholas Sherman, on winning the National Child Day poster contest and express support for the United Nations Declaration and Convention on the Rights of the Child.

RESOLUTION NO. 1613

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (East Hants)

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

Whereas Wyatt Sanford of Kennetcook, Hants East, was invited to train internationally in preparations for Olympic boxing qualifications; and

Whereas Wyatt travelled to Puerto Rico to train and fight at the Olympic venue in Salinas at the end of February; and

Whereas Wyatt is known locally, and now internationally, for his athletic pursuits in a variety of disciplines;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Wyatt Sanford for this invitation, and wish him continued success in all of his pursuits.

RESOLUTION NO. 1614

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Environment)

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

Whereas Eilish MacQuarrie, of Antigonish, was named the Atlantic University Sport Female Track Athlete of the Year, following her incredible performance at this year's track and field championship; and

Whereas she won gold in the individual 300-metre race and a silver in the 600-metre, while anchoring the X-Women in the 4x200-metre and the 4x40-metre relay team events, winning gold medals in both; and

Whereas she was also named one of the Subway AUS Athletes of the Week for the period ending February 23, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Eilish on receiving these honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1615

By: Hon. Andrew Younger (Energy)

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

Whereas Debbie MacDonald, a well-respected teacher at Prince Andrew High School, has promoted healthy living, community involvement and service, and local and global awareness, both curricular and extra-curricular, for 34 years; and

Whereas since 1935, Education Week honours the commitment from Nova Scotian teachers and education partners to students by recognizing recipients with an Education Week Award; and

Whereas Debbie MacDonald has been awarded an Education Week Award for encouraging and influencing students to be active in their communities and promoting key aspects of active citizenship such as critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, participation, and using the Internet and social media responsibly;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Debbie MacDonald for making a difference in the lives of her students and their community, and wish her every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1616

By: Hon. Andrew Younger (Energy)

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

Whereas Lisa Baldwin and Jackie Kellestine, small business owners in the riding of Dartmouth East, launched a new fitness studio, Revolution Fitness, on December 16, 2013; and

Whereas Revolution Fitness is located in Woodlawn Plaza and offers indoor group cycling, full-body fitness classes, boot camps, and personal training; and

Whereas Jackie Kellestine is a certified personal trainer and a Schwinn Certified Cycling Instructor and Lisa Baldwin is a Schwinn Certified Cycling Instructor, as well as a Canfitpro Certified Personal Training Specialist;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in welcoming Revolution Fitness to Dartmouth East, and wish them every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1617

By: Hon. Andrew Younger (Energy)

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

Whereas Steve Breed, a member of the Main Street Business Improvement Association and franchise owner of Tim Hortons Main Street, celebrated a grand opening of his newly-renovated restaurant; and

Whereas Tim Hortons Main Street showcased their bright new look and the outdoor patio space, and treated guests to grand opening giveaways; and

Whereas Steve Breed is a successful local entrepreneur and gives back to his community by volunteering with many not-for-profit organizations;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Steve Breed and the staff of Tim Hortons Main Street on their grand opening and wish them every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1618

By: Hon. Andrew Younger (Energy)

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

Whereas Wayne MacDonald, a resident of the Dartmouth West riding and chair of the annual SEDMHA Honda International Minor Hockey Tournament, has been involved with this event for over 30 years; and

Whereas SEDMHA, an acronym for Shearwater East Dartmouth Minor Hockey Association, is one of the largest and most-respected multi-level minor hockey tournaments in Eastern Canada, and attracts teams from Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, the Northeastern United States, and Europe; and

Whereas from April 3 to April 6, Wayne MacDonald will again be involved with a four day weekend tournament that will exceed 250 teams, 600 games, and 18 arenas;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Wayne MacDonald for his tireless hours of support for this event and wish him every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1619

By: Hon. Andrew Younger (Energy)

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

Whereas Bernie Hart, a long-time resident of the Dartmouth East riding and well-respected teacher and administrator and past volunteer executive director of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission, has been a vital and important local volunteer for almost 30 years; and

Whereas The Shubenacadie Canal Commission is a non-profit group, formed in 1986 by an act of the Nova Scotia Legislature that is operated by a team of volunteers who oversee the protection, maintenance, and restoration of the unique system, a historic treasure and waterway spanning the province from Halifax Harbour to the Cobequid Bay; and

Whereas Bernie Hart has advocated on behalf of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission, has been a diligent unofficial tour guide for hundreds of residents and tourists

alike, has provided leadership to major restoration projects, and has raised awareness of this historical canal site;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Bernie Hart for his tireless hours of volunteer support and dedication to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission, and wish him every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1620

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas Margaret Johnson, better known as Mrs. J, was a founding member of the Caring and Sharing Angel Tree Food Bank and is a very visible and tremendously involved volunteer in many aspects of our community; and

Whereas volunteers such as Mrs. J are the backbone of our communities, provide countless hours of thankless service to those in need, and support the social fabric that holds us together; and

Whereas Margaret Johnson is retiring after over three decades of volunteering at the food bank, a career that followed many years as a teacher in Milford;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mrs. J on her retirement and thank her for her many years of dedicated service to our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1621

By: Ms. Karla MacFarlane (Pictou West)

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

Whereas Alan Jankov of Caribou Island has been the coordinator of the basketball referees program for the past 42 years in Pictou County; and

Whereas without a dedicated team of referees, basketball games played in elementary, junior high, high school, and county team leagues would not be possible; and

Whereas April is Volunteer Month, a time to celebrate volunteers who make our communities stronger, healthier, and more active;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alan Jankov for 42 years of dedicated service and playing a crucial role in the various basketball leagues in Pictou County.

RESOLUTION NO. 1622

By: Ms. Karla MacFarlane (Pictou West)

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

Whereas Ms. Stephanie Robertson of Pictou held her first art show on March 15, 2014, at the Stone Soup Café; and

Whereas Ms. Robertson spent five weeks residing in a shanty on beautiful Pictou Island this past winter, where she gained inspiration for her artwork; and

Whereas Ms. Robertson's artwork includes both oil and watercolours;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Stephanie Robertson on her inaugural show and wish her much success as she pursues her art.

RESOLUTION NO. 1623

By: Ms. Karla MacFarlane (Pictou West)

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

Whereas Nicole LeBlanc of Abercrombie has been an active community member who volunteers with the Northern Nova United Soccer Club and Big Brothers Big Sisters, and fundraises for the Bust A Move breast health event; and

Whereas Nicole most recently used her spare time to knit over 100 scarves as a way to raise funds for Bust A Move, raising more than \$1,000 this year alone; and

Whereas April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, a time to say thanks to the amazing volunteers in our community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Nicole LeBlanc for her dedication and commitment to the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1624

By: Ms. Karla MacFarlane (Pictou West)

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

Whereas Jill Murray, director of marketing and communications for Advocate Printing and Publishing Ltd., is among the 2014 Nova Scotia Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame Laureates; and

Whereas candidates are recognized as having made an outstanding contribution to business in Nova Scotia and entrepreneurial achievements, while demonstrating strong leadership within their companies and communities; and

Whereas Ms. Murray is also recognized for her dedication to her community and for encouraging a culture of respect, understanding, volunteerism, and social responsibility;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Jill Murray on her achievements and contributions to her business and community, and wish her continued success.

RESOLUTION NO. 1625

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas Trevor Jessome began watching cooking shows and began cooking at the young age of 11; and

Whereas the LaHave resident applied as a contestant on the television show *Master Chef Canada* and was asked to appear at a regional competition in Halifax; and

Whereas Trevor was selected to appear on the show as one of the top 50 amateur chefs in Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Trevor on his hard work and tremendous achievements in earning status as *Master Chef Canada's* top 50 amateur chefs.

RESOLUTION NO. 1626

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas Rachelle Siteman of Rose Bay has represented Nova Scotia at various levels at many events in the field of figure skating; and

Whereas the Park View Education Centre student won a gold medal at October's Fall Skate New Brunswick and placed top-10 at Summer Skate 2013 in Thornhill, Ontario; and

Whereas Rachelle earned a silver medal during a sectional qualifier in Liverpool in November, to earn her a place at the National Challenge event in Regina, Saskatchewan, in the novice category in December;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Rachelle on her hard work and tremendous achievements in representing her community and her province in the sport of figure skating.

RESOLUTION NO. 1627

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas the first Lunenburg Doc Fest is set to launch on September 19, 2014; and

Whereas the festival will feature filmmakers from across the country, including those from the South Shore, and will include a youth component; and

Whereas it will make use of two local venues for viewing, the Pearl Theatre and the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the organizers of the Lunenburg Doc Fest for their hard work in launching the area's first documentary film festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 1628

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas Jesse Drennan of Lunenburg recently completed his second season as a member of the University of Windsor; and

Whereas the native of Lunenburg competed in the pentathlon at the Ontario University Athletics track and field championships; and

Whereas Jesse finished first in the competition and earned the right to compete in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jesse on his hard work and tremendous achievements in the world of track and field.

RESOLUTION NO. 1629

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas it was 125 years ago, back in October 1888, that Lunenburg officially became incorporated as a town under the Chapter I Acts; and

Whereas on November 20th of that year the good people of the town elected their first mayor, Augustus J. Wolff Esq., who was a native of Straslund, Prussia, in Germany; and

Whereas the historic UNESCO World Heritage Site celebrated this milestone in 2013;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Town of Lunenburg on its perseverance and evolution over the last century and a quarter to become the valued and historic town it is today.

RESOLUTION NO. 1630

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas Brian Cooke, along with his wife and children, has established With A Little Help Society in Salmon River Lake, and they have been helping their local and surrounding communities ever since; and

Whereas “with a little help and a bit of luck we can get things done” is a phrase the society applies to their fundraising initiatives, and it has proven successful; and

Whereas they fundraise most of their funds through their annual fishing derby and ticket raffle and have been able to set up a bursary program at Dr. John Hugh Gillis and Guysborough Academy, contribute to the local food bank in Guysborough and Canso, and many other worthy organizations;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly wish the society continued success with all future fundraising endeavours and to be ever so mindful of the difference they are making in their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1631

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas the St. Mary’s Atom A Coyotes participated in the Rodd A Hockey Tournament in Prince Edward Island on February 21st, 22nd and 23rd; and

Whereas the Coyotes beat out 19 other teams, won the gold medal, and brought back the banner to Sherbrooke; and

Whereas the team consists of Dante MacDonald, Aiden Levy, Parker Flynn, Thomas Jewers, John Boyd, Logand McGrath, Dustin Mailman, Matthew Burns, Cameron MacNeil, Noah Haines, Malcolm MacDonald, Caleb-Devan Mailman, and Aaron Neil;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the St. Mary’s Atom A Coyotes and their coaches, Jack MacNeil, Dion McGrath, Ian Boyd, and Randy Burns, and wish them continued success both on and off the ice.

RESOLUTION NO. 1632

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas after offering the joys of reading to many after 43 years of service, Sandra Dixon of Canso retired from the Canso Library; and

Whereas she will be remembered for her ways of encouraging people, particularly children, to love the public library system - she had three generations of kids she has introduced to reading; and

Whereas her motto “that you never let someone leave without at least one book, because you knew if they took one book they would always come back” has contributed greatly to the success of the Canso Library;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize Sandra for her hard work and commitment of 43 years of delivering the gift of literacy to many.

RESOLUTION NO. 1633

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas each year communities across Canada celebrate National Volunteer Week to thank and honour people who donate their time to help others by supporting the causes in which they believe; and

Whereas on April 7, 2014, Janet Delorey from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough was honoured at the 40th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony; and

Whereas through the sharing of her time and talents she has not only made tremendous contributions to her community but to the Province of Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize and thank Janet Delorey for her dedication to her community and the Province of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 1634

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas Jordan Luddington, age six, of Larry's River, received her first haircut recently at Cutting Loose Hair Design and made it one for the history books; and

Whereas she overheard her mother discussing with a friend about donating hair and decided she wanted to help other boys and girls, and with that the decision was made that her long golden locks would be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society to make a wig for a sick child; and

Whereas she was beaming with her new look and said if she could talk to the child who would receive her wig she would say, good luck;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the kindness of Jordan Luddington and the difference she and the Canadian Cancer Society make in the lives of so many.

RESOLUTION NO. 1635

By: Ms. Joyce Treen (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

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

Whereas Stephen Rodgers is one of 20 volunteers with the Citizens on Patrol group in Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage who are committed to reducing crime within our communities; and

Whereas he works closely with the RCMP Community Liaison Officer and often partners with RCMP to educate the public on how to keep their homes and vehicles safe from crime, along with assisting the numerous community events; and

Whereas he was honoured in receiving an award from the Minister of Justice for Leadership in Crime Prevention in 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Stephen Rodgers for making our communities feel safe and secure and wish him continued success in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1636

By: Ms. Joyce Treen (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

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

Whereas Vicie Murphy is one of six volunteers with the Eastern Passage RCMP Community Safety Office conducting a Seniors Academy at the Eastern Passage Cow Bay Fire Hall; and

Whereas this six-week course educates seniors on how to feel safe in their homes, information on health care, and many other important facts; and

Whereas on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 32 seniors will graduate from this course;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Vicie Murphy for unwavering support and commitment as a volunteer in ensuring the success of the completion of this highly valuable course.

RESOLUTION NO. 1637

By: Ms. Karla MacFarlane (Pictou West)

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

Whereas the Heatherbell Pipes and Drums, based in Pictou, Nova Scotia, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2014; and

Whereas the Heatherbell Pipes and Drums was founded in 1964 as a female youth band by Pipe Major Harold Sutherland and has evolved to include both male and female pipers and drummers who are outfitted in the Sutherland tartan; and

Whereas hundreds of young people have been involved with the band over the years, travelling the Maritime Provinces, Canada and the United States and participating in parades and competitions which has earned band members the reputation of being the unofficial ambassadors of Pictou;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Heatherbell Pipes and Drums on their 50th Anniversary and wish them a successful parade season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1638

By: Mr. Allan MacMaster (Inverness)

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

Whereas the Cape Breton Atom AAA Screaming Eagles, based in Port Hood, advanced to Hockey Nova Scotia's Provincial Championship Tournament in New Waterford in late March where they finished with a tie and three losses; and

Whereas the Atom AAA Screaming Eagles advanced to the provincials by defeating the Glace Bay Miners 5-4; and

Whereas the Atom AAA Eagles posted the best record in the five-team regional tournament with wins over top-ranked Sydney, Glace Bay and Cape Breton County while tying New Waterford;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly offer our congratulations to the Atom AAA Screaming Eagles and their Head Coach Marc Larade, Assistant Coach Dean MacDonald, and Manager Kevin Walker on an outstanding 2014 season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1639

By: Mr. Alfie MacLeod (Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg)

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

Whereas Phalen Huntington of Marion Bridge is a volunteer at the Two Rivers Wildlife Park; and

Whereas Phalen Huntington is 11 years old and has been volunteering at the park since she was four years old; and

Whereas Phalen does all sorts of jobs like helping feed the animals, cleaning their cages, and participating in the park activities such as Fright Night, the Winter Light Up Trail, Ground Hog Day, the Easter Egg Hunt and the wagon rides;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Phalen Huntington and thank her for her many hours of volunteering at the Two Rivers Wildlife Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 1640

By: Mr. John Lohr (Kings North)

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

Whereas each year in the Annapolis Valley beautiful apple trees blooming tell us that Spring has arrived; and

Whereas the Annapolis Valley this year hosts the 82nd Apple Blossom Festival with a theme of Discover the Valley Blossoms; and

Whereas each year young ladies serve as ambassadors for their communities as princesses, and this year Canning is represented by Kristen Bennett;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Canning's ambassador in this year's festival, Princess Canning, Kristen Bennett.

RESOLUTION NO. 1641

By: Mr. John Lohr (Kings North)

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

Whereas each year the Annapolis Valley celebrates Spring with the picturesque beauty of apple trees blooming; and

Whereas the Annapolis Valley this year hosts the 82nd Apple Blossom Festival with a theme of Discover the Valley Blossoms; and

Whereas each year young ladies serve as ambassadors for their communities as princesses, and this year Kentville is represented by Kimberley Harkness;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kentville's ambassador in this year's festival, Princess Kentville 2014, Kimberley Harkness.

RESOLUTION NO. 1642

By: Mr. John Lohr (Kings North)

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

Whereas each year the Annapolis Valley celebrates Spring with the picturesque beauty of apple trees blooming; and

Whereas the Annapolis Valley this year hosts the 82nd Apple Blossom Festival with a theme of Discover the Valley Blossoms; and

Whereas each year young ladies serve as ambassadors for their communities as princesses, and this year Port Williams is represented by Aimee Cormier;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Port Williams' ambassador in this year's festival, Princess Port Williams 2014, Aimee Cormier.

RESOLUTION NO. 1643

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Grade 9 student Logan Crooks is a highly motivated self-starter who has assisted the Light Up Bedford Parade Committee for three years in increasingly responsible roles; and

Whereas Logan is enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards program, has received the Chief Scout Award from 1st Bedford Scouting, and has successfully competed in a number of math competitions; and

Whereas Logan was recognized for his volunteer commitments by the Light Up Bedford Parade at the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Logan Crooks on his dedication to serving the residents of Bedford and Nova Scotia, and wish him well in all his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1644

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Halifax West Member of Parliament Geoff Regan has been a keen volunteer with the MS Society for 12 years, first as a walk participant and subsequently with the MS Bike Tour, raising almost \$9,000 for MS since 2008; and

Whereas Geoff's tradition of community service has spanned decades and includes coaching with minor hockey and ringette, as well as volunteering with the Bedford Recreational Advisory Committee, the Home of the Guardian Angel, Metro Food Bank, the Run for the Cure, the 5K to Cure Cancer, Habitat for Humanity, the Bedford Board of Trade and the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, to name a few; and

Whereas Geoff was recognized by the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Atlantic Region, at the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House congratulate the Honourable Geoff Regan on his dedication to serving the residents of Bedford and Nova Scotia, and wish him well in all his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1645

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Bedford resident Violet McRae has worked with the Bedford Leisure Club for several years, overseeing the Keeping in Touch program, coordinating guest speakers and entertainment for monthly meetings and, for five years, preparing refreshments for the meetings; and

Whereas Violet has spent a lifetime in community activities with 4-H, the Kidney Foundation, the Cape Breton Sheep Producers' Association, school, hockey, baseball, and highland dancing, and currently is a greeter for Mass at St. Ignatius Parish; and

Whereas Violet was recognized for her contributions to the Bedford Leisure Club at the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House congratulate Violet McRae on her dedication to serving the residents of Bedford and Nova Scotia, and wish her well in all her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1646

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Bedford resident Janet Kelly has volunteered with Bedford Lawn Bowls and Lawn Bowls Nova Scotia for 17 years, having filled the roles of director, secretary, treasurer, and president; and

Whereas Janet has used her exceptional organizational skills and dedication to fundraise, direct the kitchen, and run club tournaments, as well as co-chairing the 2008 Canadian Lawn Bowls Championships; and

Whereas Janet was recognized for her service to Bedford Lawn Bowls at the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House congratulate Janet Kelly on her dedication to serving the residents of Bedford and Nova Scotia, and wish her well in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1647

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Angela Scott has been volunteering with the Girl Guides for five years as a Pathfinder Guider, an FLL Lego Robotics Coach, and as editor of *Coastlines*, the Nova Scotia Council Newsletter; and

Whereas Angela is an exceptional volunteer who works hard each week teaching leadership and life skills to girls ages 11 to 14, and also volunteers with the SPCA, the Alzheimer's Society, and Junior Achievement, all while studying Public Relations at Mount Saint Vincent University; and

Whereas Angela's volunteer commitments were recognized by the Girls Guides of Canada, Bedford District, at the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House congratulate Angela Scott on her dedication to serving the residents of Bedford and Nova Scotia, and wish her well in all her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1648

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Grade 12 student Shannon Havill, a Leader in Training with Scouts Canada, is a valuable assistant to the 1st Bedford Group in the delivery of safe and age-appropriate activities to the Beaver Scouts, Colony A, having completed many leadership courses, earned certificates in Child and Youth Safety and Access Ability Awareness, and having earned the Lady Baden-Powell Award, the highest program award for the Girl Guides; and

Whereas Shannon, a talented sports enthusiast, is a Level 1 Canadian Alpine Ski Association certified snowboard instructor who coaches at Ski Wentworth, is a member of C.P. Allen's successful snowboard team, and is a Level 2 Soccer referee who assists at games year-round in the Metro Outdoor and Indoor Leagues; and

Whereas Shannon was recognized for her volunteer commitments by 1st Bedford Scouts at the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House congratulate Shannon Havill on her dedication to serving the residents of Bedford and Nova Scotia, and wish her well in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1649

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Thea Hart has taught religious education for two years, assists with parish children at family potlucks, sings in the children's choir, and is an altar server at St. Ignatius Church, sits on the School Advisory Committee for Bedford Junior High, volunteers with the Kids Help Phone Line, Free the Children, Relay for Life, and WE Day, all while being enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program; and

Whereas while she was still a Grade 7 student, Thea started a UNICEF campaign to raise money for a water pump, and is currently raising funds for a trip to Kenya to assist in the building of schools and medical facilities; and

Whereas Thea was recognized for her volunteer commitments by St. Ignatius Church at the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House congratulate Thea Hart on her dedication to serving the residents of Bedford and Nova Scotia, and wish her well in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1650

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Grade 11 student Annika Benson is a two-year Junior Leader with the 1st Bedford Pathfinders and the 1st Bedford Rangers, teaching girls leadership, life skills, and how to achieve goals through hard work and determination; and

Whereas Annika has received the Canada Cord as a Pathfinder, as well as the Lady Baden-Powell Award, the highest award a Guide can receive; and

Whereas Annika's volunteer commitments were recognized by Girl Guides of Canada at the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House congratulate Annika Benson on her service to Bedford and Nova Scotia, and wish her well in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1651

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas Natasha d'Entremont of Yarmouth's MacKenzie School of Dance participated in this year's Halifax Highland Dance Competition; and

Whereas this is a demanding and elite dance competition; and

Whereas Natasha d'Entremont was awarded four bronze medals;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Natasha on her fine performance, and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1652

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas Rebekka Smith of Yarmouth's MacKenzie School of Dance participated in this year's Halifax Highland Dance Competition; and

Whereas this is a demanding and elite dance competition; and

Whereas Rebekka Smith earned one gold, two silver, and one bronze medal;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Rebekka on her fine performance, and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1653

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas Brooke Lambert of Yarmouth's MacKenzie School of Dance participated in this year's Halifax Highland Dance Competition; and

Whereas this is a demanding and elite dance competition; and

Whereas Brooke Lambert earned three gold medals and a silver medal, and had the highest aggregate scores in her class;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Brooke on her fine performance, and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1654

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas Skye Lewis of Yarmouth's MacKenzie School of Dance participated in this year's Halifax Highland Dance Competition; and

Whereas this is a demanding and elite dance competition; and

Whereas Skye Lewis was awarded a bronze medal;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Skye on her fine performance, and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1655

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas Carly d'Entremont of Yarmouth's MacKenzie School of Dance participated in this year's Halifax Highland Dance Competition; and

Whereas this is a demanding and elite dance competition; and

Whereas Carly d'Entremont was awarded a bronze medal;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Carly on her fine performance and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1656

By: Hon. Andrew Younger (Energy)

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

Whereas Grace Whebby, a Grade 9 student at Caledonia Junior High School and a resident of Dartmouth East Riding, has been awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award; and

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award recognizes students who demonstrate leadership and commitment to creating safe and inclusive spaces where bullying behavior is not accepted, and respectful and responsible relationships are promoted; and

Whereas on February 26, 2014, Grace Whebby was honoured for establishing an anti-bullying group that promoted positive social media and acceptance for diversity;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Grace Whebby on being presented with this prestigious award, and wishing her every success in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1657

By: Hon. Andrew Younger (Energy)

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

Whereas Erin Brown, a Grade 12 student from Prince Andrew High School and a resident of Dartmouth East riding, has been awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award; and

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award recognizes students who demonstrate leadership and commitment to creating safe and inclusive spaces where bullying behavior is not accepted, and respectful and responsible relationships are promoted; and

Whereas on February 26, 2014, Erin Brown was honoured for leading a political science group, running a Coats, Hats and Mitts drive, organizing a food drive for Feed Nova Scotia, making care packages for foreign exchange students, participating in Eco Day with her Eco Club, and organizing a bake sale for Free the Children to build a school in Kenya:

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Erin Brown on being presented with this prestigious award, and wishing her every success in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1658

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas the Cadets program challenges members to improve their physical fitness, make great academic achievements and give back to their community; and

Whereas the 652 Milford and District Lions Air Cadet Squadron has dedicated 30 years to serving the greater good of their communities and instilling the virtues of loyalty, professionalism, mutual respect, and integrity into members; and

Whereas the 652 Milford and District Lions Air Cadet Squadron has produced some of the top cadets in the province, provincial biathlon competitors, and produced the most pilots who received glider and power scholarships than any other squadron;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Captain Vince Nickelo and all members of the 652 Milford and District Lions Air Cadet Squadron on their 30th Anniversary, and wish them the best of luck on the squadron's anniversary trip to Ottawa this May.

RESOLUTION NO. 1659

By: Ms. Karla MacFarlane (Pictou West)

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

Whereas Deputy Chief Blake Sarson of Pictou was presented with a certificate and a medal for 20 years of service to the Pictou Fire Department in March 2014; and

Whereas Deputy Chief Sarson was presented with his medal by Fire Chief Paul Janes on behalf of the fire department; and

Whereas the Pictou Fire Department recognized Deputy Chief Sarson not only for his many years of service but also for his dedication to this community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Deputy Chief Blake Sarson on his 20-year medal and thank him for his service and dedication.

RESOLUTION NO. 1660

By: Ms. Karla MacFarlane (Pictou West)

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

Whereas Victor Scanlan of Pictou was presented with a certificate and a medal for 30 years of service to the Pictou Fire Department in March 2014; and

Whereas Mr. Scanlan was presented with his medal by Fire Chief Paul Janes on behalf of the fire department; and

Whereas the Pictou Fire Department recognized Mr. Scanlan not only for his many years of service but also for his dedication to this community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Victor Scanlan on his 30-year medal and thank him for his service and dedication.

RESOLUTION NO. 1661

By: Ms. Karla MacFarlane (Pictou West)

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

Whereas Peter Burke of Pictou was presented with a certificate and a medal for 20 years of service to the Pictou Fire Department in March 2014 and

Whereas Mr. Burke was presented with his medal by Fire Chief Paul Janes on behalf of the fire department; and

Whereas the Pictou Fire Department recognized Mr. Burke not only for his many years of service but also for his dedication to this community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Peter Burke on his 20-year medal and thank him for his service and dedication.

RESOLUTION NO. 1662

By: Ms. Karla MacFarlane (Pictou West)

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

Whereas Mr. Alan Fraser of Pictou was presented with a certificate and a medal for 20 years of service to the Pictou Fire Department in March 2014 and

Whereas Mr. Fraser was presented with his medal by Fire Chief Paul Janes on behalf of the fire department; and

Whereas the Pictou Fire Department recognized Mr. Fraser not only for his many years of service but also for his dedication to this community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Alan Fraser on his 20-year medal and thank him for his service and dedication.

RESOLUTION NO. 1663

By: Ms. Karla MacFarlane (Pictou West)

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

Whereas William Landry of Pictou was presented with a certificate and a medal for 20 years of service to the Pictou Fire Department in March 2014 and

Whereas Mr. Landry was presented with his medal by Fire Chief Paul Janes on behalf of the fire department; and

Whereas the Pictou Fire Department recognized Mr. Landry not only for his many years of service but also for his dedication to this community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Landry on his 20-year medal and thank him for his service and dedication.

RESOLUTION NO. 1664

By: Ms. Karla MacFarlane (Pictou West)

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

Whereas David Landry of Pictou was presented with a certificate and a medal for 20 years of service to the Pictou Fire Department in March 2014 and

Whereas Mr. Landry was presented with his medal by Fire Chief Paul Janes on behalf of the fire department; and

Whereas the Pictou Fire Department recognized Mr. Landry not only for his many years of service but also for his dedication to this community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mr. David Landry on his 20-year medal and thank him for his service and dedication.

RESOLUTION NO. 1665

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on April 7th, volunteers from around the province were honoured at the 40th Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony and Luncheon; and

Whereas Sheila Langille of Martins River was honoured for her continued dedication to their community and for making that community a better place to live through her volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Shelia on her hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1666

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on April 7th, volunteers from around the province were honoured at the 40th Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony and Luncheon; and

Whereas Richard Nowe of Mahone Bay was honoured for his continued dedication to their community and for making that community a better place to live through his volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Richard on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1667

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas on April 7th, volunteers from around the province were honoured at the 40th Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony and Luncheon; and

Whereas Thelma Blinn of Lunenburg was honoured for her continued dedication to their community and for making that community a better place to live through her volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Thelma on her hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1668

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas volunteer firefighters selflessly put their lives at risk to help protect the lives of the people of their community and beyond; and

Whereas Hubert Keats of the Cornwall and District Fire Department was honoured by the department for his 20 years of dedication, and for making that community a safer place to live through his volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Hubert on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1669

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas volunteer firefighters selflessly put their lives at risk to help protect the lives of the people of their community and beyond; and

Whereas Tim Griffin of the Cornwall and District Fire Department was honoured by the department for his five years of dedication, and for making that community a safer place to live through his volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Tim on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1670

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas volunteer firefighters selflessly put their lives at risk to help protect the lives of the people of their community and beyond; and

Whereas Justin Spidle of the Cornwall and District Fire Department was honoured by the department for his five years of dedication, and for making that community a safer place to live through his volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Justin on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1671

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas volunteer firefighters selflessly put their lives at risk to help protect the lives of the people of their community and beyond; and

Whereas Joey Wentzell of the Cornwall and District Fire Department was honoured by the department for his five years of dedication, and for making that community a safer place to live through his volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Joey on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1672

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas volunteer firefighters selflessly put their lives at risk to help protect the lives of the people of their community and beyond; and

Whereas Kirk Connolly of the Oakhill and District Fire Department was honoured by the department for his combined 20 years of dedication between several fire departments, and for making that community a better place to live through his volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Kirk on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1673

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas volunteer firefighters selflessly put their lives at risk to help protect the lives of the people of their community and beyond; and

Whereas Ronald Deamond of the Oakhill and District Fire Department was honoured by the department for his 40 years of dedication, and for making that community a better place to live through his volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ronald on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1674

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas volunteer firefighters selflessly put their lives at risk to help protect the lives of the people of their community and beyond; and

Whereas John Robart of the Oakhill and District Fire Department was honoured by the department for his 30 years of dedication, and for making that community a better place to live through his volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate John on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1675

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas volunteer firefighters selflessly put their lives at risk to help protect the lives of the people of their community and beyond; and

Whereas Michael Bolivar of the Oakhill and District Fire Department was honoured by the department for his 31 years of dedication, and for making that community a better place to live through his volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Michael on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1676

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas volunteer firefighters selflessly put their lives at risk to help protect the lives of the people of their community and beyond; and

Whereas Lawrence Bolivar of the Oakhill and District Fire Department was honoured by the department for his 40 years of dedication, and for making that community a better place to live through his volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Lawrence on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1677

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas volunteer firefighters selflessly put their lives at risk to help protect the lives of the people of their community and beyond; and

Whereas Trevor Rhuland of the Oakhill and District Fire Department was honoured by the department for his combined 31 years of dedication between two fire departments, and for making that community a better place to live through his volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Trevor on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1678

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas volunteer firefighters selflessly put their lives at risk to help protect the lives of the people of their community and beyond; and

Whereas Wayne Veinotte of the Oakhill and District Fire Department was honoured by the department for his 30 years of dedication, and for making that community a better place to live through his volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Wayne on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1679

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas the Little Dover Volunteer Fire Department has been offering an essential service to its community since 1976; and

Whereas they have assisted their community, when in its most vulnerable time of need, through house fires, grass fires, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, and so much more; and

Whereas they respond all hours of the day, holidays, weekends, these volunteers have missed family events, anniversaries, and more, all while most are juggling their day jobs and families;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me as I say a heartfelt thank you to all volunteer fire fighters and their families and be ever so mindful of the importance of their roles in the lives of so many.

RESOLUTION NO. 1680

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas the Milford Haven Fire and Emergency Services has been offering an essential service to its community since 1971; and

Whereas they have assisted their community, when in its most vulnerable time of need, through house fires, grass fires, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, and so much more; and

Whereas they respond all hours of the day, holidays, weekends, these volunteers have missed family events, anniversaries, and more, all while most are juggling their day jobs and families;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me as I say a heartfelt thank you to all volunteer fire fighters and their families and be ever so mindful of the importance of their roles in the lives of so many.

RESOLUTION NO. 1681

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas the Queensport Volunteer Fire Department has been offering an essential service to its community since 1977; and

Whereas they have assisted their community, when in its most vulnerable time of need, through house fires, grass fires, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, and so much more; and

Whereas they respond all hours of the day, holidays, weekends, these volunteers have missed family events, anniversaries, and more, all while most are juggling their day jobs and families;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me as I say a heartfelt thank you to all volunteer fire fighters and their families and be ever so mindful of the importance of their roles in the lives of so many.

RESOLUTION NO. 1682

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas the Seven Communities Fire Department has been offering an essential service to its community since 1978; and

Whereas they have assisted their community, when in its most vulnerable time of need, through house fires, grass fires, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, and so much more; and

Whereas they respond all hours of the day, holidays, weekends, these volunteers have missed family events, anniversaries, and more, all while most are juggling their day jobs and families;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me as I say a heartfelt thank you to all volunteer fire fighters and their families and be ever so mindful of the importance of their roles in the lives of so many.

RESOLUTION NO. 1683

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas the Three Top Fire Department has been offering an essential service to its community since 2010; and

Whereas they have assisted their community, when in its most vulnerable time of need, through house fires, grass fires, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, and so much more; and

Whereas they respond all hours of the day, holidays, weekends, these volunteers have missed family events, anniversaries, and more, all while most are juggling their day jobs and families;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me as I say a heartfelt thank you to all volunteer fire fighters and their families and be ever so mindful of the importance of their roles in the lives of so many.

RESOLUTION NO. 1684

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas the Tracadie and District Fire Department has been offering an essential service to its community since 1968; and

Whereas they have assisted their community, when in its most vulnerable time of need, through house fires, grass fires, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, and so much more; and

Whereas they respond all hours of the day, holidays, weekends, these volunteers have missed family events, anniversaries, and more, all while most are juggling their day jobs and families;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me as I say a heartfelt thank you to all volunteer fire fighters and their families and be ever so mindful of the importance of their roles in the lives of so many.

RESOLUTION NO. 1685

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Cassie Burroughs, a student of New Germany Rural High School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Cassie has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Cassie and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Cassie Burroughs for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1686

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Riley Burroughs, a student of New Germany Rural High School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Riley has shown leadership and dedication to his school and community through his work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Riley and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Riley Burroughs for his award and thank him for the time and dedication he has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1687

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Christie Zinck, a student of New Germany Rural High School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Christie has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Christie and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Christie Zinck for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1688

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Kaylyn Turner, a student of New Germany Rural High School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Kaylyn has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Kaylyn and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Kaylyn Turner for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1689

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Julia LeBlanc, a student of New Germany Rural High School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Julia has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Julia and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Julia LeBlanc for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1690

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Damian Boudreau, a student of New Germany Rural High School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Damian has shown leadership and dedication to his school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Damian and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Damian Boudreau for his award and thank him for the time and dedication he has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1691

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Tristan Kelly, a student of Forest Heights Community School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Tristan has shown leadership and dedication to his school and community through his work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Tristan and the Lunenburg County Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Tristan Kelly for his award and thank him for the time and dedication he has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1692

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Stephanie Mills, a student of Forest Heights Community School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Stephanie has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Stephanie and the Lunenburg County Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Stephanie Mills for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1693

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Nikki Countway, a student of Forest Heights Community School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Nikki has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Nikki and the Lunenburg County Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Nikki Countway for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1694

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Sierra Wesley, a student of Hebbville Academy, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Sierra has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Sierra and the Lunenburg County Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Sierra Wesley for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1695

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Katherine Eisener, a student of Hebbville Academy, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Katherine has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Katherine and the Lunenburg County Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Katherine Eisener for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1696

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Tanisha Teal, a student of Hebbville Academy, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Tanisha has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Tanisha and the Lunenburg County Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Tanisha Teal for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1697

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Trinity Banfield, a student of Park View Education Centre, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Trinity has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Trinity and the Lunenburg County Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Trinity Banfield for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1698

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Melissa Hoare, a student of Park View Education Centre, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Melissa has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Melissa and the Lunenburg County Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Melissa Hoare for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1699

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Janine Slade, a student of Park View Education Centre, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Janine has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Janine and the Lunenburg County Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Janine Slade for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1700

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Braden Newell, a student of Park View Education Centre, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Braden has shown leadership and dedication to his school and community through his work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Braden and the Lunenburg County Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Braden Newell for his award and thank him for the time and dedication he has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1701

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Zach Whynot, a student of Park View Education Centre, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Zach has shown leadership and dedication to his school and community through his work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Zach and the Lunenburg County Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Zach for his award and thank him for the time and dedication he has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1702

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Christine Butt, a student of Park View Education Centre, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Christine has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Christine and the Lunenburg County Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Christine Butt for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1703

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Service Nova Scotia)

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

Whereas Blade Turner, a student of Chester Area Middle School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Blade has shown leadership and dedication to his school and community through his work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Blade and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Blade Turner for his award and thank him for the time and dedication he has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1704

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Lynnette Evans, a student of Chester Area Middle School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Lynnette has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Lynnette and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Lynnette Evans for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1705

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Rachel Nauss, a student of Chester Area Middle School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Rachel has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Rachel and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Rachel Nauss for her award and thank her for the time and dedications she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1706

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Alex Rhodenizer, a student of Chester Area Middle School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Alex has shown leadership and dedication to his school and community through his work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Alex and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Alex Rhodenizer for his award and thank him for the time and dedication he has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1707

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Mason Wreaks, a student of Chester Area Middle School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Mason has shown leadership and dedication to his school and community through his work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Mason and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mason Wreaks for his award and thank him for the time and dedication he has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1708

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Jacklyn Wamboldt, a student of New Ross Consolidated School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Jacklyn has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Jacklyn and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Jacklyn Wamboldt for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1709

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Jessica Russell, a student of New Ross Consolidated School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Jessica has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Jessica and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Jessica Russell for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1710

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Cassidy Bent, a student of New Ross Consolidated School, is a member of the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Cassidy has shown leadership and dedication to her school and community through her work on the Youth Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Cassidy and the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Committee have received the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award on February 26, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Cassidy Bent for her award and thank her for the time and dedication she has put forth on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1711

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the Pleasantville and District Fire Department celebrated their 56th year as a department at their annual banquet held on December 7th; and

Whereas the fire department acknowledged several of its members for their years of service; and

Whereas the fire department celebrated the purchase of their new pumper truck;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the Pleasantville and District Fire Department for 56 years of assisting the community and on the purchase of their new pumper truck.

RESOLUTION NO. 1712

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Doug Porter of Pleasantville was recognized for 30 years of service at the annual Pleasantville and District Fire Department banquet; and

Whereas Doug has dedicated many hours away from his family in order to assist community members in need; and

Whereas Doug received his 30-year medal at the annual banquet;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Doug on his 30-year medal and thank him for his many years of service to the Pleasantville and District Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 1713

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Duncan Keddy of Pleasantville was recognized for 25 years of service at the annual Pleasantville and District Fire Department banquet; and

Whereas Duncan has dedicated many hours away from his family in order to assist community members in need; and

Whereas Duncan received his 25-year medal at the annual banquet;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Duncan on his 25-year medal and thank him for his many years of service to the Pleasantville and District Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 1714

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Kevin Keddy of Pleasantville was recognized for 20 years of service at the annual Pleasantville and District Fire Department banquet; and

Whereas Kevin has dedicated many hours away from his family in order to assist community members in need; and

Whereas Kevin received his 20-year medal at the annual banquet;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Kevin on his 20-year medal and thank him for his many years of service to the Pleasantville and District Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 1715

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Tony Allen of Pleasantville was recognized for 20 years of service at the annual Pleasantville and District Fire Department banquet; and

Whereas Tony had dedicated many hours away from his family in order to assist community members in need; and

Whereas Tony received his 20-year medal at the annual banquet;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Tony on his 20-year medal and thank him for his many years of service to the Pleasantville and District Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 1716

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team competed in the Valley High School Hockey League championship game on March 7, 2014; and

Whereas PVEC finished their regular season in second place and went on to defeat the first place team in the final; and

Whereas the PVEC boys hockey team beat Forest Heights Community School in Chester with a score of 5-3 to bring home the trophy;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their League Championship trophy.

RESOLUTION NO. 1717

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas James Lucas was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas James and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas James and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3 on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate James Lucas and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1718

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Logan Cleveland was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Logan and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Logan and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3 on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Logan Cleveland and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1719

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Nathaniel Beck was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Nathaniel and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Nathaniel and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3 on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Nathaniel Beck and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1720

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Jaron Bollivar was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Jaron and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Jaron and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3 on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jaron Bollivar and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1721

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Jonny O'Donnell was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Jonny and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Jonny and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3 on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jonny O'Donnell and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1722

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Aidan O'Brien was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Aidan and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Aidan and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3 on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Aidan O'Brien and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1723

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

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

Whereas Joe Harris was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Joe and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Joe and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3 on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Joe Harris and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1724

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Cooper Stuart was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Cooper and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Cooper and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3 on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Cooper Stuart and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1725

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Jorgen Martin was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Jorgen and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Jorgen and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League Championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Jorgen Martin and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1726

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Jake Wile was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Jake and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Jake and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League Championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Jake Wile and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1727

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Morgan Lunn was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Morgan and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Morgan and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League Championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Morgan Lunn and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1728

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Matt Doubleday was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Matt and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Matt and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League Championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Matt Doubleday and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1729

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Jeremy Key was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Jeremy and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Jeremy and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League Championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Jeremy Key and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1730

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Shaymus Veinotte was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Shaymus and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Shaymus and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League Championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Shaymus Veinotte and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1731

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Ryan Nowe was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Ryan and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Ryan and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League Championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ryan Nowe and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1732

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Mike Mosher was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-2014 season; and

Whereas Mike and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Mike and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School, with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League Championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mike Mosher and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1733

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

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

Whereas Keegan Cooke was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-14 season; and

Whereas Keegan and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Keegan and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Keegan Cooke and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1734

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Connor MacQuarrie was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-14 season; and

Whereas Connor and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Connor and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Connor MacQuarrie and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1735

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Wesley Demone was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-14 season; and

Whereas Wesley and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Wesley and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Wesley Demone and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1736

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Dyson Wood was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-14 season; and

Whereas Dyson and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Dyson and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dyson Wood and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1737

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Jake Key was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-14 season; and

Whereas Jake and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Jake and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jake Key and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1738

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Lucas Hect was a member of the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for the 2013-14 season; and

Whereas Lucas and his team finished their regular season in second place; and

Whereas Lucas and his team defeated the first place team, Forest Heights Community School with a score of 5-3, on March 7, 2014, to win the Valley High School Hockey League championship;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Lucas Hect and the Park View Education Centre boys hockey team for their successful hockey season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1739

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas wheelchair basketball athlete Adam Lancia has won world championship and Paralympic medals, including golds, as a member of the 2004 and 2012 Canadian Paralympic teams and has spent four years playing professional wheelchair basketball in Europe; and

Whereas Adam is now exploring a new role as a player-coach in Halifax and on the Nova Scotia Canada Games wheelchair basketball staff; and

Whereas Adam Lancia has been selected as part of the RBC Olympians Program for 2013-15 as an ambassador who will bring the Olympic messages of excellence, teamwork, leadership and commitment to our community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize this outstanding athlete for his superior accomplishments and send our very best wishes as he prepares in our community for upcoming competitions on the world stage and for a career in his life after sport.

RESOLUTION NO. 1740

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas the Bedford Minor Basketball Association's Bedford Classic tournament has run since 1989 and is known as the largest minor basketball boys' and girls' tournament in Canada; and

Whereas the Bedford Classic has built a reputation as one of the best organized sporting events for young people within the Maritimes; and

Whereas the 26th annual Bedford Classic, held this year from February 26th until March 2nd under the direction of BMBA President and Tournament Chair Steve Mullane, hosted close to 1,200 players between the ages of 8 and 17 from 118 Atlantic Canadian teams, engaging over 15 different HRM sports facilities, 250 volunteers, 230 coaches, 74 officials and 4,000 parents and spectators;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House recognize the importance of this major annual tournament to Bedford, HRM and the Maritimes and congratulate the members of the Bedford Minor Basketball Association organization and Steve Mullane for their determination and energy in producing a first-class event for thousands of participants.

RESOLUTION NO. 1741

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Illusions Rhythmic Gymnastics Club is based in Bedford and since 1995 has provided recreation programs and competitive training to girls aged 3 and up, with athletes ranging from beginners to elite competitors; and

Whereas Illusions hosted the 2014 Atlantic Regional Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in April at the new Bedford-Hammonds Plains Community Centre, welcoming approximately 100 athletes and their families, as well as 12 officials, to our area; and

Whereas a large percentage of the participants travelled from outside of Nova Scotia and had the opportunity to visit and experience all that HRM has to offer;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly send congratulations to the Illusions Rhythmic Gymnastics Club for hosting this event in Bedford and to all participants, families and officials on their successful tournament.

RESOLUTION NO. 1742

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas in 2010 a group of parents at Basinview Drive Community School decided that the project to replace aging playground equipment was to benefit the community and set a primary goal that children of all abilities be able to partake in it; and

Whereas over three years, the group, Community Park Revitalization or CPR, has raised \$40,000 and obtained \$50,000 from HRM, \$10,000 from Councillor Tim Outhit's discretionary fund and \$28,000 from Nova Scotia Health and Wellness to cover the total project cost of \$128,000; and

Whereas the CPR committee of 11, chaired by Heidi Lyons-Hickey, inspired and galvanized many stakeholders to provide an accessible playground space that since October has been a hit with the community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Heidi Lyons-Hickey and the Community Park Revitalization committee for their vision, for providing a tremendous example of community spirit and for creating a venue for great family recreational experiences.

Tabled May 1, 2014

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)

RESOLUTION NO. 1783

By: Mr. Keith Irving (Kings South)

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

Whereas Ms. Emily Nickerson is a native of Coldbrook, Kings County, and plays soccer for Acadia University in Wolfville; and

Whereas Ms. Nickerson has been recognized at the national level for her exemplary abilities in the game of soccer; and

Whereas Ms. Nickerson has recently been declared the Outstanding First Year Female Athlete of the Year by Acadia Athletics;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Emily Nickerson on her achievements and wish her continued success in her sport.

RESOLUTION NO. 1784

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

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

Whereas Dr. Sarah Stewart-Clark of the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus in Truro, Nova Scotia, was featured in a 30-minute documentary entitled Invasive Species, which explored several aquatic invaders that are wreaking havoc in our Maritime waters; and

Whereas the documentary also featured fishermen who are developing innovative ways to keep their industry alive and biologists who are using scientific means to develop a plan of attack against these aquatic invaders; and

Whereas fishermen and scientists are working together to combat these destructive sub-sea invaders as many have no natural enemies;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulates Dr. Stewart-Clark, fishermen, biologists, and the crew of the documentary who have combined their forces to look for solutions and bring awareness to this serious issue.

RESOLUTION NO. 1785

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

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

Whereas the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council President and CEO Diane Kelderman has been invited to participate on Canada's G8 National Advisory Board; and

Whereas Diane Kelderman will join to create Canada's report on the G8 Social Impact Investment Task Force in June of this year; and

Whereas Ms. Kelderman is the only invitee from Atlantic Canada and this invitation speaks volumes to her credibility and leadership she has shown in business and finance;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulates Diane Kelderman and wishes her much success during these important meetings.

RESOLUTION NO. 1786

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas on April 7th, more than 70 volunteers were recognized for the valuable contributions they make to their committees and our province at the 40th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony; and

Whereas the Municipality of Argyle and its volunteers were honoured to have been named Model Volunteer Community of the Year; and

Whereas the Municipality of Argyle has a very active volunteer base that helps to organize numerous activities throughout the year, and in 2012 it was made evident when they hosted the 2012 Finales des Jeux de l'Acadie with more than 900 volunteers involved in that event;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Warden Aldric d'Entremont and the Municipality of Argyle for receiving this award and thank them for their contributions in making Nova Scotia stronger.

RESOLUTION NO. 1787

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas Stephen Bennett, a Grade 12 student at Middleton Regional High School, was awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award, initiated by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development; and

Whereas the award was presented in recognition of Stephen's outstanding leadership and commitment to fostering inclusive environments in his school and community; and

Whereas the Honourable J. J. Grant, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia made the presentation on February 26, 2014, at Province House;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Stephen on receiving this well-deserved recognition and wish him well in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1788

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas when the name Maureen MacLean is brought up in the Middleton area, chances are it is in relation to music; and

Whereas Maureen has had a distinguished career in music, first as a music student at Mount Allison University and then as a music teacher in the public school system until 1984 and later, privately in her home, teaching piano, organ, and theory; and

Whereas she is a colleague of the Royal Canadian College of Organists, has directed the Middleton Choral Society since 1976, and plays the organ at the church I attend, St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Bridgetown;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Maureen MacLean on the eve of the 40th Anniversary of the Middleton Choral Society and wish her a fun-filled evening reminiscing with choristers at this gala event being held May 3rd at St. John's United Church in Middleton.

RESOLUTION NO. 1789

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas Warren Jones is a volunteer fire fighter and an active teenage volunteer in his community of Middleton; and

Whereas he recently joined forces with Melissa Marshall, of the Scotiabank in Middleton, to raise money for the new fire hall and community centre; and

Whereas Warren raised more than \$1,500 when he dyed his hair pink, on April 12, and Scotiabank matched the money to donate a total of \$3,360;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Warren Jones who has proven to be a very active member of his community and wish him continued success in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1790

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas Nictaux resident Ethelyn Mosher is an icon in the Middleton area for her unique perspective on people and events as expressed in the local paper for over 40 years; and

Whereas known for her sage advice, it was no surprise when Ethelyn was chosen as Mrs. Chatelaine for the second time in 50 years for her six tips on having a successful marriage; and

Whereas after having been married for 65 years to George Mosher, there is no question she would be considered a resident expert in the area of marriage;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Ethelyn Mosher on the recent Chatelaine article and wishing her and George a very Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary.

RESOLUTION NO. 1791

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas on Thursday, March 27, 2014, the community of Amherst, Nova Scotia, lost one of its prominent citizens, Muriel Wightman; and

Whereas early in World War II she enlisted in the Canadian Army at age 18, serving in the Canadian Women's Army Corp in Canada, England, and northwest Europe; she served in Canada with the supply branch RCOC and overseas in the "Army Show"; and

Whereas Muriel Wightman was very active in the Girl Guide movement and served as district commissioner until health problems forced her to leave the position; and

Whereas she was an active member of the UCW, Unit 1, at Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 of Amherst, NS;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly extend our condolences to Muriel's children - Ruth (Fred) Gamble, Peter (Laura), Jane (Jack) MacDonald, David (Dale) and daughter-in-law Lois Wightman-Budd and grandchildren Douglas, Kimberly, Christina, Sean, Jaime, Michael, Veronica, and Roland, sisters Betty Hawken and Barbara Green, 11 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren; and honour her memory by strengthening our appreciation for the immense contribution she made to her country and community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1792

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas the Nova Scotia Ice Midget Ladies hockey team are the 2013-14 Hockey Nova Scotia Female Midget A provincial champions; and

Whereas Nova Ice features players from Amherst, Parrsboro, Springhill, and Tatamagouche, coached for the first time by Bliss Walton; and

Whereas Nova Ice played as a team for the first time this season and, of the 15 players, 12 were on opposing teams last year;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly commend the Nova Ice Midget Ladies hockey team for their competitive spirit and achieving the distinction of 2013-14 provincial champions.

RESOLUTION NO. 1793

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas Jean Miller of “Christmas for Kids” of Amherst, Nova Scotia, has recently completed over 20 years of putting together an annual collection of Christmas items to make a better Christmas day for many children; and

Whereas Jean Miller is a volunteer on the executive of the “Highland Fling” and this year, 2014, marks the 31st celebration of this event, raising money for the Cumberland Regional Health Authority - her connection to this event goes back to 1987; and

Whereas Jean Miller is a volunteer correspondent for *The Citizen-Record*, a local weekly newspaper reporting such things as local news and church events;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly commend Jean Miller for contributing outstanding support of local children and for volunteering with local organizations for the betterment of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1794

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas 10-year-old Jacob Melanson started raising money for cancer research by making bracelets from coloured elastic bands; and

Whereas Jacob began selling his bracelets for 50 cents and \$1 on November 18th with a goal of \$500, and on December 24th he changed his goal to \$1,000; and

Whereas Jacob was able to get some of his friends and players from his hockey team to make and sell these bracelets, joining his fight against cancer; and

Whereas Jacob continues to make people aware of his fundraising for cancer research with the help of his family, and continues to sell his colourful bracelets;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly commend Jacob on his generosity and thoughtfulness, and wish him continued success in fundraising.

RESOLUTION NO. 1795

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas Carol Bristol of Amherst, Nova Scotia, having celebrated five years of organizing the weekly Dick's Jamboree, providing entertainment to the community; and

Whereas the Jamboree affords a venue for local musicians and singers to show and share their talents and gives back to the community by donating to various local charities; and

Whereas Carol Bristol shows particular concern and compassion for our senior citizens and makes resources available for them to be involved in their community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend Carol Bristol for contributing outstanding support of local singers and musicians, and for her contributions to local charities around the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1796

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas George Evans of Amherst, Nova Scotia, a World War II veteran, received his 55-year bar in recognition of his membership in Amherst Legion's Branch No. 10; and

Whereas George Evans served for 35 years with Customs Canada, retiring as inspector; and

Whereas George Evans has written several books about his World War II Royal Navy experiences and other life experiences;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend George Evans on his ability to make people understand the high cost and sacrifices behind the freedom they have come to enjoy.

RESOLUTION NO. 1797

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas Heather LeMoine, a long-time supporter of the Cumberland Health Care Authority, has been named this year's recipient of the Amherst Rotary Club's Community Paul Harris Fellowship Award; and

Whereas Heather LeMoine has also been active in youth and church organizations, and serves on an outreach committee that helps people in need in the Amherst area; and

Whereas the Amherst Rotary Club believes that her life and volunteer work exemplified Rotary ideals;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend Heather LeMoine on being the honoured recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award and for her volunteer contributions to her church and community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1798

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas Ducks Unlimited of Amherst, Nova Scotia, has undertaken an initiative to raise public awareness of the vital functions performed by wetlands and are promoting wetland conservation by creating awareness of World Wetlands Day; and

Whereas Ducks Unlimited has worked to make the public aware of the benefits that wetlands provide; and

Whereas World Wetlands Day involves educating children as to the value wetlands provide to our water systems by filtering groundwater and recreational water;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend Ducks Unlimited for creating outstanding awareness of World Wetlands Day.

RESOLUTION NO. 1799

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas Daren White of Amherst, Nova Scotia, has been presented with the YMCA Peace Medallion; and

Whereas the YMCA Peace Medallion is intended to recognize the achievements of individuals and groups in local communities who, without any special resources, demonstrate in their lives and activities the values expressed in the World Alliance of YMCA's 1981 Statement of Peace; and

Whereas Daren White, a school teacher at Spring Street Academy, goes above and beyond his duties to instill pride and encouragement in his students and the school as a whole;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend Daren White for his humanitarianism and outstanding contributions to the people of Amherst, his community and Spring Street Academy.

RESOLUTION NO. 1800

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas Maggie's Place, a family resource centre, and its staff of Amherst, Nova Scotia, offer a place where parents, caregivers and children can play, learn and meet others; and

Whereas Maggie's Place offers free programs for adults and children, including pre- and postnatal support; child development programs for preschoolers; and programs for school-aged children, youth, and teens; and

Whereas Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre is a leader in the province in their approach to working with families, as they build families' strengths, serve as a hub for the community, work for positive social change, and offer help in a supportive environment;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend Maggie's Place for contributing outstanding support to local families and community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1801

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas Maltby Group of Amherst, Nova Scotia, has recently purchased a well-established dry cleaning business and has invested in making major renovations to the existing business; and

Whereas Maltby Group has made improvements to a business that was established in 1962 by Gordon Holmes, father of the most recent owner, Elizabeth Holmes Hickey, and the late Bill Hickey also operated Home Again Sports in the same location, which the Maltbys will re-establish; and

Whereas Maltby Group will name the business Holmes & Maltby Cleaners, keeping the history along with modernizing and upgrading to dry and wet cleaning operations, and the staff will remain under a new manager, Chris Maltby;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly commend Maltby Group for making the investment and seeing the potential for this business.

RESOLUTION NO. 1802

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas Summer-Joy Upshaw of Amherst was chosen for the 2014 African Heritage Month poster celebrating youth and the rising stars in our communities because of her involvement in all committees of her high school and her involvement by volunteering in various other local organizations; and

Whereas Summer-Joy Upshaw works with our local Cumberland African Nova Scotian Association (CANSAs) office to help organize activities focusing on African Nova Scotian heritage, community involvement, and upkeep; and

Whereas Summer-Joy Upshaw, a Grade 12 student at River Hebert District High School, is most definitely a rising star, looking to assist people with disadvantages;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly commend Summer-Joy Upshaw, a rising star, on being one of six youth chosen for the 2014 African Heritage Month poster for her outstanding contribution to her community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1803

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas PolyCelo of Amherst, Nova Scotia, has been named one of the top employers in Nova Scotia of 2014 based on eight criteria including physical workplace, work atmosphere and social health, financial and family benefits, vacation and time off, employee communications, performance management, training and skills development, and community involvement;

Whereas PolyCelo is a company that lets everyone share in its success through a profit-sharing plan and supports ongoing employee education with tuition subsidies for job-related courses and provides subsidies for professional accreditation; and

Whereas PolyCelo also manages an academic scholarship program for children of employees who pursue post-secondary education, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per child;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly commend PolyCelo in being named to the list of Nova Scotia's top employers for 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 1804

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas the artisans from the Amherst Train Station Artisan Gallery recently finished phase one in making the Amherst historic train station a permanent gallery; and

Whereas the artisans are now working, with Via Rail and the Town of Amherst, on a long-term arrangement for the gallery; and

Whereas 57 artisans participated in the gallery during its inaugural year, while another 25 to 30 were on a waiting list and, between August and late December, 2013, the gallery had 3,000 visitors;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend the train station artisans for contributing outstanding support of the culture and art of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1805

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas the Cumberland Branch of the NSPE Philae Shriners are raising funds for a new Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal, P.Q.; and

Whereas the Cumberland Branch is looking after 17 children from this area needing the services of this hospital, fundraising through local community radio, the sale of 2,600 calendars, and by selling 20,000 tickets on various prizes, helping to reach a goal of \$135 million; and

Whereas the Cumberland Shriners have a small membership of around 50 members in Amherst, they won the trophy for best Shriners Club in all of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island last year;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend the Cumberland Branch of the Philae Shriners on their diligence and generosity, and wish them continued success in their caring for our sick children.

RESOLUTION NO. 1806

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas Dick's Jamboree of Amherst, Nova Scotia, recently finished five years of putting together a weekly jamboree, with a minimal charge to be entertained by various musicians; and

Whereas the jamboree affords a venue for local musicians and singers to show and share their talents; and

Whereas the jamboree, after expenses, gives back to the community by donating to various local charities - Dick's Jamboree shows particular concern and compassion for our senior citizens and makes available resources for them to be involved in the community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly commend Dick's Jamboree for contributing outstanding support of local singers and musicians, and for contributing to local charities of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1807

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

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

Whereas Dick Bristol, founder of Dick's Jamboree of Amherst, Nova Scotia, which provides weekly entertainment to the community for minimal charge; and

Whereas the jamboree affords a venue for local musicians and singers to show and share their talents; and

Whereas the jamboree gives back to the community by donating to various local charities, Dick Bristol shows particular concern and compassion for our senior citizens and makes resources available to them to be involved in their community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend Dick Bristol for his outstanding support and contributions to the local musicians and local charities of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1808

By: Mr. Eddie Orrell (Northside-Westmount)

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

Whereas May is Motorcycle Awareness Month; and

Whereas every Spring, motorists take to Nova Scotia's roads to enjoy the fine weather and the beautiful scenery; and

Whereas drivers of all other vehicles and all road users are reminded to safely "share the road" with motorcyclists and to be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists safe;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Motorcycle Awareness Month and support this important safety campaign so all motorists can safely take advantage of Nova Scotia's scenic drives.

RESOLUTION NO. 1809

By: Mr. Alfie MacLeod (Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg)

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

Whereas Paul Carrigan was recently appointed as the president of the Sydney and Area Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas Paul Carrigan is currently the general manager of Sydney Ports Corporation; and

Whereas Paul Carrigan has many years of experience in the Sydney area, working and volunteering many hours to make this local area a viable place to live;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Paul Carrigan on becoming the president of the Sydney and Area Chamber of Commerce.

RESOLUTION NO. 1810

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas today marks Nova Scotia's second annual Doctors' Day, a day meant to show gratitude and recognize the amazing contributions made by doctors of all specialities across our province; and

Whereas May 1st was chosen to commemorate the birthday of Emily Stowe, the first female physician in Canada; and

Whereas every day, doctors in this province see an average of 30,000 patients, working tirelessly to better the health of Nova Scotians;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize May 1st as Doctor's Day in this province and work hard to one day ensure that every Nova Scotian has easy access to a physician so they too can share stories and benefit from better health care.

RESOLUTION NO. 1811

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas this Sunday will evoke bittersweet memories for the congregation of the Juniper Grove United Church in Falmouth as it will hold its last church service; and

Whereas the Juniper Grove United Church held its first service in 1862 with family names such as Armstrong, Aylward and Curry among the congregation, the same names of people who will attend the last service; and

Whereas Juniper Grove United Church is closing due to declining population and mounting costs;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly commend the board of stewards and trustees of Juniper Grove United Church for making such a difficult decision and wish congregants well as they merge with the St. James United Church in Hantsport.

RESOLUTION NO. 1812

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas the Guysborough Memorial Hospital Foundation will soon launch a door-to-door fundraising campaign to raise the remaining \$700,000 of the \$1.5 million community portion to complete the extension on the Guysborough Memorial Hospital; and

Whereas former community health nurse Kaye Williams has graciously agreed to be the honorary chair of the campaign; and

Whereas Kaye has dedicated her life to helping the community particularly in the area of health care and over the years she has spearheaded many fundraising campaigns, but now has retired and is passing the torch on to others in the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly wish Mrs. Williams, her co-chairs Elizabeth Connolly, George Rodgers and Bill Innis and all their volunteers continued success and be ever so mindful of their commitment to our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1813

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas the Harbourview Volunteer Fire Department has been offering an essential service to its community since 1975; and

Whereas they have assisted their community when in its most vulnerable time of need through house fires, grass fires, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies and so much more; and

Whereas they respond all hours of the day, holidays and weekends, and these volunteers have missed family events, anniversaries and more all while most are juggling their day jobs and families;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me as I say a heartfelt “thank you” to all volunteer firefighters and their families and be ever so mindful of the importance of their roles in the lives of so many.

RESOLUTION NO. 1814

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas there are people in our community who work quietly and diligently out of the simple pleasure of loving to help and be part of their community, and these people need no title or spotlight but are ready to roll up their sleeves and help where they can; and

Whereas Mae Payne is just such a volunteer, someone who has shown up in her community for many, many years and is known to be dependable, helpful and willing; and

Whereas despite serious illness and the amputation of her leg, Mae Payne's determination remains strong and her helping spirit has not been dampened;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House join me in saluting all those people in our communities who help, show up and can be depended on like Mae Payne, and recognize how much we need people in our communities with just such a helping spirit.

RESOLUTION NO. 1815

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas exposure to other cultures is the best way to learn about them and the surest way to develop understanding between people; and

Whereas student exchange programs are a very valuable way of creating opportunities to meet people from different places with different ways and the impact of these programs is not limited to the students who participated, but in fact the benefits are felt by teachers, family members and the community itself; and

Whereas Forest Heights Community School's student exchange program has been creating these learning opportunities for over 30 years, and presently 37 Develstein College students from the Netherlands are billeted across the Chester Municipality, from Blandford to New Ross to Western Shore, where new understandings and friendships are being forged;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House recognize the importance of student exchange programs as a way of exposing people to others' cultures and as a way to explore new ways of thinking, and thank Forest Heights Community School, especially teacher Terry Morris, for continuing to provide this opportunity to students and to the communities involved.

RESOLUTION NO. 1816

By: Mr. Bill Horne (Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank)

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

Whereas Winfred Vincent Baker, age 95, a veteran of World War II, was nominated by the Fall River Historical Society and was awarded Volunteer of the Year, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank; and

Whereas he started an Air Cadet Squadron, worked with them for 25 years, held office with the Royal Canadian Legion, was active in church affairs, organized the Knights of Columbus, is past president of the Canadian Industrial Arts Teachers Association and a member of the Concert Society; and

Whereas he joined the Friendly Group of Seniors in 1984, was president, led a group to form the Historical Society and to publish their first history book, and he also visited elementary schools regularly to talk to students, and took a Red Cross course to teach exercises to keep seniors mobile and still directs and encourages the seniors today;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Winfred on his well-deserved honour of receiving Volunteer of the Year and on being an inspiration to young and old.

RESOLUTION NO. 1817

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

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

Whereas the Ernville and District Fire Department has been offering an essential service to its community since 1986; and

Whereas they have assisted their community when in its most vulnerable time of need through house fires, grass fires, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, and so much more; and

Whereas they respond all hours of the day, holidays, weekends, these volunteers have missed family events, anniversaries, and more, all while most are juggling their day jobs and family obligations;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me as I say a heartfelt thank you to all volunteer fire fighters and their families and be ever so mindful of the importance of their roles in the lives of so many.

RESOLUTION NO. 1818

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas during the recent Sochi Olympics, two Nova Scotia athletes represented our province; and

Whereas Sidney Crosby from Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia, and Alexandra Duckworth from Kingsburg, Nova Scotia, competed in hockey and snowboarding respectively; and

Whereas both of these athletes worked extremely hard to realize their Olympic dream and deserve to be congratulated and recognized for their accomplishments;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulates Sidney Crosby and Alexandra Duckwork for representing our province at the Sochi Olympics, for being a source of pride for the people of Nova Scotia, and for their commitment to their chosen sport.

RESOLUTION NO. 1819

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas the Goddard Peace Summit for Students is a one day event held at East St. Margaret's Elementary School where nearly 100 Grade 5 and 6 students, military personnel, veterans, and families come together to learn about and discuss peace and non-violence; and

Whereas named in memory of Nicola Goddard, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in May of 2006, and the brainchild of a former school principal, the summit provides a unique opportunity to consider peace and non-violence within a variety of contexts; and

Whereas now in its eighth year the summit provides these young students with a rare opportunity to explore what peace is from personal peace to more complex social and international issues, and to do so with people with a range of perspectives;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House congratulate East St. Margaret's Elementary School on hosting their 8th Annual Goddard Peace Summit and applaud their ongoing commitment to teaching principles of peace and non-violence in such a unique and memorable way.

RESOLUTION NO. 1820

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas million around the world have no access to the eye glasses they need to correct their sight but for children, clear vision means a better education, healthier

development, and a better quality of life, and for adults it means greater employment opportunities and less dependence on others; and

Whereas Lions Clubs have worked for many years to collect millions of eye glasses, making eyeglass recycling one of their most popular and effective activities; and

Whereas the St. Margaret's Bay Lions Club now participates in this beneficial program and has successfully completed its second year, collecting over 700 donations to be recycled into useable eye glasses;

Therefore be it resolved that the St. Margaret's Bay Lions Club be commended for their success and enthusiasm for this valuable initiative and for bringing attention to the importance of a simple donation of used eye glasses for children and adults the world over.

RESOLUTION NO. 1821

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas St. George's Anglican Church of East River is valued for its age and architecture as well as the historic and present part it plays in the community it serves; and

Whereas this beautiful church was built circa 1889 under Allan Strum, was constructed with many outstanding features including a bell tower, finial, and cross that could be seen from the sea and was a landmark for years for those on the water; and

Whereas just as the construction of the church was a true community collaboration, down to the hand hewn beams used to construct the church's frame, St. George's has remained a central part of the community of East River for 125 years;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House recognize the present and historic value to their communities of churches like St. George's of East River and join the community of East River in Commemorating St. George's Anglican Church's 125th Anniversary.

RESOLUTION NO. 1822

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Joseph Fougere Jr. has been a volunteer with Bedford Legion Branch 95 for eight years, serving with initiative on the executive as well as on the Cenotaph Committee, organizing the Remembrance Day Wreath Ceremony, assisting with repairs to the building, and organizing social and sport events; and

Whereas Joseph has also worked as a Beaver Leader, T-ball coach, assistant manager for a minor hockey team, and has consistently visited and assisted with activities at Parkland Estates Senior Residence; and

Whereas Joseph was nominated by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 95 for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Joseph Fougere Jr. on his service to Bedford and Nova Scotia, and wish him well in all his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1823

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas John Stoddart has been volunteering with the Bedford Lions Club for 42 years, serving as secretary, treasurer, president, district governor, and chairman of the Lions Foundation of Canada, working on numerous campaigns including road the Haunted Hollow fundraiser, Adopt-A-Highway, and even became a clown for the Gander Day and Gold Cup and Saucer Parades; and

Whereas during his lengthy service John has received numerous accolades including the President's Award, District Governor's Award, Lions Foundation of Canada Award, Judge Brian Stevenson Award, and named a Melvin Jones Fellow and a life member of Lions International, and received two International President's Medals; and

Whereas John was nominated by Bedford Lions Club for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate John Stoddart on his extensive service to Bedford and Nova Scotia, and wish him well in all his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1824

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Paul Henderson has been an active volunteer with Bedford Scouts for the past six years, serving as Cub and Scout Troop Leader, coordinator of Scout Apple Day and 1st Bedford Cabin Master, always serving with wisdom, inclusiveness, depth, and a sense of humour; and

Whereas Paul has received five letters of commendation from the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Canada and was awarded the 2013 Scout Medal for Good Service; and

Whereas he was nominated by Scouts Canada 1st Bedford Group Committee for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Paul Henderson on his service to the youth of Bedford, and wish him well in all his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1825

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas John Giffin has been volunteering at Bedford Baptist Church for over 55 years, serving as church trustee for 18 years, choir member for six years, Sunday School superintendent, deacon, and overseer of the church expansion; and

Whereas generous with his time and with no need for recognition, John also serves his community by helping children with reading difficulties at Hammonds Plains Elementary, assisting the library programs at Sunnyside Elementary, helping junior and senior members with weekly programs at his golf club, lending his vocal talents to the Bedford Singers and assisting his neighbours with clearing snow, tilling gardens, and cutting down trees; and

Whereas John was nominated by Bedford Baptist Church for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate John Giffin on his extensive service to the citizens of Bedford and Nova Scotia, and wish him well in all his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1826

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas William Vye has been a volunteer with the Bedford Horticultural Society for 10 years as vice-president, president, and past president and, as a member of the executive, organized the HRM District NS Association of Gardening Clubs Annual Meeting held in Bedford in 2009, and initiated the creation in 2010 of the BHS Remembrance Garden in Fish Hatchery Park; and

Whereas an excellent speaker with a great sense of humour, William also served his community as vice- chairman on the Cobequid Community Health Centre, as Venues Division Vice-Chairman of the 2011 Canada Games, and as a poppy campaigner for Bedford Legion; and

Whereas William was nominated by Bedford Horticultural Society for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate William Vye on his service to the citizens of Bedford and Nova Scotia, and wish him well in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1827

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Douglas Tidgwell has volunteered for seven years for the Kwebec Chapter No. 27 Order of the Eastern Star, taking on tasks beyond what is asked of him and holding positions as Associate Patron and Worthy Patron; and

Whereas Douglas has been a member of the Bedford Volunteer Fire Department since 1983, was appointed Lieutenant Captain in 1991, received a 25-year service award from the fire service, and also assisted Bedford Cubs and the CP Allen football team; and

Whereas Douglas was nominated by the Kwebec Chapter No. 27 Order of the Eastern Star for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Douglas Tidgwell on his devotion to the citizens of Bedford and wish him well in all his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1828

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Vanessa Smith-Majury has been a backbone of the Bedford Minor Football Association, serving as registrar, webmaster, communications director, and interim vice-president, and working politely, thoroughly, and with great communication; and

Whereas Vanessa's achievement of switching registration from paper to online has saved a great deal of time and made accounting vastly easier for the organization, and the acquisition of the scoreboard can be attributed to Vanessa's efforts; and

Whereas Vanessa was nominated by the Bedford Minor Football Association for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Vanessa Smith-Majury on her volunteer commitment to Bedford Minor Football and wish her well in all her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1829

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Jean Smith has been volunteering at Beacon House for over nine years, organizing Christmas hampers, working in the interview room and food bank, assisting clients with great compassion using her Special Education Degree to direct students with special needs, and notably, in 2013, marshalling members of the Canadian Armed Forces to pack and store 500 Christmas baskets in three hours; and

Whereas Jean also serves her community by working weekly at Chalice, as a lector, commentator, and Sunday school teacher for 25 years at St. Ignatius Church, as a receptionist and assistant to the volunteer coordinator at Feed Nova Scotia, and as a Brownie and Guide Leader; and

Whereas Jean was nominated by Beacon House Interfaith Society for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House congratulate Jean Smith for being a nominee for Bedford Volunteer of the Year 2014 and for her dedication to making Bedford a better place to live.

RESOLUTION NO. 1830

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Barbara Macey has been an active and reliable member of the Bedford Grandmothers, which she has supported since its inception in 2008, participating in raising funds, preparing and serving food at Spring luncheons, co-hosting annual bridge luncheons, supporting events and attending regional conferences in metro and Prince Edward Island, and, as part of a judges' panel, selecting winners in a talent contest of students from all area high schools, all in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation; and

Whereas Barbara also serves her community in the VON visitation program, knitting prayer shawls for area folks experiencing health challenges and bereavement, and also assists the Fort Sackville Foundation, works as a Land Steward for the Nature Conservancy of Canada, and participates in counts of waterfowl and sub-species; and

Whereas Barbara was nominated by the Bedford Grandmothers for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Barbara on her extensive service to Bedford, Nova Scotia, and to Africa, and wish her well in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1831

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Karen Waterfield has contributed extensively to the Bedford Players in the past 10 years, serving as treasurer, president and past president, producer, director, stage manager, technical lead, set construction, and front of house management, and also took a lead acting role and wrote two plays; and

Whereas Karen's Renaissance woman ability and quiet, low-key leadership have also benefited the Dartmouth Players, the Liverpool International Festival, and the Atlantic Fringe Festival; and

Whereas Karen was nominated by the Bedford Players for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Karen Waterfield on her service to Bedford and Nova Scotia and wish her well in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1832

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Rena Hill has volunteered with Bedford United Church for over 12 years, holding positions in United Church Women, on the Worship and Music Committees, the Social Committee, People Helping People, the Scripture readers and community prayer presenters and assisting with clerical duties in the church office; and

Whereas Rena's highly efficient, proactive, goal-oriented, honest and joyful positivity has also benefitted church activities in Centre Rawdon, the Halifax Presbyterian United Church Women, church youth, her children's Home and School Association, Scott Manor House and the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Rena was nominated by Bedford United Church for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Rena Hill on her service to Bedford and Nova Scotia and wish her well in all her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1833

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Paul and Beth Casey have served the Bedford Beaver Swim Club for six years, Beth as treasurer, co-statistician and co-chair of the 2010 Summer Swimming Provincial Championships and Paul as co-statistician, meet official and Provincials' announcer; and

Whereas Paul and Beth cheerfully and dependably put in over 20 hours per week in the summers, coordinating with coaches, working on meet entries, time trials and many other duties in service to over 100 swimmers; and

Whereas they were nominated by Bedford Beavers Swim Team for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House congratulate Paul and Beth Casey on their service to Bedford and Nova Scotia and wish them well in all their future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1834

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Bob Burns, treasurer of the Meals on Wheels, Sackville-Bedford Division, and Linda Bezanger have been delivering Meals on Wheels in a dedicated, competent and trustworthy way, stepping up when other volunteers could not; and

Whereas Bob, as a member of the Halifax Amateur Radio Club, provided communications at the Peggy's Cove Swissair tragedy search base, received the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2002 for service to the Province of Nova Scotia, is a member of the Fultz House Restoration Society and the Warburton search team of the Waverley Amateur Radio Club, and Linda is treasurer of the Bedford Horticultural Society, and both volunteer at Scott Manor House; and

Whereas Linda and Bob were nominated by Meals on Wheels, Sackville-Bedford Division, for the 2014 Bedford Volunteer Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bob Burns and Linda Bezanger on their extensive service to all Bedford and Nova Scotia and wish them well in all their future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1835

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Ian Dawson, whose son Evan was killed due to a highway accident, decided as a result of overwhelming support from the IWK during the tragedy and its aftermath to help the renowned children's hospital continue its mission; and

Whereas Dawson, having gained approval from the IWK Health Centre Foundation and having held its official launch at the Halifax International Boat Show, was inspired to organize a pursuit sailing race called *Making Waves for the IWK* at the Bedford Basin Yacht Club, to be held on September 27th with the winner awarded bragging rights and a trophy named after Evan Dawson; and

Whereas with passion and hard work, the race committee, chaired by Dawson, has quickly gained attention from Sail Nova Scotia and yacht clubs as far away as Shediac, N.B.;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly send best wishes to Ian Dawson and the *Making Waves* Race Committee for a successful inaugural event and its potential to become a lasting memorial legacy to all children and families served by the IWK.

RESOLUTION NO. 1836

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

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

Whereas Wendy Hutt, a retired schoolteacher, has been enthusiastically involved with theatre in Bedford for well over 30 years, through groups such as Basin, All Saints Players and the Bedford Players; and

Whereas Ms. Hutt has taken many roles over the years from stage manager, producer and actor to event planner and ticket taker; and

Whereas Ms. Hutt is a talented actor who lives to have fun but energetically takes her craft very seriously in roles such as the lead in *Calendar Girl*, which resulted in a cast calendar that raised money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly commend Wendy Hutt on her lead role in quality community theatre in Bedford and wish her many more years expressing her creativity with the Bedford Players.

RESOLUTION NO. 1837

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Sally Messenger was born in England and immigrated to Canada in 1967, married a Canadian and raised two beautiful daughters; and

Whereas Sally Messenger and her family moved from Ontario to Nova Scotia in 1974 and has lived here ever since; and

Whereas Sally Messenger has volunteered at St. David's Church, the Circle of Care Furniture Bank, the Canadian Cancer Society, Literacy Nova Scotia and Girl Guides and won the Outstanding Nova Scotians Women's Award in 2001 for her work with the Girl Guides;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House acknowledge the amazing volunteer work performed by Sally Messenger to her community and to all of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 1838

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Shane Irvine, MMM, C.D. was born in Oshawa, raised in Curtis, Ontario, the first born of three children and when he reached adulthood attended cooking school from 1970 to 1973; and

Whereas he joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1974 and became a submariner in 1976 and in carrying out his duties he was transferred some 13 times, including stints in both Germany and England as well as serving in war-torn Bosnia, once known as Yugoslavia, and then retired in 2009 as a Chief Petty Officer 1st Class; and

Whereas now retired, Shane volunteers with the Royal Canadian Legion, their poppy drives, the Submariner Association, St. David's Church in Lake Echo, and wherever else he is needed he will always be there to lend a helping hand;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House acknowledge and thank Shane Irvine for his many contributions that he made not only to his own community and his own province but to all of Canada.

RESOLUTION NO. 1839

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas William Jenkinson has lived in the Lake Echo community for 40 years where he and his late wife Christine raised their two sons and during this time William has been committed to making his community a better place to live and raise a family; and

Whereas William was involved in the little league baseball as a coach, a charter member of the Lake Echo Lions Club, held the office of King Lion as well as being a volunteer firefighter obtaining level 3 from the Nova Scotia Firefighter School and reaching the rank of Lieutenant; and

Whereas William owned and ran two local businesses i.e. Rusty Cove Diner in Lake Echo and Paul Mark Grocery as well as being involved in land developing and home building, while he held down his full time employment with Warner Lambert;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House join me in acknowledging and thanking William Jenkinson for his many contributions to the youth and to the community of Lake Echo.

RESOLUTION NO. 1840

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Valley Mushrooms in the beautiful Annapolis Valley is a local business that has produced and shipped fresh, pesticide-free button and Portobello mushrooms since 1995; and

Whereas the RBC Horticulture Innovator of the Year Award recognizes farmers in Nova Scotia who are committed to developing and introducing new practices to the agriculture sector; and

Whereas Leonard North of Valley Mushrooms received this year's RBC Innovator of the Year Award for a pasteurization process that ensures productive and disease-free compost;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Leonard North on winning RBC's Innovator of the Year Award and for demonstrating a commitment to excellence within the agriculture industry.

RESOLUTION NO. 1841

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Mr. Dave Sangster was a dedicated employee of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture for 20 years before joining the Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Mr. Sangster held the position of executive director of the Wild Blueberry Producers Association for 11 years where he made a significant contribution to the growth and development of the wild blueberry industry and to the association; and

Whereas Mr. Sangster retired from the position of executive director of the Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia on December 31, 2013;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Dave Sangster on his retirement after more than 30 years of dedication to Nova Scotia Agriculture and wish him every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1842

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Acadian Maple Products of Upper Tantallon is a local, family-run business which exports Canadian maple syrup to Ireland, Switzerland, Holland, Norway, and the U.K.; and

Whereas the Atlantic Canada Craft Awards for Excellence features an Outstanding Exporter Award to recognize an individual, organization, or company for exporting achievement of crafts or giftware outside Atlantic Canada for a minimum of two years; and

Whereas Acadian Maple Products received this year's Outstanding Exporter Award at the Atlantic Craft Trade Show in February;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Acadian Maple Products on winning the Outstanding Exporter Award and for demonstrating leadership excellence within the agriculture industry.

RESOLUTION NO. 1843

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Patricia Rodenhiser was born and lived in Middle Musquodoboit until the age of 23, when she moved to Dartmouth, married, and raised three wonderful sons; and

Whereas the churches in East Dartmouth (Woodlawn United Church, Stevens Road Baptist Church, St. Luke's Anglican Church, Iona Presbyterian Church, and St. Thomas More Catholic Church) met in the Spring of 1992 and decided that a food bank was needed in the area, and asked Patricia to fill in as coordinator, and she accepted; and

Whereas they then served 56 families in 1992, and she now has a list of 500 families and keeps the food bank open one day every week to accommodate those persons who require this extra help;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House acknowledge the wonderful contribution that Patricia Rodenhiser has made to the churches in East Dartmouth and for the people of Dartmouth.

RESOLUTION NO. 1844

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas the United Nations declared 2014 the International Year of Family Farming to raise the profile of family farms and to recognize their role in eradicating hunger and poverty; and

Whereas family farms in our beautiful province produce fresh, locally-grown, and healthy food that helps maintain food security for Nova Scotians; and

Whereas the purpose of this important initiative is to raise awareness about the difficulties family farmers encounter and to identify ways to support them;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize and support the United Nations' 2014 International Year of Family Farming initiative.

RESOLUTION NO. 1845

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Willem Van den Hoek of That Dutchman's Farm in Upper Economy, has been producing the highly-coveted small black bell of Dragon's Breath cheese since 2002; and

Whereas Canada's biggest cheese competition, the Canadian Cheese Awards, was held on April 7, 2014, at the St. Lawrence market in Toronto, to promote the best in Canadian cheese; and

Whereas Dragon's Breath blue cheese from That Dutchman's Farm was presented with the Best Blue Cheese award in April;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize That Dutchman's Farm for achieving recognition and excellence for their Dragon's Breath blue cheese.

RESOLUTION NO. 1846

By: Ms. Karla MacFarlane (Pictou West)

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

Whereas May is Celiac Awareness Month, a time when the Canadian Celiac Association educates Canadians about celiac disease and a gluten-free diet; and

Whereas celiac disease is recognized as one of the most common chronic diseases in the world and can only be treated by maintaining a gluten-free diet; and

Whereas the Canadian Celiac Association is the national voice for people who are adversely affected by gluten, and the Nova Scotia chapter has over 300 members and support groups in Baddeck, Cheticamp, Pictou County, and Sydney;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly mark May as Celiac Awareness Month and recognize the Canadian Celiac Association for their dedication to raising awareness, understanding, and acceptance of this disease.

RESOLUTION NO. 1847

By: Mr. Tim Houston (Pictou East)

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

Whereas on Friday, January 17th, the team of Skip Colin MacEachern, Cindy Perrin, Gary Perrin, and Eileen MacKenzie, recorded a memorable eight-ender at the Westville Curling Club; and

Whereas an eight-ender is a perfect score in a single end of curling; and

Whereas recording an eight-ender in curling is considered as rare as a hole-in-one in golf, or a no-hitter in baseball;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly extend our congratulations to Colin, Cindy, Gary, and Eileen, for recording a curling milestone at the Westville Curling Rink.

RESOLUTION NO. 1848

By: Mr. Eddie Orrell (Northside-Westmount)

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

Whereas Northside native Joe Anthony and his partners celebrated 15 years of A&L Seafoods in Louisbourg, and take pride in having one of the cleanest plants in North America; and

Whereas more than five million pounds of crab is processed here every year, and the business employs more than 100 workers; and

Whereas the leadership and co-operation with all industry participants has created a viable and very profitable industry in eastern Cape Breton that will last for years to come;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Joe and his partners for their commitment and insight into the crab fishery and processing at A&L Fisheries as they start their next 15 years.

RESOLUTION NO. 1849

By: Mr. Eddie Orrell (Northside-Westmount)

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

Whereas Len MacIntyre was awarded the Medal of Bravery, by Governor General David Johnston at Rideau Hall, for his heroic actions on August 9, 2009; and

Whereas on an early morning coffee run going to work, when Len noticed a second- story apartment was on fire he entered the apartment, and using a quilt to protect the female resident from the flames was able to get her to safety, and returned to warn other residents of the fire; and

Whereas while risking his own life, Len did save the life of the resident and went on to report to work for the day;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly salute this brave citizen for his heroic act to save others.

RESOLUTION NO. 1850

By: Mr. Eddie Orrell (Northside-Westmount)

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

Whereas Constable Paul Ratchford and the Cape Breton Youth Centres are the local stewards for the National Open Water Wisdom Campaign, providing education and life jackets to Cape Breton communities to promote water safety; and

Whereas local youth centres have roughly 40 life jackets that are available to all children in the Cape Breton area by the day or week; and

Whereas this program provides resources for children, youth, families, communities, and professionals, to prevent injury and drowning;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly salute Constable Ratchford and his team for their life-changing efforts with the youth of Cape Breton.

RESOLUTION NO. 1851

By: Mr. Eddie Orrell (Northside-Westmount)

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

Whereas after a number of acts of vandalism against the Cape Breton Fossil Centre, a local musician, Ian Aker, reached out to the museum management to perform a fundraising concert; and

Whereas other musicians from the Sydney Mines area including Fred Lavery, Andrew Doyle, Kimberly Fraser, Linda Maxwell, Stewart and Lucy MacNeil, freely gave of their time to participate; and

Whereas community donations and a silver donation for admission raised over \$1,600;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly salute Ian and all those who joined in to show a community can stand together.

RESOLUTION NO. 1852

By: Mr. Eddie Orrell (Northside-Westmount)

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

Whereas students from Sydney Mines Junior High dressed up as Santa Claus for the children spending Christmas in the pediatric ward of the Cape Breton Regional Hospital; and

Whereas the school's Kiwanis Builders Club exceeded their fundraising goal and purchased \$900 worth of toys; and

Whereas the Builders Club is a project of the Kiwanis Ceilidh Golden K Club and develops competent, capable, and caring leaders through community service;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Kiwanis and students for their marvellous partnership to serve the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1853

By: Mr. Eddie Orrell (Northside-Westmount)

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

Whereas Stuart Critchley, curator of the Cape Breton Fossil Centre in Sydney Mines, is welcoming more and more visitors every season, with over 8,000 least year; and

Whereas fossil walks, increased school visitations, and the expertise of Stuart Critchley have greatly increased new and returning visitors to the centre; and

Whereas this world-class facility has had a positive impact on tourism in the Town of Sydney Mines;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Stuart Critchley for working his magic with our Fossil Centre and taking it into record-breaking years.

RESOLUTION NO. 1854

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

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

Whereas the Saint Antonios Antiochian Orthodox Church will be holding the 2014 Lebanese Festival at the Olympic Community Centre from July 10 to 13, 2014; and

Whereas the festival shares some of the best parts of Lebanese culture with the City of Halifax over a four-day celebration; and

Whereas visitors can enjoy Lebanese music, dance, and food or buy authentic Lebanese items at the souvenir shop on site;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the members of the Saint Antonios Antiochian Orthodox Church and the festival organizers on their commitment and wonderful spirit toward the community, and wish them continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1855

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

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

Whereas the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers Atlantic Chapter held a cocktail reception at McInnes Cooper on April 25, 2014, to celebrate the founding of the society; and

Whereas I had the privilege and honour to speak to a generation of upcoming lawyers, expressing the need for diversity in the legal profession and greater access to justice for all members of society; and

Whereas Honourable Justice Linda Lee Oland delivered an inspiring speech to the students, stressing the importance of family values and to never forget where they come from;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Atlantic Chapter of the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers on their inauguration and wish them continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1856

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

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

Whereas the Annual Greek Festival will be held in my riding, Halifax Armdale, at the St. George's Greek Orthodox Church on June 12 to 15, 2014; and

Whereas the Greek Festival showcases Greek culinary specialties, dance, culture, and historical roots; and

Whereas visitors may marvel at art replicas and religious artifacts depicting Greek lifestyles, gaze at the iconography and interior architecture of the church, and even participate in Greek Wine tasting sessions led by local sommeliers;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the organizers and volunteers of the 2014 Greek Festival and wish them continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1857

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

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

Whereas Celine Therese Daaboul celebrates her First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at Our Lady of Lebanon Parish; and

Whereas Celine had dedicated long hours, with the help of her parents and teachers, to attend religious classes every Saturday morning; and

Whereas Celine will accept the bread and wine as the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and continue in the tradition of spreading love and compassion;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Celine Therese Daaboul on her first Holy Communion and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1858

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

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

Whereas the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada has named Cynthia Ghosn the Honoured Hero for the 2014 Light the Night Cancer Walk; and

Whereas Cynthia has miraculously recovered from her diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; and

Whereas Cynthia is holding a fundraiser reception to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada on Saturday, May 3, 2014, to make a difference by giving back to organizations that help families like hers and show the world what faith and good will can achieve;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Cynthia Ghosn on her outstanding achievements and wish her continued health and success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1859

By: Hon. Lena M. Diab (Justice)

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

Whereas His Eminence the Most Reverend Metropolitan Philip Saliba, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America, passed away on March 19, 2014; and

Whereas it was Metropolitan Philip who ordained and enthroned so many of the bishops of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, and he also helped educate and ordain countless parish priests; and

Whereas the Saint Antonios Antiochian Orthodox Church of Halifax will be holding a special Trisagion prayer service in memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Philip Saliba on Sunday, May 4, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly acknowledge the passing of His Eminence Metropolitan Philip Saliba and send their condolences to his family, friends and the many members of the Antiochian Orthodox Church.

RESOLUTION NO. 1860

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas the Province of Nova Scotia recognized the outstanding contributions of volunteers during the annual Provincial Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on April 7, 2014; and

Whereas Mac Noble of Elmsdale was recognized for his exceptional volunteer efforts and dedication to development and service in Fire and Emergency Services in the corridor and across Nova Scotia; and

Whereas volunteers such as Mac are the backbone of our communities, providing countless hours of devoted service;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Noble and thank him for serving the citizens of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 1861

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas reaching the age of 80 is a special occasion of note, even in a modern era of miracle medicine; and

Whereas Mr. Lowell Rose of Enfield has recently celebrated his 80th birthday; and

Whereas 80 years have undoubtedly seen Mr. Rose experience countless joys, adventures and special moments with friends and loved ones;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Rose on his 80th Birthday and wish him good health and much happiness for many years to come.

RESOLUTION NO. 1862

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas the East Hants and Districts Chamber of Commerce is the collective voice for business and industry in Hants East; and

Whereas the East Hants and Districts Chamber of Commerce held their Annual General Meeting and elected a new board of directors on March 25, 2014; and

Whereas the East Hants and Districts Chamber of Commerce's new executive will guide the chamber's work through the coming year and see to the betterment of the business environment;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the newly elected members of the East Hants and Districts Chamber of Commerce and wish them continued success.

RESOLUTION NO. 1863

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas Ian George of Mount Uniacke has won entrance to the Canada Wide Science Fair competition held in Windsor, Ontario on May 10, 2014; and

Whereas the Canada Wide Science Fair brings together Canada's top young scientists to benchmark scientific and technological achievements and expose students to peer role models; and

Whereas this honour has been bestowed upon only 40 young Nova Scotian scientists who have each undertaken significant scientific and technological study;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Ian George and wish all young Nova Scotian scientists success at the Canada Wide Science Fair and in future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1864

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas marathons test and push the limits of physical abilities and endurance; and

Whereas qualifying and running the Boston Marathon is a highly commendable achievement in itself, especially in the wake of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing; and

Whereas Michael Juurlink of Oakfield was Nova Scotia's fastest runner having cross the Boston Marathon finish line in 2 hours, 48 minutes, 19 seconds;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Mr. Juurlink for this outstanding achievement and wish him continued success in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1865

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas Bernice Donaldson is a founding member of the Caring and Sharing Angel Tree Food Bank and is a very visible and tremendously involved volunteer in many aspects of our community; and

Whereas Bernice Donaldson has been a leader and driver of progress and change at the Caring and Sharing Angel Tree Food Bank to the benefit of all clients and staff; and

Whereas volunteers such as Bernice are the backbone of our communities, provide countless hours of thankless service to those in need and support the social fabric that holds us together;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Bernice for her dedication to her community and extend our support for those working with the most vulnerable members of society.

RESOLUTION NO. 1866

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

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

Whereas the Netherlands celebrated its first King's Day in 122 years on April 27, 2014, replacing the traditional Queens' Day and renamed because King Willem Alexander, who assumed the throne last year, is the first male monarch from the Netherlands' ruling House of Orange in living memory; and

Whereas Mr. Guido Kerpel, Honorary Consul to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, hosted a wonderful King's Day celebration at the Westin Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Sunday, April 27, 2014; and

Whereas representing the Province of Nova Scotia, I had the privilege to attend this celebration with many dignitaries and members of the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Netherlands on their celebration of King's Day and wish them continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1867

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

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

Whereas my grandson, Anthony Maroun Salah, will have his first baptism on Sunday, May 4, 2014, at Our Lady of Lebanon Parish; and

Whereas baptism is the first sacrament of the church to be received, and it is the welcoming of a child into the family of Jesus Christ, and a special mass and celebration with reception will follow; and

Whereas Anthony's parents, Stephanie and Christopher, have gathered the entire extended family, including the great-grandparents, to celebrate the baptism of our first grandchild and great-grandchild;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Stephanie and Christopher Salah on the baptism of their son, Anthony Maroun Salah, and wish them continued happiness and well-being in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1868

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

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

Whereas on April 26th I had the honour of attending the Annual Vaisakhi Festival put on by the Maritime Sikh Society; and

Whereas every year Sikh communities around the world come together to celebrate Vaisakhi, a holy festival that marks the beginning of the harvest season and the creation of Khalsa;

Whereas the festival event was filled with colourful performances, music, and delicious food that brought joy to all who attended;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House recognize the celebration of Vaisakhi and extend our best wishes to the Sikh community here in Nova Scotia and around the world.

RESOLUTION NO. 1869

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

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

Whereas my nephew and godson, Steven Wadih Metlege, celebrates his First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at Our Lady of Lebanon Parish; and

Whereas Steven has dedicated long hours, with the help of his parents and teachers, to attend religious classes every Saturday morning; and

Whereas Steven will accept the bread and wine as the body and blood of Jesus Christ and continue in the tradition of spreading love and compassion;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Steven Wadih Metlege on his First Holy Communion and wish him continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1870

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas April marks Broker Month each year in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas the Insurance Brokers Association of Nova Scotia recognizes one outstanding broker per year; and

Whereas Amelia Nolter of Caldwell Roach Insurance in Elmsdale was recognized by IBANS and the Insurance Brokers Association of Canada for her commitment to client satisfaction and always going above and beyond expectations; and

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Ms. Amelia Nolter for this honour and thank her for her dedication to clients.

RESOLUTION NO. 1871

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas Olivia Meehan of Rawdon Gold Mines is a Gold Award Recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award; and

Whereas the Duke of Edinburgh's Award provides youth with the chance to set goals and achieve results in a fun and challenging way; and

Whereas the Duke of Edinburgh's Award recipients have engaged with their communities through physical challenges, personal skills development, service to their community, adventurous journeys, and for gold recipients, undertaking a residential project away from home;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Olivia Meehan for receiving this prestigious honour, and wish her continued success in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1872

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas the Canadian Cancer Society's fight against cancer is only possible with dedicated and hardworking volunteers who selflessly give their time and talents; and

Whereas on March 27, 2014, the Hants East unit of the Canadian Cancer Society recognized those who have been instrumental in raising funds for research and improving the quality of life of people living with cancer; and

Whereas Ms. Shelia Nieforth of Enfield, Nova Scotia received her 25-year pin for her dedication and commitment to the Canadian Cancer Society;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly recognize the many years of service Ms. Neiforth has devoted to bettering our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1873

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Environment)

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

Whereas the community of Lochaber and the Lochaber Community Development Association are about to open their brand new Lochaber Centre; and

Whereas this new multi-purpose facility of more than 5,000 square feet is located on the beautiful Lochaber Lake and includes a rowing facility of an international caliber that includes a two-kilometer, six-lane course that will host multiple events and competitions attracting participants and competitors from the around to the Antigonish area; and

Whereas the Lochaber Centre would not have been possible without the tremendous support of a community fundraising campaign that kicked off the project;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly commend and congratulate the community of Lochaber and the Lochaber Community Development Association on the opening of their new Lochaber Centre.

RESOLUTION NO. 1874

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Environment)

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

Whereas for a week of April the Province of Nova Scotia celebrates Education Week and honours a number of teachers and education partners for their commitment to their students; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers recognized this year with an Education Week Award was Theresa Thompson, a science and core French teacher at Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School, who is a leader in various school and community committees; and

Whereas she organizes the school's Christmas Joy Project where she organizes students to partner with the Department of Community Services and other local agencies to provide much needed and appreciated gifts for children in need in the school community;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Theresa for not only receiving this well-deserved award but for being a role model to her students and her community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1875

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Environment)

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

Whereas for a week of April the Province of Nova Scotia celebrates Education Week and honours a number of teachers and education partners for their commitment to their students; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers recognized this year with an Education Week Award was Christian Demers who is a teacher at École acadienne de Pomquet and a huge advocate for his students to become involved in extracurricular activities and to become more physically active in one of the dozen after school clubs he founded; and

Whereas Christian had a vision to get more people in the community to become more active, and he and his students built a one-kilometer track by the school and raised funds for mountain bikes to be used by students and community members;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Christian for not only receiving this well-deserved award but for his commitment to his students and his community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1876

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Environment)

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

Whereas the Heatherton Activity Centre is a workshop for people with intellectual disabilities; and

Whereas the centre has just opened a new thrift store selling gently-used clothing, accessories, and books to go along with their baking and recycling programs; and

Whereas for over 40 years the centre has been providing these services to its clients and the community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate the Heatherton Activity Centre for launching its new thrift store.

RESOLUTION NO. 1877

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Environment)

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

Whereas the Antigonish Pee Wee AAA Bulldogs are the Hockey Nova Scotia provincial champions; and

Whereas they won the five-game tournament with commitment and hard work; and

Whereas the team's win at the provincial championships is only one of the team's many accomplishments this season, having also won the Mainland Hockey League title and the Blue Wave Atlantic Challenge Cup in Dartmouth;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate the Antigonish Pee Wee AAA Bulldogs: Kolby Baker, Graham MacDonald, Ella MacLean, Sean Stewart, Adam Hilling, Michael Putnam, Scott Chiasson, Darren Waterman, Jack Morris, Dylan Keats, John Brophy, David Wallace, Mason Grant, Logan Chisholm, Jake Stewart, and Ewan MacDonald; their assistant coaches, Billy Brophy and Bryden Wallace; and of course their coach, Mike Stewart, on the success of their 2013-14 season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1878

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

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

Whereas Nathalia Chater celebrates her First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at Our Lady of Lebanon Parish; and

Whereas Nathalia has dedicated long hours, with the help of her parents and teachers, to attend religious classes every Saturday morning; and

Whereas Nathalia will accept the bread and wine as the body and blood of Jesus Christ and continue in the tradition of spreading love and compassion;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Nathalia Chater on her First Holy Communion and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1879

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

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

Whereas Owen Alphonse celebrates his First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at Our Lady of Lebanon Parish; and

Whereas Owen has dedicated long hours, with the help of his parents and teachers, to attend religious classes every Saturday morning; and

Whereas Owen will accept the bread and wine as the body and blood of Jesus Christ and continue in the tradition of spreading love and compassion;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Owen Alphonse on his First Holy Communion and wish him continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1880

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

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

Whereas Zakary Faddoul celebrates his First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at Our Lady of Lebanon Parish; and

Whereas Zakary has dedicated long hours, with the help of his parents and teachers, to attend religious classes every Saturday morning; and

Whereas Zakary will accept the bread and wine as the body and blood of Jesus Christ and continue in the tradition of spreading love and compassion;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Zakary Faddoul on his First Holy Communion and wish him continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1881

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas Chelsey and Doris Singer of Gormanville celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on February 24, 2014; and

Whereas 60 years of marriage has undoubtedly seen Chelsey and Doris grow together through all of the trials and victories of life; and

Whereas Mr. and Ms. Singer's marriage serves as a shining example to married couples, both old and new alike;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Singers on 60 years of marriage and wish them continued love and happiness in all of the years ahead.

RESOLUTION NO. 1882

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas John and Mary McMullen of Milford celebrated 50 years of marriage in April 2014; and

Whereas 50 years of marriage has undoubtedly seen Mary and John grow together through all of the trials and victories of life; and

Whereas Mr. and Ms. McMullen's marriage serves as a shining example to married couples, both old and new alike;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the McMullens on 50 years of marriage and wish them continued love and happiness in all of the years ahead.

RESOLUTION NO. 1883

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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Whereas Mr. and Ms. Singer's marriage serves as a shining example to married couples, both old and new alike;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Singers on 60 years of marriage and wish them continued love and happiness in all of the years ahead.

RESOLUTION NO. 1884

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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

Whereas volunteers are the backbone of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas volunteer firefighters selflessly put their lives at risk to help protect the lives of people of their community and beyond; and

Whereas Eugene Feener of the Oakhill and District Fire Department was honoured by the department for his 40 years of dedication and for making the community a safer place to live through his volunteer actions;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Eugene on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1885

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

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Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Eugene on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

RESOLUTION NO. 1886

By: Mr. Larry Harrison (Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a life-altering event that marks the beginning of a wondrous journey of discovery and joy where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas author Elizabeth Stone says deciding to have a child “is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body”; and

Whereas on March 1, 2014, Kevin and Natalie Brenton welcomed their son Wyatt John into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kevin and Natalie on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 1887

By: Mr. Larry Harrison (Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley)

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Whereas author Elizabeth Stone says deciding to have a child “is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body”; and

Whereas on January 14, 2014, Andre Garneau and Krysten Stewart welcomed their daughter Sadie Jane into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Andre and Krysten on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 1888

By: Mr. John Lohr (Kings North)

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

Whereas Robin McGee, a clinical psychologist from Port Williams in the Annapolis Valley, has struggled with colorectal cancer that was diagnosed at a late stage; and

Whereas Robin has undergone frightening hurdles to fight back this disease; and

Whereas Robin chronicled her journey through this battle in a self-published book entitled *The Cancer Olympics*, launched in Halifax this past week;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Robin on the launch of her book, which has been described by Kindle on Amazon, where the eBook edition is for sale, as “a suspenseful and poignant treatment of an unthinkable situation, an account of advocacy and survival that explores our deepest values regarding democracy, medicine and friendship.”

RESOLUTION NO. 1889

By: Mr. Larry Harrison (Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley)

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

Whereas the Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search and Rescue is a group of more than 40 volunteers who range in age from 18 to 84; and

Whereas the team, whose motto is “Every life is precious,” is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week in case of an emergency; and

Whereas members also volunteer in so many other ways, including providing first aid at community events and teaching survival programs for children, and are the local Protect Life Saver responders in the Musquodoboit Valley area;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly salute the volunteers of the Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search and Rescue team for their dedication and service to their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1890

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 the Port Hawkesbury and West Bay Road Volunteer Fire Departments held their installation ceremonies on April 12th at the Port Hawkesbury Fire Hall; and

Whereas Adam King was named the Port Hawkesbury Volunteer Fire Department’s Firefighter of the Year; and

Whereas the Port Hawkesbury Volunteer Fire Department gave 10-year service pins to Adam Williams and Greg Brewer, a 15-year service pin to Tara Sellars, a 20-year service pin to Rob Cass, and a 25-year pin to Alexander (Sandy) MacDonald;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking these individuals for their years of dedication and service.

RESOLUTION NO. 1891

By: Mr. Gordon Wilson (Clare-Digby)

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

Whereas the Clare Peewee B hockey team participated in the 37th Annual SEDMHA Honda International Minor Hockey Tournament from April 3 to 6, 2014; and

Whereas the Clare team played against the Halifax Hawks in the Accord Division championship final; and

Whereas the SEDMHA Honda International Hockey Tournament is one of the largest and most respected multi-level hockey tournaments in North America;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Clare Peewee B hockey team and their coaches for winning a silver medal in the Accord Division final during the 35th Annual SEDMHA Honda International Minor Hockey Tournament.

RESOLUTION NO. 1892

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas the Yarmouth Mazda Midget A Female Mariners hockey team participated in the Female Hockey Federation South Conference midget A league championship in Yarmouth on April 26, 2014; and

Whereas the Yarmouth Mazda Midget A Female Mariners Team defeated Eastern Shore 3-2 to win the conference league championship; and

Whereas the hockey team also won gold in the Odyssey Division at the 37th Annual SEDMHA Honda International Minor Hockey Tournament earlier this month, won the silver medal at the Midget A Female Provincials and won the silver medal at the Chicks with Sticks Tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Yarmouth Mazda Midget A Female Mariners hockey team and their coaches for a successful season and with them continued success.

RESOLUTION NO. 1893

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

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

Whereas individuals and community groups volunteer for the Prospect Road and Area annual Community Clean Up, which was held on Saturday, April 26, 2014, in Prospect, Terence Bay, East Dover, Bayside, Whites Lake, Hatchet Lake, Brookside and Goodwood; and

Whereas the Prospect communities are a unique string of rural/coastal villages and settlements that run along and off the Prospect Road, welcoming all that travel these roads to one of Nova Scotia's most iconic landmarks, Peggy's Cove, all made so much more beautiful by these volunteer efforts to keep our roadside clean; and

Whereas the Prospect communities have been holding their annual Community Clean Up for more than 20 years;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly congratulate the residents of the Prospect communities on this great initiative that demonstrates such pride of place.

RESOLUTION NO. 1894

By: Mr. John Lohr (Kings North)

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

Whereas Loblaws supports its Vendor Development Partnership Award program through its selection criteria, including food safety certification, quality, innovation, farm conditions, corporate social responsibility, making a positive difference in their community, excellence in customer service, and building a strong strategic and collaborative partnership; and

Whereas Loblaws held its Atlantic Canada 2014 annual assembly in Bayers Lake last week; and

Whereas Andrea Palmer, a local Annapolis Valley innovator, of Nova Agri in Sheffield Mills received the prestigious Loblaw 2014 Vendor Development Partnership Award for the new innovative production of a sugar-free blueberry juice;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Nova Agri on receiving this well-deserved recognition and for the commitment to continue to develop industry trends.

RESOLUTION NO. 1895

By: Ms. Joyce Treen (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 Lodge 8686 of Eastern Passage/Cow Bay is a very active service club that assists financially and supports the community in their many, many community events; and

Whereas they also happily assist with manpower in the overall setup and dismantling of various events and activities in the community, especially for our annual Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival, which is a week-long event requiring many volunteer hours for its success; and

Whereas this wonderful community service group will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on June 14, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in a big thank-you to the Eastern Lodge 8686 and their members for their unwavering support to our community and wish them well during their 60th anniversary celebration and continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1896

By: Ms. Joyce Treen (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

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

Whereas Mitchell Parker registered for the Bronze Achiever Award as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards program through the 18 Dartmouth Air Cadet Squadron; and

Whereas he accomplished his goal by assisting in physical recreation with the Halifax Parks and Recreation, service time within his community, became a jazz drummer as his skill, and completed a 12-kilometer hike in adventure training; and

Whereas his outstanding commitment enabled him to become a Bronze Achiever Award recipient for the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly join me in congratulating Mitchell Parker for receiving the Bronze Award for the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and wish him continued success in the future, achieving the silver and gold awards in this category.

RESOLUTION NO. 1897

By: Ms. Joyce Treen (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

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

Whereas John and Jody Keizer, owners of Valufoods in Eastern Passage, hold monthly 50/50 draws to support numerous organizations within Eastern Passage, Cow Bay, and Shearwater ; and

Whereas they have two dedicated employees who oversee this initiative to ensure measures are in place to make it successful; and

Whereas they have raised a total in excess of \$23,000 over an 18-month period;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly join me in thanking John and Jody for their outstanding support in raising monies for several organizations and wish them continued success in the future at Valufoods.

RESOLUTION NO. 1898

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Lighthouse Media Group of Bridgewater has organized and promoted the initiative, It's Time to Chart our Own Course; and

Whereas Lighthouse Media Group has taken the lead in initiating conversations and action to involve the people of Bridgewater and surrounding area to better the community; and

Whereas Lighthouse Media Group is facilitating the change by holding public forums for like-minded community members to gather and continue discussions;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly congratulate Lighthouse Media Group on their initiative and action in bringing the Town of Bridgewater and surrounding communities together to collect ideas and provide the forum with which to act.

RESOLUTION NO. 1899

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Angela Robar and Lindsey Parnell of Bridgewater have worked tirelessly to bring awareness of the treatment of animals; and

Whereas Angela and Lindsey organized an awareness walk, bringing awareness to dog-tethering on February 1, 2014; and

Whereas the event was well attended and well organized;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly thank Angela Robar and Lindsey Parnell for their hard work, dedication and determination to bring awareness to the treatment of animals, in particular the anti-tethering movement.

RESOLUTION NO. 1900

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the Kiwanis Club of Bluenose Golden K has successfully replaced their Senior Wheels bus with a new one; and

Whereas the Kiwanis Club of Bluenose Golden K has been transporting seniors to appointments and other errands for the last nine years, on a volunteer basis; and

Whereas the Kiwanis Club of Bluenose Golden K have transported 166,000 passengers and have travelled over 374,000 kilometers to date, all free of charge to the seniors using the program;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the Kiwanis Club of Bluenose Golden K for the purchase of their new Senior Wheels bus and thank their volunteers for their continued support and time to ensure that our community's seniors are able to enjoy alternate transportation.

RESOLUTION NO. 1901

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball Team qualified to play in the NSSAF provincial tournament in Sydney on December 6-7, 2013; and

Whereas the PVEC Girls Volleyball Team played hard all season and is comprised of 12 dedicated female athletes; and

Whereas the PVEC Girls Volleyball Team was proud to represent their school at the provincial tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball Team for their hard work and success this season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1902

By: Mr. Allan Rowe (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Bill Pratt of Dartmouth, a retired navy chef, opened the first Cheese Curds Gourmet Burgers and Poutinerie in Dartmouth in 2012, followed by the first Habaneros Modern Taco Bar a few months later; and

Whereas Bill recently launched a refurbished 45-foot-long and eight-foot-wide food bus in the style of a Habaneros gecko as a mobile taco bar to serve the Metro area; and

Whereas Bill won the 2013 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Atlantic Canada for an emerging entrepreneur recognizing his exceptional vision, financial success, leadership and social responsibility;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bill Pratt on this deserved accolade as a local entrepreneur and visionary.

RESOLUTION NO. 1903

By: Mr. Brendan Maguire (Halifax Atlantic)

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

Whereas the 40th Provincial Volunteer Awards ceremony was held April 7, 2014, to honour volunteers for their tremendous contributions made to their communities and the province;

Whereas Eva Mae Gray was a recipient of the 2014 Volunteer Awards; and

Whereas Eva Mae Gray spent countless years teaching children from Halifax Atlantic including a young, wide-eyed boy named Brendan Maguire;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Eva Mae Gray for being chosen as this year's recipient of the Volunteer Representatives Award and thank her for her outstanding contributions to her community and province.

RESOLUTION NO. 1904

By: Mr. Allan Rowe (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Marc Rickard opened The Bike Pedaler, a bicycle repair and retail shop, on Portland Street in Downtown Dartmouth in 2011; and

Whereas Marc donates bike parts and sells bicycles at significantly reduced costs to his customers who transport and donate these bicycles to locals when they vacation in places like Cuba; and

Whereas Marc's philanthropic network of bicycle donations extends to organizations and events in our community such as Pillars of Health, Bike Again and Bike 360/reachAbility;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Marc Rickard for his commitment to bettering his community and for being a leader in social responsibility by lending his talents and resources to helping those in need.

RESOLUTION NO. 1905

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the Pleasantville and District Fire Department celebrated their 56th year as a department at their annual banquet held on December 7th; and

Whereas the fire department acknowledged several of its members for their years of service; and

Whereas the fire department celebrated the purchase of their new pumper truck;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Pleasantville and District Fire Department for 56 years of assisting the community, and on the purchase of their new pumper truck.

RESOLUTION NO. 1906

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas the Mainland North Community Service Volunteer Committee has, for the past eleven years, provided awards to people who actively dedicate their time and tremendous abilities to their community; and

Whereas this year's awards were presented, on April 24th, to seven worthy recipients at a dinner event featuring MC Starr Dobson and welcoming remarks from Minister of Volunteerism, Kelly Regan; and

Whereas Lisa Landry of Birch Cove, in the riding of Clayton Park West, was recognized at the event for her many years of active disaster management volunteering with the Canadian Red Cross, which included helping in New York in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Lisa Landry for receiving this prestigious award, and thank her for her dedication to helping others in times of disaster and for making our province a better place.

RESOLUTION NO. 1907

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas Egg Studios of Halifax is a wonderful example of Nova Scotia's vibrant cultural and creative sector; and

Whereas Egg Studio designed a remarkable video for the Halifax Mooseheads playoff run that has gone viral and captured the imagination of Moose Country and hockey fans across Canada; and

Whereas Egg Studio's Executive Producers, Mike Hachey and Sara Thomas, are residents of Clayton Park West who have made an impact well beyond their community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mike, Sarah, and the entire Egg Studio team, on their incredible production, and wish them great success as they continue to share their tremendous creativity with Nova Scotians and all Canadians.

RESOLUTION NO. 1908

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame recognizes and celebrates Canadian heroes whose work has advanced health, thereby inspiring the pursuit of careers in the health sciences; and

Whereas this year, Dr. Thomas John "Jock" Murray, a previous dean of Dalhousie Medical School, was inducted in part for his outstanding contributions in the field of multiple sclerosis; and

Whereas Dr. Murray received the highest praise for his contributions as a remarkably accomplished clinician, academic, and leader with the ability to profoundly impact learners and patients;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly thank Dr. Murray for all he has given to the medical field throughout his career, and congratulate him on his well-deserved induction to the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

RESOLUTION NO. 1909

By: Ms. Pan Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

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

Whereas Ron Clarke, an honoured and decorated veteran of Georges River, Cape Breton, has given so much of his life to the service of his country, having spent 36 years in the Armed Forces; and

Whereas Ron, in retirement, has remained a tireless and passionate advocate for veterans' rights, recently flying to Ottawa with a delegation to meet federal Veterans Affairs Minister Julian Fantino and protest the closure of the Sydney Veterans Affairs office; and

Whereas I, and the member of the Veterans Affairs Committee, had the privilege of meeting him and hearing his incredible story, as well as his testimony when we held an emergency meeting in Membertou in February;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly acknowledge and honour Ron Clarke for his remarkable service to our province and country, and wish him well in his continued advocacy of Veterans Canada.

RESOLUTION NO. 1910

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 the Richmond Rize U15 girls volleyball team have won silver medals in two recent tournaments; and

Whereas the first tournament was in Halifax on January 24 to 25 weekend, and the second was over Valentine's weekend in Sydney; and

Whereas the team includes: Karie Boudreau, Jayde Marchand, Amber Keating, Sarah Boudreau, Emma White, Hayley Landry, Madison DeCoste, Taylor Sampson, Madison DeCoste, Taylor Sampson, and Nikita Savoury;

Therefore be it resolved the members of the House of Assembly congratulates the Richmond Rize U15 girls volleyball teams on their silver medals.

RESOLUTION NO. 1911

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 the SAERC Saints boys basketball team captured the Highland Division Regional Banner on February 15th in Louisdale; and

Whereas they defeated Cape Breton Highland Academy 80-56 in the final game to win their 4th Regional Banner in a row; and

Whereas the team includes: Matthew Wyler, Dawson MacColl, Johnny West, Riley Kelly, Zachery Pottie, Dustin Peters, Conor Kelly, Alex MacDonald, Blake Foster, James Poirier, Carmen D'Intino, Jake MacDonald, Morgan Timmons, Daniel MacRae, Julien vanAudenhove, and coach Jason Seymore;

Therefore be it resolved the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the SAERC Saints boys basketball team on winning their regional title.

RESOLUTION NO. 1912

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 the SAERC Saints boys hockey team captured a silver medal at the Nova Scotia Student Athletic Federation Division III Provincial Championship; and

Whereas the Saints competed in the championship game after scoring victories over Digby, Inverness, and Par-en-Bas; and

Whereas the team consisted of Conner MacDonnell, Craig Ryan, Toby Svaren, Dan MacLean, Taylor Pierce, Colin MacDougall, Dylan Chetwynd, Jasper Laurell, Braden Murrary, Calan Kersten, Ben Hillier, Bailey Pollard, James Poirier, Ryan England, Keil Frenette, Rhett Sheppard, Avery Warner, Colton Campbell, Aaron Burton, Joel Hedley, and Nick McNamara.

Therefore be it resolved the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the SAERC Saints boys hockey team on their silver medal.

RESOLUTION NO. 1913

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 L'Ardoise native and fiddler Allie Mombourquette has released her first CD; and

Whereas Ms. Mombourquette's CD was released on Saturday, April 19th; and

Whereas the self-titled CD includes several original compositions;

Therefore be it resolved the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Allie Mombourquette on releasing her first CD.

RESOLUTION NO. 1914

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 the Strait Areas Saints girls U18 volleyball team won silver medals at the Danielle Muise Memorial Tournament; and

Whereas the tournament took place April 5th in Cheticamp; and

Whereas the team included: Jenna Pierce, MacKenzie Somers, Melissa Bland, Emilie MacKinnon, Kailey Mortenson, Kelsey Campbell, Madison Timmons, Imma Perez, Barbara Timmons, Cassie McNamara, Dana Boudreau, and coach Bobbi MacDougall-Simmons;

Therefore be it resolved the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Saints U18 team on their silver medals.

RESOLUTION NO. 1915

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 the SAERC Saints boys hockey team claimed the Div. III Highland Region Banner on February 23, with a championship game win over the Richmond Hurricane; and

Whereas the team went undefeated on their way to the championship game, with wins over Richmond, Inverness and Eskasoni; and

Whereas the team included: Paul MacInnis, Colin MacDougall, Jasper Laurell, Conner MacDonnell, Calan Kersten, Ben Hillier, Daniel MacLean, Braden Murray, Joel Hadley, Bailey Pollard, Rhett Sheppard, Colton Campbell, Taylor Pierce, Toby Svaren, James Poirier, Rory Beaton, Lance Hawley, Keil Frennette and Nick McNamara;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the players and coaches of the SAERC Saints boys hockey team on their great season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1916

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 Telile TV, a community television station in Arichat, has just celebrated 20 years of broadcasting; and

Whereas Telile is one of only nine over-the-air, not-for-profit, non-branded community stations in Canada and now reaches an estimated 1.2 million viewers across Canada; and

Whereas the Telile staff consists of business manager Cora King, community programmer Rhonda LeBlanc, and administrative assistant Angele Richard;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Telile on 20 years of service to the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1917

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 the Richmond Rize 14U girls volleyball team won gold medals at two tournaments in March; and

Whereas they were victorious at the Truro Lynx Tournament on March 8th and the Antigonish Stoirm Subway Silver Platter on March 15th; and

Whereas the team included: Jayde Marchand, Becca MacLean, Karley Benoit, Monique Savoury, Madison DeCoste, Amber Keating, Gina MacAuley, Remy Savoury, Bailee Sampson, Molly Fraser, coach Mike Hawke and assistant coach Ron Savoury;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Richmond Rize 14U on their pair of victories.

RESOLUTION NO. 1918

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 Port Hawkesbury native Laura Kaye took part in the Nova Scotia Amateur Bodybuilding Association Provincial Championship; and

Whereas she competed in the Figure Tall division on March 29th at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium; and

Whereas Laura successfully built upon a silver last year and captured the gold this year;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Laura on her impressive accomplishment.

RESOLUTION NO. 1919

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 the SAERC Saints girls curling team has captured their 2014 regional banner; and

Whereas the team won regionals for the second time in three years, in Pugwash on February 21st; and

Whereas the team includes: Catherine Smith Jenna MacEachern, Emily Boyd, Theresa Greencorn and coach Blaise MacEachern,

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the SAERC Saints girls curling team on another regional title.

RESOLUTION NO. 1920

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas on April 9th, residents of the Municipality of the District of Chester gathered at the Forties Community Centre to recognize volunteers from the community; and

Whereas Mr. Percy Hiltz was one of those dedicated volunteers recognized for his volunteer work with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 144, where he has been an executive committee member for the past 14 years; and

Whereas Mr. Percy Hiltz is a very active member in the Canada Day celebrations, card games, and all other activities taking part at the legion hall, as well as being active in his local fire department for 28 years;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature recognize the contribution that Mr. Hiltz makes to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 144, Western Shore, and the Municipality of the District of Chester and thank him for his service.

RESOLUTION NO. 1921

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas on April 9th, residents of the Municipality of the District of Chester gathered at the Forties Community Centre to recognize volunteers from the community; and

Whereas Ms. Susan Sawler was recognized for her seven years of volunteer service to the Western Shore and District Fire Department and the work that she has done in the community for much longer; and

Whereas when it comes to training for the fire department Ms. Sawler is very eager to gain all the knowledge she can, as she is an MFR and recently passed her Safety Officer's course through the NS Fire School, and her thirst for knowledge and dedication to the department shows everyone she is an asset to the community;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature recognize the contribution that Ms. Sawler makes to the Western Shore, and District Fire Department and the Municipality of the District of Chester.

RESOLUTION NO. 1922

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas on April 9th, residents of the Municipality of the District of Chester gathered at the Forties Community Centre to recognize volunteers from the community; and

Whereas Ms. Sylvia McNeill was recognized for her service with several organizations, namely the Chester Garden Club, the Women for Music Society, the Canadian Federation of University Women, and the Altar Guild of St. Stephen's Anglican Church; and

Whereas in all these clubs, committees, and community events she graciously offers her home and she is a gracious hostess and offers help wherever necessary in a very unassuming way;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature recognize the contribution that Ms. McNeill makes to these organizations, the Municipality of the District of Chester, and the province, and thank her for her service.

RESOLUTION NO. 1923

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas on April 9th, residents of the Municipality of the District of Chester gathered at the Forties Community Centre to recognize volunteers from the community; and

Whereas Ms. Barbara Wilson and her husband moved to Chester and she began volunteering at Shoreham Village Nursing Home and assisted in the care of her mother; and

Whereas Ms. Wilson served on the board of directors of Shoreham for over six years, was an active member of the Continuing Quality Improvement, and was active in the Shoreham Foundation Board, and even though she has resigned from most of these activities, she continues to be the driving force behind the major fundraiser of the Foundation Swing for Shoreham;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature recognize the contribution that Ms. Barbara Wilson makes to those organizations and the Municipality of the District of Chester and thank her for her service.

RESOLUTION NO. 1924

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas on April 9th, residents of the Municipality of the District of Chester gathered at the Forties Community Centre to recognize volunteers from the community; and

Whereas Mr. Darrin Hatt has been volunteering with the Canaan and District Hall Association since 2007 and has held many positions within the organization, from maintenance man to chief cook to bottle washer to director; and

Whereas it takes many volunteers to keep organizations going and thriving, and Mr. Darrin Hatt is the man behind the scenes, as he does his part and helps out whenever possible and is a giving person who cares about his community;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature recognize the contribution that Mr. Hatt makes to the Canaan and District Hall Association and the Municipality of the District of Chester, and wish him many more years of dedicated service to the Canaan and District Hall Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 1925

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas on April 9th, residents of the Municipality of the District of Chester gathered at the Forties Community Centre to recognize volunteers from the community; and

Whereas Ms. Hilary McCarron has been a dedicated volunteer with the Chester Municipal Heritage Society, serving in different positions such as chair of the Artisan's Gallery at the Train Station and volunteering at the Lordly House Museum since 2005; and

Whereas she also co-chairs the Victoria Christmas Craft Sale, which is a huge task and entails arranging, registering vendors, assisting in setting up displays, helping to remove displays, decorating the house for Christmas and acting as hostess during the Christmas Craft Sale Celebrations;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature recognize the contribution that Ms. McCarron gives to the Chester Heritage Society and the Municipality of the District of Chester and thanks her for her service.

RESOLUTION NO. 1926

By: Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas on April 9th, residents of the Municipality of the District of Chester gathered at the Forties Community Centre to recognize volunteers from the community; and

Whereas Ms. Mary Reeves was recognized as a volunteer for the Forties Community Centre and also as a member of the Forties Garden Club for 60 years; and

Whereas Ms. Reeves keeps busy organizing receptions following funerals in the community, helping with suppers, working the events at the community centre and tending the gardens of the Garden Club;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature thank Ms. Reeves for this invaluable service she provides to the Forties Community Centre and to the Forties Garden Club and the Municipality of the District of Chester and thank her for her service.

RESOLUTION NO. 1927

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas Jennie Underwood is a Grade 12 student at North Colchester High School in Tatamagouche, Colchester North; and

Whereas Jennie is known for her positive attitude, her commitment, her kindness to others, her determination to do her best and her strong sense of responsibility; and

Whereas Jennie's extracurricular activities include volleyball, soccer, softball, goalie for her hockey team, member of the local 4-H Club and leader and organizer for the After School Program and Girls' Leadership;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jennie Underwood for being selected as the Student of the Month for March 2014 and wish her well in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1928

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas Devin Hayman, a Grade 12 student at North Colchester High School in Tatamagouche, Colchester North, is an excellent academic student who works hard to excel at his school work, is reliable, responsible and always willing to help others; and

Whereas Devin is a founding member of the Boys' Leadership group and serves as a role model at his school and in his community; and

Whereas Devin, an outdoorsman, known for his love for anything related to agriculture or forestry, enjoys working on his farm, hunting, fishing, logging, woodworking and driving his four-wheeler;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Devin Hayman for being selected as Student of the Month for March 2014 and wish him well with his future pursuits.

RESOLUTION NO. 1929

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas Madeline Bush is a Grade 8 student at North Colchester High School in Tatamagouche, Colchester North; and

Whereas Madeline is encouraging and helpful in her interactions with others, an active participant, a lover of learning and an excellent role model for her peers; and

Whereas playing piano, horseback riding, skiing, reading, serving on Student Council and participating in 4-H Club are some of her extracurricular activities;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Madeline Bush for being named Student of the Month for February 2014 and wish her well with her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1930

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas Noah Barrett, a Grade 9 student at North Colchester High School in Tatamagouche, Colchester North, is known for his outstanding character traits; and

Whereas Noah is an excellent academic student, as well as an athlete who belongs to the basketball team and ski club, competes in track and field, and enjoys skateboarding and snowboarding; and

Whereas this multi-talented student is also known as an excellent musician who plays guitar, was instrumental in developing the new Youth Arts Collaboration Group, and sits on the boards of the Fraser Cultural Centre and Creamery Square as the youth representative;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Noah Barrett for being selected as Student of the Month for February 2014, and wish him well with his future years of study.

RESOLUTION NO. 1931

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Mr. Jim Neary began his impressive career with the public service in Nova Scotia in 1978 when he joined the Department of Agriculture as an agricultural representative; and

Whereas Mr. Neary accepted the position of Loan Officer II with the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board at the Department of Agriculture in July 2000; and

Whereas Mr. Neary has been a dedicated employee of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture for 35 years;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Jim Neary, a Long Service Award recipient, on his dedication to Nova Scotia Agriculture and the Nova Scotia Public Service.

RESOLUTION NO. 1932

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Mr. John Peters has dedicated his career to Nova Scotia's Public Service, which he joined in 1997 as a Food Safety Specialist for the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture; and

Whereas Mr. Peters is certified by the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors and worked as a health inspector with the Edmonton Board of Health before assuming his current role as Food Safety Specialist here in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Mr. Peters has demonstrated his commitment to public health in his role at the Department of Agriculture and as the treasurer for the Nova Scotia-P.E.I. Branch of Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Peters, a Long Service Award recipient for 25 years of dedication to public health and the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, and wish him every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1933

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Ms. Laurie Sandeson began her productive and impressive career with the Nova Scotia Public Service in 1988 when she joined the Department of Agriculture as a Market Development Officer; and

Whereas Ms. Sandeson went on to become Director of Facilities at AgriTECH Park, now Perennia Innovation Centre, before assuming her current role as Coordinator of Innovation and Acceleration; and

Whereas Ms. Sandeson's list of accomplishments include helping to establish and launch Taste of Nova Scotia, a province-wide marketing and branding program promoting the best culinary experiences in the province, and writing the first edition of the Nova Scotia Food Processors Directory;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Sandeson, a Long Service Award recipient for 25 years of dedication to Nova Scotia Agriculture and the Nova Scotia Public Service, and wish her every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1934

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Mr. Mike Horwich began his productive and impressive career with the Nova Scotia Public Service in 1978 as a public inspector with the Department of Health; and

Whereas in 1991 Mr. Horwich became the Chief Public Health Inspector and joined the Department of Agriculture as the Manager of Meat Hygiene in 1996, a position which evolved into Director of Food Protection; and

Whereas Mr. Horwich became known as the architect of the Nova Scotia Food Protection program, which is nationally recognized to be a fine example of how industry and government can work together to achieve a common goal;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Horwich, a Long Service Award recipient on over 35 years of dedication and contribution to the Nova Scotia Public Service, and wish him every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1935

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Ms. Pamela Fraser has dedicated her career to Nova Scotia's public service, growing her expertise within the Department of Agriculture; and

Whereas Ms. Fraser joined the Department of Agriculture in 1984 as an agriculture technician; and

Whereas Ms. Fraser has successfully worked for the department in several different capacities, working as an agriculture technician, farm information coordinator and now senior loan officer with the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Pamela Fraser, a Long Service Award recipient, on her 25 years of dedication to the Nova Scotia Agriculture and to the Nova Scotia Public Service.

RESOLUTION NO. 1936

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Mr. Maurice Graham joined the Nova Scotia Public Service as a laboratory assistant with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture in 1983; and

Whereas Mr. Graham contributes to the smooth running of the laboratory environment and makes certain that agricultural samples are prepared adequately and consistently for laboratory technicians; and

Whereas Mr. Graham's attention to detail and quality help to ensure consistent, reliable laboratory results from agricultural samples submitted for analysis by members of the agricultural industry;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Graham, a Long Service Award recipient, on over 30 years of dedication and contribution to the Nova Scotia Public Service.

RESOLUTION NO. 1937

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Ms. Jennifer McDonald dedicated her career to serving Nova Scotians when she began her work at the former Department of Lands and Forests in 1981; and

Whereas Ms. MacDonald moved to the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre in 1993 and assumed her current role in Laboratory Services/Animal Health laboratory at the Department of Agriculture in 1996; and

Whereas Ms. MacDonald's contribution to the Department of Agriculture is pivotal to client experience, since she works directly with the clientele of the Animal Health Lab;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ms. MacDonald, a Long Service Award recipient, on over 30 years of dedication and contribution to the Nova Scotia Public Service and wish her every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1938

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Mr. Alan McMullin began his impressive career working to ensure food safety standards for Nova Scotians in 1982, when he joined the Department of Health; and

Whereas in 2005 Mr. McMullin, a Public Health Inspector, certified by the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, became a Food Safety Specialist with the Department of Agriculture in 2005; and

Whereas Mr. McMullin's contribution to the Department of Agriculture has played a vital role in protecting the public's health, since he also serves as the Food Protection Division's Enforcement Coordinator and as the Western Region Counsellor for the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. McMullin, a Long Service Award recipient, on 30 years of dedication and contribution to the Nova Scotia Public Service and wish him every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1939

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Ms. Yvelle Poirier has displayed immense professionalism throughout her career with the Nova Scotia Public Service, which she joined in 1983 as an administrative assistant in the Department of Education; and

Whereas Ms. Poirier has held the role of executive secretary to the Minister at the Department of Agriculture since 1993; and

Whereas Ms. Poirier's expertise in efficiency and attention to detail and quality help ensure the smooth running of the Minister's office;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Poirier, a Long Service Award recipient, on over 30 years of dedication and contribution to the Nova Scotia Public Service.

RESOLUTION NO. 1940

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Ben J. Harbers & Sons Farm Limited is a successful dairy farm in Kings County; and

Whereas on January 15, 2014, Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia held its 13th Annual Banquet and Awards Night in Truro with 190 people in attendance and presented Excellence Awards to Milestone Winners for achieving and maintaining high standards in dairy production; and

Whereas Ben J. Harbers & Sons Farm Limited in Kings County was honoured as a 5-year recipient of the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia Excellence Award for adhering to a specific set of criteria in dairy production;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ben J. Harbers & Sons Farm Limited for demonstrating excellence within Nova Scotia's dairy industry.

RESOLUTION NO. 1941

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Bernard J. Gerrits is a dairy producer in picturesque Kings County; and

Whereas on January 15, 2014, Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia held its 13th Annual Banquet and Awards Night in Truro with 190 people in attendance and presented Excellence Awards to Milestone Winners for achieving and maintaining high standards in dairy production; and

Whereas Bernard J. Gerrits in Kings County was honoured as a 5-year recipient of the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia Excellence Award for adhering to a specific set of criteria in dairy production;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bernard J. Gerrits for demonstrating excellence within Nova Scotia's dairy industry.

RESOLUTION NO. 1942

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Charles Hill & Son Limited in Colchester County is a fifth generation farm, with a 150-cow dairy operation which works the rich upland and marshland soil of the area with tremendous price; and

Whereas on January 15, 2014, Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia held its 13th Annual Banquet and Awards Night in Truro with 190 people in attendance and presented Excellence Awards to Milestone Winners for achieving and maintaining high standards in dairy production; and

Whereas Charles Hill & Son Limited in Colchester County was honoured as a 5-year recipient of the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia Excellence Award for adhering to a specific set of criteria in dairy production;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Charles Hill & Son Limited for demonstrating excellence within Nova Scotia's dairy industry.

RESOLUTION NO. 1943

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Havey M. Whidden is a dairy farmer in Colchester with 90 Holstein dairy cows; and

Whereas on January 15, 2014, Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia held its 13th Annual Banquet and Awards Night in Truro with 190 people in attendance and presented Excellence Awards to Milestone Winners for achieving and maintaining high standards in dairy production; and

Whereas Havey M. Whidden was honoured as a 5-year recipient of the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia Excellence Award for adhering to a specific set of criteria in dairy production;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Havey M. Whidden for demonstrating excellence within Nova Scotia's dairy industry.

RESOLUTION NO. 1944

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas James H. Lamb Farms Limited is a dairy farm with 350 dairy cows in Kings County; and

Whereas on January 15, 2014, Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia held its 13th Annual Banquet and Awards Night in Truro with 190 people in attendance and presented Excellence Awards to Milestone Winners for achieving and maintaining high standards in dairy production; and

Whereas James H. Lamb Farms Limited in Kings County was honoured as a 5-year recipient of the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia Excellence Award for adhering to a specific set of criteria in dairy production;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate James H. Lamb Farms Limited for demonstrating excellence within Nova Scotia's dairy industry.

RESOLUTION NO. 1945

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Lone Willow Farm in the beautiful Annapolis Valley is a dairy farm run by James and Dianne Cook; and

Whereas on January 15, 2014, Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia held its 13th Annual Banquet and Awards Night in Truro with 190 people in attendance and presented Excellence Awards to Milestone Winners for achieving and maintaining high standards in dairy production; and

Whereas Lone Willow Farm Incorporated in Annapolis Valley was honoured as a 15-year recipient of the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia Excellence Award for adhering to a specific set of criteria in dairy production;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Lone Willow Farm for demonstrating excellence within Nova Scotia's dairy industry.

RESOLUTION NO. 1946

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Sunny Point Farms Limited in Hants is one of the largest dairy operations in the province with 250 cows, five full-time employees, and five part-time workers; and

Whereas on January 15, 2014, Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia held its 13th Annual Banquet and Awards Night in Truro with 190 people in attendance and presented Excellence Awards to Milestone Winners for achieving and maintaining high standards in dairy production; and

Whereas Sunny Point Farms Limited in Hants was honoured as a five-year recipient of the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia Excellence Award for adhering to a specific set of criteria in dairy production;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Sunny Point Farms Limited for demonstrating excellence within Nova Scotia's dairy industry.

RESOLUTION NO. 1947

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Robert Perill of Townplot Orchards in scenic Port Williams grows 75 acres of apple orchard with over 12 varieties of apples including HoneyCrip, Gala, Ambrosia, Cortland, among others; and

Whereas since 1969 the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association has presented the Golden Apple Award to growers for excellence in production, this year the award was selected for the best tree support system, which is an absolutely critical component of modern orchards to support densely planted, narrow trees; and

Whereas this year the Golden Apple Award was presented to Robert Peill for producing the best trellis system for an orchard planted three years or more;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Robert Peill on winning The Golden Apple Award and for demonstrating a commitment to excellence within the agriculture industry.

RESOLUTION NO. 1948

By: Mr. Larry Harrison (Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a life-altering event that marks the beginning of a wondrous journey of discovery and joy where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas author Elizabeth Stone says deciding to have a child "is to decide forever to have your heat go walking around outside your body."; and

Whereas on February 17, 2014, Matt and Kelsey Davis welcomed their daughter Layla Lilyanne into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Matt and Kelsey Davis on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 1949

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas volunteers are the cornerstone of Nova Scotia's communities who generously give their time and talents while expecting nothing in return; and

Whereas on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, the Royal Canadian Legion in Clark's Harbour hosted the annual Volunteer Banquet for the Municipality of Barrington and Town of Clark's Harbour; and

Whereas among the volunteers honoured were Joan and Murray Atkinson, nominated by the Shelburne County ATV Association for their devotion of time and contributions to their community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Joan and Murray Atkinson on being honoured by the Municipality of Barrington and thank them and all the volunteers for their dedication to their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1950

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas volunteers are the cornerstone of Nova Scotia's communities who generously give their time and talents while expecting nothing in return; and

Whereas on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, the Royal Canadian Legion in Clark's Harbour hosted the annual Volunteer Banquet for the Municipality of Barrington and Town of Clark's Harbour; and

Whereas among the volunteers honoured was Victor Smith, nominated by the Barrington Regional Curling Club for his devotion of time and contributions to his community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Victor Smith on being honoured by the Municipality of Barrington and thank him and all the volunteers for their dedication to their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1951

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas volunteers are the cornerstone of Nova Scotia's communities who generously give their time and talents while expecting nothing in return; and

Whereas on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, the Royal Canadian Legion in Clark's Harbour hosted the annual Volunteer Banquet for the Municipality of Barrington and Town of Clark's Harbour; and

Whereas among the volunteers honoured was Gardiner Allen, nominated by the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association for his devotion of time and contributions to his community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Gardiner Allen on being honoured by the Municipality of Barrington and thank him and all the volunteers for their dedication to their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1952

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas volunteers are the cornerstone of Nova Scotia's communities who generously give their time and talents while expecting nothing in return; and

Whereas on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, the Royal Canadian Legion in Clark's Harbour hosted the annual Volunteer Banquet for the Municipality of Barrington and Town of Clark's Harbour; and

Whereas among the volunteers honoured was Les Cromar, nominated by Bay Side Home Corporation for his devotion of time and contributions to his community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Les Cromar on being honoured by the Municipality of Barrington and thank him and all the volunteers for their dedication to their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1953

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas volunteers are the cornerstone of Nova Scotia's communities who generously give their time and talents while expecting nothing in return; and

Whereas on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, the Royal Canadian Legion in Clark's Harbour hosted the annual Volunteer Banquet for the Municipality of Barrington and Town of Clark's Harbour; and

Whereas among the volunteers honoured was Margaret Doane, nominated by the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society for her devotion of time and many contributions to her community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Margaret Doane on being honoured by the Municipality of Barrington and thank her and all the volunteers for their dedication to their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1954

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas volunteers are the cornerstone of Nova Scotia's communities who generously give their time and talents while expecting nothing in return; and

Whereas on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, the Royal Canadian Legion in Clark's Harbour hosted the annual Volunteer Banquet for the Municipality of Barrington and Town of Clark's Harbour; and

Whereas among the volunteers honoured was Christine Shand, nominated by the Chapel Hill Historical Society for her devotion of time and many contributions to their community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Christine Shand on being honoured by the Municipality of Barrington and thank her and all the volunteers for their dedication to their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1955

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas volunteers are the cornerstone of Nova Scotia's communities who generously give their time and talents while expecting nothing in return; and

Whereas on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, the Royal Canadian Legion in Clark's Harbour hosted the annual Volunteer Banquet for the Municipality of Barrington and Town of Clark's Harbour; and

Whereas among the volunteers honoured was Rachel Atwood, nominated by the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund Society for her devotion of time and many contributions to their community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Rachel Atwood on being honoured by the Municipality of Barrington and thank her and all the volunteers for their dedication to their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1956

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas volunteers are the cornerstone of Nova Scotia's communities who generously give their time and talents while expecting nothing in return; and

Whereas on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, the Royal Canadian Legion in Clark's Harbour hosted the annual Volunteer Banquet for the Municipality of Barrington and Town of Clark's Harbour; and

Whereas among the volunteers honoured was Sandra Zinc, nominated by Forest Ridge Academy for her devotion of time and contributions to their community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Sandra Zinc on being honoured by the Municipality of Barrington and thank her and all the volunteers for their dedication to their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1957

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas the Canadian Cancer Society's fight against cancer is only possible with dedicated and hard-working volunteers who selflessly give their time and talents; and

Whereas on March 27, 2014, the Hants East unit of the Canadian Cancer Society recognized those who have been instrumental in raising funds for research and improving the quality of life of people living with cancer; and

Whereas Ms. Sharon Isenor of Carrolls Corner, Nova Scotia, received her five-year pin for her dedication and commitment to the Canadian Cancer Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the many years of service Ms. Isenor has devoted to bettering our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1958

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas the Canadian Cancer Society's fight against cancer is only possible with dedicated and hard-working volunteers who selflessly give their time and talents; and

Whereas on March 27, 2014, the Hants East unit of the Canadian Cancer Society recognized those who have been instrumental in raising funds for research and improving the quality of life of people living with cancer; and

Whereas Mr. Ray Joudrey of Carrolls Corner, Nova Scotia, received his 15-year pin for his dedication and commitment to the Canadian Cancer Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the many years of service Mr. Joudrey has devoted to bettering our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1959

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas the Canadian Cancer Society's fight against cancer is only possible with dedicated and hard-working volunteers who selflessly give their time and talents; and

Whereas on March 27, 2014, the Hants East unit of the Canadian Cancer Society recognized those who have been instrumental in raising funds for research and improving the quality of life of people living with cancer; and

Whereas Ms. Nicola MacLean of Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia, received her five-year pin for her dedication and commitment to the Canadian Cancer Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the many years of service Ms. MacLean has devoted to bettering our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1960

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas the Canadian Cancer Society's fight against cancer is only possible with dedicated and hard-working volunteers who selflessly give their time and talents; and

Whereas on March 27, 2014, the Hants East unit of the Canadian Cancer Society recognized those who have been instrumental in raising funds for research and improving the quality of life of people living with cancer; and

Whereas Ms. Myrna Isenor of Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia, received her five-year pin for her dedication and commitment to the Canadian Cancer Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the many years of service Ms. Isenor has devoted to bettering our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1961

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas the Canadian Cancer Society's fight against cancer is only possible with dedicated and hard-working volunteers who selflessly give their time and talents; and

Whereas on March 27, 2014, the Hants East unit of the Canadian Cancer Society recognized those who have been instrumental in raising funds for research and improving the quality of life of people living with cancer; and

Whereas Mrs. Kathleen Kellough, of Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia, received her 20-year pin for her dedication and commitment to the Canadian Cancer Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the many years of service Mrs. Kellough has devoted to bettering our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1962

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas the Canadian Cancer Society's fight against cancer is only possible with dedicated and hard-working volunteers who selflessly give their time and talents; and

Whereas on March 27, 2014, the Hants East unit of the Canadian Cancer Society recognized those who have been instrumental in raising funds for research and improving the quality of life of people living with cancer; and

Whereas Mrs. Grace MacDonald of Carrolls Corner, Nova Scotia, was honoured for her 47 years of dedication and commitment to the Canadian Cancer Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the many years of service Mrs. MacDonald has devoted to bettering our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1963

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas the Canadian Cancer Society's fight against cancer is only possible with dedicated and hard-working volunteers who selflessly give their time and talents; and

Whereas on March 27, 2014, the Hants East unit of the Canadian Cancer Society recognized those who have been instrumental in raising funds for research and improving the quality of life of people living with cancer; and

Whereas Mrs. Eva Williams, of Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia, received her 10-year pin for her dedication and commitment to the Canadian Cancer Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the many years of service Mrs. Williams has devoted to bettering our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1964

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas the Canadian Cancer Society's fight against cancer is only possible with dedicated and hard-working volunteers who selflessly give their time and talents; and

Whereas on March 27, 2014, the Hants East unit of the Canadian Cancer Society recognized those who have been instrumental in raising funds for research and improving the quality of life of people living with cancer; and

Whereas Mrs. Enith Thomas, of Hardwood, Nova Scotia, received her 25-year pin for her dedication and commitment to the Canadian Cancer Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the many years of service Mrs. Thomas has devoted to bettering our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1965

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas the Canadian Cancer Society's fight against cancer is only possible with dedicated and hard-working volunteers who selflessly give their time and talents; and

Whereas on March 27, 2014, the Hants East unit of the Canadian Cancer Society recognized those who have been instrumental in raising funds for research and improving the quality of life of people living with cancer; and

Whereas Mrs. Emily Black, of Elmsdale, Nova Scotia, received her 10-year pin for her dedication and commitment to the Canadian Cancer Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the many years of service Mrs. Black has devoted to bettering our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1966

By: Mr. Larry Harrison (Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley)

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

Whereas volunteer firefighters are local heroes who willingly risk their own safety to protect the lives and property of their neighbours and community; and

Whereas members of the Stewiacke Fire Department provide services beyond firefighting such as medical first response in emergencies, motor vehicle accident response and fire prevention programs in the community; and

Whereas Nova Scotia's volunteer firefighters are great examples of selflessness, heroism and dedication to the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly salute the dedication and bravery of the members of the Stewiacke Fire Department and thank them for their commitment to keeping their community safe.

RESOLUTION NO. 1967

By: Mr. Larry Harrison (Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley)

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

Whereas volunteer firefighters are local heroes who willingly risk their own safety to protect the lives and property of their neighbours and community; and

Whereas members of the Upper Stewiacke Volunteer Fire Department provide services beyond firefighting such as medical first response in emergencies, motor vehicle accident response and hosting numerous community events such as the annual fire brigade parade, picnic and dance, the Maple Syrup Festival and the community breakfast; and

Whereas Nova Scotia's volunteer firefighters are great examples of selflessness, heroism and dedication to the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly salute the dedication and bravery of the members of the Upper Stewiacke Volunteer Fire Department and thank them for their commitment to keeping their community safe.

RESOLUTION NO. 1968

By: Mr. Larry Harrison (Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley)

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

Whereas volunteer firefighters are local heroes who willingly risk their own safety to protect the lives and property of their neighbours and community; and

Whereas members of Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Zone 4 provide services beyond firefighting such as responding to motor vehicle accidents, medical first response in emergencies and fire prevention and safety programs in the community and public schools; and

Whereas Nova Scotia's volunteer firefighters are great examples of selflessness, heroism and dedication to the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly salute the dedication and bravery of the members of Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Zone 4 and thank them for their commitment to keeping their community safe.

RESOLUTION NO. 1969

By: Mr. Larry Harrison (Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley)

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

Whereas volunteer firefighters are local heroes who willingly risk their own safety to protect the lives and property of their neighbours and community; and

Whereas members of the Hilden Volunteer Fire Brigade provide services beyond firefighting such as responding to medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents and public education in their community; and

Whereas Nova Scotia's volunteer firefighters are great examples of selflessness, heroism and dedication to the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly salute the dedication and bravery of the members of the Hilden Volunteer Fire Brigade and thank them for their commitment to keeping their community safe.

RESOLUTION NO. 1970

By: Mr. Larry Harrison (Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley)

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

Whereas volunteer firefighters are local heroes who willingly risk their own safety to protect the lives and property of their neighbours and community; and

Whereas members of the Brookfield Fire Department provide services beyond firefighting such as the Jaws of Life in motor vehicles accidents, medical first response in emergencies and fire prevention and health promotion programs in the community and public schools; and

Whereas Nova Scotia's volunteer firefighters are great examples of selflessness, heroism and dedication to the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly salute the dedication and bravery of the members of the Brookfield Fire Department and thank them for their commitment to keeping their community safe.

RESOLUTION NO. 1971

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Doug Porter of Pleasantville was recognized for 30 years of service at the annual Pleasantville and District Fire Department banquet; and

Whereas Doug has dedicated many hours away from his family in order to assist community members in need; and

Whereas Doug received his 30-year medal at the annual banquet;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Doug on his 30-year medal and thank him for his many years of service to the Pleasantville and District Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 1972

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Duncan Keddy of Pleasantville was recognized for 25 years of service at the annual Pleasantville and District Fire Department banquet; and

Whereas Duncan has dedicated many hours away from his family in order to assist community members in need; and

Whereas Duncan received his 25-year medal at the annual banquet;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Duncan on his 25-year medal and thank him for his many years of service to the Pleasantville and District Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 1973

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Kevin Keddy of Pleasantville was recognized for 20 years of service at the annual Pleasantville and District Fire Department banquet; and

Whereas Kevin has dedicated many hours away from his family in order to assist community members in need; and

Whereas Kevin received his 20-year medal at the annual banquet;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Kevin on his 20-year medal and thank him for his many years of service to the Pleasantville and District Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 1974

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Tony Allen of Pleasantville was recognized for 20 years of service at the annual Pleasantville and District Fire Department banquet; and

Whereas Tony has dedicated many hours away from his family in order to assist community members in need; and

Whereas Tony received his 20-year medal at the annual banquet;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Doug on his 20-year medal and thank him for his many years of service to the Pleasantville and District Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 1975

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Tony Allen of Pleasantville was recognized for 20 years of service at the annual Pleasantville and District Fire Department banquet; and

Whereas Tony has dedicated many hours away from his family in order to assist community members in need; and

Whereas Tony received his 20-year medal at the annual banquet;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Tony on his 20-year medal and thank him for his many years of service to the Pleasantville and District Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 1976

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas on February 15, 2014, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia held a special convocation event to recognize the 2013 candidates who have been successful in the very challenging Uniform Evaluation exam; and

Whereas this annual gala event attended by family, friends and colleagues includes the recognition of each new Chartered Accountant and speeches that stress the high level of professionalism and responsibility that the designation confers; and

Whereas Spencer Gossen, an accountant and consultant at KPMG, was among the impressive group that was honoured and celebrated at the event;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Spencer for his graduation and wish him every success in his future career.

RESOLUTION NO. 1977

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas on February 15, 2014, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia held a special convocation event to recognize the 2013 candidates who have been successful in the very challenging Uniform Evaluation exam; and

Whereas this annual gala event attended by family, friends and colleagues includes the recognition of each new Chartered Accountant and speeches that stress the high level of professionalism and responsibility that the designation confers; and

Whereas Kevin Cosgrove, an accountant at Grant Thornton LLP and a resident of Rockingham, was among the impressive group that was honoured and celebrated at the event;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Kevin for his graduation and wish him every success in his future career.

RESOLUTION NO. 1978

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas on February 15, 2014, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia held a special convocation event to recognize the 2013 candidates who have been successful in the very challenging Uniform Evaluation exam; and

Whereas this annual gala event attended by family, friends and colleagues includes the recognition of each new Chartered Accountant and speeches that stress the high level of professionalism and responsibility that the designation confers; and

Whereas Mark Gagnier, a resident of Sheffield in Halifax and a graduate of Dalhousie University, was among the impressive group that was honoured and celebrated at the event;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Mark for his graduation and wish him every success in his future career.

RESOLUTION NO. 1979

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Ilana Ali is a member of the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball team; and

Whereas Ilana and her team participated in the provincial volleyball tournament in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Ilana and her team worked hard all season to have the chance to represent their school at the provincial tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ilana for her effort, commitment and success during the volleyball season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1980

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Alison Clark is a member of the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball team; and

Whereas Alison and her team participated in the provincial volleyball tournament in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Alison and her team worked hard all season to have the chance to represent their school at the provincial tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alison for her effort, commitment and success during the volleyball season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1981

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Grace Clarke is a member of the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball team; and

Whereas Grace and her team participated in the provincial volleyball tournament in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Grace and her team worked hard all season to have the chance to represent their school at the provincial tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Grace for her effort, commitment and success during the volleyball season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1982

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Florence Crouquet is a member of the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball team; and

Whereas Florence and her team participated in the provincial volleyball tournament in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Florence and her team worked hard all season to have the chance to represent their school at the provincial tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Florence for her effort, commitment and success during the volleyball season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1983

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Mikayla Daniels is a member of the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball team; and

Whereas Mikayla and her team participated in the provincial volleyball tournament in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Mikayla and her team worked hard all season to have the chance to represent their school at the provincial tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mikayla for her effort, commitment and success during the volleyball season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1984

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Peyton DeWolfe is a member of the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball team; and

Whereas Peyton and her team participated in the provincial volleyball tournament in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Peyton and her team worked hard all season to have the chance to represent their school at the provincial tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Peyton for her effort, commitment and success during the volleyball season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1985

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Mallory Haley is a member of the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball team; and

Whereas Mallory and her team participated in the provincial volleyball tournament in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Mallory and her team worked hard all season to have the chance to represent their school at the provincial tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mallory for her effort, commitment and success during the volleyball season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1986

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Sophia Josenhans is a member of the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball team; and

Whereas Sophia and her team participated in the provincial volleyball tournament in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Sophia and her team worked hard all season to have the chance to represent their school at the provincial tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sophia for her effort, commitment and success during the volleyball season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1987

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Katherine Lahey is a member of the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball team; and

Whereas Katherine and her team participated in the provincial volleyball tournament in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Katherine and her team worked hard all season to have the chance to represent their school at the provincial tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Katherine for her effort, commitment and success during the volleyball season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1988

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Hanna MacIsaac is a member of the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball team; and

Whereas Hanna and her team participated in the provincial volleyball tournament in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Hanna and her team worked hard all season to have the chance to represent their school at the provincial tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Hanna for her effort, commitment and success during the volleyball season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1989

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Emma Rhodenizer is a member of the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball team; and

Whereas Emma and her team participated in the provincial volleyball tournament in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Emma and her team worked hard all season to have the chance to represent their school at the provincial tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Emma for her effort, commitment and success during the volleyball season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1990

By: Hon. Mark Furey (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Tatianna Stabenow is a member of the Park View Education Centre Girls Volleyball team; and

Whereas Tatianna and her team participated in the provincial volleyball tournament in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Tatianna and her team worked hard all season to have the chance to represent their school at the provincial tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tatianna for her effort, commitment and success during the volleyball season.

RESOLUTION NO. 1991

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as angels in disguise by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps, and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Muriel Bent for her 15 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 1992

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as angels in disguise by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps, and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Russell Dulong for his 15 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 1993

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as angels in disguise by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps, and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Twila Black for her 20 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 1994

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as angels in disguise by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps, and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Anna Goski for her 20 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 1995

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as angels in disguise by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps, and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Barbara Robinson for her 20 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 1996

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as angels in disguise by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps, and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Carmen Balcolm for her 20 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 1997

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as angels in disguise by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps, and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Carol Walker for her 20 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 1998

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as “angels in disguise” by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking David Sanford for his 20 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 1999

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as “angels in disguise” by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Joan Dolomont for her 15 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as “angels in disguise” by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Johanna Herygers for her 15 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as “angels in disguise” by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Kay DenHertog for her 20 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as “angels in disguise” by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Larry Marsters for his 20 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as “angels in disguise” by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Linda Haven for her 20 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

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

Whereas palliative care workers are often described as “angels in disguise” by the patients and families who have received their comfort and respect during the end-of-life journey; and

Whereas Mid-Valley Palliative Care has been assisting people living with life-threatening illness since 1982 in the Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital catchment area; and

Whereas these volunteers have been involved in establishing comfort carts for palliative patients and their families, providing pain pumps and installing family rooms through their tireless fundraising activities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Margaret Weeks for her 20 years of selfless service with the Mid-Valley Palliative Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14 AA, formally the Halifax Hurricanes, is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and Saint Margret's Bay area; and

Whereas Bethany Etsell plays forward for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Bethany Etsell and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14 AA, formally the Halifax Hurricanes, is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and Saint Margret's Bay area; and

Whereas Breanna Current plays forward for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Breanna Current and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14 AA, formally the Halifax Hurricanes, is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and Saint Margret's Bay area; and

Whereas Brinn McKenzie plays defense for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Brinn McKenzie and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14 AA, formally the Halifax Hurricanes, is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and Saint Margret's Bay area; and

Whereas Ella Andrews plays defense for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ella Andrews and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14 AA, formally the Halifax Hurricanes, is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and Saint Margret's Bay area; and

Whereas Emma Dempsey plays forward for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Emma Dempsey and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14 AA, formally the Halifax Hurricanes, is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and Saint Margret's Bay area; and

Whereas Emma Yazbek plays defense for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Emma Yazbek and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14 AA, formally the Halifax Hurricanes is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and Saint Margret's Bay area; and

Whereas Jordyn Hickey plays defense for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Jordyn Hickey and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14 AA, formally the Halifax Hurricanes, is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and Saint Margret's Bay area; and

Whereas Josie Oickle for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Josie Oickle and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14AA (formally the Halifax Hurricanes) is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and St. Margarets Bay area; and

Whereas Julia Lawlor is the forward for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Julia Lawlor and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14AA (formally the Halifax Hurricanes) is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and St. Margarets Bay area; and

Whereas Madison Walker plays goalie for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Madison Walker and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14AA (formally the Halifax Hurricanes) is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and St. Margarets Bay area; and

Whereas Morgan Sutherland is the forward for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Morgan Sutherland and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14AA (formally the Halifax Hurricanes) is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and St. Margarets Bay area; and

Whereas Natalie Teal is the goalie for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Natalie Teal and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14AA (formally the Halifax Hurricanes) is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and St. Margarets Bay area; and

Whereas Robyn Meredith plays defence for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Robyn Meredith and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14AA (formally the Halifax Hurricanes) is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and St. Margarets Bay area; and

Whereas Sophie Carter plays forward for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Sophie Carter and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019

By: Mr. Joachim Stroink (Halifax Chebucto)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia U14AA (formally the Halifax Hurricanes) is a blended team with girls from the Halifax Chebucto and St. Margarets Bay area; and

Whereas Tori Soulis plays defence for Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas they won their provincials in April 2014 and participated in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Tori Soulis and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Amanda Brewer, a physical education teacher and coach at Maple Grove Education Centre in Hebron who was honoured for empowering students to respect themselves and others through healthy living and sport, for bringing Power Cheer to her community and for showing students that being healthy involves the physical, the mental and the spiritual aspects of one's life;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Amanda Brewer for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Carol McGillivray, a teacher at Halifax Central Junior High known for her leadership in her school and community, regularly volunteering at the St. Andrew's Sunday supper, establishing the Good Earth Society, which engages students in awareness initiatives ranging from local homeless shelters to charities in Rwanda and Kenya, and promoting ongoing programs dedicated to environmental awareness and issues;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Carol McGillivray for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Debbie MacDonald, an educator at Prince Andrew High School in Dartmouth who is an advocate for healthy living, community involvement and service and global awareness, and who serves as a role model for active living by coaching sports and encouraging her students to be involved in a variety of community service projects;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Debbie MacDonald for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Dawn Chapman, a teacher at Thorburn Consolidated School who is teaching students to experience service above self and to have empathy for others and pride in themselves through her work and dedication in the Student Leader program, which represents over one third of the entire student body, and the monthly Change for Change campaign through which students and staff donate spare change to Free the Children and to local charitable organizations in Pictou County;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Dawn Chapman for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Katherine Blois, a Grade 1-2 teacher at Rawdon District Elementary School who is active in the local dinner theatre, secretary for the Upper Rawdon Hall Committee, fundraiser for both the hall and school and works to also involve her students in community and environmental issues by leading the school garden club, participating in national programs such as Environment Canada's Weather Watchers and ensuring that current events are a major part of her discussions with students;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Katherine Blois for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Krystal Snyder, a highly respected Primary teacher at New Germany Elementary School who is described as empathetic, hardworking, caring, always thinking of opportunities for students to learn and teaching active citizenship by embodying the philosophy and modelling to students that what we do does matter and encouraging all students, including Primaries, to be involved in school and community activities;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Krystal Snyder for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Sue Stevenson, the principal of Parrsboro Regional Elementary School and Parrsboro Regional High School, who is best known for her belief in active citizenship which she demonstrates every day, providing an example which inspires students to think, react and model positive behavior through programs like the Green Schools Initiative, ICAN and the Keys to Success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Sue Stevenson for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2027

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Donna Machin, a family studies teacher at Richmond Education Centre/Academy in Louisdale, who makes her teaching active and inclusive by engaging students with a wide range of activities, by using various technologies to learn about interior design, by creating flyers for various types of community events, by building models of energy efficient housing, and teaching sewing by having her students create sock monkeys for the children at the IWK;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Donna Machin for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2028

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Julie Ramey, a creative and motivational Junior High Social Studies and English

teacher at North Queens Community School, whose dedication to raising awareness of social injustices has led to her involvement in numerous school events such as Halloween for Hunger, Coats for Kids, anti-bullying activities, 30-Hour Famine, MADD ribbon campaign, raising funds to build a new school in Africa and for earthquake victims in Haiti and Japan, and organizing iPad interactions with her Grade 7 students and a school in the Dominican Republic, which resulted in the staff of North Queens travelling to the Dominican Republic during March Break to deliver donated supplies and engage in teacher training;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Julie Ramey for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2029

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Melanie Kennedy, a drama teacher at Auburn Drive High School in Cole Harbour, who inspires a sense of community and empowerment through her teaching, perhaps best shown by the production of Free the Children fundraising concerts for 10 years involving multiple school choirs from HRM, and resulting in seven schools being built in underprivileged countries;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Melanie Kennedy for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2030

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Suzanne Greenlaw of Middleton Regional High School, who teaches Multimedia and Computer Technology, encourages her students to be wise digital citizens in today's social media world, serves as the teacher-advisor for student council and grad class organizer, runs events, fundraisers, and social activities that benefit the entire school;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Suzanne Greenlaw for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2031

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Theresa Halliday, a teacher at St. Joseph Elementary School, Sydney Mines, who embodies the idea of active citizenship on a daily basis, encouraging her students to take leadership roles, be risk takers, utilize their different strengths and challenges, and work together to increase their ability to learn new things;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Theresa Halliday for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2032

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Janice Hanna, a teacher at Riverview High School, Coxheath, who works tirelessly to involve students in events at local, regional, national, and international levels by engaging them in global issues such as human rights, gender inequality, and the plight of citizens in less developed nations, and by working with a variety of cultures within the school as the international student coordinator;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Janice Hanna for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2033

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Edward (Eddie) Avery, a teacher at Chedabucto Education Centre/Guysborough Academy in Guysborough who has passionately promoted school and community connections, has been involved in numerous capacities with the local fire department for over 25 years and has shared his musical talents in church with the local choir and with musical theatre;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Edward (Eddie) Avery for receiving this well-deserved award and for his commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2034

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Melanie Miller, a Grade 7 Teacher at West Hants Middle School, Newport, who is a volunteer coach, a mentor in 4-H, a Sunday school teacher and the driving force behind PASTE, an organization dedicated to promoting active citizenship and student leadership at her school;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Melanie Miller for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2035

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Cathy Reimer, a teacher at Port Williams Elementary School, Kings County, who has a passion for the rights and freedoms of all citizens and is committed to helping her

students and colleagues develop awareness of social justice, equity, cultural diversity, inclusion, global perspectives, human rights, citizenship and the political process;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Cathy Reimer for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2036

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Andrea Mood-Nickerson, a caring, sincere and dedicated educator at Forest Ridge Academy, Barrington, who works tirelessly to enhance the quality of the lives of the youth both in the school and in the community, serving as chair of Health Promoting Schools, lead teacher of Me to We, track coach and organizer of Science Olympics;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Andrea Mood-Nickerson for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2037

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Jennie O'Brien, an African Heritage Literature 12 and Global Politics 12 teacher at Digby Regional High School who stresses cultural awareness, global citizenship and action for positive change, who volunteers as the school's teacher champion for the Canadian Centre for Diversity program and the Me to We school program and who provides opportunities for her students to become well-informed global citizens;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Jennie O'Brien for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2038

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Rob Allen, a Grade 10 to 12 teacher at Strait Area Education Recreation Centre in Port Hawkesbury who was recognized for showing his students the importance of giving to others and to those who are less fortunate and for integrating voluntary, real-life community service with classroom learning to enhance students' understanding of compassion, caring and sharing;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Rob Allen for receiving this well-deserved award and for his commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2039

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Mouna Westergard, a teacher with a passion for the arts at École secondaire de Par-en-Bas in Tusket who has shown her creativity, dedication to her students and her belief in healthy living through her work with students to create a mural that has been installed in the school cafeteria and her help in creating a vegetable and fruit garden;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mouna Westergard for receiving this well-deserved award and for her commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2040

By: Hon. Karen Casey (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas a week is set aside in April for the province to celebrate Education Week and honour teachers and education partners for their commitment to students; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Education Week was "Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference"; and

Whereas one of the 23 teachers honoured this year with an Education Week Award was Weldon Boudreau, a teacher with a flair for music at École Beaubassin in Halifax recognized for his outstanding contributions to his school, for his kindness, dedication, creativity and involvement with his students and for inspiring his students through his love of music, which is eclipsed only by his passion for teaching;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Weldon Boudreau for receiving this well-deserved award and for his commitment to the young people of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 2041

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

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

Whereas on April 23, 2014, Anna Shufelt of Yarmouth celebrated her 90th birthday; and

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

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Anna Shufelt on reaching this milestone in her life and wishing her many more happy birthdays and continued good health.

RESOLUTION NO. 2042

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

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

Whereas on February 17, 2014, Joanna d'Entremont of West Pubnico celebrated her 90th birthday; and

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

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Joanna d'Entremont on reaching this milestone in her life and wishing her many more happy birthdays and continued good health.

RESOLUTION NO. 2043

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

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

Whereas on February 4, 2014, Joyce Kenney of Clark's Harbour celebrated her 80th birthday; and

Whereas to have reached 80 years of age and continue to be active and share all the memories gathered over your lifetime with your loved ones is a wonderful reason to celebrate;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Joyce on reaching this milestone in her life and wishing her many more happy birthdays and continued good health.

RESOLUTION NO. 2044

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

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

Whereas on April 10, 2014, Ida Maude Smith of Barrington Passage celebrated her 94th birthday; and

Whereas to have reached 94 years of age and continue to be active and share all the memories gathered over your lifetime with your loved ones is a wonderful reason to celebrate;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ida Maude on reaching this milestone in her life and wishing her many more happy birthdays and continued good health.

RESOLUTION NO. 2045

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

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

Whereas on April 25, 2014, Clarice Goreham of Barrington celebrated her 90th birthday; and

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

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Clarice on reaching this milestone in her life and wishing her many more happy birthdays and continued good health.

RESOLUTION NO. 2046

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

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

Whereas on March 7, 2014, Lou Thurber of Barrington Passage celebrated his 90th birthday; and

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

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Lou on reaching this milestone in his life and wishing him many more happy birthdays and continued good health.

RESOLUTION NO. 2047

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

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

Whereas it was once said that a marriage anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance and tenacity, but the order varies for any given year; and

Whereas on April 24, 2014, Harold and Jennie Hogg of Barrington celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Harold and Jennie on this remarkable milestone in their life together and wish them many more happy years.

RESOLUTION NO. 2048

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

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

Whereas it was once said that a marriage anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance and tenacity, but the order varies for any given year; and

Whereas on January 13, 2014, Arnold and Adeline Muise of Middle West Pubnico celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Arnold and Adeline on this remarkable milestone in their life together and wish them many more happy years.

RESOLUTION NO. 2049

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

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

Whereas it was once said that a marriage anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance and tenacity, but the order varies for any given year; and

Whereas on April 11, 2014, Alcide and Patsy Doucette of Hubbard's Point celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alcide and Patricia Doucette on this remarkable milestone in their life together and wish them many more happy years.

RESOLUTION NO. 2050

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

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

Whereas it was once said that a marriage anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance and tenacity, but the order varies for any given year; and

Whereas on January 13, 2014, Bernard and Beverly Nickerson of Lower East Pubnico celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bernard and Beverly on this remarkable milestone in their life together and wish them many more happy years.

RESOLUTION NO. 2051

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

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

Whereas it was once said that a marriage anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance and tenacity, but the order varies for any given year; and

Whereas on April 20, 2014, Edward and Elsie LeBlanc of Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Edward and Elsie on this remarkable milestone in their life together and wish them many more happy years.

RESOLUTION NO. 2052

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

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

Whereas it was once said that a marriage anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance and tenacity, but the order varies for any given year; and

Whereas on April 29, 2014, Harold and Erma Smith of Central Argyle celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Harold and Erma on this remarkable milestone in their life together and wish them many more happy years.

RESOLUTION NO. 2053

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road, where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on November 30, 2013, Kristin and Adam d'Eon welcomed their twin sons into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kristin and Adam on this miraculous event in their lives, and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2054

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road, where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on December 23, 2013, Chris and Falon Nickerson welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Chris and Falon on this miraculous event in their lives, and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2055

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road, where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on January 12, 2014, 2013, Brittany Blake and Brandon Stoddard welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brittany and Brandon on this miraculous event in their lives, and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2056

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road, where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on December 17, 2013, Alexandra Stoddard and Matthew d'Entremont welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alexandra and Matthew on this miraculous event in their lives, and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2057

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road, where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on January 17, 2014, Laura Kenney and Michael Waybret welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Laura and Michael on this miraculous event in their lives, and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2058

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road, where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on March 14, 2014, a very special occasion took place when Diana and Jonathan Fry welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Diana and Jonathan on this miraculous event in their lives, and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2059

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road, where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on February 6, 2014, Kristin Comeau and Fraser Stoddard welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kristin and Fraser on this miraculous event in their lives, and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2060

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road, where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on December 4, 2013, Nicole and Robert Hurlburt welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Nicole and Robert on this miraculous event in their lives, and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2061

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road, where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on March 24, 2014, Jennifer and Francois Surette welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jennifer and Francois on this miraculous event in their lives, and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2062

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road, where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on January 19, 2014, Amy and Kenney Jacquard welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Amy and Kenney on this miraculous event in their lives, and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2063

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas "A new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities," author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on December 4, 2013, Andress Moulaison and Andy Boudreau welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Andress and Andy on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2064

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas "A new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities," author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on February 9, 2014, Gisèle and André Surette welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gisèle and André on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2065

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas "A new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities," author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on April 10, 2014, Jessica and Ben Allen welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jessica and Ben on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2066

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas "A new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities," author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on March 14, 2014, Karen and David Gorst welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Karen and David on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2067

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas "A new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities," author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on February 9, 2014, Karine Gagne and Jean-Paul Doucette welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Karine and Jean-Paul on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2068

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas "A new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities," author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on January 4, 2014, Paige Doucet and Jeremy d'Eon welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Paige and Jeremy on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2069

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas "A new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities," author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on March 17, 2014, Renée Saulnier and Brian Thibodeau welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Renée and Brian on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2070

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas "A new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities," author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on February 12, 2014, Terrilee O'Connell and Joshua Muise welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Terrilee and Joshua on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2071

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on April 16, 2024, Sarah and Chad Robicheau welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sarah and Chad on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2072

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on March 1, 2014, Nicole and Aaron Spinney welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Nicole and Aaron on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2073

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on February 20, 2014, Kelsey Boudreau and Cody Porter welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kelsey and Cody on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2074

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on March 28, 2014, Kayla Brake and Nicklas Butt welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kayla and Nicklas on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2075

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on April 7, 2014, Jocelyn and Jamie Nickerson welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jocelyn and Jamie on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2076

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on February 20, 2014, Ginette Muise and Trevor Hurlburt welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ginette and Trevor on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2077

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on March 4, 2014, Diane Comeau and Ryan Brannen welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Diane and Ryan on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2078

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on April 3, 2014, Denise and Kurt Reashore welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Denise and Kurt on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2079

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on February 4, 2014, Sheena Nickerson and Damian Fraser welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sheena and Damian on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2080

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on April 9, 2014, Rhonda Goodwin and Christopher Stoddard welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Rhonda and Christopher on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2081

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on March 3, 2014, Danielle and Richard Penney welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Danielle and Richard on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2082

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on April 1, 2014, Carrie-Dawn and Dana Weeks welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Carrie-Dawn and Dana on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2083

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on February 17, 2014, Shelby and Jason Nickerson welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Shelby and Jason on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2084

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on March 23, 2014 Margaret and Daniel Chetwynd welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Margaret and Daniel on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2085

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on March 20, 2014 Julie Rhyno and Jonathan Rines welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Julie and Jonathan on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2086

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on January 29, 2014, Giselle d'Entremont and Patrick Crowell welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Giselle and Patrick on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2087

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Arichat CAP Site Volunteer of the Year Winnie Bungay for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2088

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society Volunteer of the Year Lester Morgan for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2089

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Black River United Church Volunteer of the Year Joan MacDonald for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2090

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking 235 Arrow Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Volunteer of the Year Ron Dillerop, for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2091

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking 2842 L'Ardoise Legion Engineering Army Cadets Volunteer of the Year Yvonne C. Doucette for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2092

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking 824 Silver Dart Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron Volunteer of the Year Tina MacDonald for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2093

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Acadiaville Cemetery Society Volunteer of the Year Brian Samson for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2094

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Acadiaville Community Centre Society Volunteer of the Year Tommy Forgeron for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2095

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Acadiaville Community Centre Society Volunteer of the Year Lynette Forgeron for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2096

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Adult Drop-In Centre Volunteer of the Year Alice Frost for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2097

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking L'Ardoise Friends of Palliative Care Volunteer of the Year Anna M. Bona for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2098

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking L'Ardoise Jolly Club Volunteer of the Year Joey Jones for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2099

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking L'Ardoise Ladies Social Club Volunteer of the Year Sharon Sampson for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2100

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking l'Association des femmes acadiennes "en marche" de Richmond Volunteer of the Year Janine Lacroix for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2101

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Lawrence Kavanaugh Council 4607, Arichat Volunteer of the Year Paul P. Boudreau for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2102

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Lakeside Area Seniors Club Volunteer of the Year Doris Landry for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2103

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Lakeside Community Association Volunteer of the Year Dianne Landry for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2104

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking L'Ardoise Acadian Festival Committee Volunteer of the Year Kathleen Bona for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2105

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking L'Ardoise Adult Recreation Club Volunteer of the Year Keith Martell for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2106

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking L'Ardoise Economic and Development Association Volunteer of the Year Marie Burkey for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2107

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Peter's Parish Altar Society Volunteer of the Year Gladys Burke for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2108

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Peter's Parish Choir Volunteer of the Year Billy Digout for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2109

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Peter's Scottish Dance Group Volunteer of the Year Wesley Peeples for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2110

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Peter's Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year Allison Martel for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2111

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Peter's Branch 47 Royal Canadian Legion Volunteer of the Year Danny Landry for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2112

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Peter's Community Club Volunteer of the Year Janine Mombourquette for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2113

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Peter's Girl Guides Volunteer of the Year Vanessa Ryan for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2114

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Peter's Lions Club Volunteer of the Year Ella MacRae for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2115

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Peter's Lions Marina Volunteer of the Year Cletus Wedge for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2116

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Peter's Parish Building and Properties Committee Volunteer of the Year Lenus Sampson for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2117

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Bras D'Or Lakers Seniors Club Volunteer of the Year Gerard Boudreau for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2118

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking C.W.L. Petit De Grat Volunteer of the Year Colette Samson for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2119

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Camp Rankin 4-H Association Volunteer of the Year John Campbell for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2120

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking coastal Riders ATV Club Volunteer of the Year Ewan MacDonald for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2121

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Comité Régional du RANE de L'Isle Madame Volunteer of the Year Janine Lacroix for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2122

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Conseil Paroissiale St. Joseph Petit De Grat Volunteer of the Year Dana Tracey for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2123

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society Volunteer of the Year Carolyn Decoste for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2124

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Bonnie Brae Seniors Club Volunteer of the Year Ann Sampson for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2125

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Bonnie Brae Seniors Club Volunteer of the Year Gus Sampson for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2126

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Bras D'Or Lakers Seniors Club Volunteer of the Year, Donna Boudreau, for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2127

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Richmond County Access Society Volunteer of the Year Joan Clannon for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2128

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, D'Escousse, Volunteer of the Year Doreen Gallant for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2129

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Richmond County Early Childhood education Association, St. Peter's, Volunteer of the Year Marie Landry for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2130

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Richmond County Literacy Network Volunteer of the Year Donna Samson for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2131

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Richmond County Senior Council Volunteer of the Year Claire Marchand for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2132

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Our Lady of Assumption CWL Volunteer of the Year Cathy LeBlanc for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2133

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Point Tupper Heritage Association Volunteer of the Year Frances Warner for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2134

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Radio Richmond C.I.T.U. Volunteer of the Year Lena Samson for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2135

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Richmond Cheer Athletics Club Volunteer of the Year Janine Savoury for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2136

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Richmond County 4H Leaders Council Volunteer of the Year Katja Seufert for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2137

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Volunteer of the Year Jeanette Strachan for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2138

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Anne Centre Ladies Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year Brenda Boudreau for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2139

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre Volunteer of the Year Gerry Samson for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2140

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Riverdale Computer Centre Society Volunteer of the Year Sander C. Cogswell for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2141

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Rocky Bay Irish Club Volunteer of the Year George Kehoe for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2142

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Royal Canadian Legion Branch 150 Ladies Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year Lillie Jane Boudreau for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2143

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking royal Canadian Legion Branch 150 Volunteer of the Year Theophile Samson for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2144

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch 47 Volunteer of the Year Olivia Benoit for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2145

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Société Petit de Grat Beautification Society Volunteer of the Year Robert Samson for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2146

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking South Mountain Arm of Gold Association Volunteer of the Year Jennifer Klotz for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2147

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking River Bourgeois Festival Days Volunteer of the Year Rose Merrick for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2148

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking River Bourgeois Mariner Society Volunteer of the Year Harold Landry for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2149

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking River Bourgeois Seniors 50+ Club Volunteer of the Year Glyn Chilvers for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2150

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Riverdale Club 55+ Volunteer of the Year Florence Morgan for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2151

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Riverdale Community Services Society Volunteer of the Year Gina MacDonald for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2152

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Richmond Skate Club Volunteer of the Year Florence McDonald for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2153

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Richmond Truckers Association Volunteer of the Year Bob Morrison for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2154

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Richmond Villa Recreation Department Volunteer of the Year Eva Owens for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2155

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking River Bourgeois Community Services Society Volunteer of the Year Carolyn Fougere for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2156

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Louisdale Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year Gertrude Sampson for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2157

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors, and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking MacAskill House Museum Society Volunteer of the Year James Kehoe for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2158

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Oceanview Wildlife Museum Society Volunteer of the Year Stewart Carter for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2159

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Our Lady of Assumption Church Volunteer of the Year Andre Boudreau for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2160

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Lennox Passage Yacht Club Volunteer of the Year Ron Kehoe for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2161

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Les Amis de La Picasse Volunteer of the Year Janelle Boudreau for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2162

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Little Anse Sampson's Cove Social Action Centre Volunteer of the Year Elmer Samson for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2163

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Louisdale Girl Guides Volunteer of the Year, Elaine Walker, for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2164

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Louisdale Lions Club Volunteer of the Year Howard Sampson for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2165

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Louisdale Volunteer Fire Department Volunteer of the Year Raven Bates for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2166

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. John's Anglican Church Volunteer of the Year Sarah Nettleton for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2167

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Joseph's Services Volunteer of the Year Marjorie Benoit for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2168

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Louis CWL Volunteer of the Year Geneva Bates for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2169

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Louis Parish Volunteer of the Year Shelley LeBlanc for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2170

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Peter's and District Volunteer Fire Department Volunteer of the Year Dawn Silver for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2171

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Francis de Sales CWL Volunteer of the Year Yvonne MacDonald for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2172

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Hyacinth Parish Council Volunteer of the Year Pearl LeBlanc for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2173

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Hyacinth Parish Council Volunteer of the Year Raymond LeBlanc for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2174

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. John the Baptist Catholic Women's League Volunteer of the Year Wilma Landry for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2175

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. John the Baptist Parish Council Volunteer of the Year Arthur Doary for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2176

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking The Zachery Hall Memorial Society Volunteer of the Year Leonard John Boudreau for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2177

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Village of St. Peter's Volunteer of the Year Pam Martel for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2178

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Village on the Canal Association Volunteer of the Year Amanda Mombourquette for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2179

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking West Arichat and District Village Circle Society Volunteer of the Year Paul Samson for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2180

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking West Arichat CWL Volunteer of the Year Alice Samson for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2181

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking West Bay Community Centre Volunteer of the Year Kristy Lock for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2182

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking West Bay Pastoral Charge Volunteer of the Year Ian MacAskill for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2183

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking West Bay Pastoral Charge UCW Volunteer of the Year Berni Thornycroft for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2184

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking West Bay United Church Volunteer of the Year, Tena Leonard, for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2185

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking St. Peter's-Samsonville & Area Water Utility Volunteer of the Year Esther McDonnell for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2186

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Stirling/Framboise/Fourchu Seniors Volunteer of the Year Vange Wareham for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2187

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Strait Richmond Hospital Advisory Council Volunteer of the Year Wilma Martell for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2188

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Strait Richmond Minor Hockey Association Volunteer of the Year Leon Burt for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2189

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Telile Community TV Volunteer of the Year Marcel Marchand for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2190

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Terry Fox Foundation Volunteer of the Year Julie MacDonald for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2191

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking District #10 Volunteer Fire Department Volunteer of the Year Gerard Boudreau for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2192

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Dr. Kingston Memorial Health Centre Volunteer of the Year Caroline Martell for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2193

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking East Richmond ATV Riders Association Volunteer of the Year Brian Murphy for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2194

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking East Richmond Education Centre Volunteer of the Year Anne Marie Sampson for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2195

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking École Beau-Port Volunteer of the Year Rhonda Covin for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2196

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Felix Marchand Education Centre Volunteer of the Year Heather LeBlanc for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2197

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Festival Acadien de Petit de Grat Volunteer of the Year Betty Anne David for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2198

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Fleur De Lis Seniors Club Volunteer of the Year Eileen Samson for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2199

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Fourchu Development Association Volunteer of the Year Delores MacQueen for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2200

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Development Isle Madame Association Volunteer of the Year Linda Cameron for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2201

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Head of the Bay Seniors Club Volunteer of the Year Johannes Sturm for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2202

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Friends of Isle Madame Provincial Parks Volunteer of the Year Jeanne Samson for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2203

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Friends of Notre Dame de L'Assomption Volunteer of the Year Luke Boudreau for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2204

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Grand River Seniors Club Volunteer of the Year Irene MacPhail for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2205

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Grand River Seniors Club Volunteer of the Year Sandy MacPhail for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2206

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Holy Guardian Angels Community Centre Volunteer of the Year Harry A. Sampson for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2207

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Holy Guardian Angels Pastoral Council Volunteer of the Year René Samson for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2208

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Immaculate Conception Parish Barra Head Volunteer of the Year Joseph Johnston for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2209

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Immaculate Conception Parish Council Volunteer of the Year Joseph R. Samson for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2210

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Islandview Hospital Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year Elmer Scanlan for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2211

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Framboise Community Care Volunteer of the Year Sarah Morrison for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2212

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Framboise/Fourchu Volunteer Fire Department Volunteer of the Year Blair Gwynn for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2213

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department Volunteer of the Year John Paul Thibeau for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2214

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Janvrin's Island Community Centre Volunteer of the Year Gloria Hill for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2215

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking La Picasse centre communautaire culturel Volunteer of the Year Lauren Boudreau for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2216

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Lakeside 4-H Club Volunteer of the Year Gina MacAulay for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2217

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Isle Madame Boat Club Volunteer of the Year Clint Samson for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2218

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Isle Madame Food Bank Volunteer of the Year Leonard Gerroir for his hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2219

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Isle Madame Historical Society Volunteer of the Year Anita Marchand for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2220

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Isle Madame Lighthouse Preservation Society Volunteer of the Year Margaret Herdman for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2221

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Isle Madame New Horizon's Seniors Club Volunteer of the Year Jeanette Roberts for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2222

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 L'Ardoise native and fiddler Allie Mombourquette has released her first CD; and

Whereas Ms. Mombourquette's CD was released on Saturday, April 19th; and

Whereas the self-titled CD includes several original compositions;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Allie Mombourquette on releasing her first CD.

RESOLUTION NO. 2223

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 the Strait Area Saints girls U-18 volleyball team won silver medals at the Danielle Muise Memorial tournament; and

Whereas the tournament took place April 5th in Cheticamp; and

Whereas the team included Jenna Pierce, MacKenzie Somers, Melissa Bland, Emilie MacKinnon, Kailey Mortenson, Kelsey Campbell, Madison Timmons, Imma Perez, Barbara Timmons, Cassie McNamara, Dana Boudreau and coach Bobbi MacDougall-Simmons;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Saints U-18 team on their silver medals.

RESOLUTION NO. 2224

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 West Arichat native Robert Bouchard has been a country singer-songwriter for over 45 years; and

Whereas he has opened for country stars like The Gatlin Brothers, Gene Watson, Earl Thomas Conley and appeared on programs such as The Tommy Hunter Show;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Robert Bouchard on this wonderful accomplishment and his impressive career.

RESOLUTION NO. 2225

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 Port Hawkesbury native Laura Kaye took part in the Nova Scotia Amateur Bodybuilding Association's provincial championship; and

Whereas she competed in the Figure Tall division on March 29th at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium; and

Whereas Laura successfully built upon a silver last year and captured the gold this year;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Laura on her impressive accomplishment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2226

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 black belt examinations for Larade Tae Kwon Do were held on Saturday, April 12th; and

Whereas Grand Master Chong Lee was sitting at the judging table for the exams; and

Whereas Chapel Island resident Junior Morrison received his second degree black belt, and River Bourgeois native Janet Bourque received her black belt;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Junior Morrison and Janet Bourque on their accomplishments.

RESOLUTION NO. 2227

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 the SAERC Saints boys hockey team captured a silver medal at the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation Division III Provincial Championship; and

Whereas the Saints competed in the championship game after scoring victories over Digby, Inverness, and Par-en-Bas; and

Whereas the team consisted of Conner MacDonnell, Craig Ryan, Toby Svaren, Dan MacLean, Taylor Pierce, Colin MacDougall, Dylan Chetwynd, Jasper Laurell, Braden Murray, Calan Kersten, Ben Hillier, Bailey Pollard, James Poirier, Ryan England, Keil Frenette, Rhett Sheppard, Avery Warner, Colton Campbell, Aaron Burton, Joel Hedley and Nick McNamara;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the SAERC Saints boys hockey team on their silver medal.

RESOLUTION NO. 2228

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 the Richmond Rize 14U girls volleyball team won gold medals at two tournaments in March; and

Whereas they were victorious at the Truro Lynx Tournament on March 8th and the Antigonish Stoirm Subway Silver Platter on March 15th; and

Whereas the team included Jayde Marchand, Becca MacLean, Karley Benoit, Monique Savoury, Madison DeCoste, Amber Keating, Gina MacAuley, Remy Savoury, Bailee Sampson, Molly Fraser, coach Mike Hawke and assistant coach Ron Savoury;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Richmond Rize 14U team on their pair of victories.

RESOLUTION NO. 2229

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Isle Madame Tourism and Trade Association Volunteer of the Year Lisa Boudreau for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2230

By: Hon. Michel Samson (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 truly are the heart of our community; and

Whereas volunteers give freely of their time to help organizations throughout our county; and

Whereas on Friday, April 11, 2014, I joined Warden Steve Sampson, councillors and staff at a supper to recognize the 137 volunteers throughout Richmond County;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking River bourgeois Economic Development Volunteer of the Year Sherry Baccardax for her hard work and commitment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2231

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas Martha Irving is a producer, creator, director and actor who has previously been nominated for seven Robert Merritt awards; and

Whereas Martha Irving is a co-founder and co-artistic director of LunaSea Theatre in the North End of Halifax; and

Whereas on March 24, 2014, Martha Irving received the Robert Merritt award for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role (female) for her portrayal of Helen Ingis in LunaSea Theatre's production of *Ghosts*;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulates Martha Irving on being chosen as the 2014 winner of the Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role (female) and expresses its appreciation for her contribution and commitment to Halifax and its theatre community.

RESOLUTION NO. 2232

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas the 2014 Robert Merritt Awards, recognizing excellence in theatre in Nova Scotia, were recently awarded in a ceremony held in Halifax on March 24th; and

Whereas Matthew Downey is a lighting designer and theatre technician living in the north end of Halifax who has worked in theatres across Atlantic Canada; and

Whereas Matthew Downey received the Robert Merritt award for Outstanding Stage Manager/Technician;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulates Matthew Downey on being chosen as the 2014 winner of the Robert Merritt award for Outstanding Stage Manager/Technician and expresses its appreciation for his contribution and commitment to Halifax and its theatre community.

RESOLUTION NO. 2233

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas Melinda Daye has served children, parents and members of our community as a teacher, principal and the African Nova Scotian School Board representative for more than 37 years; and

Whereas Melinda Daye has been an active member of the Black Educators Association of Nova Scotia, the Black Learners Advisory Committee and the Council on African Canadian Education; and

Whereas Melinda Daye was recognized with a 2014 Education Week Partners Award;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulates Melinda Daye on receiving a 2014 Education Week Partners Award and thanks her for her commitment to equality in education and our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 2234

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas the Resource Recovery Fund Board of Nova Scotia hosts an annual Nova Scotia Recycles Contest to promote creative thinking on waste reduction; and

Whereas this year's contest attracted over 6,700 entries from schools across Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Abigail Elizabeth Johnson, resident of the riding of Clayton Park West and student at Rockingham School, was runner-up in the Grade 4 to 6 Whiteboard Design category;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Abigail for her achievement and wish her continued success in her learning.

RESOLUTION NO. 2235

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas the Halifax West High School student government are known for their volunteerism and annually host a number of signature events to support community groups and organizations; and

Whereas on April 9th the students hosted the 11th annual Head for the Cure to support ongoing research to find a cure for cancer; and

Whereas Halifax West High School students and staff raised over \$12,000 at this amazing event to support the Terry Fox Foundation;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Tim Simony, principal of Halifax West, for stepping up and fundraising for the cause and thank the student government leaders for their tremendous efforts in the fight against this terrible disease.

RESOLUTION NO. 2236

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas the area of Halifax Regional Municipality known as Rockingham has been settled since the mid-1700s; and

Whereas the Rockingham Heritage Society works diligently to preserve and promote this history through a program of activities and publications; and

Whereas this society hosted its 25th annual dinner on April 5, 2014, featuring a fascinating talk by Jon Tattrie on his book about Edward Cornwallis and the founding of Halifax;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in applauding the Rockingham Heritage Society for their enthusiasm and commitment in keeping the history of this beautiful area alive.

RESOLUTION NO. 2237

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas for over 10 years Nova Scotia has hosted an annual Savour Food and Wine Show spotlighting food and wines served in Nova Scotia's finest dining locations; and

Whereas each year this event is considered Atlantic Canada's premier food and wine show, attracting wide and dedicated attendance; and

Whereas the 11th annual show opened on March 6, 2014, under the strong and committed chairmanship of Joe McGuinness, resident of Clayton Park West and owner of Dirty Nelly's Irish Pub;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly applaud Joe McGuinness for his ongoing leadership in the food and beverage industry and his commitment to the Savour Food and Wine Show, which showcases Nova Scotia's great culinary traditions.

RESOLUTION NO. 2238

By: Mr. John Lohr (Kings North)

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

Whereas when Acadia University Convocation ceremonies are held on May 11th and 12th in Wolfville, honorary degrees will also be presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions in their community and beyond; and

Whereas Geraldine Marjorie Browning of Gibson Woods, recipient of a 2012 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, will receive a Doctor of Humanities from the Faculty of Professional Studies at Acadia University; and

Whereas Ms. Browning has been a lifelong promoter of improved literacy and education for all and set a shining example for today's students to follow into their own future;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Ms. Browning for her energetic determination, her kindness toward others, her dedication to working on improving the social and economic well-being of those in her community and across Nova Scotia, the encouraging role model she played as teacher, nurse, and community activist, as well as being the current Chair of the Valley African Nova Scotia Development Association, which she helped to establish, and congratulate her for her receipt of this prestigious degree.

RESOLUTION NO. 2239

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas on February 22, 2014, *The Chronicle Herald* hosted their Nova Scotia Spelling Bee; and

Whereas the competition is an impressive showcase of outstanding ability in spelling, with only 43 incredibly intelligent finalists from across the province; and

Whereas Nashita Jalal, an extremely bright student at Park West School, proudly represented Clayton Park West at this prestigious event;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly applaud Nashita Jalal for being distinguished as a finalist in this competition, and wish her the very best of luck with her future studies.

RESOLUTION NO. 2240

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas each year the Nova Scotia Home and Builders' Association hosts the annual Peter Koehler Peak Awards, highlighting the residential construction industry; and

Whereas Picket Fence, a team of professionals led by Robert Kraitzek of Clayton Park West, had the distinction of being named Builder of the Year for their outstanding craftsmanship in the art of homebuilding; and

Whereas Picket Fence was also chosen as most deserving in four other categories, including Most Outstanding Residential Renovation;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly applaud Robert Kraitzek for receiving the distinction of Builder of the Year, as well as other titles, for his beautiful work creating magnificent homes in which Nova Scotians can live and thrive.