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Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Keith Irving

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. We will commence the daily routine.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to table a petition, the operative clause being: we, the people “who live and travel through the Pleasant Bay area, call upon the provincial government and the Municipality of the County of Inverness to partner with a mobile phone service provider to provide cell phone coverage in this area.”

Mr. Speaker, there are 1,615 signatures, including my own, as per the Rules of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: The petition is tabled.

HON. CHRISTOPHER D’ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, I stand on a point of order. In accordance with Rule 14(1), which talks about members’ attendance, “Every Member is bound to attend the services of the House unless leave of absence has been given by the House or the Speaker.”

We got notice today of the absence of two ministers, at 9:51 a.m. and at 9:36 a.m. this morning. Having a sitting at 11:00 a.m., it didn't give us a lot of notice to make changes to our Question Period lineup.

I wonder if the Speaker could look at when he or she gives notice that all the caucuses know about it, because I'm sure they knew about this yesterday - I'm guessing that they're off to see the Prime Minister in Sydney, but I'm not sure. Could you look at how notice is given to the Opposition Parties so that we can actually organize our days accordingly, when ministers are absent?

MR. [DEPUTY] SPEAKER: I will request that the Speaker consider your point of order.

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MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Premier.

RESOLUTION NO. 551

HON. STEPHEN MCNEIL (The Premier): Mr. Speaker, I request a moment of silence at the end of this resolution as I read it.

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

Whereas tomorrow is Remembrance Day and all Canadians will have the opportunity to stop, reflect, and pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of peace and democracy; and

Whereas we are deeply indebted to the sacrifices made in the pursuit and defence of every freedom that we as Canadians enjoy today; and

Whereas Nova Scotia is a province with a strong and profound attachment to our military, and Nova Scotians respect the deep contributions military members and their families, both past and present, have made to serve our country;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in honouring the brave men and women who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces and for all those who continue to serve today.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

[A moment of silence was observed.]

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated.

The honourable Premier.

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, may I do an introduction before my resolution?

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

THE PREMIER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Here, in the east gallery, we are greeted by a number of people I want to recognize, the Canadian Red Cross and particularly those in Nova Scotia who continue to respond to our communities from one end of Nova Scotia to the other - most recently we've seen that happen in Cape Breton. Last night, the Canadian Red Cross and Nova Scotians came together to honour two distinguished Nova Scotians.

In the gallery, we have with us Dale Godsoe and Rachel Brouwer. Last night, Dale was honoured as the Canadian Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year; and Rachel was honoured as the Young Humanitarian of the Year. With Dale and Rachel in the gallery are their families and friends. I'd ask them to all stand and receive a warm welcome from the House of Assembly. (Standing Ovation)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Premier.

RESOLUTION NO. 552

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

Whereas the Canadian Red Cross Humanitarian Award and Young Humanitarian Award officially recognize the spirit of humanity in each Atlantic Province drawing public attention to the humanitarian activity and inspires individuals to pursue humanitarian goals; and

Whereas Dale Godsoe's dedication to bettering her community and the lives of others has been recognized as a Member of the Order of Canada, with a Canadian Volunteer Award, Queen's Jubilee Medal, and Progress Women of Excellence Award, and our province is fortunate to benefit from her devotion and limitless energy as she has chaired countless boards, projects, and committees; and

Whereas Rachel Brouwer was inspired to design a solar water pasteurization system that could save lives in developing countries by providing safe drinking water, and at just 14, Rachel's efforts have already earned local and national youth science, citizenship, and community volunteer awards - not to mention inspiring many youth across not only Canada but globally;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly offer their congratulations to the Canadian Red Cross Humanitarian Award winners, Dale Godsoe and Rachel Brouwer, and thank them for their commitment to improving the lives of others.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried. (Standing Ovation)

L'honorable Ministre des Affaires acadiennes et de la Francophonie.

RESOLUTION NO. 553

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

Considérant que Phil Comeau originaire de Saulnierville et qui habite maintenant à Moncton a réalisé de nombreux films dramatiques et documentaires primés; et

Considérant que son documentaire, Zachary Richard, toujours batailleur, raconte l'histoire d'un chanteur qui cherche à comprendre la résilience des Acadiens et des Cajuns et l'importance de l'identité acadienne; et

Considérant que le documentaire sera présenté en première mondiale le 14 novembre prochain à Moncton;

Il est par conséquent résolu que les membres de la Chambre d'assemblée félicitent Monsieur Comeau pour ses réalisations et reconnaissent ses contributions remarquables à la culture acadienne et francophone.

Monsieur le Président, je demanderai l'adoption de la présente résolution sans préavis et sans débat.

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

Whereas Phil Comeau, born in Saulnierville and now living in Moncton, has directed many award-winning drama and documentary films; and

Whereas his documentary, Zachary Richard, Cajun Heart, tells the story of a singer on a quest to understand the resilience of Acadians and Cajuns and the importance of the Acadian identity; and

Whereas the world premiere of the documentary will take place on November 14th in Moncton;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Comeau for his achievements and recognize his outstanding contributions to Acadian and francophone 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 Labour and Advanced Education.

HON. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to make an introduction.

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MS. REGAN: I'd like to draw the members' attention to the east side of the gallery. Once again today we are joined by a group of student leaders. I have the pleasure of meeting with them on a regular basis and I value the perspectives they bring to the table.

I'd ask each of them to stand as I call their names: Collette Robert, who is Chair of StudentsNS; Annie Sirois, who is Vice-Chair of StudentsNS; Ben Guance, who is VP of University Affairs, Saint Mary's University Students' Association; Taylor Chase, President of St. F.X. Students' Union; Roy Karam, President, CBU Students' Union; Brandon MacDonald, Executive VP, CBU Students' Union; Sam Sproule, President of Acadia Students' Union; Brianna Jarvin, VP Academic, Acadia Students' Union; Justin Jamieson, President of Kingstec NSCC; Elliot Pick, who is with NSCC as well; and Sophie Helpard, who is with StudentsNS. (Applause)

It looks like we've missed someone so we'll find out who we've missed and we'll introduce him later on, I have to say. I would like to thank the members for giving the students the warm welcome of the House.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 554

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

Whereas student leaders from across Nova Scotia arrived in Halifax this week to kick off Student Advocacy Week; and

Whereas we value the close working relationship we have with StudentsNS and all student associations across the province for the critical role they play in ensuring that the concerns and needs of fellow students on campus are brought to the forefront; and

Whereas an example of this work includes the participation of StudentsNS on the province's sexual violence prevention committee to help address student safety on campus;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House stand united in recognition of this week and that we continue to recognize their voice as a key stakeholder, as we work towards ensuring that our province's university sector is sustainable, accessible, and positioned to deliver high-quality education across 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. 555

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

Whereas more than 150 trade employers, industry leaders, and training partners met today in Halifax to discuss opportunities for advancing the province's apprenticeship system and to celebrate the achievements of their colleagues; and

Whereas Chesley Gilkie of Port Williams, who was instrumental in creating a new training pathway for agricultural equipment technician apprentices, and Joseph Hawkins of Dartmouth, who mentors members of the East Preston Empowerment Academy in bricklaying and restoration stonemason work, each received an Apprenticeship Award of Excellence for their work in expanding trades training and helping youth advance in apprenticeship; and

Whereas these employers have worked very hard to develop the trades and training opportunities in the province, and are dedicated to the growth of those they mentor;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate them on their outstanding achievements, and thank all who have shown their commitment to expanding Nova Scotia's apprenticeship system by creating opportunities to grow our businesses, strengthen our economy, and allow our youth to stay close their families and the communities they grew up in.

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 Energy.

RESOLUTION NO. 556

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

Whereas the Thanksgiving Day storm in Cape Breton forced evacuations, damaged many homes, and washed out roads, creating a very dangerous situation in parts of the city; and

Whereas the same storm system caused injuries and claimed the lives of several people in the United States; and

Whereas residents in Cape Breton avoided serious injuries and debt, largely thanks to the efforts of volunteer and career firefighters, police, paramedics, and CBRM staff;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House thank the first responders, city crews, and emergency management officials who kept people safe in challenging circumstances, and who continue to help people recover from the October 10th storm.

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 Energy.

RESOLUTION NO. 557

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

Whereas residents of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality are continuing recovery efforts following a devastating storm on October 10th; and

Whereas the outpouring of human kindness and compassion from within and outside of the community has been remarkable; and

Whereas from the beginning, volunteers have been assisting with comfort centres, shelters, and even cleaning out flood-damaged items from homes;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the Legislature acknowledge and thank the many volunteers who, in a time of great need, stepped forward to support their neighbours, family, and friends in the aftermath of this terrible event.

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: May I make an introduction?

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MR. GLAVINE: Joining us in the gallery today are two guests from the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia, CEO Starr Dobson and Board Chair Mike Elgie. If they would rise and receive the warm welcome of the House. (Applause)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 558

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

Whereas this year marks the 25th Annual Compass Group Canada Festival of Trees, an exciting anniversary event that supports mental health initiatives in communities across Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Compass Group Canada Festival of Trees draws more than 1,300 guests to the World Trade and Convention Centre for a luncheon on Friday, November 25th, and a black tie gala on Saturday, November 26th; and

Whereas through the Festival of Trees, over \$7 million has been raised for the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia since its inception;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly wish the Nova Scotia Mental Health Foundation a successful Festival of Trees, and recognize them for the work they do every day to support mental health initiatives across the 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 Health and Wellness.

HON. LEO GLAVINE: May I make an introduction?

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MR. GLAVINE: In the gallery today, we have board members from Craig's Cause Pancreatic Cancer Society. Could they rise as I introduce them: Jayne Sierens, who lost both her father and grandmother to pancreatic cancer in the last two years; Chimene Jewer, who lost her mother to pancreatic cancer just three months after her diagnosis; and Melanie McIvor, whose father survived 11 months after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. I

would ask members of the House to join me today, and give them a warm welcome, and thank them for their enormous work. (Applause)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 559

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

Whereas pancreatic cancer is the fourth-leading cause of cancer death in Canada and often goes undetected for months; and

Whereas pancreatic cancer occurs when a malignant tumour forms in the pancreas and causes are not known; and

Whereas November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in Nova Scotia, which aims to bring awareness and raise money for research to find a cure for these diseases;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House acknowledge November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and do what we can to support the cause.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Environment.

RESOLUTION NO. 560

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

Whereas the Nova Scotia Nature Trust celebrated its 19th annual dinner and auction on November 3, 2016, while dedicating the evening's proceedings towards conservation efforts on behalf of the organization; and

Whereas the Nature Trust has been working to conserve the province's natural landscapes since its inception in 1994 through fundraising, donations and conservation initiatives; and

Whereas the organization continues to protect Nova Scotia's outstanding natural legacy while preserving the history and heritage that are embedded in the forests and wetlands, islands and highlands, that form our province;

Therefore be it resolved that we thank Nova Scotia Nature Trust for their dedication and commitment towards conserving and protecting Nova Scotia's natural landscapes.

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 Environment.

RESOLUTION NO. 561

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

Whereas Divert Nova Scotia celebrated its 20th Anniversary this year, marking two decades of successful and impactful recycling initiatives across the province; and

Whereas the organization was previously known as the Resource Recovery Fund Board but recently changed their name as part of successful rebranding campaign, which brought in their new name of Divert Nova Scotia; and

Whereas the organization continues to protect Nova Scotia's natural legacy by eliminating waste materials from landfills, and encouraging recycling across the province;

Therefore be it resolved that the House thank Divert Nova Scotia for the dedication and commitment to reducing waste and encourage recycling across the province.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 71 - Entitled an Act to Amend Chapter 211 of the Revised Statutes of 1989. The Housing Act, and Chapter 213 of the Revised Statutes of 1989. The Housing Nova Scotia Act. (Hon. Pat Dunn)

Bill No. 72 - Entitled an Act Respecting the Restoration of Incentives to Encourage the Development of the Film Industry in Nova Scotia. (Ms. Lenore Zann)

Bill No. 73 - Entitled an Act to Amend the Sonic Devices Regulations. (Mr. John Lohr)

Bill No. 74 - Entitled an Act to Establish Vocational Training in Schools. (Hon. Jamie Baillie)

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Energy.

RESOLUTION NO. 562

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, I move that all the congratulatory motions deposited with the Clerk pursuant to Rule 32(3) of the Rules and Forms of Procedure of the House of Assembly from October 13, 2016, to the end of business today be approved.

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

The motion is carried.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

LEMOINE, WAYNE ET AL - EHS RECOGNITION (25 YRS.)

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: On May 24th, 63 Emergency Health Services members were recognized for their years of service. EHS paramedics not only respond to emergencies but work in collaboration with emergency centres across the province and take on a leadership role in their communities.

Among those being recognized for their 25 years of service were some of my own constituents: Wayne LeMoine of Barrington, Lilly Snook from Clark's Harbour, and Jeanette Diggon from Middle West Pubnico. I'd like to thank them for their years of service and wish them continued success in the future.

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

VETERANS: CONTRIBUTIONS - REMEMBER

HON. STERLING BELLIVEAU: Tomorrow, Nova Scotians will gather across the province to remember all those who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy today. As the years go by, our children become more and more removed from the last World War. While this is certainly a good thing, it is also important that our children and our grandchildren are aware of our past so that they can share in remembering the fallen.

We lose more veterans each year. However, we will continue to remember the contributions of those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could be here today. Let us never take peaceful time for granted, Mr. Speaker, lest we forget.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton-Richmond.

RICHMOND CO. MUN. ELECTION: COUNCIL - CONGRATS.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: On Monday, November 7th, a new municipal council was sworn in for Richmond County. The recent municipal election, held on Saturday, October 15th, saw the acclamation of Councillor Brian Marchand for District 3. It also saw the re-election of Councillor Alvin Martell in District 2 and Councillor Gilbert Boucher in District 4. District 1 saw the election of former councillor and warden James Goyetche, while the voters of District 5 chose a new councillor with the election of Jason MacLean.

At the swearing-in ceremony, Councillor Brian Marchand was selected as the new warden while Councillor Jason MacLean was selected as the deputy warden.

I want to recognize the former councillors for their many years of service, as well as all the candidates who put their names forward. I want to join all the residents of Richmond County in congratulating our new council and wishing them well. I look forward to working with them to address the issues addressing the residents of Richmond County, to help grow our communities, and to move our county forward.

I also want to congratulate Strait Regional School Board representative Francine Boudreau, who was acclaimed and has since been chosen as chairman of the board, and George Kehoe on his election victory.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

MACGREGOR, ROSEANNE: RETIREMENT - CONGRATS.

HON. PAT DUNN: Mr. Speaker, I rise in my place to recognize an outstanding guidance counsellor, Dr. Roseanne MacGregor of New Glasgow. Roseanne is presently in her 35th year and intends to retire in June 2017. She continues to assist high school students by reviewing their career goals, and researching different types of job profiles, based on their qualifications and experience.

MacGregor has been the Student Services Department Head at North Nova Education Centre since it opened its doors in 2003. She has worked in eight different schools in Pictou County during her career. Roseanne received her Master of Arts in School Psychology at Mount Saint Vincent, Master of Education in Administration at St. Francis Xavier University, and a Ph.D. in Measurements and Statistics at the University of South Florida.

I would like all members of this Legislature to join me in wishing Dr. MacGregor congratulations on her retirement in June.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River.

NATL. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMM. - TREATY RIGHTS

MS. LENORE ZANN: Since the Fall session began my colleagues from the NDP caucus and I have been reminding the House about the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action. With this session now drawing to a close, I rise today to underscore an important underlying message about Treaty Rights, a message that is grounded in the entire Truth and Reconciliation report.

Treaty rights have to be acknowledged in their entirety if we are to redress the colonial experience of Indigenous Peoples in this country. From land and fishing rights to our duty to consult, all members must come together and unite around a new nation-to-

nation approach, even when doing so may go against our own political agendas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton-Richmond.

PORT HAWKESBURY: MAYOR/COUN. - SWEARING-IN

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, history was made on Tuesday, November 1st, with the swearing in of the new mayor and council for the Town of Port Hawkesbury.

Former councillor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton becomes the first female mayor in the history of the town, as she was acclaimed in the recent municipal election on Saturday, October 15th. Joining her on council is returning Councillor Trevor Boudreau, former Town Councillors Mark MacIver and Hughie MacDougall, along with new Councillor Jeremy White.

Mr. Speaker, I join the residents of the Town of Port Hawkesbury in congratulating the new mayor and council and look forward to working with them to grow the town. I also want to recognize former Town Councillors Bert Lewis and Joe Janega, who did not reoffer, for their hard work and commitment.

I'm sure all members will want to join me in recognizing outgoing Mayor Billy Joe MacLean, former MLA and minister, town councillor, and mayor for the past 22 years, for a total of 53 years of elected office, on his well-deserved retirement. Congratulations Billy Joe.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

RYAN, JACKIE - ATL. COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOC. COACH OF YR.

HON. PAT DUNN: Mr. Speaker, I rise in my place to recognize an outstanding athlete and coach, Jackie Ryan, from Stellarton. Jackie, Head Coach of the Dalhousie AC Rams was recently named Atlantic Collegiate Athletic Association Coach of the Year.

Winners of this award are selected by fellow coaches. Ryan is a teacher and athletic director at Northumberland Regional High School in Pictou County. Her team has improved its results each year since her appointment as head coach in 2012. Ryan has displayed excellent sports knowledge and a tremendous ability to teach soccer. She was also known in Pictou County circles for her exceptional athletic prowess.

Coach Ryan has also been nominated for the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association Coach of the Year.

I would ask all members of this Legislature to join me in offering our congratulations to Jackie Ryan for the well-deserved recognition she received from her fellow coaches.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Chester-St. Margaret's.

TIR - HWY. NO. 103: INTERCHANGE - DELAYS

HON. DENISE PETERSON-RAFUSE: Mr. Speaker, I want to express my frustration with yet another delay in opening the interchange that will connect Ingramport with Highway No. 103. This new exit will be on an untwinned section of the highway that has been the site of far too many deadly crashes. If that stretch of highway is ever to be twinned, the province has said this interchange was a necessary first step. Therefore, I am disappointed that this government would hold up the process in any way.

Mr. Speaker, as I watch the bill for this project climb, along with the price of the contractor, I can't help but question this government's decision to sell off the province's asphalt plant and chip seal machinery. By this government's own admission, we are now paying more and paving less because of it.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Citadel-Sable Island.

SARBANES, JOHN: U.S. CONGRESS - RE-ELECTION

HON. LABI KOUSOULIS: There was an election in the United States two days ago. I would like to congratulate my cousin, John Sarbanes, on his re-election to Congress. Congressman Sarbanes has served Maryland's 3rd Congressional District since 2007. Congressman Sarbanes was re-elected with 63 per cent of the vote.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the career of his father, my uncle, Paul Sarbanes. Paul Sarbanes was a Senator of Maryland from 1977 to 2007, and he served Congress from 1971 to 1977. In 2002, Senator Sarbanes co-sponsored the Sarbanes Oxley Act, which reformed federal security laws after the accounting scandals of Enron and many other companies.

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

NICKERSON, LINDSEY - CADET AWARD

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: I would like to take this time to congratulate Lindsey Nickerson, a cadet at the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 327 Unicorn in Barrington.

Lindsey attended cadet summer training in Cornwallis this summer, where she took the six-week drill and ceremonial instructor course. She also studied advanced drill, instructional techniques, and leadership. Lindsey excelled through the program and was awarded the Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans Medal. On top of this, she also received the Fred McKee Memorial Award for top overall advanced-course cadet.

I would like to once again congratulate Lindsey Nickerson for her award and wish her continued success.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

TAYLOR, KATHERINE VICTORIA - LETTER PRESS GANG

MS. LISA ROBERTS: I'm rising to send another tribute to the fabulous community I represent in Halifax Needham, specifically one artist, feminist and activist, Katherine Victoria Taylor. Katherine spent years apprenticing at the Dawson Print Shop at NSCAD University to become a letterpress printer. She regularly shares her skills with others through the Letterpress Gang, which meets weekly at the print shop and is open to all with an interest in this art form.

Yesterday, distressed by the results of the U.S. election, she went to the print shop and chose warm brown paper and laid out and printed a message for us all. Then she recruited a small crowd of girlfriends. Last night, a gang of women armed with staple guns travelled Gottingen Street, from North Street to Cogswell, and today people are reading and feeling the message on Katherine's posters: Love Can Still Trump Hate.

I ask all members of the House to join me in expressing our appreciation for Katherine.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg West.

TAYLOR, SARAH - SOCCER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HON. MARK FUREY: I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an emerging soccer athlete who is literally now playing on the world stage.

Sarah Taylor, a Bridgewater native, pursued her soccer interest as a child throughout all of Nova Scotia. A star midfielder, Sarah played for the Park View Education Centre's senior girls' soccer team and, upon graduation, was the recipient of a full scholarship at Boise State University, where she is in her second year as a member of the Boise State Women's Soccer Broncos.

Sarah is presently making her international debut today as a member of the Canadian National Under-20 Women's Team at the Under-20 World Cup in Papua New Guinea.

I would like to take this opportunity, and ask my colleagues in the Nova Scotia Legislature to join me in extending our best wishes to Sarah Taylor as she continues to pursue her dreams on the world stage.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

MACAULAY, DUART: PROV. - SERV. THANK

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Duart MacAulay has served the people of District 4 Whycomogagh-Lake Ainslie-Orangedale and the people of Inverness County for 22 years.

Twenty-two years is a long time in politics, and Duart won many elections and enjoyed the confidence of the people for a lot longer than most of us in this profession. His ability to lead was recognized by his peers when he served a term as president of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, and he was warden of Inverness County.

Let us thank Duart for his commitment and service to his province. May he and his family know that the interest they have taken in the well-being of their community will always be appreciated.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth South.

MLA: WORK - ACKNOWLEDGE

MS. MARIAN MANCINI: I want to acknowledge my colleagues on the work that we do in this House. On a day-to-day basis we hear each other's opinions. We almost always disagree, and we sometimes yell across the Chamber to make our point heard. But we all come at it with a passion for our principles. I have been proud to represent the people of Dartmouth South and, as their representative, I hope that they have seen my constituency office as a place where they are safe and welcome.

Mr. Speaker, I think we can all agree that in the delicateness of this political profession we are all engaged in, we don't subscribe to the principles of fear nor the rationale of hate. Our democracy is still in need of much nursing and we must remain constantly vigilant. We need to remember that this House is a House that represents each and every person living in this province.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

GLAVINE, HON. LEO - ALEXANDER CROSS AWARD

MR. TERRY FARRELL: Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 28th of this year there was a meeting of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors where they awarded their annual Alexander Cross Award. This organization's mission is the protection of the health of all Canadians and this award is given to the person who has done the most to protect the health of Canadians.

This year the institute decided that the person who would receive the award was right here in Nova Scotia. This year's recipient had taken a step that had not been seen anywhere in the world, which put Nova Scotia on the world map as a leader in health protection. This year's recipient is right here in the House with all of us today. The Canadian Institute of Health Inspectors chose to award this prestigious recognition to our very own Minister of Health and Wellness, the Honourable Leo Glavine, for leading . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

The honourable member for Cumberland North has the floor.

MR. FARRELL: Mr. Speaker, as part of his commitment to promoting health lifestyles, something that the honourable Minister of Health and Wellness had been doing long before he became the Minister of Health and Wellness, he drove his department to create ground-breaking legislation which was approved in this House.

I would ask members of this House to congratulate this year's recipient for being awarded the Alexander Cross Award by the Canadian Institute of Public Health. (Standing Ovation)

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES: SCHOOLS - THANK

MR. LARRY HARRISON: Mr. Speaker, I just got back from attending two Remembrance Services at the South Colchester Academy. I do want to express my appreciation for all the schools that put together services for Remembrance Day because we need to know where we come from, where we are now and where we need to go. I think that's a terrific way to let the students know where we are and where they should be.

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

CDN. LBR. CONGRESS: ASBESTOS BAN - SUPPORT

HON. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, asbestos is the leading cause of workplace-related deaths in the country. The Canadian Labour Congress has been leading a charge for

a comprehensive ban on asbestos. I was pleased to be able to host the first in a series of actions across the country to push for this ban. Asbestos kills more than 2,000 Canadians each year and asbestos-related cancers cost our health care system across the country more than \$1.7 billion annually.

There is much we can do to address this issue. I fully support the Canadian Labour Congress' call for a comprehensive federal ban on asbestos. Here in Nova Scotia the province should follow the lead of the federal government and create a database of provincial buildings that contain asbestos, while developing a plan to reduce this deadly substance.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford.

HON. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to make an introduction.

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MS. REGAN: Earlier I introduced some members of Students Nova Scotia who are joining us in the gallery today and one person was inadvertently missed, so I guess we're just saving the best for last. I would ask Ossama Nasrallah to please stand - Ossama is the VP of Student Affairs at the Saint Mary's University Students' Association - and we can give him the warm welcome of the House. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Fairview-Clayton Park.

**HFX. CITADEL-SABLE ISLAND MLA/CHISHOLM, JILL:
DAUGHTER - BIRTH CONGRATS.**

MS. PATRICIA ARAB: Mr. Speaker, last month our Liberal family was blessed with a beautiful new addition when the member for Halifax Citadel-Sable Island and his amazing wife Jill Chisholm welcomed their first child into the world. Alexandra Marina Kousoulis was born measuring 51.5 centimetres long and weighing eight pounds, 13 ounces. She and mom are doing great, and I am a very excited auntie to have a new little girl in my life to love and spoil for many years to come.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

POSITIVE PICTOU: GOALS - SUPPORT

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize a community group called Positive Pictou. Positive Pictou - led by Camille Davidson, Troy Greencorn, and David Porter - is focused on the beautification of the downtown core, growing the community and economy through festivals and events, and recruiting and retaining citizens and businesses to the area. Pictou County has suffered job losses,

business closures and, like many parts of rural Nova Scotia, an exodus of its people. However, I share the positivity and hope that this group stands for, and support the goals and vision they have for a thriving Town of Pictou.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the members of Positive Pictou for thinking outside the box and I look forward to their future accomplishments.

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

**NATL. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMM.:
RECOMMENDATIONS - HIGHLIGHT**

HON. STERLING BELLIVEAU: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a recommendation from last year's National Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report. This one has to do with supporting Aboriginal people in sports. The 87th Call to Action reads: "We call upon all levels of government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, sports halls of fame, and other relevant organizations, to provide public education that tells the national story of Aboriginal athletes in history."

I look forward to hearing how this government intends to fulfill the call to action as it works with our federal government.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants West.

WINDSOR/W. HANTS MUN. COUNCILS: ELECTION - CONGRATS.

MR. CHUCK PORTER: Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize all those who were elected on October 15th to serve on the Windsor and West Hants Municipal Councils. I also want to take a moment to congratulate all those who gave many years of their time to public service, and we thank them. Albeit challenging over the years, they did contribute a great deal to the Windsor West Hants area and again, I want to thank and congratulate all those who put their name on a ballot, and as we go forward over the next four years, look to prosper in the Windsor and West Hants area.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

**MAXNER FAM./CRYSTANY'S BRASSERIE:
GLUTEN-FREE - CONGRATS.**

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Maxner family on opening one of Canning's newest restaurants, Crystany's Brasserie. The restaurant boasts using organic and local produce and meats that show the bounty of the Annapolis Valley. This family-run business is unique, as it claims to be the only 100 per cent gluten-free restaurant in Nova Scotia, as not only do they serve gluten-free food, but their beer, wine,

and cider options are also gluten-free. This is great news for those living with celiac disease or those who choose a gluten-free lifestyle, and is also a source of pride for the Village of Canning to offer such an establishment.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Maxner family on their specialized eatery.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River.

CREATIVE N.S. AWARDS (2016): WINNERS - CONGRATS.

MS. LENORE ZANN: Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate the winners of the 2016 Creative Nova Scotia Awards, which were presented at a gala here in Halifax on November 7th. The annual event celebrates Nova Scotia's finest and most accomplished artists.

The Portia White prize was awarded to jazz musician Jerry Granelli. The Prix Grand Pré was awarded to filmmaker Fabien Melanson. Canvas 5 x 5 - created by choreographer Tedd Robinson and performed by dancers Jacinte Armstrong, Rhonda Baker, Susanne Chui, and Ruth-Ellen Kroll-Jackson - won the Lieutenant-Governor's Masterworks Arts award. The winners of the Established Artists awards were Jacinte Armstrong, Bonnie Baker, François Gaudet, Christian Murray, and Mark Hopkins, and the winner of the 2016 Communities Award was the beautiful Town of Lunenburg.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate and thank these award winning artists, and all who contributed to arts in Nova Scotia.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hammonds Plains-Lucasville.

GREATER HAMMONDS PLAINS-LUCASVILLE MEM. COMM.: UPLANDS PARK - CENOTAPH

MR. BEN JESSOME: Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to take a quick moment to acknowledge all the people who continue to come out and support our military men and women. Hammonds Plains-Lucasville, over the past several years, has been home to a Remembrance Day ceremony with thousands of local Nova Scotians.

This year I am very proud to say that the work of the Greater Hammonds Plains-Lucasville Memorial Committee has made it possible to have a cenotaph at the Uplands Park location. This is something that everybody in the community had a hand in. It's quite a wonderful and prestigious monument and I just want to acknowledge the work that they have done, and further, the commitment of our serving military men and women as well as those who have passed on trying to protect this country.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

LEBLANC, GLORIA: RETIREMENT - WELL WISHES

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, for 19 years Gloria LeBlanc represented the people of District 2 - Margaree-St. Joseph du Moine. Never one to mince words people trusted Gloria and felt confident about how she represented their concerns. I can think of many times when Gloria captured the essence of people's feelings in one short, pointed sentence.

She advocated for the Margaree Harbour Bridge and at that time an investment of over \$10 million to replace an essential crossing on the Cabot Trail of Margaree Harbour. Recently, the slope failure on the East Margaree Road, for which we have seen the government issue a tender for repair last week was an issue she spoke passionately about. We will also remember her work for the Mi-Carême Centre in Grand Etang.

We will miss Gloria but know that she will still be around, and we wish her and her husband Harry an enjoyable retirement together.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Chester-St. Margaret's.

**INTL. DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
(10/25/16) - CAMPAIGN**

HON. DENISE PETERSON-RAFUSE: Mr. Speaker, November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Violence against women happens because of discrimination against women and persisting inequality between women and men. One in three women worldwide have experienced physical or sexual violence.

This year the UN Secretary General's UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign invites you to "Orange the World", using the colour designated by the UNiTE campaign to symbolize a brighter future without violence. Orange events are planned in more than 70 countries and they will include Orange lighting of major landmarks like Niagara Falls. Violence against women is a human rights violation and it can be eliminated.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg.

TAYLOR, LOGAN: ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MS. SUZANNE LOHNES-CROFT: As the saying goes, records are made to be broken and more often than not those records are just barely broken. That was not the case for Logan Taylor - who did not squeak by a record, he smashed it. This junior high student

at Bluenose Academy set a new Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation 4kg shot put record with a throw of 14.37 metres nearly half a metre beyond the former record.

I look forward to seeing what a year of school sports brings for Logan. I wish to congratulate Logan Taylor for his athletic accomplishments and wish him the best of luck in future events.

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

CLARKE, CECIL: CBRM MAYOR - RE-ELECTION CONGRATS.

HON. ALFIE MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, on October 15th municipal elections were held across this province. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mayor Cecil Clarke and council on the re-election in CBRM. I will look forward to working with newly elected councillors Amanda McDougall and Steve Gillespie. Also returning after some time away Esmond “Blue” Marshall, and of course long-time councillor Ivan Doncaster who is a long-serving member and a friend who has also returned.

We all have the privilege to represent people who live in the boundaries of Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg. School board elections were held on the same day where we saw Yvonne Kennedy re-elected and first-timer Liane Burke get elected. Congratulations to all the above as well as those who have the courage put their names on the ballot.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth South.

DART. CENOTAPH: REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE - TRIBUTE

MS. MARIAN MANCINI: Tomorrow hundreds of people will gather at the cenotaph at Sullivan’s Pond in Dartmouth to commemorate our veterans and fallen soldiers. It is a solemn and moving ceremony that not only pays tribute but reminds us of war’s stark and harsh reality. It serves to remind us of the pledge “never again”.

I am proud to be a member of the community that shares the values of peace and remembrance. As we walk in the parade tomorrow through downtown Dartmouth we will reflect on all of those served our country in the name of a peaceful and just world. With so much violence erupting in parts of the world today and with so much uncertainty facing those working towards global peace and justice, never has the solemn remembrance of battles fought been more important.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings West.

LLOYD, DALE: BERWICK SPORTS HALL OF FAME - INDUCTION

HON. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Dale Lloyd has had a long and varied career as a sportsman, contributed to the proud history of Berwick athletics not only as a competitor but as a member of the community, an organizer, and an elected representative. Mr. Lloyd participated and competed in many sports, including football, soccer, fastball, hockey, golf, and curling. He is a lifelong talented athlete. He has won tournaments in multiple decades.

While his list of sporting accomplishments won merit on their own, it is his contribution off the field that consolidate what an important figure Mr. Lloyd is to the Berwick sports community. In 1975 Mr. Lloyd, alongside an associate, Rod Dorey, started the South Berwick Invitational Golf Tournament which runs to this day, and 2016 marks the year that Mr. Lloyd will be formally inducted into the Berwick Sports Hall of Fame. A well-deserved honour for a man who has excelled not only as an athlete and a competitor but as a representative and an advocate for sports in the Berwick area.

As a member of the Legislative Assembly for Kings West, I would like to extend sincere congratulations to Mr. Dale Lloyd of Berwick for his accomplishments on behalf of the constituency.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

**FRIENDS OF THE CARIBOU ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE:
EFFORTS - COMMEND**

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to commend the Friends of the Caribou Island Lighthouse group for its efforts to adopt and protect the Caribou Lighthouse for its historic value. Their goal is to assume guardianship in order to preserve, restore, and maintain the lighthouse and the property in the hopes of attracting visitors to this, the last remaining lighthouse in Pictou County.

With advances in technology, lighthouses may no longer be necessary; however, they are an undeniable piece of our cultural history - they remind us of who we are, descendants of hearty seafaring people who relied on lighthouses to safely guide them home.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the friends of the Caribou Island Lighthouse Group for their efforts in preserving this piece of Pictou County history.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

FUTURE ROOTS - OFFICIAL LAUNCH

MS. LISA ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, on November 17th there will be an official launch for Future Roots at Veith House. Future Roots began one year ago with dedication, commitment, and belief that something different could happen in our community. Members of the public are invited to hear the captivating history of a growing social enterprise, as well as the experience of dedicated youth employees who are making a difference.

Landing your first job as a youth is not always an easy task. Future Roots provides hands-on employment experience for youth 13 to 18 years old. They rake leaves, clean yards, shovel snow, mow lawns and more. Recently Future Roots has been hired by Narrative's in Space & Time Society, the North End Business Association, and St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary.

I am very proud to have been a co-founder of Future Roots, along with youth worker DeRico Symonds and Northwood Manager Natasha Handspiker. It's wonderful to watch it grow and evolve in response to the youths' own creativity and leadership and the community's needs.

The invitation to Veith House is open to all from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage.

MURPHY, HON. KEVIN - INSPIRE AWARD

MS. JOYCE TREEN: Mr. Speaker, last night I attended, along with several of my colleagues, the annual Inspire Awards gala. These awards are put on by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Halifax to recognize mentors who have shone brightly. This gala also serves as a successful fundraiser for the organization.

Six individuals were recognized for public service, community spirit, imagination, learning, service and leadership. We were very happy to join the member for Eastern Shore, the Speaker of this House, as he received the Inspire Award for Public Service. (Applause)

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members of this House of Assembly to recognize the member for Eastern Shore for his inspiring public service and the inspiration he provides to us every day as our Speaker. Thank you. (Standing Ovation)

MR. SPEAKER: Take all the time you need. (Laughter) Thank you very much.

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

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

PREM. - TEACHERS: MEDIATION - AGREE

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, congratulations.

My question is to the Premier. Whatever strategy the Premier was trying to resolve his dispute with teachers is in shambles today. Now, even a simple meeting about how to improve classroom conditions has fallen apart. He said no to conciliation; he said no to mediation. Well, the off-ramps on the road to avoiding a strike are getting fewer and fewer.

In light of the latest development, I would like to ask the Premier, will he now agree to mediation to end this impasse without a strike?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the honourable member for the question. The meeting is ongoing as we sit here, as we speak in this House, we continue to look towards ways that we continue to reduce the requirements that we're asking of teachers across the province, and when it comes to data collections and outcomes we will continue to do so.

We're looking forward to continuing to reach out to teachers. It's my hope that the Teachers Union will join at the next meeting as we go forward. They're an important partner for us and we want, along with them, to make sure that teachers are standing in front of our students, and we want the same thing as they want, which is to continue to improve the classroom environment.

MR. BAILLIE: Well, Mr. Speaker, the Premier clearly isn't listening because none of that is working, and that's the problem. That's why parents and students want to see this worked out without a strike.

A mediator would have been an obvious way to get there with no downside. A mediator, by the way, is exactly what the Premier used to point to in these situations when he was in Opposition. And from a statement by the Premier about a bus strike just a few years ago he said he wondered why the Premier, the Premier of that time, hadn't offered the services of the Department of Labour and Advanced Education to try to resolve the dispute. Well, all Nova Scotians are wondering, today, if a mediator was good enough for a bus strike, why is it not good enough to resolve a classroom strike?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the honourable member for the question; it's a very good question. We said we'd go to mediation. We also said that the

fiscal envelope is what it is. If teachers would be able to bring savings that they want, we would be able to share those savings back. We have set a wage pattern across the entire public sector; it's part of what all of us are going to have to do to be part of making sure this province gets back to fiscal health so we can invest in the very things that Nova Scotians are asking us to invest in: health care, education, and looking after vulnerable citizens. We believe we have a fair package on the table. It has been agreed to by two different executives of the NSTU, and we're continuing to move forward.

MR. BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, the Premier is happy to say all of those things here in this House; he's happy to say all of those things out in front of the TV cameras where it looks tough, but he's afraid to actually go and make those exact same points to the Teachers Union, itself, at a bargaining table. Now, what is wrong with sitting down at a bargaining table with the help of an outside mediator to work out this dispute? There has been enough posturing for the cameras.

Parents and students want to see the Premier work it out with teachers, so I will ask him, if he believes what he is saying, why is he afraid to make those points at a bargaining table?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, we made those points at the bargaining table on two separate occasions. We had two agreements agreed to by two different executives of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. We're saying we're prepared to go back and have the conversation about it, but the parameters around the fiscal limit were there. They have savings that they can bring forward; that's a positive thing. The other positive thing, the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party has finally shown some interest in public education.

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

PREM. - NSTU: MEET - AGREE

HON. STERLING BELLIVEAU: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Premier also. Yesterday, we heard from the Nova Scotia Teachers Union that they have lost faith that this government is willing to form a partnership based on mutual respect. This government has disrespected teachers. They have disrespected teachers by trying to use Bill No. 148 to legislate a contract.

Will the Premier admit it is time to sit down with the Nova Scotia Teachers Union?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the honourable member for the question again. (Interruption) I want to thank the honourable member for the question. (Interruption) Maybe, maybe, the muzzle will be taken off the member for Pictou East, and he'll get a question today - and I'll be happy to answer it.

I do want to show respect to the honourable member who has asked me the question, to be able to respond to the question that has been asked.

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

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the honourable member for the question. The teachers across the province, it has been said time and time again that the profession has the greatest impact in our province. We'll have it for decades. We all know teachers who inspired us during our own journeys. I have said over and over again that I respect the teachers who are standing in front of us. We've developed two different agreements with two different executives of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. We're going to continue to make those investments in classrooms. We've heard from teachers that they wanted other investments made. We're now listening. We're now working with them to make sure that we continue to make those investments that will improve classrooms across this province.

MR. BELLIVEAU: This government has disrespected teachers by not listening. Teachers have been loud and clear that they want to be at the bargaining table. They have asked for conciliation; this government said no. They have asked for mediation; this government said no. Teachers need this government to be a strong partner. Instead this government is refusing to even show up at the bargaining table. Will the Premier explain to Nova Scotians why he is sitting out of the collective bargaining process?

THE PREMIER: I remind the honourable member that we had two separate agreements with two different executives of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, all of which were made at the bargaining table. I also want to tell the honourable member that we're prepared to have the conversation, to go back to talk about it. But the fiscal envelope is what it is. I've said to the Teachers Union that if they can find savings to bring back, we're more than prepared to share those savings back with their members. This collective agreement and wage pattern is across the entire public sector. In classrooms, we made a \$65 million investment. We want to continue to make investments in classrooms. We've heard from teachers that data collection is an issue. We're going to respond to that. With our partnered school boards, we're doing that today.

It's my hope that the Teachers Union will come back to the table so that we can continue to make sure that we improve the classroom environment.

MR. BELLIVEAU: I think this particular saying is fitting: if you're not at the table, perhaps you're on the menu. Just this week, this government disrespected teachers by making an announcement without even inviting the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. The minister patted herself on the back for cancelling assessments that have already been completed, further disrespecting the time and effort the teachers have already put in. Will this Premier reach out to the Nova Scotia Teachers Union today to repair this relationship?

THE PREMIER: I want to congratulate the minister for freezing all the data collection that's coming from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Our partners are doing the same. We've heard loud and clear from teachers across the province that it is an issue. We want to sit down with teachers. We were hoping that would happen today with the Teachers Union. They chose not to be at that meeting, but we're going to continue to reach out to teachers across the province.

I've heard from teachers who feel that that decision that was made a few days ago was a sign of good faith that we were listening to what they were saying. They want to be at the table. We're looking forward to continuing that conversation to improve classrooms across the province.

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

PREM. - HWY. NO. 104 TOLLS: EXTENSION - REVENUE USAGE

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: We now know that this government made a decision to condemn Cumberland motorists to eight years of tolls that they shouldn't have to pay. Yesterday, the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal tried to defend that decision by saying that the extra toll money would go to maintenance. That's just not the case, Mr. Speaker. A freedom of information request confirms that the extra toll revenue in fact is being used to make the province's bottom line look better. I'll quote from that freedom of information response, which says: the province recognizes the Highway 104 Corporation net income as general revenue. Why does this government, in public, say that the extra tolls are for maintenance when in secret it decides to use the toll revenue to make its own books look better?

THE PREMIER: The honourable member would know there's a contract that's gone forward. We're continuing to make those investments. He would know that the consortium that has built that facility is responsible for making sure it's maintained until 2027. The tolls that he's referring to stay within that corporation, are not available to the government to spend. It stays inside of that corporation until that agreement has been fulfilled.

MR. BAILLIE: The Premier knows full well that the net income of that corporation flows to the bottom line of the province. The minute he decided to keep the money instead of stopping the tolls, he turned it from a toll into a tax. That's why no Nova Scotian will ever trust this government with toll roads when they condemned the motorists of Cumberland County, who should be free of those tolls in 2018, to continue to pay it anyway. That is completely contrary to the original deal, which was that tolls would pay for the road and then stop. It is wrong. It is unfair. It is a punitive tax at a time when people need to know that the tolls will come off when the debt is paid.

The Premier has a chance to set this right. Will he tell this House today that he will go back to the plan where the tolls pay off the debt and that the toll booth will come out in 2018?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, first of all, I want to say to the honourable member that prior to that highway going in there it was known as “death valley.” There are families who are still suffering to this day from the deaths that happened on that highway. The toll highway has saved lives across the province - not only in Cumberland County but all those coming into our province. We’ve seen that.

What we’ve said as we’ve continued to go through this process - there is a process in place. Any money that is there stays inside that corporation. It is the responsibility of that corporation to maintain that highway until 2027. We’re going to continue to make sure.

That money is not available to the government to spend, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River.

EECD - TEACHERS NEGOTIATIONS: BARGAINING TABLE - RETURN

MS. LENORE ZANN: Mr. Speaker, my question today is for the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development. The minister keeps telling us that she’s listening to teachers. She seems to have forgotten that the teachers in this province are represented by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. Teachers are the ones who voted for a strong strike mandate. Teachers, supported by thousands of parents, are speaking out about their frustrations with this government.

Let’s be clear: teachers are the union. So my question for the minister is, would she agree today to go back to the bargaining table with the Nova Scotia Teachers Union?

HON. KAREN CASEY: Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to say thank you to every teacher in this province for the incredible work that they do. (Applause) I have had a lot of opportunities to hear from and speak with teachers. As recently as last week, I sat down with teachers who really have some fair, legitimate concerns. I need to hear those, and we began to address those when we talked about the standardized tests.

MS. ZANN: Well, from what I hear, if you got rid of the standardized tests for the elementary years, that would make up the \$7.5 million you’re asking teachers to find.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday the minister announced she would go ahead with a meeting with the partnership without the union at the table. That doesn’t sound like much of a partnership to me. The minister invited teachers, but I’m guessing most of them will be

busy teaching, doing prep work, preparing for holiday concerts, and getting report cards ready. The partnership table is not where a new contract will be negotiated. That can only happen with the NSTU at the bargaining table.

So my question is, will the minister explain why she's trying to divide and conquer rather than fulfilling her legal obligation under the Teachers' Collective Bargaining Act to actually negotiate with the NSTU?

MS. CASEY: Mr. Speaker, with respect to teachers, it's very unfortunate - I was disappointed to hear that the NSTU had postponed participation in the meeting today. When that was known to teachers, that that partnership would be happening, they were encouraged. They are trying to get their voices heard. They've tried through focus groups, and their union has told them no. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development has the floor.

MS. CASEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Teachers' voices need to be heard. They have tried through focus groups, and their union told them no; they've tried through participating in a survey when we asked them what PD would be important, and the union told them no. In fact, the union took me to the Labour Board because I was trying to listen to teachers. That's the union we have.

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

PREM.: HEALTH SERV. PLAN - RELEASE

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, users of our health system across this province and their families are getting worried about what the government has in store for our regional hospitals, local care centres, and other health care delivery systems. They have been asking serious questions about the future of health care in their own communities. But instead of getting answers, they're told that the Nova Scotia Health Authority has a health services plan with all the detail included.

Will the Premier release the health services plan today, so that Nova Scotians can see for themselves what the future holds for their local hospitals?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the honourable member for the question. As you know, over the last number of years we've come to one district Health Authority in this province. We're now able to maximize all of our health care facilities across the province to their fullest potential. We had an announcement that we would be moving surgeries out of HRM - 800 of them - to take care of capacity that's in the Windsor hospital. That's a positive sign. We're now having Nova Scotians having access to one

system where they can actually receive the service quicker and faster in communities across this province.

My own family has gone into Cumberland County to use the health care services that have been in that county, in a timely way. We are going to continue to make those investments across the community to make sure we are maximizing all our health care facilities.

MR. BAILLIE: Well, Mr. Speaker, I guess it's a secret health services plan, because Nova Scotians who pay the taxes to support our health care system deserve to see the entire plan. They deserve to know what it is. We have 100,000 Nova Scotians today without a family doctor, the health services plan contains the allocation plans for doctors across this province for places like Cumberland County, like Weymouth, like Springhill, like Truro, like so many places - the Premier won't let them see it.

For the 100,000 Nova Scotians without a family doctor, will the Premier release the health services plan today so Nova Scotians can see for themselves what the future holds?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, again I want to thank the honourable member for the question and tell him we're hearing from Nova Scotians who are grateful for the opportunity that they have one unified system now, they can access health care across our province in a timely manner for their loved ones. Those are all positive signs we're seeing.

The announcement from the Minister of Health and Wellness a couple of weeks ago, that I attended, where we hired 22 more nurse practitioners, family practice nurses, which will continue to build on collaborative care centres that we have around the community now, that's 14,000 other Nova Scotians now who have access to a health care team which includes a physician.

We know there is more work to do, and we'll continue to work to make sure we recruit more health care providers in making sure that we're maximizing those health care providers' skills to the fullest potential. We believe nurse practitioners have a major role to play, as well as family practice nurses and team, with our physicians - I would also add, Mr. Speaker, in some communities we'll want to put a social worker as part of that collaborative team to look at the social determinants of health. We'll look at those case by case with communities across this province.

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

**HEALTH & WELLNESS - U.S. HEALTH CLINICIANS:
N.S. MOVE - INFO.**

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, yesterday in Question Period the Minister of Health and Wellness said that in the handful of hours after the U.S. election American doctors were inquiring about moving to Nova Scotia. His statement represented hope for the hundreds of people in Nova Scotia who don't have doctors - the hundreds of thousands by the sound of it.

We later learned that the minister's story, well, it wasn't quite true. Why would the minister give false hope to all those Nova Scotians who don't have a family doctor?

HON. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, we know that last summer what started as, I guess, an opportunity for Americans looking at their election and the prospects of who may get elected, which has been realized, last summer we had serious, genuine inquiries from a range of health clinicians who would seriously look at application to Nova Scotia.

MR. D'ENTREMONT: Now, Mr. Speaker, we've all heard that the Premier promised a family doctor for every Nova Scotian, we've said it many times, but now we're hearing that it's aspirational. Yesterday we heard that a stampede of American doctors was hyperbole.

Mr. Speaker, aspirations and hyperbole don't take the place of a family doctor. When will the minister give Nova Scotians the straight goods about the doctor shortage, rather than making it all a joke?

MR. GLAVINE: The member opposite knows how hard we are working to do recruitment. We have been active, we're one of the first provinces to approach residents in the 17 medical schools across Canada and we've had very, very positive indications to date of those who would like to come to Nova Scotia. We also know there will be opportunities beyond our own 17 medical schools to fill the ranks. We know that even with the announcement of nurse practitioners and with family practice nurses, that about 14,000 more patients will have primary care in this province.

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

LAE - FIRST RESPONDERS: PTSD - WCB COVERAGE

HON. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education. Today Canadian correctional officers are outside the Legislature asking MLAs to visit their display that shows the harsh realities in their job and the need for amendments to the Workers' Compensation Act to include automatic coverage for PTSD for first responders.

I would like to ask the minister, will the minister and her government provide presumptive coverage for WCB for first responders in Nova Scotia who are diagnosed with PTSD?

HON. KELLY REGAN: I know how seriously the honourable member takes the issue of PTSD in the workforce. I would note, Mr. Speaker, that last week Nova Scotia held our first-ever Workplace Mental Health and PTSD Conference. We had speakers on the topic from across the country. What it underlined for me is that we have to do a better job of providing supports for our front-line workers early on, right from the time they begin the job, or even before they begin the job, to make sure they don't end up needing presumptive care.

MR. DAVID WILSON: What we need, Mr. Speaker, is this government to follow other jurisdictions that have done that. I would like to ask the Premier - the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security in Ottawa has recommended presumptive coverage for first responders, if diagnosed with PTSD. In their committee and recommendations to the federal government, they're asking the federal government to invite the provinces and territories where this is not the case, to consider this type of public policy.

I would like to ask the Premier, is he satisfied that this government is doing enough to support workers suffering from PTSD? Will he introduce this type of public policy in Nova Scotia?

THE PREMIER: On my way into the House today I had an opportunity to meet with correctional officers from across the country who are out there. They are obviously raising a very serious issue. The Minister of Labour and Advanced Education has just spoken on that, and the conference that we brought into the province. It's to look at what mechanisms we can use to ensure that those workers who are going to work in the kind of environment where they're suffering from PTSD, that we're providing them the supports as required.

I will say to the honourable member who has raised the issue of what happened with the national government, that I will make a commitment to him, that I will bring this issue to the table of Premiers and the Prime Minister when we meet in the future, to put it on the table so that we can have a fulsome discussion across the country around that issue. I do want to recognize that this member has stood in this House many, many times talking about this. In his former profession, I know that he has colleagues who are called upon every day to go out and serve us, and reach out to us at the worst time, at a most vulnerable time in our lives. That has an impact on them and their families. I don't think we want to minimize that. As a matter of fact, we want to do everything we can to support them.

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

PREM. - G&W RAILROAD: LEASED LAND - PURCHASE DEALS

HON. ALFIE MACLEOD: My question is for the Premier. As I reminded the Minister of TIR last week, the conduct of Genesee & Wyoming Railroad has caused serious financial strife for residents in Cape Breton. Beyond the issue of permission fees for the utility fees, people are feeling the burn due to another problem. In a written agreement by Canadian Transport more than 20 years ago, it was said that the people leasing land owned by the railroad would be able to purchase it, and I'll table that. This has still not happened many decades later. My question for the Premier is, does the Premier agree that this is a significant issue for many people on Cape Breton Island?

THE PREMIER: Yes, I do. There's no question. I met with the people who he's referring to across that rail line. There's no question that they, as a group, are willing to make the reasonable fee requirement. We're looking at all avenues. The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal spoke about this issue in the House around URB. But yes, I do agree with the honourable member that some of the fees that are being charged to those families are unreasonable.

MR. MACLEOD: People leasing this land have been wanting to develop and improve their properties for decades, but given that they are not landowners, they don't have the security or the incentive to do so. Many of these properties have been summer cottages and homes for families for generations, yet no one can say it is their own. Allowing these families to own the land would improve the overall value and give owners peace of mind.

My question to the Premier is, will the Premier ensure that he and his Cabinet colleagues act immediately to make sure these people can finally own the land they've lived on for so many years, and fulfill the promise that he made at many kitchen tables in Victoria-The Lakes?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, as I said to the honourable member, I agree with the position he has taken on this issue. The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has been involved in this. We're looking to find what the appropriate resolution to this is; we're looking at all avenues. Some of the fees being charged to be able to use for leasing that property across those railroad tracks is unreasonable and it is holding back that community and members of that community the ability to develop their properties to the way that they see fit. We will use all the avenues that are at our disposal to make sure we respond to what they are bringing to us.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

ENVIRON. - SALVAGE YARD PERMIT: REQUIREMENTS - REVISIT

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: A question for the Minister of Environment. Picture this, Mr. Speaker, your neighbour or someone living close to you decides to become a collector of derelict vehicles, old oil trucks, boats, and all kinds of other things. If the site is less than 0.25 hectares, there is no need for a salvage yard permit and no resolution for people who call the Department of Environment to complain.

Will the minister look at closing this loophole?

HON. MARGARET MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I thank the honourable member for the question. As recently as yesterday actually we were doing a review of the salvage yards, the procedures and things like used oil and how that will be used and how we can better protect the citizens of Nova Scotia.

MR. MACMASTER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I guess my question was quite timely then. People deserve freedom, but it sounds like the minister would agree that turning residential lots into small salvage yards does nothing for neighbouring property values. It creates a lot of frustration when people call and they hear that nothing can be done, so I'm glad to hear the minister saying that it looks like something is in the works.

I was going to ask the minister if she would review this matter and perhaps she could include the Minister of Municipal Affairs as well, because sometimes these things can come under unsightly properties. But one way or the other, Mr. Speaker, the matter does need to be addressed for people. So if she could provide some further clarification on what is happening, that would be much appreciated.

MS. MILLER: Thank you for the respectful question from the member opposite. It's certainly something we'll be looking at going forward. There are many things to discuss - the size of the units, what disposal rates are, where the bed can be, where the leachate has to be on a bed, you know, how it is accumulated. There are many things to talk about, some of that will be also with Municipal Affairs and consultation will also be part of this process as well.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth South.

PREM.: CHILDREN & FAM. SERV. ACT - MIN. CONFIDENCE

MS. MARIAN MANCINI: My question is for the Premier. Last year the Minister of Community Services introduced amendments to the Children and Family Services Act. In spite of what she claimed was an extensive consultation, the bill was met with significant concerns from social workers, Legal Aid lawyers, members of the First Nations and African Nova Scotian communities.

The bill was sent back to the department several times, due to serious flaws and a lack of consultation. On Monday we saw that process repeat itself when the government's own members of the Law Amendments Committee brought forth a motion to send the bill back.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the Premier, has the Premier lost confidence in the Minister of Community Services to deliver on her legislative agenda?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the honourable member for the question. It gives me an opportunity to thank the Minister of Community Services for the tremendous work she is doing for families and for people with disabilities.

One of my proudest moments as Premier is when I had an opportunity to see you take your place in that Chair, Mr. Speaker. It's the people's Chair and every Nova Scotian should have access to that Chair, and I'm extremely proud of the fact that I was the Premier at the time and we were in government when we saw the fact that you could take your rightful place in this House.

Mr. Speaker, there were many consultations across our province around the bill that was before Law Amendments Committee that went forward. There were legitimate concerns brought forward to all members of this House, brought forward by the disabilities community. It's the responsibility of government to listen. If we brought the bill back here they would have accused us of not listening.

This is the right way for Law Amendments Committee to be working. We're going to continue to engage; at the same time we're going to build the regulations around that so that all people, the people who will be affected the most by this, will have confidence that the bill is exactly what they believe it to be.

MS. MANCINI: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Community Services has been tasked with transforming the department and all the programs and services it provides. The process is taking years and costing millions of dollars and Nova Scotians have seen little progress on this work - what they have seen is two failed bills that the minister has produced.

Mr. Speaker, does the Premier think the Minister of Community Services is capable of leading the transformation project currently happening in her department?

THE PREMIER: I'm very proud of the fact that this Minister of Community Services led the largest increase in income assistance in this province's history.

We've seen a 10 per cent reduction in affordable housing wait-lists across this province, and we're going to continue to see more under the leadership of that minister. Vulnerable families and vulnerable children in this province have an advocate in this

minister, and the legislation that was brought forward protects vulnerable families and vulnerable children in this province and I am proud of the fact that I have been able to stand next to this minister when she stood up and defended the people in this province who need to be defended.

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

EECD - SCHOOL BDS.: FUNDING - SPENDING DISCRETION

MR. LARRY HARRISON: Mr. Speaker, my question is going to be for the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development. The other day I saw a lady who has a young lad in elementary school, and he is not really allowed to go because of difficulties, there is no one there to look after him when he does.

I was talking to another person, and the board hired a very expensive administration person. I guess my question is, does the school board have the authority to do whatever, once the money is given to them?

HON. KAREN CASEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the member for asking a question in a very respectful way. I know he is interested, has sincere questions, and I would hope that others would be respectful when I give my answer.

Mr. Speaker, I am not prepared to talk about an individual situation on the floor of this House, but I have spoken to members in the Opposition many times if they have a specific concern and I would be glad to do that with the member. However, I will say that one of the things we do in our budgeting process is to make sure that we target money to school boards. In the past, some of that money did not go exactly where it should have gone. We have targeted that, so boards are pretty clear on where they have to spend their money.

MR. HARRISON: That was going to be my second question. Are there any guidelines given to the school boards when that money is given, in light of the front-line needs right now?

MS. CASEY: Yes, when the school boards get their profile sheets there are certain allocations of money that go to specific divisions within the board, whether it is special education, whether it's IB, whatever it is. Those are specified and those funds go to support those programs in those schools.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

JUSTICE - MENTAL HEALTH COURTS: INSTALLATION - TIME FRAME

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. Earlier in this session, I introduced the bill to have Mental Health Court available throughout the province. As the minister knows, it is only available currently in Kentville and the HRM. The minister stated in a media scrum afterwards that my bill was not required, she already had the power to install Mental Health Courts.

My question for the minister is, when can we expect Mental Health Courts to be available throughout the Province of Nova Scotia?

HON. DIANA WHALEN: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the question from the member opposite. It is a very important issue and one that affects every community in the province. What I said is that there are a number of other initiatives as well that will also address this. They don't all have to be the same model as the Mental Health Court in Dartmouth. We have already - really under the leadership of the judiciary - two other courts, called wellness courts, one in Kentville, as you know, which is addressing mental health, and one as well in Amherst. I think there is one as well in Port Hawkesbury.

These are beginning and they are working well, Mr. Speaker, so we have a strong faith that there needs to be more support for mental health.

MR. LOHR: I thank the minister for that answer. I do understand there are other types of courts being installed, such as wellness courts. My comment on that is that Mental Health Court brings in psychiatrists, psychologists, health care professionals. My question for the minister is, does the minister believe that wellness courts will bring in the expertise needed to complex mental health issues?

MS. WHALEN: Mr. Speaker, jurisdictions across the country are experimenting and trying new ways to provide justice to people who have extenuating circumstances like mental health, and so we are learning from each other. I think there is a lot of capacity with the wellness courts. They are always set up with the health services in the community, with our partners, the prosecution service, the legal aid service, so that all of the partners understand that there's a different approach within that court. I believe it will help, and I also think it's worth noting that restorative justice for adults will also help, because it offers another route to deal with people who have extenuating circumstances. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Chester-St. Margaret's.

**ENVIRON. - CLEAR-CUTTING TARGETS:
QUESTIONS - APPROPRIATENESS**

HON. DENISE PETERSON-RAFUSE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Environment. On Tuesday, the minister seemed annoyed that I would

ask about her department's position on clear-cutting targets. She said, and I quote, ". . . I fail to understand why the member opposite would even bring up what my position is on the DNR topic." This despite the fact that the basis of my question was about one of her own staff members questioning the sustainability of forest harvesting. So, my question for the minister is, why does she think it is so unreasonable that I would ask her about this government's lack of action on clear-cutting targets when it clearly affects our environment?

HON. MARGARET MILLER: I thank the honourable member for asking me that question again because it gives me the opportunity to really highlight the great work that my department's been doing and to thank all of the members who have been working so hard in the protected areas, and moving forward.

Anyway, on the issue of the employee that she was discussing, this is totally an HR issue. As a member who used to be part of a government, she should have realized that. That's something that will be dealt with on that level if necessary.

MS. PETERSON-RAFUSE: Well, Mr. Speaker, it shouldn't be an HR issue because the gentleman was just saying the fact that the clear-cutting was affecting the environment. So, I think many Nova Scotians would like to see the minister stand up for the environment when necessary, however, this is simply not the case.

For example, in the Spring sitting, the Nova Scotia Nature Trust tried to amend the Mineral Resources Act to increase protection of land trust. However, DNR showed no interest, and the Minister of Environment was nowhere to be found. All we hear from this minister is that her department is strictly a regulatory body. So, I would like to ask her if the Minister of Environment will not stand up for our environment, who will?

MS. MILLER: Well, that's quite a question, Mr. Speaker. I certainly can say that I have been standing up for the environment.

There have been many issues that have crossed my desk, and all of the decisions made on those issues are based on science and evidence. You know, a lot of times, people will make decisions or make accusations based on emotions and not science and fact. That is what we need, that's what we want our government to do. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

NAT. RES. - TENDERS: DNR/LIFEFLIGHT - UPDATE

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Natural Resources. Looking at both the DNR fleet upgrades with an eye to the LifeFlight situation we have going on, this is at a cost to taxpayers. Both these initiatives could be \$20 million-plus, and when you think about the training and the operations, the gear, and we are now

hearing that the facilities may not even be able to house the DNR helicopters. At the same time, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is being vague on the performance requirements for rooftop heli-landings, and recent news highlights that no new tender would be issued for the LifeFlight situation.

I would like to ask the minister today if he can update the House on the situation with respect to the tenders for the DNR, and also the tender situation for LifeFlight.

HON. LLOYD HINES: Mr. Speaker, I thank the member for the opportunity to update the House on this important matter, and I can speak for DNR specifically. We recently have issued a purchase arrangement with a supplier for two of the four helicopters that are going to be coming into our fleet. We are consolidating the models that are there, which saves us money and creates efficiencies on training, on inventory. The nimbleness of that particular vehicle for the uses we have in a relatively small geographic Province of Nova Scotia was evidenced by the recent wildfires we had. I'm very pleased that the government has shown confidence in replacing this fleet and will see us out in the next 20 years.

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, I didn't hear anything about the cost in there. We're hearing that the cost can be quite high and it's a concern.

We asked back in May whether the province was looking at all the possible options and we're still curious about that, because now we know that DNR will also have four aircrafts that will probably fly about 1,000 hours each, which is very low annual hours for that number of planes. They'll have four in a market; a commercial market would be serviced by one and a half. So we are interested in the cost of this and we know that when we have situations like the wildfires, this time we had crews from Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador, we had private, we had all types of things.

I don't know that it's a great use of taxpayer money as we stand here today, but I'd like the minister to maybe give us some comfort that it is.

MR. HINES: Thank you very much and I appreciate the opportunity to explain that. In analyzing what we would do in terms of acquiring these vehicles, whether to lease or purchase, we did a life-cycle analysis and, based on the information that we had, the best approach was to purchase those units.

I would point out that the total cost was \$17 million, the collapsed cost after the trade, yes for four, the collapsed cost after the trade was \$12 million and I would say that for instance we did have five, we're shrinking to four, we sold one to Saskatchewan and we had a capital gain on that particular unit because we owned it, because we didn't lease it.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

COM. SERV. - AFFORDABLE HOUSING: RANGE - PROMOTE

MS. LISA ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Community Services.

Earlier this week I asked the minister about protecting non-market, affordable housing units across Halifax. The minister responded by stating there is a clear difference in position between her government and the NDP, that her government does not see a need to promote housing non-profits or invest in new public housing alongside private sector developments, even though the affordable housing working group has a five-year target of 1,000 new, affordable, social and non-market housing units.

I ask the minister, will she commit to promoting a range of housing models, including expanded non-profit and other non-market housing?

HON. JOANNE BERNARD: Mr. Speaker, I am trying to remember what I said, but I know I didn't say that. What I did say is that the development community, the non-profit community and Housing Nova Scotia are very important partners in a collective way of moving forward in providing affordable housing stock in Nova Scotia.

We know, through trends through North America, that mixed income, mixed use - one that's going to be actually happening on Wyse Road in the coming months - is the way forward for affordable housing. We work extensively every day with non-profits all over this province to provide affordable housing stock and will continue to do so. But really moving forward and working with the development community is absolutely the philosophy of this government, and certainly my personal philosophy in housing vulnerable people.

MS. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, this government has underspent on rent supplement contracts by \$700,000 this year. Meanwhile, I understand that non-profits like Metro Non-Profit Housing and Adsum are deemed ineligible to receive those supports. We've already established in this House that there is a housing gap between the number of people requiring housing and the number of units available. Rental supplements to private landlords don't necessarily ensure long-term availability.

So I'll ask the minister, under what circumstances would the minister consider providing rent supplements to non-profit organizations in order to meet the demand for long-term, sustainable affordable housing?

MS. BERNARD: I am proud of this government and previous governments' commitments to the non-profit housing organizations throughout Nova Scotia who receive already a substantial amount of government funding. I prefer to move people into safe, affordable housing in the private market like we've done in Cape Breton, where I've received information today that we've reduced that wait-list by over 30 per cent in 16

months. That is the way forward in reducing wait-lists in Nova Scotia, and I'll work with everybody to do that.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

TIR: CRANTON BRIDGE (MARGAREE) - MAINTENANCE PLANS

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: I have a question for the Acting Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. Cranton Bridge in Margaree, there was a commitment made here in the Legislature by the minister to maintain that infrastructure. I know the minister has recognized that it is an important link for the community. Debris from the Margaree River can travel downstream and build up at the footings of this bridge. There's currently a weight restriction on the bridge. But residents are watching it all the time; they're wary of the debris building up and causing damage. I know the department has moved it on occasion. My question for the minister is, will the minister provide a description, in writing, of the maintenance that will be completed for the remainder of this year and for the next five years?

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: I've long awaited the day to be the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - I spent the morning in the department with the tender documents, and it's looking like a great year for paving next year, based on the amount of time I've had. (Laughter) Hopefully, the minister stays away a little bit longer. I am sure that the minister and his staff will be more than happy to provide an update on that bridge. In fact, I may have to go back to the office to look at that New Boston Road after QP.

MR. MACMASTER: I would like to thank the acting minister for his comments. He seems much more generous - not to slight the other minister. (Laughter) I wouldn't want to do that.

Another bridge, Mr. Speaker, Crowdis Bridge at Valley Mills, was struck by an automobile in May, and residents have been taking a 16-kilometre detour. It's having an impact on local business. There was a petition I tabled here in the Legislature with about 1,100 signatures on it, just a couple of weeks back. We know that a structural engineer will soon be providing a report - they may have done so already - on how to actually fix that bridge. Will the minister provide a response in writing, including a timeline, of how and when this important connection will be restored for that area?

THE PREMIER: I was afraid that the minister was going to get up again and go on further and really put the minister responsible in jeopardy when he gets back here. I do want to acknowledge what was brought up. The minister and I had actually spoken about this. I think you had raised it before in this House. He has made a commitment that when the report comes back, he will begin to be able to move on that bridge in a timely fashion.

I know now it's reduced to one lane, I believe, for safety reasons, completely down. He knows the commitment; it has been raised in this House.

On his behalf, I will make the commitment to you that when that report is back, you will get a full briefing on that report to make sure that we continue to put that piece of infrastructure back in place for the residents of that community.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Chester-St. Margaret's.

BUS. - NSLC: MARIJUANA SALES - CONFIRM

HON. DENISE PETERSON-RAFUSE: My question is for the Minister of Business. The federal government has said it plans to introduce legislation legalizing marijuana by the Spring of next year, yet there are many questions about how this will be operationalized in Nova Scotia. The Premier of Ontario has been a vocal advocate of selling marijuana in liquor stores. However, the CEO of the NSLC has said it's unlikely liquor stores will be selling marijuana in this province. My question to the minister is, will the NSLC be tasked with selling marijuana in the event of it being legalized? If not, who will?

HON. MARK FUREY: I appreciate the question from my colleague. This is obviously an ongoing discussion that we're having with our federal colleagues. As to the medium of delivery, the province works very closely with our federal partners on this very topic. Those questions specific to the actions and decisions of the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation would be best directed to the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board.

MS. PETERSON-RAFUSE: The legalization of marijuana is a major policy shift, yet with the Spring of 2017 just a few short months away, there are many aspects of this change to be considered, including health and safety concerns. For example, I'm sure there are many parents out there wondering about this government's plan to prevent increased underage use. I ask the minister, when will this government release its plan to address the legalization of marijuana?

MR. FUREY: I'm certainly aware of the discussions that are ongoing on this very important topic. The safety and health of our young people is most important. Those discussions are part of the larger discussion. Specific to those points, the Minister of Justice may be in a better position to respond.

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

HON. ALFIE MACLEOD: My question is for the Acting Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal . . .

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

Just before we move to Government Business, the honourable member for Fairview-Clayton Park on an introduction.

MS. PATRICIA ARAB: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to draw the members' attention to the east gallery where we are visited today by a sight for sore eyes, a very familiar face up in the gallery, a very good friend of mine, Ms. Laurel Munroe. (Applause) She is the Director of Communications for the Minister of Natural Resources, Canada.

If she would rise and we can clap for her again, that would be great. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River.

MS. LENORE ZANN: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to make an introduction.

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MS. ZANN: I'd like to direct everybody's attention to the east gallery as well, where we have several members of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union visiting us today. We have Liette Doucet, the president; we have Harold Doucet, her father, past president of NSTU; we have Brian Forbes, past president; Ryan Lutz, local union president; and Alyson Hillier, retired teacher.

Would you please stand up and receive the warm welcome of the House. (Applause)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MR. SPEAKER: 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. 52.

Bill No. 52 - Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, I move that Bill No. 52 be now read a third time and do pass.

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

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I just want to say a few words here in third reading on Bill No. 52. It has had kind of a circuitous route through the process here at the Legislature. When the bill first arrived at the House we were encouraged by the direction it appeared to take. Having said that, like always, we want to make sure on this side of the House that the government has done its homework, they've consulted with the appropriate stakeholders that the input from businesses - in this case businesses across HRM - is reflected in the bill and so on.

The government often brings forward stakeholders in support of its bill, and in this case there were a number of business owners and their associations from the downtown core of Halifax Regional Municipality that came forward and we heard them, Mr. Speaker. Obviously they are facing a punitive situation with their property taxes, their commercial taxes where the skyrocketing assessments have led them to pay multiples - two times, three times, four times more in commercial taxes than their business has grown. I say that because that is an unfair hardship, particularly when the assessments have gone up so much so quickly as they have in the downtown core of Halifax.

Mr. Speaker, assessments and taxes are also going up in the more suburban areas outside the downtown core - maybe not as rapidly as assessments aren't rising at the same high rate, but the same situation is occurring in the suburban areas. We've heard from many suburban businesses, whether they are in Hammonds Plains or in Sackville or in Bedford or in Spryfield or in Eastern Passage, areas that are still part of the Halifax Regional Municipality but are not in the downtown core. They, too, are concerned about the level of property taxes they have to pay.

I recognize, Mr. Speaker, that HRM has asked the government to legislate in this area by enabling different tax zones and different tax rates. That is a tool for downtown, where the government can have a lower rate and a higher assessment and provide some tax relief. The issue is, what does that mean for the suburban business person, the small business person outside the downtown core who would be afraid that the Halifax Regional Municipal Government would raise their rates while their assessments are also going up, in order to offset any lost revenue from lowering the rate downtown? It's a very legitimate concern because it would be a double whammy for the small businesses in particular, who are outside the downtown core, like in the places I just mentioned.

In our own work, the option of taking a look at other models of taxation, beyond the assessment method, for small businesses - or for all businesses that face commercial taxation at the municipal level - was raised. One of the options that was proposed was to look at taxation on a square-foot basis for business, as opposed to the assessment basis.

That issue was raised primarily to address the obvious unfairness of, say, a Walmart or a Costco paying less in commercial tax than a small retail establishment on Quinpool Road or on Spring Garden Road.

We all know that because of past deals, or just because of a difference in commercial values in those two places, this has actually happened. No one wants to see a large multi-national corporation like Walmart pay less than a small locally-owned retail establishment downtown.

That amendment to allow an alternative to the commercial assessment method was brought forward, and I am pleased to see that it was accepted at the Law Amendments Committee. That amendment was proposed and passed, and we now have that amendment embedded in this bill as we came back here in Committee of the Whole House and now in third reading. That is a positive step.

Having said that, there are still concerns about what will happen to the small businesses in areas like Upper Sackville, Lower Sackville, Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, Timberlea, or Tantallon. There are still concerns about whether the government will inadvertently expose them to the risk of higher taxes. I guess that the government would say in response, well, it's enabling legislation for HRM. That is up to them.

I do worry that the government wants us to just trust HRM not to impose higher taxes on the small businesses in our suburban areas. Some of the small businesses that are there, and their associations, have raised this concern, and it remains a possibility with this bill in third reading.

As you can imagine, Mr. Speaker, as the City of Halifax looks to provide tax relief in the downtown core, they will want to make that up somewhere else. If they use the new powers given to them by this bill to raise the commercial tax rate in the suburban areas, then our suburban small businesses will face the double whammy of higher assessments taxed at a higher rate, and that is not fair. The square-foot option may or may not be invoked, and it may or may not help.

I know we've spoken many times in this House about the importance of providing meaningful tax relief to our small businesses, whether it's through the small business deduction on their income tax or - and this is sometimes a bigger bill - their commercial property tax bill. As you know, Mr. Speaker, every dollar that a small business can retain through tax relief is invested back into the local community. It's invested back into hiring another person. It's invested back into donations to a fire hall or a local ball club, as a way of giving back to the community that that business operates in.

Unlike the Walmarts of the world, none of that tax relief flows to a head office somewhere out of province or out of country. This is why it is so important that we assure ourselves that this bill, in its final form, doesn't inadvertently allow the City of Halifax to

impose a tax increase on small businesses in the more suburban areas of the municipality. As this bill reaches its final stage, that concern remains.

Mr. Speaker, we are obviously, as a Party, looking for ways to provide tax relief, particularly to small businesses. They do face among the highest taxes in the country and in the City of Halifax, suburban and urban, they face among the highest commercial taxes in the country. One of the reasons why we don't have the number of jobs that we'd like to see even in the city, taxing away the earning power of our small businesses impedes their ability to hire more people.

This province has a long history of ribbon-cuttings at big businesses that come and go, and after all those years we're no further ahead. What we don't see, unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, is jobs created one or two at a time at small businesses. Maybe the government doesn't get to cut a ribbon when that happens, but those jobs are just as important, they are just as available, if we can actually enable our small businesses to grow, through tax relief and through cutting of red tape.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to put these comments on the record before the vote on third reading because a bill that does trumpet tax relief for small businesses in the downtown area does not necessarily provide for tax relief in the suburban communities of Halifax, and that is a concern. I say that because we continue to look to the government to bring forward a jobs plan, to bring forward a tax plan that is fair to the small businesses of the more outside communities of Halifax - like those I've named, communities that are also looking for jobs, communities like Hammonds Plains, like Eastern Passage, like Preston, like the Sackville communities - Lower, Middle, and Upper - Beaver Bank, Waverley, Fall River. They are all important, and they all deserve a break as well.

I know they have a concern about what Halifax will do with the new powers the government is giving to them and I just want to say that we will be watching very carefully as the bill works its way through to its final stages here and then those new powers are handed over to Halifax to make sure that the small businesses across all of Halifax Regional Municipality are protected from higher taxes. Thank you.

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

The honourable Minister of Finance and Treasury Board.

HON. RANDY DELOREY: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take the opportunity to provide some closing remarks on Bill No. 52 on behalf of my colleague, the Minister of Municipal Affairs. I am pleased that these amendments to the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter will help bring the municipality support for a strong and vibrant business community.

The municipality asked for some flexibility with the tax rates to help them encourage commercial development where it's best for the community. Bill No. 52 gives the Halifax Council this flexibility. The bill will allow HRM to designate zones where different commercial tax rates can be set and applied to each property's assessed value, or the length of the property's street frontage, or the square footage of property or building.

The square footage provision was added to the bill after we heard from business associations at the Law Amendments Committee, Mr. Speaker, demonstrating that the process we have as part of our process for moving legislation through this process works, that our Law Amendments Committee which provides the public the opportunity to provide input over and above the debate that's brought to these bills on the floor of the Legislature, that that feedback can be considered and incorporated through our legislation.

Mr. Speaker, within the zones created, councils are able to apply different tax rates to different amounts of assessed value, street frontage, or square footage. I believe members of this Legislature, members of the business community in Halifax, and indeed, the HRM Council, asked for this flexibility to be provided in the best interest of their region, their citizens, and their business community.

Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill No. 52.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 52. 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. 61.

Bill No. 61 - Construction Projects Labour Relations Act.

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

HON. KELLY REGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Bill No. 61, an Act to Provide for the Stabilization of Labour Relations Affecting Certain Construction Projects, be now read a third time and do pass.

Our government is committed to improving Nova Scotia's competitiveness and to positioning our province for growth. The amendments we're proposing will help us do just that. We need an Act that is current and recognizes the uniqueness of today's mega-

industrial construction projects. These megaprojects are multi-billion-dollar projects that span several years. This bill will provide important labour stability for the duration of the project, and this is key to attracting significant investments to our province.

Our stakeholders brought this issue to our attention. They asked us to look at the Act and to make revisions. We worked closely with industry, employer organizations, and union organizations over the course of several months to ensure that the changes we made were appropriate and transparent.

There are number of amendments needed to modernize the Act. We want to give developers the option to enter into a project-specific agreement, an agreement that ensures no work stoppages during the life of the project. This is the key point, which I fully admit some people seem to miss. Developers can negotiate an agreement with the trades now; however, under the Trade Union Act, work stoppages could still occur. As well, the Trade Union Act states that agreements requiring employees to work during a legal strike are not enforceable.

The proposed legislation creates the legal authority and foundation for project-specific agreements. With this legislation in place, construction work on multi-billion-dollar projects can continue even if there is a legal work stoppage in play in the rest of the province. The proposed legislation protects developers and workers against work stoppages.

The new legislation, the Construction Projects Labour Relations Bill, is very specific. It amends the definition of “construction project” to include projects over \$2 billion. This focuses the legislation on megaprojects - those that are economically significant to the province. It also narrows the definition of “construction projects” to liquefied natural gas projects, specifically those in Guysborough County and Richmond County.

Now, having said this, the legislation does allow for other mega-industrial construction projects to be designated under this bill. They can be designated through regulation following public consultation.

For those developers who want to negotiate a project-specific agreement, the legislation outlines the process. They’ll be required to provide notice to employer organizations, unionized trades, and the Labour Board of their intent to seek a project agreement. Once relevant parties have been notified, the legislation provides a framework for concluding a project agreement for all trades. A project agreement must be ratified by at least 85 per cent of the trades who are involved in the construction project. Where a developer wants a project agreement, construction cannot start until there is an agreement in place that covers the life of the project.

The legislation also outlines a process for any dissenting trade to apply to the Labour Board for review. It's important to note the bill does not prevent a developer from working with a non-unionized contractor, even where there is a project agreement in place.

When drafting these changes we looked at other jurisdictions to determine whether project agreement legislation exists and to understand how they were handled. Many other provinces recognize project agreements, and a review of the approaches in other provinces assisted us in developing the Nova Scotia approach.

We also received considerable input from stakeholders; we worked with potential developers as well as construction sector employer and unionized labour organizations. These organizations represent 15 unionized trades and approximately 400 unionized contractors. The proposed amendments were also discussed with the non-unionized construction sector.

Mr. Speaker, stakeholders have been supportive and have shown tremendous leadership throughout this process. They agree these amendments can help attract more megaprojects to Nova Scotia. Projects like this will help grow our province's economy, and this is good for everyone. Thank you.

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

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: Mr. Speaker, the intent of this bill is good. Labour stability is something we all strive for in this province. It says in the sheet that I received at the bill briefing that the stakeholders approached the department with this update. They were the ones who wanted the amendments to the existing Act.

Mr. Speaker, I spoke with a bunch of people after that and the stakeholders in Cape Breton Island told me they weren't approached and they weren't consulted in this. So we're going to be open and transparent on a bill and they say stakeholders agreed to it and brought it forward - I'd like to make sure that all stakeholders brought it forward.

We heard people come to Law Amendments Committee and talk about some of the problems with the bill. We put some amendments together, the NDP put some amendments together, and those amendments were turned down. If the trade union people in Cape Breton aren't consulted and it affects them, Mr. Speaker, I have real concerns about that. Some of the industry people I have heard from said they talked about it and they were quite happy with the negotiations and the way that the trade union people in Cape Breton negotiate contracts.

Mr. Speaker, the mainland and Cape Breton are completely different. The mainland people negotiate their contracts separately with one person; the people in Cape Breton negotiate one trade union deal with the employer. So they've had no problems with that; they've already negotiated two deals in Cape Breton for labour stability. The concern is

from a lot of the construction people for the trade union people that this is going to make these negotiations worse for them. If that's the case, it's not a great thing for the Cape Breton tradespeople and Cape Breton business.

The other part of this bill that I had concern with was that other projects could be labelled megaprojects with consultation. Mr. Speaker, in the bill briefing I got it was "public" consultation. We've had situations like this before - with windmills in our province, where we were told by the Departments of Energy and of Environment that if the people in that area didn't want those windmills, they wouldn't happen.

The people in Boularderie Island didn't want windmills in a certain area and we were told they did the consultation - but the consultation was done in downtown Sydney, at a meeting in downtown Sydney where that wouldn't affect them whatsoever.

So one of the things we asked for was appropriate stakeholder consultation and the public that will be affected, and that wasn't brought up in the bill, Mr. Speaker. So for that reason, for the groups of people that are concerned with this, that the consultation wasn't done with the local union people, that it affects Cape Breton labour, I will not be voting for this bill. Thank you.

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

HON. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, just a few words on this piece of legislation. We have a process in place here in Nova Scotia that allows for the public and those who might be affected by a piece of legislation to come forward, make presentations, and hopefully improve a piece of legislation. That is what happened with Bill No. 61. We know and we've heard from the minister and the government that it was through the Mainland Building Trades Council. They brought this forward to the government in hopes of supporting their membership. But we know in that we have two different groups in Nova Scotia that work with the trades.

We have the Cape Breton Island Building and Construction Trades Council. As my colleague has mentioned, the Cape Breton Island trade council were not consulted on this piece of legislation. They did not request it from this government. When they heard that it was introduced, they actually tried to request that Cape Breton and the mention of the council in Cape Breton be removed from the legislation. I think it was a simple request for them.

If the government did not want to see that, then why push this piece of legislation through? Why would we not just hold this legislation on the books so that the government could do the proper consultation with the Cape Breton Island trade council? I think that would have been the most appropriate approach, the most appropriate step for this government to take to ensure that consultation and that those who are going to be affected by this piece of legislation had a say in the process. That didn't happen.

I know that there are members in the House who are from Cape Breton who are in the Liberal Government who they will have to account for that. They will have to go back to their constituents and explain why a request from the Cape Breton Island trade council to remove them from this piece of legislation was not listened to. They didn't get an opportunity to do the consultation with them. It's going to be difficult, and we'll have to see what ramifications come from that.

It's disappointing that we weren't able to get the amendments that we brought forward the other day passed. I think it wasn't an unreasonable request from the presenters, three recommendations to improve this legislation.

I, too, as the member just indicated, will not be supporting this piece of legislation.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Having a big project in the Strait Area is something that I would certainly be supportive of. But it's come to my attention as well that there's a number of my constituents who have concerns about this bill. I don't think they would like to see a stoppage in work either, but they want to be consulted. They do not feel comfortable with this bill as it's been proposed.

For that reason, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to put it on the record that I don't feel comfortable supporting this bill as it stands here.

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

The honourable Minister of Labour and Advanced Education.

HON. KELLY REGAN: I want to thank the honourable members for their comments. As I indicated the other day, we asked many times during the drafting and review process, while we were consulting with the stakeholders who approached us, whether there were others who should be consulted. Several, in fact, were identified and were consulted with.

With respect to the Cape Breton trades council, we asked whether they should be part of the group working on the legislation. Since the lawyer for the mainland trades council was also the lawyer for the Cape Breton trades, he agreed to contact the head of the Cape Breton council and discuss the issue with him. We were advised after that that the Cape Breton trades council was not interested in being involved directly.

They did, however, prefer to have the legislation cover the Cape Breton LNG project in case it would be helpful in the future. This was discussed several times at the table. Multiple drafts included the Cape Breton project, and there was significant

opportunity for any issues or concerns to be raised. I think Cape Breton deserves to get mega-projects, not just the mainland.

I now close debate on Bill No. 61.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 61. 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 the order of business, Private Members' Public Bills for Third Reading.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 60.

Bill No. 60 - Public Interest Disclosure of Wrongdoing Act.

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

HON. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 60, the Public Interest Disclosure of Wrongdoing Act, be read for a third time.

I want to take a few moments to say thank you to the government for recognizing the importance to have legislation like this. As I said earlier in second reading, it's a continuation of some of the work our caucus did in previous years to ensure the Public Service Commission is covered under protection for their workers if they see wrongdoing in the workplace. Those protections were definitely needed, Mr. Speaker.

I know that by extending that to the boards, agencies, commissions and the school boards, that we will ensure that if there is wrongdoing in the workplace, that workers are protected, they have an avenue to come forward to make sure their complaint is heard, or what they see is heard, and hopefully dealt with in the appropriate way, without any reprisals for either the position they are in, or for future advancement within the organization they work in. I'm glad to see this at this point, and I look forward to it passing in this session.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, I won't keep it long but I can't let this opportunity go by just to put on the record that we had put forward an amendment on this bill to include municipal units, and, I think, for very good reason.

Mr. Speaker, members might say that we should be consulting with municipalities. This is legislation that I don't think requires consultation, in the sense that it's protecting people who come forward who see something that may not be right. To me that's not something that needs to be consulted on. We want to put that on the record and I've done so. We will be supporting this bill.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, I just want to make it clear on the record that the fact was that I contacted Mayor Cecil Clarke yesterday, the President of the UNSM, who had absolutely no idea that the amendment that was proposed by the Progressive Conservative caucus was being put forward. I think the House Leader of the NDP said it best yesterday, that the Opposition, on a frequent basis, accuses government of not doing proper consultation, only to turn around and have the Official Opposition want to make an amendment with not only no consultation, not even advising them that this was going to be done.

The fact is that Mayor Clarke confirmed that this matter is part of the discussions that are taking place with the UNSM, with the Department of Municipal Affairs. The Minister of Municipal Affairs has made it clear that there are a number of items being looked at with the review of the Municipal Government Act, whether it be on expenses, whether it be on more transparency, and certainly now to have, as well, whistleblower protection being expanded to our municipal units as well.

Mr. Speaker, I think the House Leader of the New Democratic Party made it clear, when their government brought in this legislation, this was an oversight, that it wasn't included to cover agencies, boards and commissions. That is what is being corrected here now. Clearly the discussions about having this included to municipalities is one that is going to continue with the proper consultation of the municipal units as part of the overall review and I certainly would expect that we'll see a package that will be coming forward, hopefully in the Spring, that will reflect some of those changes. Thank you.

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

The honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid.

HON. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to close debate on Bill No. 60, the Public Interest Disclosure of Wrongdoing Act.

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. (Interruptions)

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: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That concludes the government's business for today and, in fact, for this session. I would move that the House do recess until 2:30 p.m. at which time His Honour will be joining us here at the Legislature.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is that the House do recess until 2:30 p.m. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The House will stand in recess until 2:30 p.m.

[1:26 p.m. The House recessed.]

[2:30 p.m. The House reconvened.]

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

MR. SPEAKER: Let His Honour the Lieutenant Governor be admitted.

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

[The Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable J.J. Grant, preceded by his Private Secretary and by Mr. David Fraser, 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; and the Assistant Clerks, Annette Boucher and Nicole Arseneault.

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

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: It is the wish of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor 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. 22 - Halifax Regional Water Commission Act.

Bill No. 33 - Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act and Fences and Impounding of Animals Act.

Bill No. 36 - Gaming Control Act.

Bill No. 41 - Residential Tenancies Act.

Bill No. 44 - Maintenance Enforcement Act.

Bill No. 47 - Halifax Rifles Armoury Association.

Bill No. 52 - Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.

Bill No. 55 - Municipal and Other Authorities Pension Plan Transfer Act.

Bill No. 60 - Public Interest Disclosure of Wrongdoing Act.

Bill No. 61 - Construction Projects Labour Relations Act.

Bill No. 62 - Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: In Her Majesty's name, I Assent to these bills.

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

[The Lieutenant Governor left the Chamber.]

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

[The Speaker took the Chair.]

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

[The national anthem was sung by the members.]

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated.

The honourable Premier.

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, before I ask you to adjourn this Assembly, I would like to take a moment on behalf of all us to recognize some important people who have been part of making sure that this session goes forward. The Pages, of course - there are some veteran members of the Page team here, but there are some new members - we want to say thank you for your continued work in this House. You make us very proud. (Applause)

To Legislative TV; to Hansard who leaves out the appropriate number of words when they should - to the Legislative Library, when this session is sitting, the library certainly becomes a room that all caucuses and our staff use to continue to meet with members- I want to thank them. The Committees Office, the Sergeant-at-Arms, who has now become a veteran at this - it's a little bit different to see him sitting back in this corner. We were used to watching the old Sergeant-at-Arms sleep in this corner. I want to acknowledge the Halifax Regional Police who are here, the RCMP, and of course our Commissionaires who are here not only during these sessions but at all times making sure that the people of the province have access to this facility.

As well, all of us, all caucuses, are supported by great staff who work on behalf of all of us. They are partisan roles, but they are there because they believe, and they want to do what's in the best interest of Nova Scotians. They do so to support us, to make sure that our respective Parties have a chance to put out our vision, our views, on what we think is in the best interest of the province. I want to acknowledge them and say thanks.

I want to offer congratulations to the new member for Halifax Needham on completing her first session. (Applause) We look forward to seeing you back in the Spring.

I also want to acknowledge the member for Chester-St. Margaret's. It indeed was a pleasure for me, and I know all members, to be able to sit on this side of the House and see her back here healthy and fighting on behalf of her constituents. We look forward to continuing to work with her and all members as we try to provide the services that we were elected here to do for our constituents. (Applause)

Tomorrow will be a day when all of us will go back to our ridings to spend time to honour those Canadians who made the ultimate sacrifice. It is also a time for us to be with family and friends and with community members to honour the men and women in uniform

across this great world who are bringing Canadian values to corners of the world that do not have the luxuries that we do here in this country. I know all of you will look forward to partaking not just in honouring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice but also in acknowledging the service that is ongoing today in communities across the country.

As we do that, I think we should acknowledge not only those who are in uniform but also the people who love those who are in uniform. It is an important journey that all family members make. In this province, we know very well what happens when a member of a family is deployed. The remaining family that is left here and the partner that is left here become the single parent for extended periods of time raising their children and providing a home life for those children. Tomorrow, as we acknowledge and honour the fallen, let's also acknowledge and celebrate those men and women who are currently in uniform.

Following that, we will all enter into the holiday season. From me to all of you, I want to extend great wishes to you and your families, to your supporters and your community members. This is a time of great celebration. It is a time when families come together and that they can enjoy. It's a time when, quite frankly, the partisanship of this House gets set aside so that we can all celebrate the communities that we're elected by. From my family to yours, I want to extend a very Merry Christmas and best wishes in the holiday season as you leave here and go home to your respective ridings.

With that, I move that this General Assembly be adjourned, to meet again at the call of the Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is that the House now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Speaker.

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

The motion is carried.

The House now stands adjourned.

[The House rose at 2:43 p.m.]



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NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)**RESOLUTION NO. 563**

By: Hon. Leo Glavine (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas the Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres is committed to advancing health care for Canada's children and youth through education, research, and quality improvement initiatives; and

Whereas the 2015 Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres Annual Conference was hosted in Halifax by the IWK Health Centre; and

Whereas the conference was about collaboration and sharing experiences and challenges to learn from each other's unique roles and perspectives to provide solutions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the hard work of the IWK Health Centre and the Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres, which are committed to providing the very best health care for all children and youth.

RESOLUTION NO. 564

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 October 10, 2016, Gisele d'Entremont and Sean Messenger welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gisele and Sean on this miraculous event in their lives, and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 565

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 October 24, 2016, Sara and Dan Belliveau welcomed their daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sara and Dan on this miraculous event in their lives, and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 566

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 September 22, 2016, Tiffany Cobbett and Spencer Nickerson welcomed their twin son and daughter into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tiffany and Spencer on this miraculous event in their lives, and wish them many more happy years as parents.

RESOLUTION NO. 567

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 November 5, 2016, Roger A. Doucette of Yarmouth 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 Roger on reaching this milestone in his life and wishing him many more birthdays and continued good health.

RESOLUTION NO. 568

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 Laurie Porter participated as a mayoral candidate in the 2016 Kings County municipal election; and

Whereas it is not an easy decision to put one's name on a ballot, but it is an important one that strengthens our democracy; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Laurie Porter for his contribution to the 2016 Kings County municipal election.

RESOLUTION NO. 569

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 Deanna O'Neill participated as a councillor candidate in the 2016 Kings County municipal election for District 2; and

Whereas it is not an easy decision to put one's name on a ballot, but it is an important one that strengthens our democracy; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Deanna O'Neill for her contribution to the 2016 Kings County municipal election.

RESOLUTION NO. 570

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 Michael Embree participated as a councillor candidate for District 1 in the 2016 Kings County municipal election; and

Whereas it is not an easy decision to put one's name on a ballot, but it is an important one that strengthens our democracy; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Michael Embree for his contribution to the 2016 Kings County municipal election.

RESOLUTION NO. 571

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 Ray Savage participated as a councillor candidate for District 3 in the 2016 Kings County municipal election; and

Whereas it is not an easy decision to put one's name on a ballot, but it is an important one that strengthens our democracy; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Ray Savage for his contribution to the 2016 Kings County municipal election.

RESOLUTION NO. 572

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 Rick Ackland participated as a mayoral candidate in the 2016 Kings County municipal election; and

Whereas it is not an easy decision to put one's name on a ballot, but it is an important one that strengthens our democracy; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Rick Ackland for his contribution to the 2016 Kings County municipal election.

RESOLUTION NO. 573

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 Dick Killam participated as a mayoral candidate in the 2016 Kings County municipal election; and

Whereas Dick Killam dedicated ten years to the people of District 3 in Kings County and to public service; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Dick Killam for his contribution to the 2016 Kings County municipal election and his years of service on the Kings County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 574

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 Bernie Cooper did not seek re-election as a councillor candidate in the 2016 Town of Kentville municipal election; and

Whereas Bernie dedicated 12 years to the people of Kentville and to public service; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Bernie Cooper for his contribution to the Kentville Town Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 575

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 Bill Boyd sought re-election as a councillor candidate in the 2016 Town of Kentville municipal election; and

Whereas Bill dedicated eight years to the people of Kentville and to public service; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Bill Boyd for his contribution to the Kentville Town Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 576

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 Bill Denyar participated as a councillor candidate in the 2016 Town of Kentville municipal election; and

Whereas it is not an easy decision to put one's name on a ballot but it is an important one that strengthens our democracy; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Bill Denyar for his contribution to the 2016 Town of Kentville municipal election.

RESOLUTION NO. 577

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 Paula Huntley participated as a councillor candidate in the 2016 Town of Kentville municipal election; and

Whereas it is not an easy decision to put one's name on a ballot but it is an important one that strengthens our democracy; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Paula Huntley for her contribution to the 2016 Town of Kentville municipal election.

RESOLUTION NO. 578

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 Mark Pound participated as a councillor candidate in the 2016 Town of Kentville municipal election; and

Whereas it is not an easy decision to put one's name on a ballot, but it is an important one that strengthens our democracy; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mark Pound for his contribution to the 2016 Town of Kentville municipal election.

RESOLUTION NO. 579

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 Blaine Morrison participated as a councillor candidate in the 2016 Town of Kentville municipal election; and

Whereas it is not an easy decision to put one's name on a ballot, but it is an important one that strengthens our democracy; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Blaine Morrison for his contribution to the 2016 Town of Kentville municipal election.

RESOLUTION NO. 580

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 Kim MacQuarrie did not seek re-election as a councillor candidate in the 2016 Kings County municipal election; and

Whereas Kim MacQuarrie dedicated four years to the people of Kings County and to public service; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly thank Kim MacQuarrie for her contribution to the Kings County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 581

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 Mark Pearl sought re-election as a councillor candidate in the 2016 Town of Kentville municipal election; and

Whereas Mark dedicated eleven years to the people of Kentville and to public service; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mark Pearl for his contribution to the Kentville Town Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 582

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 Tony Bentley sought re-election as a councillor candidate in the 2016 Town of Kentville municipal election; and

Whereas Tony dedicated eight years to the people of Kentville and to public service; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Tony Bentley for his contribution to the Kentville Town Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 583

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 David Corkum sought re-election as mayoral candidate in the 2016 Town of Kentville municipal election; and

Whereas Dave dedicated eleven years to the people of Kentville and to public service, building the Town of Kentville to be recognized from the CFIB as one of the best places in all of Canada to start up and do business; and

Whereas public service is a noble calling;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly thank David Corkum for his contribution to the Kentville Town Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 584

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

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

Whereas Mr. Russell Walker has recently been re-elected to Halifax Council for District 10; and

Whereas Councillor Russell Walker has been a resident of District 10 for 48 years and was first elected to Halifax City Council in a by-election in January, 1994; and

Whereas he has been serving the community as councillor for over 20 years, not only as a councillor but also a teacher and a volunteer on multiple community service groups, is the chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners, and the vice-chairman of the Grants Committee for the Halifax Regional Municipality;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating Councillor Walker on his 30 years of community service, and wish him luck as he continues to work every day for the people of HRM District 10.

RESOLUTION NO. 585

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

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

Whereas I would like to recognize Styles Alive Hairstyling Inc., a local community hair salon in my riding of Fairview-Clayton Park; and

Whereas Styles Alive Hairstyling Inc. has been serving the community for three decades and has happily just celebrated 30 years of providing quality haircuts and massages to the community of Fairview-Clayton Park; and

Whereas this has been the regular go-to hair salon for many of the constituents in the area of Fairview-Clayton Park;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating the salon on serving the community for 30 years and running a successful establishment that has been serving our community for such a long time.

RESOLUTION NO. 586

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

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

Whereas I would like to recognize Lucy Poole on her dedication to her school and her community of Fairview-Clayton Park; and

Whereas Lucy Poole has been elected twice by her peers to represent her grade at Halifax West High School and has served in two executive roles on the Halifax West High School student government; and

Whereas Ms. Poole has been a contributor to our local community newspaper, Parkview News, using this contribution to make sure the whole community is updated on what's going on at the West;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating Lucy Poole on her success in student government and in her community, and wish that she continues contributing to our community to make it a better place.

RESOLUTION NO. 587

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

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

Whereas Kathy Brickenden, department head of English at Halifax West High School, has been committed to improving the lives of students for over 30 years, and over

the last ten years has really gone the extra mile to make her school community better for all; and

Whereas she has committed to ten years of organizing the breakfast program at the Halifax West High School, providing students with the nutrition that is necessary to lead a full and productive day, and to financially do so she and her organized committee of students have worked hard to host community events in order to fundraise the funds necessary to run the program at its full potential; and

Whereas having breakfast every day is important to everyone, especially our youth who, without a full meal in the mornings, are left feeling that they can't engage fully in the day's proceedings, which leaves us all at a disadvantage;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in recognizing Kathy for all of her hard work and dedication to the students and staff of Halifax West High School, and wish her well in her future volunteer work for the school and her community.

RESOLUTION NO. 588

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

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

Whereas Allison Covert, community coordinator for the Fairview Community Association, recently took on the big role of organizing the FCA 10th Annual Family Fun Festival; and

Whereas they hosted over 800 Fairview families and community members who were able to play a variety of games, participate in events, and hang around for a bite to eat with fellow community members; and

Whereas Allison has been able to make the area of Fairview-Clayton Park feel a little bit more like a family rather than just a neighbourhood;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating Allison on a successful event, and thank her for her continuous effort to make Fairview-Clayton Park a more welcoming places to live for all families.

RESOLUTION NO. 589

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

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

Whereas Graham Burgess has been a coach of youth hockey for years and is very well known for teaching promising athletes how the game is played and how to keep their egos on the down low while playing the sport, in order to nourish self-confidence and leadership on the ice; and

Whereas thanks to his great coaching style he has been able to manage positive thoughts and feelings to enable athletes to perform better; and

Whereas sometimes the sport can become too competitive and not inclusive of certain players, however Mr. Burgess has been able to engage and inspire all members of his team to become the best athletes they can be;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in recognizing Mr. Graham Burgess for his successful coaching career, and hope that he continues to inspire young women to become athletes in the traditional Canadian sport of hockey.

RESOLUTION NO. 590

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

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

Whereas Jenna Pelerine, a young athlete in my community, has excelled in all sports starting at the young age of five, and whether she picked up a baseball bat or a soccer ball Jenna was unstoppable, but her true passion was for hockey, a sport she starting playing at the young age of eight with the Halifax Hawks; and

Whereas she continued to practice and improve her skills each year so that by the time she reached high school she was playing for the Boston Pizza Major Midget Team, the highest league in her female division; and

Whereas Jenna was accepted to the University of Prince Edward Island on a \$4,530 renewable scholarship based on her academics and her athleticism, and is also playing with the UPEI Panthers (AUS CIS);

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating Jenna on all her success, and wish her the best in her future athletic and academic endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 591

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

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

Whereas Father Pierre Azzi is pastor of Our Lady of Lebanon Parish, located on 3844 Joseph Howe Drive; and

Whereas Father Azzi has brought joy and enthusiasm to all the members of his parish by establishing relationships with all members and creating initiatives that appeal to all different crowds and age groups; and

Whereas Father Azzi empowers the youth of his church tremendously - the church offers a youth choir that practices weekly, an altar server program, religion classes, cultural dance lessons, and even a youth council;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating Our Lady of Lebanon Church and Father Azzi on their continued efforts to make this world a better place.

RESOLUTION NO. 592

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

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

Whereas Kenney Cooley started at Halifax West High School just last year, wanting a fresh start as he started his new life as a trans teen, and Halifax West High School is full of acceptance and diversity, allowing students to be who they want to be; and

Whereas Kenny has a passion for sports but was always hesitant for trying out for the boys' teams because he thought he would be judged or would not make it; and

Whereas Kenny was nervous at first but as he became a member of the football team he realized no one was there to judge him but to welcome him with open arms;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating Kenney Cooley on his courage and willingness to succeed. Good luck, Kenny.

RESOLUTION NO. 593

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

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

Whereas Mark Boudreau, Loblaws Atlantic Corporate Affairs Director, offered assistance to a charity in need this summer; and

Whereas when Feed Nova Scotia expressed a need for more food donations, Mark Boudreau made sure that Atlantic Superstores were advertising this and making it easier for Nova Scotians to donate to those in need; and

Whereas thanks to these efforts, Feed Nova Scotia was overwhelmed by the public's generosity, especially from young families bringing their kids to the Bedford Highway warehouse;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating Mark Boudreau on his efforts to help Feed Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 594

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

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

Whereas Franco Fitzgerald of Halifax West High School was named captain by Head Coach Frank Hubley and has worked incredibly hard and has trained hundreds of hours to obtain this position; and

Whereas Franco isn't just a hockey star but has also committed the last two years to his student government and helping Halifax West High School gather food for Feed Nova Scotia; and

Whereas he has been a committed community volunteer for many years, for countless organizations in Fairview-Clayton Park;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating Franco Fitzgerald for contributing to his community and obtaining the position of captain of the Halifax West High School hockey team.

RESOLUTION NO. 595

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

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

Whereas Reilly Pickard has been praised by his teammates and coaches for being one of the best goaltenders in the league and when discussing Mr. Pickard his colleagues and fans have been quoted as saying that he really makes it look easy in the net; and

Whereas Pickard, 17, was a mainstay in his second season in the QMJHL, recording 25 wins while posting a .902 save percentage, a 3.15 goals-against average, and a whopping 3,139 minutes played, as well as making 1,516 saves this winter - and it looks like nothing but improvement for Reilly from here; and

Whereas Reilly, a resident of Fairview-Clayton Park and a former Halifax West High School Warrior, has always shown hard work and determination;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating Reilly in his amazing accomplishments in his hockey league and wish him the best on his mission into making it into the NHL.

RESOLUTION NO. 596

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

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

Whereas I would like to recognize Tony Nahas, owner and creator of Mezza Lebanese Kitchen; and

Whereas Tony Nahas has been named a finalist in the competition of the 2016 Atlantic Most Innovative Entrepreneur Awards, presented by Ernst & Young; and

Whereas Tony has been a dedicated business operator and entrepreneur for over 20 years and has been dedicated to running a great business that tries to serve the community in whatever way possible, and thanks to his efforts and excellence in the business community, is on his way to opening a new downtown location;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in recognizing Tony on his hard work and dedication to running a successful business and wish him well in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 597

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

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

Whereas Walter Regan is a long-time resident of Lower Sackville and has been a tireless volunteer with the Sackville Rivers Association since 1988, and was instrumental in the Department of Environment's involvement in the 2002 cleanup of acidic slate that killed thousands of fish in the Sackville River; and

Whereas in addition to the many organizations that have benefited from his involvement, Walter was a key founder of the trail system throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality, which might not be in existence today if not for his passion for environmentalism; and

Whereas Walter will be the guest of honour at a Community Roast hosted by Sackville's 97.5 CIOE Radio on November 26th, 2016, where he will be recognized for his many contributions and awards;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly acknowledge Lower Sackville's Walter Regan for his dedication to the community, and maintaining the beauty of our waterways and trails for all residents to enjoy.

RESOLUTION NO. 598

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

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

Whereas Rylee Sears was a much-loved, 16-year-old Sackville High School student who played defence for the Sackville Flyers Midget B Team before he tragically died from meningococcal meningitis in January, 2015; and

Whereas on February 1, 2015, the Sackville Flyers Midget A and Midget B teams came together for a memorial hockey game with all players wearing Rylee's name and number 17 on their jerseys to show support for the Sears family, with more than 1,4000 people in attendance; and

Whereas on November 30th, 2016, the Sackville Kingfishers will play against the Rylee Sears Millwood Knights in support of the Rylee Sears Memorial Scholarship Fund, and from December 29th to December 31st, 2016, the Sackville Minor Hockey Association will hold the second annual Rylee Sears Memorial Tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly acknowledge the heartfelt efforts of residents in Sackville and beyond to remember Rylee Sears, a bright, young man, who had a lasting impact on so many in our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 599

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas every week in St. Peter's, residents with a variety of mental health and related issues get together as an Adult Drop-In Group, and on October 19th of this year they celebrated their tenth anniversary; and

Whereas a group of local mothers started the group, which began with six to eight members and now sees as many as 25 people from around St. Peter's, River Bourgeois, L'Ardoise, Potlotek First Nation, and Louisdale; and

Whereas members enjoy tea, coffee, snacks, cards and bingo games, as well as relevant guest speakers, and recently have begun taking road trips to various destinations around Cape Breton;

Therefore be it resolved that we congratulate this group on ten successful years, and thank the sponsors and volunteers for everything they do.

RESOLUTION NO. 600

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas on June 11th, 2016, the 12th annual Arichat Relay for Life was held at École Beauport; and

Whereas this year's event brought in roughly \$35,150, bringing the 12-year total somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$560,000, a remarkable feat for such a small area; and

Whereas co-chairs Betty David and Marie DeWolf have been there from the very beginning, and with the help of a dedicated committee make this a wonderful, can't-miss event every year;

Therefore be it resolved that we congratulate this group, and all team and committee members over the years for this noteworthy accomplishment.

RESOLUTION NO. 601

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas devoted public servant and passionate community activist, Donald Alexander "Dan Alex" Morrison, passed away on April 24th at the age of 72; and

Whereas Mr. Morrison was a long-time member of both the Richmond Municipal Council – where he served as Councillor for the former District 10 for 15 years – and of what was the Richmond District School Board where he spent another 17 years, and in addition to public service Mr. Morrison was an electrician, owner-operator of Loch Lomond Construction, and drove a snow plow for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for 35 years; and

Whereas Mr. Morrison was known for his fairness and for thinking about the needs of everyone in Richmond, was also a co-founder of both the Loch Lomond Heritage Association and the Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department, and was a member of Loch Lomond's Calvin Presbyterian Church;

Therefore be it resolved that we send our condolences to Mr. Morrison's family and take a moment to respect the memory of someone who gave so much to his community.

RESOLUTION NO. 602

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas Port Hawkesbury resident Jude Long was a second-year Masters of Public Administration student at Dalhousie University when he and co-author Salman Dostmohammad were awarded the top prize in the Blueprint 2020 National Student Paper Competition for their essay titled "Regulating the Sharing Economy: Applying the Process for Creative Destruction"; and

Whereas Blueprint 2020 is a project launched by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada with the mandate to promote innovation in the Public Service Sector; and

Whereas Mr. Long and Mr. Dostmohammad's essay also won the People's Choice Award, decided by public vote;

Therefore be it resolved that we congratulate Jude Long on this impressive competition and wish him the best of luck in what surely will be a bright future.

RESOLUTION NO. 603

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas on Friday, October 21st, Legion Branch 150 in Arichat celebrated the 60th anniversary of the branch, as well as the 50th anniversary of the branch's Ladies' Auxiliary; and

Whereas it was a wonderful event, attended by more than 200 people, including veterans, legionnaires, and their families and friends; and

Whereas special awards were presented, including plaques recognizing 60 years of membership to Mr. Alcide Landry, Mr. Freddie Martel, Mr. Lorenzo Boudreau, and Mr. Morton McGrat, as well as Lifetime membership for Mr. Paul Samson;

Therefore be it resolved that we congratulate the hard-working men and women of Branch 150, and indeed branches across Canada, for everything they do to honour all of those who served and sacrificed for our country and our freedom.

RESOLUTION NO. 604

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas River Bourgeois native Leon Carter was inducted into the Cape Breton Sport Hall of Fame on May 28th at a ceremony at Centre 200 and will be inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame on November 12th; and

Whereas Mr. Carter was nominated for his exploits on the golf course, as he captured the Provincial Men's Amateur Championship four times, in 2000, 2002, 2004, and 2007; was runner-up in 1999, 2001, and 2006; and also represented the province on the Willingdon Cup team in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006, and 2007; and

Whereas even before his impressive golf career, Mr. Carter was a standout baseball player, with highlights that include playing for Canada's Senior National Team for three seasons, being named Baseball Nova Scotia's Player of the Year in 1990, and hitting a home run in his first at-bat in an exhibition game against the Toronto Blue Jays in front of 26,000 fans;

Therefore be it resolved that we congratulate Leon Carter on the Hall of Fame inductions, and on two great careers in sports.

RESOLUTION NO. 605

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Education Medal is awarded annually to Grade 11 students who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in the school and community, and commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled; and

Whereas an awards ceremony was held May 20th, 2016, at Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School in Antigonish; and

Whereas his Honour Brigadier-General, the Honourable J.J. Grant, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, presented medals to Richmond Education Centre/Academy's Selena Marie DeWolf and Kelzie Claire Gionet, and to Strait Area Education Centre's Janine Grace Lock and Megan Eileen MacNeil;

Therefore be it resolved that we congratulate these hard-working students and wish them nothing but successes in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 606

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas on September 24th, the Louisdale Lions Club celebrated their 47th Annual Charter Night; and

Whereas the annual Howard Jeffrey Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Zelia Poirier and Mary Samson, and the Lion of the Year Award went to Lion Robert Goyetche; and

Whereas some of the projects the Lion members were involved with this year include financial and medical help to needy individuals, the yearly lighting of the community Christmas tree, Christmas tree sales, hanging Christmas wreaths on lampposts, annual ditch cleaning, and monthly brunches;

Therefore be it resolved that we thank the Louisdale Lions Club for everything they have done and will do for their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 607

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas this past June, a new and exciting summer festival was launched in Cape Breton; and

Whereas five Richmond County communities came together to create Lobsterfest, a week of lobster-themed events, which took place in St. Peter's, River Bourgeois, Rockdale, L'Ardoise, and Potlotek First Nation; and

Whereas the festival, sponsored by Lobsters 'R' Us and the Municipality of the County of Richmond, included multiple delicious lobster dinners, lobster trivia, a lobster cook-off, musical performances, and a fisherman's market, and was attended by many locals and tourists;

Therefore be it resolved that we congratulate the committee and volunteers on the successful launch and wish them even greater successes in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 608

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas municipal and school board elections were held on Saturday, October 15th; and

Whereas in Richmond County, the newly elected council will consist of James Goyetche, Alvin Martell, Brian Marchand (by acclamation), Gilbert Boucher, and Jason MacLean; and

Whereas there was also a school board position up for grabs in West Richmond, with George Kehoe making a return to the seat he held for many years;

Therefore be it resolved that we congratulate those elected and acclaimed, as well as thanking everyone who gave the time and effort to put their name forward.

RESOLUTION NO. 609

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas the Port Hawkesbury Food Bank opened its doors in 1991; and

Whereas with the help of volunteers and board members like Annabel Butts and Mary Johnston, who have been there since its inception, the food bank serves Port Hawkesbury, Port Hastings, Mulgrave, Troy, Creignish, Orangedale, Blues Mills, Marble Mountain, West Bay, and Dundee, fulfilling up to 40 food orders a week; and

Whereas Feed Nova Scotia provides many of the supplies and the food bank also received donations from community organizations, schools, churches, and individuals, including former clients;

Therefore be it resolved that we thank the board, the volunteers, and everyone who donates to the Port Hawkesbury Food Bank.

RESOLUTION NO. 610

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas the Saturday, October 15th municipal election brought some changes to the Port Hawkesbury Town Council; and

Whereas long-time mayor Billie Joe MacLean didn't reoffer, ending a long and illustrious career as an elected official, and will be replaced as mayor by current enthusiastic and highly competent councillor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton; and

Whereas joining Mayor-elect Chisholm-Beaton around the council table will be the returning faces of incumbent councillor Trevor Boudreau and former councillors Hughie MacDougall and Mark MacIver, as well as newcomer and active community leader, Jeremy White;

Therefore be it resolved that we congratulate the new Port Hawkesbury Town Council and wish them great success in the next four years as they bring great energy and enthusiasm to the Strait Area.

RESOLUTION NO. 611

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas on Friday, May 27, 2016, the Strait Regional School Board held its Strait to Excellence Award ceremony; and

Whereas the Strait to Excellence Award recognizes employees for their outstanding contributions and commitment in supporting the mission, vision, and belief statements of the school board and who demonstrate excellence in areas, included but not limited to, of student achievement, staff success, school performance, integration of technology, health and/or safety of students and/or coworkers, cultural proficiency, commitment to students, and excellence in the workplace; and

Whereas the staff celebrated included Andrew Clarey, teacher, Cape Breton Highlands Education Centre/Academy; Chrissi Lynch, coordinator of student services, Department of Programs and Student Services; Chuck Burke, building operator, Richmond Education Centre Academy; Fred Sullivan, mathematics mentor, Department of Programs and Student Services; Janet Carter, secretary, East Richmond Education Centre; Judy MacDonald, library technician, Richmond Education Centre Academy; Lou Bona, manager of Facilities Maintenance, Department of Operations; Lucy Fraser, administrative assistant, Department of Human Resources; Shaun MacDonald, principal, SAERC; Shirley Hart, manager of Purchasing, Department of Finance; and Tara Gaskell, manager of Fleet Operations, Department of Operations;

Therefore be it resolved that we thank those dedicated employees for their years of service and for the positive impact they made on the students in the Strait Area.

RESOLUTION NO. 612

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas Tameka Stevens is a 15-year-old baseball player from L'Ardoise, Richmond County; and

Whereas this past summer Tameka, the daughter of Brad and Cherese Stevens, helped propel the Nova Scotia team to a well-deserved silver medal at the 14U Girls Baseball Atlantics, as they came up just short to the New Brunswick/P.E.I. combined team; and

Whereas Temeka was the player of the game in the team's first outing, in which she walked twice, scored twice, and stole two bases, and also took the mound for three innings, allowing only one hit and striking out eight;

Therefore be it resolved that we congratulate Temeka on all of her successes on the field and in wishing her the best of luck in her future pursuits, including making the 16U team this Spring.

RESOLUTION NO. 613

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas the Little Anse Hawks are the Richmond Amateur Baseball Association champions for 2016; and

Whereas the Hawks defeated the Inverness Athletics 7 to 2 in the deciding game to win their fourth straight championship; and

Whereas the Little Anse Hawks roster includes Kailum Rogers, Mitchel Farrell, Josh Martell, Clem Fougere, Noah Landry, Brandon Landry, Justin Delorey, Logan Landry, Eric MacDonald, Brandon Boudreau, Cody Marchand, Rod Samson (manager), Jourdain Samson, Ryan Samson, Tyler Babin, Craig Richard, Laurier Samson, Leigh Bourque, Chris Farrell, Donald Blair Martell, and Kyle Stanton;

Therefore be it resolved that we congratulate the Little Anse Hawks on a successful season.

RESOLUTION NO. 614

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas on June 4, 2010, the Strait Regional School Board said thank you to 36 members of staff; and

Whereas they held Celebrating Service 2016, their annual retirement banquet, to recognize the service and commitment of employees; and

Whereas the staff celebrated included Darlene Burns, teacher, Felix Marchand Education Centre; Lillian Chisholm, janitor, SAERC; Beryl Hadley, receptionist, Regional Office; Shirley Hart, manager of Purchasing, Department of Finance; James Landry, janitor, Richmond Education Centre/Academy; Beverly Larade, janitor, East Richmond Education Centre; Shaun MacDonald, principal, SDAERC; Allan MacPherson, manager of Transportation, Department of Operations; Ann Morris, mathematics mentor, Department of Programs and Student Services; Jeanne D'Arc Samson, teacher, Richmond Education Centre/Academy; Kathleen Shaw, secretary, Tamarac Education Centre; Jesslyn Steele, teacher, Tamarac Education Centre; Martin Touesnard, manager of Fleet Maintenance, Department of Operations; and Monica Williams, director of Programs and Student Services;

Therefore be it resolved that we thank those dedicated employees for their years of service and for the positive impact they made on the students in the Strait Area.

RESOLUTION NO. 615

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 Ian Murray from Wallace River was selected as the first-prize winner in the 2015 American Wildlife Federation contest in the baby animals contest for his photo "Momma and Baby Red Fox No. 1"; and

Whereas the photo was published in the December-January issue of the *National Wildlife Magazine* and is promoted on the federation's website and blog; and

Whereas, inspired to take up photography by the rich wildlife of Wallace River, he started Wallace River Photography in 2009;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ian Murray on receiving this award and wish him success in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 616

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 Hope Harrison and her nephew Terry Harrison donated land held by their family for four generations to the Province of Nova Scotia for the preservation of the land, resources, and wildlife therein; and

Whereas it was done at the behest of Hope's late husband, in conjunction with her nephew, who wanted to do it in the name of his father, Alastair Harrison; and

Whereas the donated land is a special place, and the province is very pleased to have this land as part of its protected lands;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly thank the Harrison family for the land, the gift of which will always be remembered by the name Harrison Woods, marked by a cairn and plaque.

RESOLUTION NO. 617

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 Harold Farrow from Amherst, Nova Scotia, is an avid member of the Philae Shriners and made his way up the ranks for five years before being elected the Potentate for 2016; and

Whereas over the last eight years, Farrow has participated in many Shriner fundraisers locally and nationally; and

Whereas he is a trained award-winning clown and a source of cheer for hospitalized children;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend and congratulate Harold Farrow on being elected Potentate for the 2016 and wish him a successful year.

RESOLUTION NO. 618

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 Isaac Fresia is an architecture student who received \$10,000 from the 2011 Canada Games Young Artist of Excellence Award in the building that inspired him to pursue architecture; and

Whereas the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD) graduate from Oxford, Nova Scotia, joined other visual artists, performers, and writers at a Nova Scotia Talent Trust ceremony, awarding over \$32,000 to recipients at the Halifax Central Library; and

Whereas Fresia is on his way toward a Master's Degree in Architecture at Dalhousie University, and winning the Canada Games award on top of the scholarship is a significant achievement;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Isaac Fresia on receiving this award and wish him the best in his pursuits in architecture.

RESOLUTION NO. 619

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 Jane Duynisveld was one of 16 Chignecto-Central Regional School Board teachers recently awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award; and

Whereas Jane's relentless passion for teaching and efforts in ensuring the success of her students was recognized; and

Whereas Cumberland North as a whole is proud to count her among our teachers;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jane Duynisveld on her latest success being recognized by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union for her commitment to student success with the Excellence in Teaching Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 620

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 Jane Jorgensen was named CTV's Maritimer of the Week on November 20, 2015; and

Whereas for the last 40 years she has cared for hundreds of dogs at her farm in Pugwash, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas she now reviews applicants to adopt animals for Litters 'n Critters and fosters canines until they have found their forever homes, and has also won the Pets Plus Us Champion Award for National Volunteer of the Year;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jane Jorgensen for her commitment and dedication to helping hundreds of pets in Pugwash and for her Maritimer of the Week award.

RESOLUTION NO. 621

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 Jennifer Field of E.B. Chandler Junior High School, was one of the 16 recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Award of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union; and

Whereas this award is given to the most qualified teachers employed under the Nova Scotia Teachers Union in recognition of their commitment to student success; and

Whereas her relentless passion in ensuring student success is an inspiration to our community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jennifer Field on her latest success being recognized by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union.

RESOLUTION NO. 622

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 Jennifer Hines of Amherst Regional High School, was one of the 16 recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Award of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union; and

Whereas this award is given to the most qualified teachers employed under the Nova Scotia Teachers Union in recognition of their commitment to student success; and

Whereas her relentless passion in ensuring student success is an inspiration to our community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jennifer Hines on her latest success being recognized by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union.

RESOLUTION NO. 623

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 Joe Dupuis from Amherst, Nova Scotia, was awarded a Long-Term Support Appreciation Award from the Amherst Fire Department and the Amherst Firefighters Association; and

Whereas he has been an honorary member of the Amherst Fire Department since 2002, and over the years he has provided, on numerous occasions, through his A&W business, hot breakfasts for firefighters; and

Whereas he was one of three individuals to win the Long-Term Support Appreciation Award in 2015;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Joe Dupuis on receiving this award and wish him success in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 624

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 Chignecto-Central Regional School Board recently awarded 27 Grade 11 students - four of whom from Cumberland North - the Lieutenant Governor's Award, and this award is given to one male and one female in recognition of their academic performance, leadership, and service to their school and community; and

Whereas John Duynisveld of Pugwash District High School is academically outstanding, carrying an honours with distinction grade level; he has attended a national science fair on three occasions, earning two bronze medals; he is a member of the lay minister team at his church, and is on the executive of his 4-H club as president; and he is also a dedicated athlete and peer tutor; and

Whereas without a doubt, John defines this definitions of a true leader and a dedicated individual;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate John on his latest success being recognized by the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 625

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 Keira Dyck just completed her extended season with Basketball Nova Scotia's U15 Development Girls Team; and

Whereas she played in the backcourt at E.B. Chandler as a guard and point guard, and is hoping the experience gained with the Nova Scotia Development Team will help her when she tries out for a spot on the ARHS Vikettes; and

Whereas the team practised in Truro and attended tournaments in Halifax, Montreal, and Prince Edward Island, as well as a closing tournament in Saint John;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Keira Dyck on making the Basketball Nova Scotia's U15 Development Girls Team and wish her much success in pursuing future basketball endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 626

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 Ken MacKenzie of Amherst, Nova Scotia, has received the 2015 Provincial Volunteer Award for the Fundy Region; and

Whereas Ken MacKenzie is being honoured for the tremendous contributions he has made to his community and to the province; and

Whereas Ken MacKenzie donates his time to help others by supporting various causes in which he believes, and he is a member of the Amherst Trails committee, the Amherst Striders Running Club, and the SOAR community health board;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend Ken MacKenzie on being the honoured recipient of the 2016 Provincial Volunteer Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 627

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 Kristy Hoeg of E.B. Chandler Junior High School was one of the 16 recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Award by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union; and

Whereas this award is given to the most qualified teacher employed under the Nova Scotia Teachers Union in recognition of their commitment to student success; and

Whereas her relentless passion in ensuring student success is an inspiration to our community;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kristy Hoeg on her latest success being recognized by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union.

RESOLUTION NO. 628

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 Mike LeBlanc of Cyrus Eaton Elementary School was one of the 16 recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Award by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union; and

Whereas this award is given to the most qualified teacher employed under the Nova Scotia Teachers Union in recognition of their commitment to student success; and

Whereas Mike LeBlanc's relentless passion in ensuring student success is an inspiration to our community;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mike LeBlanc on his latest success, being recognized by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union.

RESOLUTION NO. 629

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 Matthew Morehouse and his colleagues won first place in the Grades 7 to 9 category of the Toshiba-NSTA ExploraVision competition for their bullet-proof clothing; and

Whereas the Toshiba-NSTA ExploraVision is the largest K-12 science competition internationally; and

Whereas without a doubt Matthew has a bright future when it comes to the advancement in technology;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Matthew on his accomplishments and are all excited to see what is to come of Matthew in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 630

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 Lauren Furlong just completed her extended season with Basketball Nova Scotia's U15 Development Girls Team; and

Whereas she played in the backcourt at E.B. Chandler as a guard and point guard and is hoping the experience gained with the Nova Scotia Development Girls Team will help her when she tries out for a spot on the ARHS Vikettes; and

Whereas the team practiced in Truro and attended tournaments in Halifax, Montreal, and Prince Edward Island, as well as a closing tournament in Saint John;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Lauren Furlong on making the Development Girls Team, and wish her much success in pursuing future basketball endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 631

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 Kurt Fawthrop participated in the 16th John Michels Sr. Ladder Sit that raises money for the muscular dystrophy campaign; and

Whereas since 1996, when the first Ladder Sit was held, the department has raised more than \$250,000 for MD research; and

Whereas it was renamed in honour of Michels Sr. in 2001, each year the Ladder Sit raises an estimated \$18,000 annually;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kurt Fawthrop on his voluntary commitment, spending 50 hours on the firetruck ladder sit for the 16th John Michaels Sr. Ladder Sit.

RESOLUTION NO. 632

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 Connor Scott of Amherst, N.S., has received the 2016 Provincial Youth Volunteer Award for the Fundy Region; and

Whereas Connor Scott is being honoured for the tremendous contributions he has made to his community and to the province; and

Whereas Connor Scott donates his time to help others by supporting the causes he feels are important to the community, he is the junior Deputy Mayor of the Amherst Youth Town Council, a member of the ARHS student council, he also volunteers for Relay for Life and is a volunteer at the Amherst food bank;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend Connor Scott on being the honoured recipient of the 2016 Provincial Youth Volunteer Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 633

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 Erin Atkinson of Amherst, received \$10,000 from the 2011 Canada Games Young Artist of Excellence Award; and

Whereas she is in her final year of study at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and she flew from Winnipeg to join other visual artists, performers, and writers at the Nova Scotia Talent ceremony which awarded over \$32,000 to recipients at the Halifax Central Library; and

Whereas Erin Atkinson wants to pursue her dream of dancing with the Royal Ballet in England, and her dream role is Swan Lake;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Erin Atkinson on receiving this award and wish her success in her endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 634

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 Dr. Brian Ferguson from Amherst, Nova Scotia, was awarded a Long-Term Support Appreciation Award from the Amherst Fire Department and the Amherst Firefighters Association; and

Whereas he has been an honorary member of the Amherst Fire Department since 1996 and was instrumental in developing the Level Two Emergency Department; and

Whereas he was one of only three to receive this award from the Amherst Fire Department and Amherst Firefighters Association at their annual banquet;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dr. Brian Ferguson on receiving this award and wish him success in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 635

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 Dawn Thompson from Amherst, Nova Scotia, was awarded a Long-Term Support Appreciation Award from the Amherst Fire Department and the Amherst Firefighters Association; and

Whereas she has been an honorary member of the Amherst Fire Department since 1996, during which time she wrote the criteria for a proposed Level Two Emergency Department, most of which still stands today; and

Whereas she was one of only three to receive this award from the Amherst Fire Department and Amherst Firefighters Association at their annual banquet;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dawn Thompson on receiving this award and wish her success in future her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 636

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 Deanne Fitzpatrick was named the Canadian Rug Hooking Artist of the Year by the Hooked Rug Museum of North America; and

Whereas the winners were selected for their talents and their contributions and for the advancement of the art of rug hooking; and

Whereas her work can be found in the permanent collections of the Canadian Museum of History, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Art Bank, and the Art Gallery of Newfoundland and Labrador;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Deanne Fitzpatrick on being named the Canadian Rug Hooking Artist of the Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 637

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 David Christie, a long-time Rotarian who helped lead the effort to bring a Syrian refugee family to Amherst, is this year's winner of the Amherst Rotary Club's Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas David joined the Amherst Rotary Club in 1980 and was president in 1983-1984 and served on numerous committees, particularly as leader of the club's youth scholarship committee for many years; and

Whereas his dedication to his community and its people, both new and long-time residents, is in the best spirit of both the Rotary Club and Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly congratulate David Christie on receiving the Rotary's highest honour and on all of his other accomplishments.

RESOLUTION NO. 638

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 Weston Bakeries marked ten years accident free in Amherst, and

Whereas Weston Bakeries is an extremely busy, full-sized plant in the midst of Amherst's Industrial Park and the workers are always vigilant when it comes to safety; and

Whereas Weston Bakeries had introduced several innovative systems to keep thoughts of workplace safety on everyone's minds for their entire shift;

Therefore be it resolved the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Weston Bakeries and its staff on achieving ten years accident free.

RESOLUTION NO. 639

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 during the Maritime Junior Hockey League's 50th annual draft, held in Amherst, Walter Maltby of Amherst was presented with the Moe Bent Builder's Award for his significant contributions in building the local Junior A team to what it is today; and

Whereas from the founding of the club in 1967, Walter Maltby has served in numerous capacities including coach, general manager, director, and volunteer; and

Whereas Walter was the first head coach of the Ramblers when they were members of the New Brunswick Junior Hockey League and became the club's general manager as they entered the Metro Junior Hockey League, the current Maritime Hockey League, in 1968;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Walter Maltby on his long-term dedication to the hockey community in Amherst for the past six decades.

RESOLUTION NO. 640

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 Trish Jardine of Two Fools Productions recently wrapped up a theatrical run of the Christmas play Melf on a Shelf, which raised \$2,360.80 for the L.A. Animal Shelter; and

Whereas the Amherst Veterinary Clinic has partnered with the shelter to perform surgeries for animals in need; and

Whereas money raised by Two Fools has helped to cover the cost of expensive surgeries;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend Trish Jardine and Two Fools Productions for their generosity towards the L.A. Animal Shelter.

RESOLUTION NO. 641

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 Terri McCormick of Two Fools Productions recently wrapped up a theatrical run of the Christmas play Melf on a Shelf, which raised \$2,360.80 for the L.A. Animal Shelter; and

Whereas the Amherst Veterinary Clinic has partnered with the shelter to perform surgeries for animals in need; and

Whereas money raised by Two Fools has helped to cover the cost of expensive surgeries;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend Terri McCormick and Two Fools Productions for their generosity towards the L.A. Animal Shelter.

RESOLUTION NO. 642

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 Roy Mattinson was named CTV's Maritimer of the Week on October 29, 2015; and

Whereas Roy Mattinson has hosted two ball games a week in Pugwash every summer for 65 years; and

Whereas Roy was front and centre when the TSN celebration tour stopped in Pugwash back in 2012, and the community received \$25,000 for upgrades to the ball field;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Roy Mattinson for his commitment and dedication to baseball in Pugwash and for his Maritimer of the Week award.

RESOLUTION NO. 643

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 Paul "Skippy" Farrow of Amherst recently found a particular piece of folk art in the collection of the late Andy MacDonald; and

Whereas the painting, completed in 1957, was created by an unknown Sackville, New Brunswick, artist and brought back memories, especially of the 26 miners killed when a methane explosion destroyed the Westray mine in Pictou County; and

Whereas Farrow donated the painting to the Springhill Miners' Museum in memory of miners Danny Poplar and Earl McIsaac, who died at the Westray mine;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly commend Paul "Skippy" Farrow for his generosity and his donation to the Springhill Miners' Museum.

RESOLUTION NO. 644

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 Morgan Campbell of Pugwash District High School was named Top Senior Female Athlete of the year; and

Whereas Campbell was the Senior Girls Soccer Team top offensive player; and

Whereas Campbell won the Senior Girls Basketball Coaches' Choice Award;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Morgan Campbell on receiving these awards and wish her well in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 645

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 in 2011 the Nova Scotia Legislative Library began the formidable task of digitizing the available Hansard debates from 1965 to 1993, and the remaining debates from 1867, in 2015, and in the summer of 2016, they made these debates available to the public; and

Whereas in the last month the Nova Scotia Legislative Library made available online the Journals of the House of Assembly from 1867 to 1900, and now anyone with Internet access can view these historic debates, such as those on prohibition and workmen's compensation in 1910 and the proceedings on April 17, 1879 when members spoke in English, French, Gaelic, and Dutch; and

Whereas the Library plans to continue its digitization efforts, and hopes that over the next few years it can make the remaining journals from 1901 to 2003 available online, which contain significant reports, regarding such things as the Halifax Explosion and a 1920 account of *Wages and Working Conditions of Women Employed in Industrial Occupations*;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly commend the incredible staff at the Nova Scotia Legislative Library and thank them for their excellent work.

RESOLUTION NO. 646

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

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

Whereas in June 2016, Arichat native Dr. Michel Samson was named the University of Ottawa recipient for the Family Medicine Resident Award for Scholarly Achievement from the College of Family Physicians of Canada; and

Whereas the Family Medicine Resident Awards for Scholarly Achievement “recognize outstanding academic accomplishments by family medicine residents” and these awards are intended to stimulate family medicine research and innovation in education; and

Whereas the College of Family Physicians of Canada represents over 35,000 members across the country and “is the professional organization responsible for establishing standards for the training, certification and lifelong education of family physicians, and for advocating on behalf of the specialty of family medicine, family physicians, and their patients”;

Therefore be it resolved that we congratulate Dr. Michel Samson on this prestigious award and wish him a long and successful career.

RESOLUTION NO. 647

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 Gerald Clyde Boutilier of Hatchet Lake passed away on October 27th, 2016, at age 96; and

Whereas Gerald served in the Second World War as Lance Corporal, serving in Canada, the United Kingdom, and continental Europe, he was decorated with the 1939-1945 Star, France and Germany Star, Defense Medal, and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp; and

Whereas after being captured for 11 months in Germany, Gerald returned to Canada to serve in the military police before beginning his civilian life, with 35 years spent working for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly take a moment to honour and recognize Gerald for his service to the country. May he rest in peace.

RESOLUTION NO. 648

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 BLT Today is a group of volunteers that originally formed to organize a Canada Day event for Beechville, Lakeside, and Timberlea in 2015, and has since gone on to organize and host a number of events and activities in the community in partnership with local businesses and other non-profits; and

Whereas BLT Today uses social media to share information, promote events, and engage community, providing a vehicle to bring community together; and

Whereas membership in BLT Today has grown, much of the work is being done by a core group of six, made up of Lyndsay Hart, John Bigness, Renée Archibald, Linda Moxsom-Skinner, Ben Hovinga and Cathy McColloch;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the members of BLT Today for their contribution to community and wish them all the best in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 649

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 local filmmaker Christopher Devanney of Prospect enrolled in the Screen Arts program at NSCC at the age of 35 in order to pursue his passion to capture stories about the things he cares most about; and

Whereas Christopher is passionate about his community, and specifically the history of his own small community of Prospect, featured in *End of an Era: The Last Fishermen of Prospect Village*, a snapshot of the decline of fishing in this typical Nova Scotia village, a familiar story in many coastal communities in our province; and

Whereas Christopher uses the power of documentary filmmaking to educate and inform his audience, capturing local stories to share with the world, he is currently working

on a documentary called *Wreck of the SS Atlantic*, in which he incorporates drone technology with stunning effects;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Christopher on his success to date and wish him continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 650

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 Rev. Elaine Walcott was born in Lincolntonville, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia, the eldest of 10 children, to Blanche MacLellan and George Albert Borden, she married her high school sweetheart Joseph Walcott in December 1979, and became mother of Preston and Christopher; and

Whereas the Walcotts welcomed four foster children into their family over a 10-year period, through the Department of Community Services, as licensed parents, Elaine graduated from AST and completed her residency in Psychiatric Spiritual Care, the first African Nova Scotian with a Baptist background to do so, she served as a spiritual advisor to the late Dr. Tom Faulkner at the University of Winnipeg, and as a professional ecumenical chaplain at the IWK Health Centre; and

Whereas Rev. Elaine Walcott is the founder and pastor of Koinonia Church and a professional multi-faith chaplain, willing to provide spiritual care, crisis support, prayer, and counselling, she has an extensive skill set, and designs child dedications, family blessings, weddings and funerals with a very personal and inclusive focus;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking the Rev. Elaine Walcott for the service and dedication she demonstrates to the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 651

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 Eric Murphy grew up in Beechville with his 11 siblings, and is married to Veronica Marsman-Murphy, and together they have two daughters as well as five children from previous relationships; and

Whereas Eric was employed as a roofer for 34 years and part-owner of S&M Roofing Company for over 20 years, and during a health crisis in 1999, Eric was diagnosed with congestive heart failure, and he accepted the Lord as his personal saviour; and

Whereas Eric accepted the call and was installed in The Office of Deacon on February 29th, 2004; Deacon Murphy is a member of the Sunday School Team, Trustee Committee, and the Sick Committee, and you can always find Deacon Murphy visiting the sick in hospitals or at home;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Eric on all his successes in life.

RESOLUTION NO. 652

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 Frank Johnston Jr. of Goodwood was chosen as valedictorian for the 2016 graduating class of Halifax West High School, and is the first student from the Prospect communities to hold this title at the West; and

Whereas Frank's high marks and his place on the principal's list were factors in his nomination, but in true democratic style it was his fellow students who made the final decision in his selection; and

Whereas on June 28th, Frank gave an outstanding speech that received a standing ovation from the packed house at the Halifax Exhibition Centre;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Frank on his academic achievements to date and wish him well in all of his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 653

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 the Lake of the Woods subdivision is a well-established community set in beautiful natural surroundings in Hubley, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas the Lake of the Woods Homeowner Association is comprised of Suanne Borkowski, Chair; Mark Suppanz, Vice Chair; Maggie Richards, Treasurer; Gerry Walsh, Past Chair; and directors Marie Smith, Amanda Thornton, Chris Richards, Patricia Steward, Jason Campbell, Paul Vickers, Heather Sams, and Janet Wheadon; and

Whereas the homeowners association works together to host community events and celebration, and they share information with residents and host their own website and Facebook page in order to spread their message;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking the members of the Lake of the Woods Homeowner Association for making their community welcoming and inclusive.

RESOLUTION NO. 654

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 Moira McLeod of Whites Lake recently wrote a book called *The Bread Maker*, a rich, beautifully told narrative that seamlessly weaves humour and tragedy into a touching story about life, love, and the potential of the human spirit to overcome great odds; and

Whereas Moira was born in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, which she maintains was the best town in the world in which to grow up; and

Whereas she currently lives near the ocean outside of Halifax and has two grown children, Sarah and Matthew, and Moira is currently writing the sequel to *The Bread Maker*;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Moira on her book and wish her well in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 655

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 Nicole Slaunwhite, originally from Prospect Bay, is not only a practising lawyer with her own practice, but she also teaches paralegal students and volunteers in the local community, as well as being an accomplished and prolific author under her pen name, Nicola R. White; and

Whereas earlier this year, Nicole won Kobo's second annual Canadian Emerging Writer Prize in the romance category for her paranormal romance novel, titled *Fury's Kiss*, earning her a cash prize and promotional and marketing support to boost her writing career; and

Whereas Nicole presently puts out a new book every four months, and she is working on a new series set in Peggy's Cove, and is collaborating with her twin sister on a young adult novel to be released in 2017;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Nicole and wishing her all the best in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 656

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 Paul and Joyce Smith of Upper Tantallon have, for more than 20 years, been dedicated managers of successive Sir John A. Macdonald Flames hockey teams; and

Whereas they are both tireless and committed to ensuring the team's success, and they lead by example, often being the first to arrive at the rink and the last to leave; and

Whereas Paul and Joyce enjoy great respect from the team and their families because their focus is on providing each player with a positive experience both on and off the ice;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Paul and Joyce for their selfless commitment to the Sir John A. Macdonald Flames.

RESOLUTION NO. 657

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 in May this year, my father Reg Rankin made the decision not to run in the 2016 municipal election ending a 25-year career in politics that included two terms as Deputy Mayor, in 1997 and 2012; and

Whereas first elected as a councillor for the county in 1991, Reg has been a consistent voice for the residents of Beechville, Lakeside, and Timberlea through amalgamation and a number of boundary changes that have included parts of Tantallon, Hammonds Plains, Prospect, Clayton Park, and Wedgewood; and

Whereas my inspiration to enter politics comes through Reg's example of commitment and dedication to bettering the community by being an advocate and working to support grassroots initiatives that make BLT a great place to call home;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in recognizing the significant, positive impact that Councillor Reg Rankin has had on the communities he has served while in municipal government over the past 25 years.

RESOLUTION NO. 658

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 Councillor Stephen Adams was first elected to Halifax County Council in 1991 representing Ward 7, and he has been successful in six subsequent elections, including elections in 1995, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016 and is now the longest-serving municipal councillor in Halifax Regional Council; and

Whereas Councillor Adams has been the voice for the Spryfield-Sambro area residents, through amalgamation and a number of boundary changes that have included the Prospect communities, so that he serves both urban and rural constituents; and

Whereas Councillor Adams has served two terms as Deputy Mayor, in 1994 as the youngest Deputy Mayor to serve the City of Halifax, and again in 2007; sits on numerous committees and boards; and is committed to making a positive difference for the residents and communities he serves;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Councillor Stephen Adams for his dedication and long service to the people of District 11 and the City of Halifax.

RESOLUTION NO. 659

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 Brian Higgins of Timberlea, formerly from Beechville, has volunteered his time for more than 20 years for children and youth in Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea, so that they could participate in sports on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings for Sports Night and TAD (Teens Against Drugs); and

Whereas Brian has coached hundreds of people in organized softball, baseball, soccer, and basketball throughout and beyond the BLT community; and

Whereas some of the teams Brian coached include Sir John A. Macdonald Flames, Timberlea Titans, Halifax Orioles, Fairview-Clayton Park Warriors, and more at multiple different competitive levels;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the enormous positive influence that Brian has had on so many people and the community as a whole, and wish him and his family all the best in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 660

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the Gilles Boudreau and Friends Cancer Help Fund, a non-profit organization formed in 2009, provides financial support for travel expenses for people from Yarmouth County who have to travel outside of the South West Health district for cancer treatment; and

Whereas volunteers for the Help Fund work tirelessly all year long to raise funds for this very meaningful cause; and

Whereas the Help Fund was established in Gilles Boudreau's name to honour a man whose heart was as big as his smile, who always gave to others, who put others before him, and whose generosity of spirit lives on in the countless lives he has inspired;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly recognize the hard work and dedication of Melina Boudreau and the volunteers of the Gilles Boudreau

and Friends Cancer Help Fund and thank them for the support they generously give to their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 661

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas Meadowfields student Sarah Nasir was a finalist for *Canada's History* Young Citizens award; and

Whereas Sarah finished first place in her category at the 2016 Tri-County Regional School Board Heritage Fair; and

Whereas Sarah won the 2016 Meadowfields Spelling Bee and went on to place fourth in the Provincial Spelling Bee;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sarah Nasir of Yarmouth for all these accomplishments and wish her continued success in what is sure to be a very bright future.

RESOLUTION NO. 662

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the Yarmouth and Ancient Atlantic Tartans were designed in 1960 by Saul Gilis of Yarmouth and were produced commercially at his business, Thistle Knit Wear, until his building was destroyed by fire in 1968; and

Whereas thanks to Michael and Frances Morris of Yarmouth, the Yarmouth Tartan was revived and made available again in 2011 to commemorate Yarmouth's 250th anniversary, and two years later they also recreated the Ancient Atlantic Tartan; and

Whereas both tartans were sold exclusively at the Morris' beloved store, At the Sign of the Whale, which they owned and operated for 33 years until closing it in 2014, and are still available online at signofthewhaleonline.com;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly recognize Michael and Frances Morris for continuing Saul Gilis' vision and design of these beautiful tartans, and making them available for so many to enjoy.

RESOLUTION NO. 663

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas on October 1st, 2016, Yarmouth's Brandon Goudey, an RCMP member working in Peace River, Alberta, and fellow officers, were patrolling downtown Peace River when they saw paramedics and the Peace River Fire Department driving with emergency lights flashing; and

Whereas Brandon and fellow officers followed the emergency vehicles to the Peace River Bridge where a man was struggling to stay afloat in the water; and

Whereas Brandon and a fellow officer entered the frigid 2°C water, used a backseat they took from a police vehicle as a flotation device, and pulled the man to shore;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly recognize Yarmouth's Brandon Goudey on his quick thinking and selfless, heroic action which saved a man's life.

RESOLUTION NO. 664

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the 2016 Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce Business Awards were presented at the Rodd Grand Hotel on Thursday, November 3rd; and

Whereas Mayor Pam Mood was awarded the Hospitality and Tourism Award; and

Whereas this award goes to a business or individual who has shown outstanding ability to promote and enrich the economic well-being of our area as an ambassador who attracts visitors to Yarmouth and surrounding areas, by promoting our many unique and diversified attractions;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mayor Pam Mood on this award, and thank her for working tirelessly to promote our beautiful community, and helping make it such a wonderful place to live.

RESOLUTION NO. 665

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the 2016 Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce Business Awards were presented at the Rodd Grand Hotel on Thursday, November 3rd; and

Whereas Riverside Lobster International Inc. was named Large Business of the Year; and

Whereas this award goes to a business of 31 or more employees that supports the community, has shown growth and innovation in its business area, and has had a positive impact on the local economy;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Riverside Lobster International Inc. on this award and wish them much future success.

RESOLUTION NO. 666

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the 2016 Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce Business Awards were presented at the Rodd Grand Hotel on Thursday, November 3rd; and

Whereas The Style Merchant was awarded Medium Business of the Year; and

Whereas this award goes to a business of 11 to 30 employees that supports the community, has shown growth and innovation in its business area, and has had a positive impact on the local economy;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate The Style Merchant on this award and wish them much future success.

RESOLUTION NO. 667

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the 2016 Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce Business Awards were presented at the Rodd Grand Hotel on Thursday, November 3rd; and

Whereas Murray Dodge was awarded the Rising Star award; and

Whereas this award goes to a locally owned business that is less than five years old or has had a new owner within the past five years, and has shown tremendous growth and success within the area;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the staff and management of Murray Dodge on this award and wish them continued success.

RESOLUTION NO. 668

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the 2016 Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce Business Awards were presented at the Rodd Grand Hotel on Thursday, November 3rd; and

Whereas Rhino's Towing was named Small Business of the Year; and

Whereas this award goes to a business of one to 10 employees that supports the community, has shown growth and innovation in its business area, and has had a positive impact on the local economy;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Rhino's Towing on this award, thank them for supporting their community, and wish them much continued success.

RESOLUTION NO. 669

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the 2016 Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce Business Awards were presented at the Rodd Grand Hotel on Thursday, November 3rd; and

Whereas Rick Muise of Tuskett Ford was awarded the Boss of the Year award; and

Whereas this award recognizes business owners and managers whose management style has differentiated them from the competition, while demonstrating outstanding leadership in the workplace that goes above and beyond for their employees, and valuing productivity and customer service;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Rick Muise on this award, thank him for being an inspirational leader in his workplace, and wish him much continued success.

RESOLUTION NO. 670

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the 2016 Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce Business Awards were presented at the Rodd Grand Hotel on Thursday, November 3rd; and

Whereas Riverside Lobster International Inc. was awarded the Export Achievement Award; and

Whereas this award recognizes the individual or business that has demonstrated success in exporting goods or services, and has expanded its markets;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the management and staff of Riverside Lobster International Inc. on this award and wish them continued success.

RESOLUTION NO. 671

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the 2016 Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce Business Awards were presented at the Rodd Grand Hotel on Thursday, November 3rd; and

Whereas Todd Shea, owner of McDonald's Restaurant Yarmouth, was awarded the Customer Service award; and

Whereas this award is presented to a business and/or individual that raises customer service to a new standard of excellence, and is a model for other businesses in the community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Todd Shea on this award and wish him, and the staff of McDonald's Yarmouth, continued success.

RESOLUTION NO. 672

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the 2016 Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce Business Awards were presented at the Rodd Grand Hotel on Thursday, November 3rd; and

Whereas Mark Hubbard of Hamilton's Fine Clothing/Runner's Attic was awarded the Employee of the Year Award; and

Whereas this award goes to an individual who has shown outstanding loyalty and customer service, inspires others, has a passion for their job, and tries to make the workplace better for all employees;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mark Hubbard on this award, thank him for his enthusiasm and professionalism, and wish him much continued success.

RESOLUTION NO. 673

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Municipal Affairs)

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

Whereas the 2016 Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce Business Awards were presented at the Rodd Grand Hotel on Thursday, November 3rd; and

Whereas Coastal Financial Credit Union Yarmouth received the Community Impact Award; and

Whereas this award honours a company or business that has demonstrated exceptional public spirit through active staff participation in community events, and shows its support of the community through sponsorships and charitable initiatives, by monetary and/or in-kind contributions;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate the management and staff of Coastal Financial Credit Union Yarmouth on receiving this award, and thank them for their constant and generous support of our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 674

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas September 18th marked Open Farm Day in the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Open Farm Day allows our communities the opportunity to get a first-hand look at one of our most fundamental and important industries; and

Whereas Lindenright Holsteins of Brierly Brook was one of three Antigonish farms that opened their doors to educate and inform interested members of the community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Harry, Joanne, and Jason Van der Linden of Lindenright Holsteins on a successful Open Farm Day 2016 and thank them for their hospitality to the Antigonish community.

RESOLUTION NO. 675

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas September 18th marked Open Farm Day in the Province of Nova Scotia;
and

Whereas Open Farm Day allows our communities the opportunity to get a first-hand look at one of our most fundamental and important industries; and

Whereas Swinkels Bee Products of Somers Road was one of three Antigonish farms that opened their doors to educate and inform interested members of the community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mario and Sandra Swinkels of Swinkels Bee Products on a successful Open Farm Day 2016 and thank them for their hospitality to the Antigonish community.

RESOLUTION NO. 676

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas September 18th marked Open Farm Day in the Province of Nova Scotia;
and

Whereas Open Farm Day allows our communities the opportunity to get a first-hand look at one of our most fundamental and important industries; and

Whereas West River Holsteins of Harbour Centre was one of three Antigonish farms that opened their doors to educate and inform interested members of the community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Jack Thomson and Rhonda MacDougall of West River Holsteins on a successful Open Farm Day 2016 and thank them for their hospitality to the Antigonish community.

RESOLUTION NO. 677

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas the Antigonish Women's Under-18 Tier 2A Celtics demonstrated a tremendous amount of skill and dedication during the 2016 season; and

Whereas the team went on to capture the Soccer Nova Scotia title during the provincial championships this past August; and

Whereas Ms. Marley Murray played an invaluable role in the team's success this year;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Marley Murray for her success this season as a member of the Antigonish Women's Under-18 Tier 2A Celtics.

RESOLUTION NO. 678

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas the Antigonish Women's Under-18 Tier 2A Celtics demonstrated a tremendous amount of skill and dedication during the 2016 season; and

Whereas the team went on to capture the Soccer Nova Scotia title during the provincial championships this past August; and

Whereas Ms. Shauna Campbell played an invaluable role in the team's success this year;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Shauna Campbell for her success this season as a member of the Antigonish Women's Under-18 Tier 2A Celtics.

RESOLUTION NO. 679

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas the Antigonish Women's Under-18 Tier 2A Celtics demonstrated a tremendous amount of skill and dedication during the 2016 season; and

Whereas the team went on to capture the Soccer Nova Scotia title during the provincial championships this past August; and

Whereas Ms. Rita Berkvens played an invaluable role in the team's success this year;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Rita Berkvens for her success this season as a member of the Antigonish Women's Under-18 Tier 2A Celtics.

RESOLUTION NO. 680

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas the Antigonish Women's Under-18 Tier 2A Celtics demonstrated a tremendous amount of skill and dedication during the 2016 season; and

Whereas the team went on to capture the Soccer Nova Scotia title during the provincial championships this past August; and

Whereas Rebecca MacKeen played an invaluable role in the team's success this year;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Rebecca MacKeen for her success this season as a member of the Antigonish Women's Under-18 Tier 2A Celtics.

RESOLUTION NO. 681

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas the Antigonish Women's Under-18 Tier 2A Celtics demonstrated a tremendous amount of skill and dedication during the 2016 season; and

Whereas the team went on to capture the Soccer Nova Scotia title during the provincial championships this past August; and

Whereas Ms. Miranda van Oirschot played an invaluable role in the team's success this year;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Miranda van Oirschot for her success this season as a member of the Antigonish Women's Under-18 Tier 2A Celtics.

RESOLUTION NO. 682

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas the Antigonish Women's Under-18 Tier 2A Celtics demonstrated a tremendous amount of skill and dedication during the 2016 season; and

Whereas the team went on to capture the Soccer Nova Scotia title during the provincial championships this past August; and

Whereas Ms. Stephanie Wallace played an invaluable role in the team's success this year;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Stephanie Wallace for her success this season as a member of the Antigonish Women's Under-18 Tier 2A Celtics.

RESOLUTION NO. 683

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas Team Nova Scotia captured the gold medal at the Atlantic Under-16 Soccer Championships in Moncton this past June; and

Whereas Ms. Rebecca Lambke of Antigonish made her debut provincial appearance as a member of this winning team; and

Whereas Rebecca proudly represented not only the Antigonish community but the entire Province of Nova Scotia on the national stage;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Rebecca Lambke, member of Team Nova Scotia, on winning the gold medal at the 2016 Atlantic Under-16 Soccer Championships.

RESOLUTION NO. 684

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Finance and Treasury Board)

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

Whereas Rebecca van Bommel of Antigonish recently took home gold at the 2016 IKA Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany, as part of the team representing Prince Edward Island; and

Whereas her performance in such a respected and demanding international competition highlights the hard work and dedication Ms. van Bommel has put into her trade; and

Whereas Ms. van Bommel, a recent graduate of the Culinary Institute of Canada, brought with to the competition a plethora of culinary experience and expertise beyond her years;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Rebecca van Bommel for placing first while representing P.E.I. at the 2016 IKA Culinary Olympics.

RESOLUTION NO. 685

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 on Saturday, November 12th, a special gathering to christen the new ferry, Margaret's Justice, was held in Westport, Nova Scotia; and

Whereas the name was inspired by the story of Margaret Davies, a widow from Westport, who in 1828 travelled on foot to Halifax to confirm title to her land;

Therefore be it resolved that from now on, let Margaret's pursuit for justice, and her steadfast determination to protect her land, be an example of the spirit of our forefathers and foremothers in isolated communities like Brier Island.

RESOLUTION NO. 686

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas Hope Harrison from River Hebert-Lower Maccan recently had a natural field stone, containing a plaque, installed on the land in front of the homestead where she spent most of her life; and

Whereas the plaque indicates the woodlot associated with this farm property was donated to the Province of Nova Scotia for protection, and this protected area has been named Harrison Woods Nature Reserve; and

Whereas this 120-acre parcel of land was donated in memory of Donald and Alastair Harrison by Donald's wife, Hope, and Alastair's son, Terry, and was officially decreed a nature reserve in May, 2016;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly acknowledge Hope Harrison carried out her husband's wishes to protect their woodlot from clearcutting, providing Harrison Woods Nature Reserve to be enjoyed for many generations to come.

RESOLUTION NO. 687

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas community involvement and demonstrating social responsibility are important aspects of a thriving community; and

Whereas Barrett Truss and Building Supplies has been family-owned and operated for over 80 years, and is a leader in the lumber business; and

Whereas community members can always trust that the Barrett family will be willing to help out during an event within the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Barrett family for demonstrating community support and being actively involved in community events.

RESOLUTION NO. 688

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas a group of volunteers, who give freely of their time, help keep the Springhill Library alive and well in the community; and

Whereas these volunteers including Wanda Skidmore, Vicki DuLong, June Henwood, Jean Schiefer, Bob Brown, Mary Parsons, Pam Davis, and Andrew Lloyd, do everything possible to keep community classes—such as crocheting, quilting, fly tying for fishing, guitar lessons, and genealogy—going in the Springhill Library, and they also deliver books to seniors; and

Whereas the Springhill Library has become not only a place to pick up an interesting book, but also a place to socialize and learn;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the volunteers of the Springhill Library, and thank them for their commitment to keeping a vibrant library in our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 689

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas on October 20th, the Dickie family of Floyd Dickie & Sons Ltd. visited Oxford Regional Education Centre and prepared an egg breakfast for the students as they arrived at school; and

Whereas the Dickies, along with parent and teacher volunteers, prepared breakfast burritos and supplied cartons of mils to each student as part of the Egg Farmers Give Back funding program; and

Whereas Floyd Dickie & Sons also donated \$3,000 to the school's new band program;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking the Dickie family for their community involvement and support of the students of Oxford Regional Education Centre.

RESOLUTION NO. 690

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas Kathryn Hickman of Oxford was one of 20 cadets from across the province to make up the Cadets Canada band in the 2016 Tattoo in Halifax; and

Whereas Kathryn was honoured to perform alongside international performers coming from as far away as New Zealand, Switzerland, and Germany; and

Whereas Kathryn's hard work and determination led her to become an outstanding drummer and it paid off as she marched with her band in perfect step;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Kathryn Hickman on this outstanding achievement and wish her continued success in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 691

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas two Springhill AAA baseball players and one Springhill AAA coach recently won the 2016 Under-11 provincial baseball championship in Hantsport; and

Whereas 11-year-old Carter Sharpe and 10-year-old Aidan McBurnie, along with coach Paul Sharpe, won the title while playing on the Truro Home Hardware AAA Bearcats team; and

Whereas the two Sharpes, father and son, along with McBurnie, will also represent Nova Scotia at the Atlantic AAA Mosquito Championship in Bedford;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Carter, Aidan, and Paul on their success and wish them many more winning seasons.

RESOLUTION NO. 692

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas Curtis Benjamin was named top senior athlete at Advocate District High School in July; and

Whereas Curtis was one of several students receiving an award in Advocate to recognize them for their outstanding contribution to sports during their high school years; and

Whereas Curtis also received the highest achievement award for the Most Improved Player award on the boys softball team;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Curtis Benjamin on these well-deserved awards and wish him continued success in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 693

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas Brittany Spicer was named top senior athlete at Advocate District High School in July; and

Whereas Brittany was one of several students receiving an award in Advocate in recognition of their outstanding contribution to sports during their high school years; and

Whereas Brittany also received the highest achievement award for the badminton team;

Therefore be it resolved all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brittany Spicer on this well-deserved award and wish her continued success in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 694

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas Scott Read, originally from Leicester, Nova Scotia, is one of six men to represent Canada in Germany during November at the STIHL Timbersports World Championships; and

Whereas Scott is an instructor at the Dalhousie AC Campus in Truro, has coached the AC woodsmen team for the past 15 seasons, and is a founding member of the North Nova Lumberjacks Society, as well as president of the Maritime Lumberjack Association, which is the governing body for professional timbersports competitions throughout the Maritimes; and

Whereas Scott and George Williams of Cape Breton are the first Nova Scotians to be selected to Team Canada and will be the only Bluenosers on the team of six;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Scott on his accomplishments and wish him continued success at the World Championships in Germany.

RESOLUTION NO. 695

By: Hon. Jamie Baillie (Leader of the Official Opposition)

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

Whereas Emma McCormack of Oxford, Cumberland County, won a prize in the Summer Reading Club, which started at the end of the school year and ended in mid-August; and

Whereas we all understand the benefits of reading for a child, and the Cumberland Public Libraries certainly encourage that with their Summer Reading Club, with children from all over Cumberland County registering for the club; and

Whereas children compete to see who can log the most time reading over the summer and the winners receive prizes as well as the knowledge and enjoyment reading can bring;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Emma McCormack on her accomplishment and thank everyone at the Cumberland Public Libraries for establishing such a wonderful program.

RESOLUTION NO. 696

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 Gerry Lonergan opened East Coast Bakery on Quinpool Road in May 2016, offering tours of the bakery to visitors, who can watch their bagels being made; and

Whereas East Coast Bakery produces the only traditional honey-boiled kosher bagels in Halifax, served warm right out of the oven; and

Whereas Gerry is a passionate supporter of other local businesses and charity organizations, with energy and enthusiasm that are true assets to our city and province;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gerry Lonergan and East Coast Bakery, and wish them continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 697

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 on October 12, 2016, Professor Françoise Elvina Baylis was awarded the highest honour in our province, the Order of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Professor Baylis is a professor in the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University, and is the Canada Research Chair in Bioethics and Philosophy; and

Whereas Professor Baylis's work with people outside the medical profession has made complex issues, such as stem cell research and new reproductive technologies, understandable and accessible to the public;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Professor Françoise Baylis on her Order of Nova Scotia award and wish her continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 698

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 on October 15th, 2016, Shawn Cleary was elected to serve the residents of District 9 on Halifax City Council; and

Whereas Shawn is one of five new councillors elected, bringing new ideas and energy to the council, including a commitment to introduce participatory budgeting to District 9; and

Whereas Shawn worked hard to earn the trust and respect of voters, and is committed to representing all the residents of District 9;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Shawn Cleary on becoming the new voice for District 9 on Halifax City Council, and wish him great success in this role.

RESOLUTION NO. 699

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 on October 15th, 2016, Lindell Smith was elected to serve the residents of District 8 on Halifax City Council; and

Whereas Lindell is one of five new councillors elected, bringing new ideas and energy to the council, including a commitment to introduce participatory budgeting to District 8; and

Whereas Lindell is the first African Nova Scotian city councillor to serve on Halifax City Council in 16 years;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Lindell Smith on becoming the new voice for District 8 on Halifax City Council, and wish him great success in this role.

RESOLUTION NO. 700

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 on October 15th, 2016, Waye Mason was re-elected to serve the residents of District 7 on Halifax City Council;

Whereas Waye was the first city councillor to introduce participatory budgeting to Halifax, which he is committed to continuing; and

Whereas Waye has worked hard to earn the trust and respect of voters, and is committed to representing all residents of District 7;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Waye Mason on his successful re-election as the voice for District 7 on Halifax City Council, and wish him continued success in this role.

RESOLUTION NO. 701

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 on November 12th, 2016, the North End Community Health Centre on Gottingen Street will celebrate its 45th birthday; and

Whereas under the leadership of their executive director, Dr. Rod Wilson, the North End Community Health Centre has continued to grow and provide vital services to some of the most vulnerable among us; and

Whereas Dr. Wilson's tireless efforts have resulted in the North End Community Health Centre acquiring a much-needed new space in 2017;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dr. Rod Wilson and the North End Community Health Centre on its 45th birthday, and on its move to a new, bigger location, and we wish them continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 702

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Shikha Gupta was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 703

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas M.J. Miller was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 704

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Jane Stevens was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 705

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Haley Birrell was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 706

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Lori Bates was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 707

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Madison Lavers was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 708

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Taylor Slipp was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 709

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Mike Malone was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 710

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Katelynn Fines was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 711

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Maggie Malone was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 712

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Shae McKenzie was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 713

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Meghan McNeill was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 714

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Danielle Fougere was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 715

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Claire MacDougall was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 716

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Abby Smilestone was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 717

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Emily Mongeon was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 718

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Alex Doane was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 719

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Breanna Roach was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 720

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 the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team won the bronze medal while representing Nova Scotia at the Sport Chek National Club Championship in October 2016; and

Whereas the team, under the guidance of coach Mike Malone, finished the tournament allowing only two goals against and securing four shutouts, as well as being the only team to receive no yellow or red cards, demonstrating great sportsmanship; and

Whereas Breagh Bates was an integral part of the team and its success;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U-18 Girls Soccer team for their extraordinary accomplishments and excellent representation of Nova Scotia on the national stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 721

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 Java Blend Coffee Roasters has been a long-time fixture on North Street in Halifax, serving up freshly roasted and brewed coffee; and

Whereas Java Blend Coffee Roasters was recently awarded several honours by readers of *The Coast's* Best of Halifax survey, including Gold for Best Coffee, Gold for Specialty Coffee, Silver for Best Café, and Bronze for Best Barista (Laura Arsenaault); and

Whereas Java Blend Coffee Roasters maintains a commitment to serving the best coffee sourced from small coffee farmers around the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Java Blend Coffee Roasters on these recent awards and wish them continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 722

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 the Good Robot Brewing Company opened on Robie Street in May 2015, founded and led by three young entrepreneurs, Josh Council, Angus Campbell, and Doug Kehoe; and

Whereas the Good Robot Brewing Company was recently honoured at the 2016 Atlantic Canadian Beer Awards, with a Bronze in the North American Style Specialty Ale category for their Leave Me Blue Kentucky Corn Beer, as well as a silver in the Experimental Beer category for their Damn Fine Coffee & Cherry Pie Ale; and

Whereas the Good Robot Brewing Company has also been awarded Gold by the readers of *The Coast* in the Best of Halifax survey for Best Brew Pub and Best Craft Brewery in Halifax for 2016;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Good Robot Brewing Company on all their recent honours and wish them continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 723

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 Taste of Nova Scotia Prestige Awards annually honour the best the province has to offer in culinary products and experiences; and

Whereas nominations are brought forth by Taste of Nova Scotia members as well as the general public, are judged by a panel, and then approved by Taste of Nova Scotia's board of directors; and

Whereas Pierre Guevremont and Lynn MacKay, owners of Ironworks Distillery in Lunenburg, were honoured by being named Culinary Ambassadors of the Year;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the owners and staff of Ironworks Distillery for their hard work, dedication, and passion for Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 724

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 Taste of Nova Scotia Prestige Awards annually honours the best the province has to offer in culinary products and experiences; and

Whereas nominations are brought forth by Taste of Nova Scotia members as well as the general public, are judged by a panel, and then approved by the Taste of Nova Scotia's board of directors; and

Whereas Amy Funk, of Lincoln Street Food in Lunenburg, was honoured by being named Server of the Year;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Amy Funk for being named Taste of Nova Scotia's Server of the Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 725

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 federal government has named a new ambassador to Thailand; and

Whereas former New Germany and Parkview Education Centre graduate Donica Pottie was named to the role by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; and

Whereas the Saint Mary's University graduate will also serve as representative to the Kingdom of Cambodia and the People's Democratic Republic of Laos;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Donica Pottie on her appointment as Canada's new ambassador to Thailand.

RESOLUTION NO. 726

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 Park View Panthers Boys Soccer Team recently won silver at the 2016 Division 1 Nova Scotia Athletic Federation provincial championship; and

Whereas the players demonstrated teamwork and effort in the tournament, eventually falling in the final; and

Whereas this was the team's second provincial silver in a row, following a gold medal in 2014;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the Park View Senior Boys Division 1 Soccer Team as provincial silver medalists.

RESOLUTION NO. 727

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 efforts to end straight-piping raw sewage into the LaHave River have been ongoing; and

Whereas the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has been leading the charge, has committed funding, and approached other governments; and

Whereas the Lunenburg County Community Fund (LCCF), a privately led organization, has committed \$1 million toward the project;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the astounding contributions of the LCCF toward the ending of straight-piping on the LaHave River.

RESOLUTION NO. 728

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 New Germany Senior Girls soccer team recently won the 2016 Division 2 Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation Provincial Championship; and

Whereas the players demonstrated teamwork, effort, and resiliency by defeating North Kings 3-2 in overtime; and

Whereas this was the team's fifth provincial championship in seven years;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the New Germany senior Girls Division 3 soccer team as provincial champions.

RESOLUTION NO. 729

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 Le Village Historique Acadien de la Nouvelle Écosse has received a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence Award; and

Whereas the award celebrates excellence in hospitality and is only given to establishments that consistently achieve great reviews on TripAdvisor; and

Whereas winning the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence is a true source of pride for the entire team at Le Village Historique Acadien, and provides them with a seal of recognition;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Le Village Historique Acadien de la Nouvelle Écosse on receiving the Excellence Award from TripAdvisor.

RESOLUTION NO. 730

By: Mr. Allan MacMaster (Inverness)

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

Whereas Foyer Père Fiset has provided the best of care for residents living in this nursing home in Cheticamp; and

Whereas one only needs to see the smiles on the faces of residents, and those caring for them, to know this is a great place to live; and

Whereas some residents currently share sleeping quarters, and share bathrooms with up to three other residents;

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government provide funding to support a proposal to create a new wing at Foyer Père Fiset, which would allow all residents to enjoy a single room, and the privacy we would all appreciate.

RESOLUTION NO. 731

By: Mr. Allan MacMaster (Inverness)

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

Whereas Dwayne MacDonald served the people of Inverness District 6 as municipal councillor for six years; and

Whereas Dwayne was known for being very active as co-founder of the Municipal Food Security Committee, Chair of the Port Hawkesbury and Area Community Market, co-founder of the Municipal Energy Committee, and Chair of the Strait Area Police Advisory Board; and

Whereas Dwayne MacDonald's passion for public service and approachable personality gained him many friends and supporters;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly acknowledge and thank Dwayne MacDonald for his service to our province.

RESOLUTION NO. 732

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Brad Marchand is a Hammonds Plains native playing for the Boston Bruins in the National Hockey League; and

Whereas Brad Marchand was a member of Team Canada at the 2016 World Cup of Hockey; and

Whereas Team Canada won the 2016 World Cup of Hockey;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brad Marchand and Team Canada for winning the 2016 World Cup of Hockey.

RESOLUTION NO. 733

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas BayRides is a non-profit, reliable, affordable, and accessible transportation service for the residents of St. Margaret's Bay and surrounding areas; and

Whereas BayRides offers door-to-door transportation to local businesses, shopping, appointments, and community events in the St. Margaret's Bay area; and

Whereas BayRides fills a need for the residents of St. Margaret's Bay and surrounding area;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly thank BayRides for their service to the residents of St. Margaret's Bay and area.

RESOLUTION NO. 734

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 Town of Lunenburg has become a thriving hub of arts and culture in the province; and

Whereas Arts Nova Scotia and the Creative Nova Scotia Council annually award a community with its Communities Arts and Cultural Recognition Award that carries with it a \$10,000 prize; and

Whereas the Town of Lunenburg was named the 2016 winner of the recognition award;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Town of Lunenburg on being recognized for being one of the art and culture centres of Nova Scotia.

RESOLUTION NO. 735

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 New Germany Senior Boys Soccer Team recently won the 2016 Division 2 Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation provincial championship; and

Whereas the players demonstrated teamwork, effort, and resiliency by defeating Digby 4-0; and

Whereas this was the team's second provincial championship in three years, with the third being a silver medal;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the New Germany Senior Boys Division 2 Soccer Team as provincial champions.

RESOLUTION NO. 736

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 being recognized by your peers is oft-times the highest recognition a professional can receive; and

Whereas Dr. David Martell, a family physician in Lunenburg and member of Doctors Without Borders, is one of only 85 of 2,500 practising doctors in Nova Scotia to have an exemption to prescribe methadone for opioid addiction; and

Whereas Dr. Martell was recently named a family physician of the year by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Dr. Martell on his recognition by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and wish him a long and successful career in Lunenburg.

RESOLUTION NO. 737

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 efforts to end straight piping raw sewage into the LaHave River have been ongoing; and

Whereas the charge has been led by 12-year-old Stella Bowles of Dayspring, following a successful science fair project; and

Whereas Stella was recognized on the national stage when she was presented with the TD Future City Builders Award at a gala in Toronto;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the contributions of Stella Bowles in the fight to clean up the LaHave River by ending straight piping.

RESOLUTION NO. 738

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 wine industry has been ever growing and expanding in the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas in 2003, Bruce Wright began growing wine grapes in Pine Grove at Elmwood Winery; and

Whereas in August, Elmwood Winery received its certification and its winery licence and officially opened as a small farm winery;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Bruce Wright and Elmwood Winery, and wish many more years of success.

RESOLUTION NO. 739

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 Madison Hayward has been writing stories ever since she first learned to print; and

Whereas she has written so many short stories that she was inspired to compile them; and

Whereas with the help of her grandmother, the Grade 7 student at New Germany Elementary School has “published” her first book of short stories, *Madison’s Storybook*, which can be found at her school’s library;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Madison Hayward on the publishing of her first book and wish her much success in all her future writings.

RESOLUTION NO. 740

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 South Shore Public Libraries encourage reading and literature in all its forms; and

Whereas this year marked the inaugural Lunenburg Lit Festival; and

Whereas the festival is about celebrating literature and about celebrating and encouraging a love of reading;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate the organizers of the Lunenburg Lit festival for a successful first event and wish them many more years of success.

RESOLUTION NO. 741

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (East Hants)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Austin Verge is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Austin for being the recipient of the following: Honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 742

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (East Hants)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Blake Hamilton is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Blake for being the recipient of the following: Gordon Singer Bursary, Baytech Entrance Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 743

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (East Hants)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Brandon Buchanan is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brandon for being the recipient of the following: Cox Brothers Poultry Farm Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 744

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (East Hants)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Brandon MacPhee is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Branson for being the recipient of the following: Honours with Distinction; Excellence in Pre-Calculus, Mathematics 12, Chemistry 12, Biology 12, and Global History; Yearbook Co-editor Certificate; East Hants and Districts Chambers of Commerce Bursary; Heather Murphy Memorial Bursary; Student Council Bursary; University of Toronto Book Award; Citizenship Medallion; Milford and District Lions Club Citizenship Bursary; 2016 Schulich Leader Nominee Certificate; Gore WINS Scholarship; CHArt Society Arts Award; Hants East Liberal Bursary; Danny Weatherhead Memorial Scholarship; University of Toronto President's Entrance Scholarship; Queen Elizabeth II Medal; and the Medal of the Governor General of Canada.

RESOLUTION NO. 745

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Brianna Weir is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brianna for being the recipient of the following: Honours, and a Mount Saint Vincent University Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 746

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Brittany Whinchcombe is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brittany for being the recipient of the following: Marguerite MacPhee Memorial Bursary, Miller Award, and a Nova Scotia Freemasons Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 747

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Bryce Hillier is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bryce for being the recipient of the following: Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary, Gordon Singer Bursary, and a Royal Canadian Legion Branch 166 Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 748

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas D.J. Neil is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate D.J. for being the recipient of the following: Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 749

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Emily LeBlanc is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Emily for being the recipient of the following: Honours; Excellence in English 12; Hannah Putnam Lawrence Bursary; Lifetouch Award; Michael Watson Memorial Scholarship; Nova Scotia Freemasons Scholarship; and a St. F.X. University Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 750

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Emma Singer is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Emma for being the recipient of the following: Honours; Excellence in Learning Strategies XII; Interest and Effort in Film and Video Production XII; North Noel Road Christmas Club Bursary; Victory Credit Union Educational Award; East Hants Crime Prevention Bursary; Douglas Hill Memorial Graduation Award; Lawrence House Museum History Bursary; and a Community College Scholarship Award for African Nova Scotia Students.

RESOLUTION NO. 751

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Gordon Dearman is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gordon for being the recipient of the following: Honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 752

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Graycon Singer is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Graycon for being the recipient of the following: North Noel Road Christmas Club Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 753

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Hannah Fenton is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Hannah for being the recipient of the following: Honours, and Student Council Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 754

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Holly McLellan is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Holly for being the recipient of the following: Honours, Excellence in Cooperative Education XII, Arnold Gallagher Bursary, and St. FX Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 755

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Isaac Grant is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Isaac for being the recipient of the following: Honours, Interest and Effort in English XII and Home Trades Technology, Stuart McPhee Memorial Bursary, Chalmers Densmore Memorial Trophy, Ian Neil Memorial Scholarship, and Sunny Point Farm Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 756

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Jaime Kempster is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jaime for being the recipient of the following: Honours, Interest and Effort in Biology XII, Global History and Pre-Calculus Mathematics XII, Hants County Federation of Agriculture Bursary, Hants North Bursary, Kings-Hants Liberal Association Bursary, Danny Weatherhead Memorial Scholarship, and Saint Mary's University Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 757

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Jessica Thomas is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jessica for being the recipient of the following: Interest and Effort in English

Communications XII, Royal Bank of Canada Award, East Hants Progressive Conservative Bursary, and Rainbow Community Club Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 758

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Joey MacDonell is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Joey for being the recipient of the following: Excellence in Home Trade Technology XII.

RESOLUTION NO. 759

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Josh Deschamps is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Josh for being the recipient of the following: North Noel Road Christmas Club Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 760

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Karlee Sutton is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Karlee for being the recipient of the following: Honours, Class of 2016 Bursary, Mount Saint Vincent University Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 761

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Landon Ettinger is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Landon for being the recipient of the following: Maitland Scouting Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 762

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Laura MacPhee is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Laura for being the recipient of the following: Honours with Distinction; Excellence in Global Geography XII, Mathematics XII, and History XI; Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary; Sherri Lynn (Lowe) Munroe Memorial Award; Heather Murphy Math Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 763

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Megan Payne is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Megan for being the recipient of the following: Honours with Distinction; Citizenship Medal, Dr. J.T. Snow Bursary, Elise Jean Lambert Memorial Scholarship, McDonalds Elmsdale Staff Bursary, St. F.X. University Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 764

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Ryan Sanford is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ryan for being the recipient of the following: Kennetcook Community Visions Society.

RESOLUTION NO. 765

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Ryley Crowe is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ryley for being the recipient of the following: Honours; Village Garden Club Award; William White Memorial Bursary; CHArt Society Art Award; Hants North Late Bloomers Bursary; Douglas Hill Memorial Graduation Award; Acadia University Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 766

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Sarahlyn Conrad is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sarahlyn for being the recipient of the following: Honours, Options and Opportunities Citizenship Award; John K. Whidden Bursary; Ruby C. McKeil Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 767

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Sebastian Hazelwood is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sebastian for being the recipient of the following: Honours, Excellence in English Communications.

RESOLUTION NO. 768

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Tyler Beach is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tyler for being the recipient of the following: Honours, Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary; Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 166 Bursary; University of Maine-Presque Isle Confederation Blue Scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 769

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas William Hynes is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate William for being the recipient of the following: Excellence in Film and Video; Interest and Effort in Co-operative Education XII; Cox Brothers Poultry Farm Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 770

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 30 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas William Page is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate William for being the recipient of the following: Interest and Effort in Learning Strategies XII, Anthony Bros. Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 771

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Samantha Smith is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Samantha for receiving Honours with Distinction, a Dalhousie Entrance Scholarship, and Residence Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 772

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Adam Lambe is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Adam for receiving Honours with Distinction and a Dalhousie Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 773

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Michael Chaisson is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Michael for receiving a first-year Dalhousie University Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 774

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Nicole Morrison is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Nicole for receiving Honours with Distinction and a first-year Dalhousie University Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 775

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kyle MacNeil is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Kyle for receiving Honours with Distinction and a Dalhousie Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 776

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Bennett Horne is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bennett for receiving Honours and a Saint Mary's University Renewable Scholarship for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 777

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Emily McManus is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Emily for receiving a Saint Mary's University Scholarship, renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 778

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kennedy Rooney is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kennedy for receiving an Entrance Scholarship to Saint Mary's University.

RESOLUTION NO. 779

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Adam Forward is one of those recipients

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Adam for receiving Saint Mary's University Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 780

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Liza Dawe-Hines is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Liza for receiving the Entrance Scholarship to King's College.

RESOLUTION NO. 781

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Cameron Busby is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Cameron for receiving the Indian Brook Achievement Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 782

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Koree Nevin-McDonald is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Koree for receiving the Indian Brook Achievement Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 783

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Logan Pierro-Howe is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Logan for receiving the Indian Brook Achievement Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 784

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Madeline Paul is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Madeline for receiving the High Indian Achievement Award, Indian Brook Achievement Award, Entrance Scholarship, and the Herman Juurlink Memorial Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 785

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas MacGillivray Smith is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate MacGillivray for receiving Honours, HERH Music Bursary NSTU Scholarship, Montgomery Branch 133 Poppy Fund Bursary, and a Renewable Scholarship to St. F.X. University.

RESOLUTION NO. 786

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kylie MacNeil is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Kylie for receiving Honours with Distinction, Grace Bethel Bursary, Serenity Lodge Bursary, and an Entrance Scholarship to St. F.X. University.

RESOLUTION NO. 787

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kyle Martin is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Kyle for being awarded the Lavona Michael's Memorial Bursary and the Indian Brook Achievement Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 788

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Jeremy MacPhee is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jeremy for receiving the Milford Recreation Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 789

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Leanne Boudreau is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Leanne for receiving a Milford Recreation Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 790

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas John Tompkins is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate John for receiving a Milford Recreation Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 791

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kenzie Roach is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kenzie for receiving a Milford Recreation Bursary and HERH Student Council Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 792

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kent Smith is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kent for receiving Honours with Distinction; Bill Brown Memorial (Shaw Resources); Royal Bank of Canada Scholarship; Scotia Plastics Bursary; Renewable Entrance Scholarship to Saint Mary's University; Heather Ferguson Entrance Scholarship; National Gypsum Bursary; and HERH Student Council Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 793

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kennedy Collins is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kennedy for receiving Honours, and a Garnet Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 794

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kaylie Arnold is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kaylie for receiving Honours, and a Garnet Entrance Scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 795

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kayla Young-Daigle is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kayla for receiving Honours, Governor Thomas Carlton Scholarship (renewable for four years), Atlantic Poly Liners Bursary, and Lila Couper Memorial Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 796

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kayla Steeves is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kayla for receiving Honours, Montgomery Branch No. 133 Poppy Fund Bursary, and the Terri Lynn Warren Photography Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 797

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Katherine McGinn is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Katherine for receiving Honours with Distinction, the HERH Yearbook Bursary, and the Elmwood Childcare Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 798

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kaitlyn Groom is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kaitlyn for receiving Sobey's Culinary Arts Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 799

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Joshua Best is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Joshua for receiving Honours with Distinction and Enfield Volunteer Fire Department Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 800

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Rayann Dillman is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Rayann for receiving Honours with Distinction, Wilson Family Scholarship, Diversity Bursary, and Kings Hants Liberal Association Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 801

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas 76 of East Hants Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Noah Doncaster is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Noah for receiving Honours and the Personal Achievement Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 802

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas 76 of East Hants Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Norah McKenna is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Norah for receiving Honours and Shaw Group Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 803

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas 76 of East Hants Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Nicholas Balzan is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Nicholas for receiving Honours with Distinction, EH Horne Preservation Bursary, Montgomery Branch 133 Poppy Fund Bursary, Renewable Entrance Scholarship to Dalhousie University.

RESOLUTION NO. 804

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas 76 of East Hants Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Molly Smith is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Molly for receiving the Montgomery Branch 133 Poppy Fund Bursary and Serenity Lodge Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 805

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas 76 of East Hants Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Melanie Falconer is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Melanie for receiving Honours with Distinction, East Hants Health Authority/YHC Bursary and Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 806

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas 76 of East Hants Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Matthew Parrill is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Matthew for receiving the APSEA Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 807

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Mallory Williams is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mallory for receiving Honours with Distinction, Dalhousie University Entrance Scholarship, Sweet Shop Bursary, and Lloyd E. Matheson Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 808

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Therin Nevin is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Therin for receiving the Honours, the Indian Brook Achievement Award, and Chief John Knockwood Memorial Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 809

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas William Deering is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate William for receiving Honours with Distinction, Dalhousie University Entrance Scholarship, and Fraser A. Bain Memorial Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 810

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Zachary Bartulik is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Zachary for receiving Honours and the Elmsdale Tim Hortons Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 811

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Tatum Robson-Norman is one of those recipients;
Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tatum for receiving Garnet Renewable Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 812

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Sydney Penney is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sydney for receiving Atlantic Poly Liners Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 813

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Sydney Henrich is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sydney for receiving Honours with Distinction, N.S. Freemason's Bursary, Shubie-Elmsdale-Enfield Legion Bursary, Montgomery Branch No. 133 Poppy Fund Bursary, Merit Entrance Scholarship (for four years), Elmsdale/Shubie Guardian Bursary, and the Sweet Spot Chocolate Shop Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 814

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Sarah Alexandra MacIsaac is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sarah for receiving Honours, the East Hants Chamber of Commerce Bursary, Entrance Scholarship, and the Gregory Pentz Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 815

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Sam Abbott is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sam for receiving Honours, the McNeill Shell Bursary, and first year entrance to St. F.X. University.

RESOLUTION NO. 816

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Ryan Pettipas is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ryan for receiving Honours and the John Benere Memorial Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 817

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Bailey Gilmour is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bailey for receiving the Lifetouch Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 818

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Avery Senz is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Avery for receiving the East Hants Crime Prevention Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 819

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Austin Carter is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Austin for receiving Garnet Entrance Scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 820

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Andrew Martin is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Andrew for receiving Honours with Distinction, and Royal LePage Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 821

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Amanda Newhook is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Amanda for receiving Honours with Distinction, the Montgomery Branch No. 133 Poppy Fund Bursary, and first-year Dalhousie University Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 822

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Alexander Miller is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alexander for receiving Order of Eastern Star Evangeline Chapter No. 15 Bursary and Garnet Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 823

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Alexander Cormier is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alexander for receiving Honours with Distinction, Earthkeepers, Lantz Fire Department Bursary and entrance scholarship (four years).

RESOLUTION NO. 824

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Adriana Pineo is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Adriana for receiving the HERH Yearbook Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 825

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Catherine White is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Catherine for receiving the Lions Memorial Bursary and the Montgomery Branch No. 133 Poppy Fund Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 826

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas 76 of East Hants Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Cassandra Hall is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Cassandra for receiving Honours and the Montgomery Branch No. 133 Poppy Fund Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 827

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas 76 of East Hants Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Bryson Knockwood is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bryson for receiving the following: Indian Brook Achievement Award; Geraldine Maloney Memorial Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 828

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas 76 of East Hants Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Bryce Isenor is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Bryce for receiving the Daniel Horton Bursary and Sangster's Automotive Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 829

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas 76 of East Hants Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Jeffrey Gilbert is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jeffrey for receiving Nine Mile River Community Centre Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 830

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas 76 of East Hants Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Jann Parker is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Jann for receiving Honours, HERH Student Council Bursary and Sobeys Business Management Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 831

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas 76 of East Hants Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Janice Noble is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Janice for receiving Honours with Distinction, Hants East Liberal Association Bursary, Renewable (4 years) Scholarship and Carruthers, MacDonell and Robson Law Office Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 832

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

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

Whereas 76 of East Hants Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Jaimee Preeper is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jaimee for receiving Honours with Distinction, Entrance Scholarship, National Gypsum Bursary and Dr. James T. Snow Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 833

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Hunter Preeper is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Hunter for receiving Honours and Garnet Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 834

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Faith Sampson is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Faith for receiving the Honours and NSTU Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 835

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Emma Myers is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Emma for receiving Fraser A. Bain Memorial Bursary and Enfield Volunteer Fire Department Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 836

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Emma Malay is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Emma for receiving Honours and Nine Mile River Community Centre Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 837

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Emily MacLeod is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Emily for receiving Honours and the Atlantic Poly Liners Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 838

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Dylan Sutherland is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dylan for receiving National Gypsum Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 839

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Courtney Young is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Courtney for receiving East Hants Progressive Conservative Association Bursary and Saint Mary's University Scholarship, renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 840

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Cian Morrison is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Cian for receiving Honours with the Lifetouch Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 841

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Christina Melanson is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Christina for receiving Honours with Distinction and Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 842

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Christian Wentzell is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Hunter for receiving Jump to It Trampoline Lindsey Nolan Memorial Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 843

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Chris Skinner is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Chris for receiving Honours with Distinction, Walter J. Tingley Memorial Bursary, Dalhousie University Entrance Scholarship, and Peter A. Smith Memorial Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 844

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Chandler Williams is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Chandler for receiving the HERH Student Council Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 845

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Brendan MacTavish is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brendan for receiving Elmsdale Auto Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 846

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas 76 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2016 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Bailey Rhyno is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Bailey for receiving the Elmwood Childcare Bursary, the EH Horne Preservation Bursary, and the Montgomery Branch 133 Poppy Fund Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 847

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Sipekne'katik First Nations Band of East Hants holds an election for chief and council every two years; and

Whereas the Sipekne'katik band elections occurred on November 2nd, 2016; and

Whereas Derek Nevin was successful in his bid for election to one of the 12 positions as councillor of the Sipekne'katik First Nations Band;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Derek Nevin for his election as one of the councillors of Sipekne'katik First Nations Band.

RESOLUTION NO. 848

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Sipekne'katik First Nations Band of East Hants holds an election for chief and council every two years; and

Whereas the Sipekne'katik band elections occurred on November 2nd, 2016; and

Whereas Virginia Peter-Paul was successful in her bid for election to one of the 12 positions as councillor of the Sipekne'katik First Nations Band;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Virginia Peter-Paul for her election as one of the councillors of Sipekne'katik First Nations Band.

RESOLUTION NO. 849

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Sipekne'katik First Nations Band of East Hants holds an election for chief and council every two years; and

Whereas the Sipekne'katik band elections occurred on November 2nd, 2016; and

Whereas Gerry Augustine was successful in his bid for election to one of the 12 positions as councillor of the Sipekne'katik First Nations Band;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gerry Augustine for his election as one of the councillors of Sipekne'katik First Nations Band.

RESOLUTION NO. 850

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Sipekne'katik First Nations Band of East Hants holds an election for chief and council every two years; and

Whereas the Sipekne'katik band elections occurred on November 2nd, 2016; and

Whereas Mary Ellen Sylliboy was successful in her bid for re-election to one of the 12 positions as councillor of the Sipekne'katik First Nations Band;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mary Ellen Sylliboy for her re-election as one of the councillors of Sipekne'katik First Nations Band.

RESOLUTION NO. 851

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Sipekne'katik First Nations Band of East Hants holds an election for chief and council every two years; and

Whereas the Sipekne'katik band elections occurred on November 2nd, 2016; and

Whereas Earl Sack was successful in his bid for re-election to one of the 12 positions as councillor of the Sipekne'katik First Nations Band;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Earl Sack for his re-election as one of the councillors of Sipekne'katik First Nations Band.

RESOLUTION NO. 852

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Sipekne'katik First Nations Band of East Hants holds an election for chief and council every two years; and

Whereas the Sipekne'katik band elections occurred on November 2nd, 2016; and

Whereas Timothy Nevin was successful in his bid for re-election to one of the 12 positions as councillor of the Sipekne'katik First Nations Band;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Timothy Nevin for his re-election as one of the councillors of Sipekne'katik First Nations Band.

RESOLUTION NO. 853

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Sipekne'katik First Nations Band of East Hants holds an election for chief and council every two years; and

Whereas the Sipekne'katik band elections occurred on November 2nd, 2016; and

Whereas Alexander "Butchie" McDonald was successful in his bid for re-election to one of the 12 positions as councillor of the Sipekne'katik First Nations Band;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alexander McDonald for his re-election as one of the councillors of Sipekne'katik First Nations Band.

RESOLUTION NO. 854

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Sipekne'katik First Nations Band of East Hants holds an election for chief and council every two years; and

Whereas the Sipekne'katik band elections occurred on November 2, 2016; and

Whereas Keith Julian was successful in his bid for re-election to one of the 12 positions as councillor of the Sipekne'katik First Nations Band;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Keith Julian for his re-election as one of the councillors of Sipekne'katik First Nations Band.

RESOLUTION NO. 855

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Sipekne'katik First Nations Band of East Hants holds an election for chief and council every two years; and

Whereas the Sipekne'katik band elections occurred on November 2, 2016; and

Whereas Doreen Knockwood was successful in her bid for re-election to one of the 12 positions as councillor of the Sipekne'katik First Nations Band;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Doreen Knockwood for her re-election as one of the councillors of Sipekne'katik First Nations Band.

RESOLUTION NO. 856

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Sipekne'katik First Nations Band of East Hants holds an election for chief and council every two years; and

Whereas the Sipekne'katik band elections occurred on November 2, 2016; and

Whereas Glen Knockwood was successful in his bid for re-election to one of the 12 positions as councillor of the Sipekne'katik First Nations Band;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Glen Knockwood for his re-election as one of the councillors of Sipekne'katik First Nations Band.

RESOLUTION NO. 857

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Sipekne'katik First Nations Band of East Hants holds an election for chief and council every two years; and

Whereas the Sipekne'katik band elections occurred on November 2, 2016; and

Whereas Colleen Knockwood was successful in her bid for re-election to one of the 12 positions as councillor of the Sipekne'katik First Nations Band;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Colleen Knockwood for her re-election as one of the councillors of Sipekne'katik First Nations Band.

RESOLUTION NO. 858

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Sipekne'katik First Nations Band of East Hants holds an election for chief and council every two years; and

Whereas the Sipekne'katik band elections occurred on November 2, 2016; and

Whereas Thomas J. Howe was successful in his bid for re-election to one of the 12 positions as councillor of the Sipekne'katik First Nations Band;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Thomas J. Howe for his re-election as one of the councillors of Sipekne'katik First Nations Band.

RESOLUTION NO. 859

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Sipekne'katik First Nations Band of East Hants holds an election for chief and council every two years; and

Whereas the Sipekne'katik band elections occurred on November 2, 2016; and

Whereas Michael Sack was the successful candidate vying for the position of chief of the Sipekne'katik First Nations Band;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Michael Sack for his election as chief of Sipekne'katik First Nations Band.

RESOLUTION NO. 860

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas The U14 Girls Tier 1 Soccer Nationals were held October 5th to 10th, 2016, in Moncton, New Brunswick; and

Whereas Halifax County United U14 Tier 1 Girls Soccer Team represented Nova Scotia at the Nationals; and

Whereas Halifax County United U14 Girls played to the best of their abilities, gave it their all, and their hard work made it possible for them to make it to the Nationals as Nova Scotia's representatives;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate the Halifax County United U14 Tier 1 Girls Soccer Team on their dedication and hard work on representing Nova Scotia at the Nationals.

RESOLUTION NO. 861

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Lyle Kennedy is owner and chef at Creative Gourmet Inc. in Hammonds Plains-Lucasville; and

Whereas Kyle Kennedy runs a successful catering business out of his home in the community offering catering table for two, cocktail parties, buffet receptions, and more; and

Whereas the Hammonds Plains Area Business Association named Kyle Kennedy as Member of the Year;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Kyle Kennedy on being named Hammonds Plains Area Business Association Member of the Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 862

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas the National Girl, Teen, and Miss Pageant 2016 was held at the West Edmonton Mall, July 2016, where contestants are judged on personality, poise, and the ability to speak in public; and

Whereas this pageant focuses on teaching self-esteem, self-confidence, teaching good sportsmanship and teaching the importance of being involved in your community, and charity; and

Whereas Mikayla Marriot from Hammonds Plains was crowned this year's National Ambassador;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mikayla on this prestigious award.

RESOLUTION NO. 863

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Rob Johnson of Canning has had a farm market in Hammonds Plains since 2011 that has supplied fresh fruits and vegetables to the community; and

Whereas Rob Johnson sells his own crops, and the crops of other local farmers; and

Whereas Rob Johnson is well known in the community of Hammonds Plains for supplying fresh and local produce;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate and thank Rob Johnson for providing the community of Hammonds Plains, and surrounding areas, with fresh and local produce from Rob's Farm Market.

RESOLUTION NO. 864

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas the TASA Hockey Community holds a Learn to Skate program for newcomer children and youth; and

Whereas TASA has been recognized for this community engagement by Scotiabank as part of their fifth season, and was one of three teams from across Canada chosen to be profiled on Sportsnet; and

Whereas the TASA players filmed and prepared for this feature for several weeks, and on November 2nd, a clip was shown on-air during the Hockey Night NHL game, highlighting their initiative;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the TASA Hockey Community for this initiative, and for the honour of being chosen to be a part of Scotiabank's fifth season.

RESOLUTION NO. 865

By: Hon. Joanne Bernard (Community Services)

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

Whereas the Duke of Edinburgh Award was founded in 1956, and came to Canada in 1963, and is now present in 126 countries; and

Whereas the award encourages young people to become active and engaged citizens in the area of community service, and challenges them to develop personal skills, physical activity, and learn what it means to exemplify leadership; and

Whereas Kasuni Hewapathirana, a resident of Dartmouth North and student at Dalhousie University, has received a bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award on November 4th, 2016, and is currently working on her gold level award;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Kasuni on receiving this prestigious award, and offer best wishes for continued success as a leader in our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 866

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas involvement in co-operative education can lead to discovering one's dream vocation; and

Whereas intensive preparation for a highly competitive employment opportunity can lead one to have a profoundly rewarding experience; and

Whereas Bryenton Innes, a tuba player from East Hants, secured a summer job as a member of the Ceremonial Guard in Ottawa;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bryenton, who is currently in his second year of a Bachelor of Music program, for actively pursuing an opportunity which has led him to make plans to pursue a career in the military.

RESOLUTION NO. 867

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas the Department of Recreation and Culture for the Municipality of East Hants hosted the 7th Annual Tidal Mud Run at Burntcoat Head Park on Saturday, July 9, 2016; and

Whereas runners of all ages had the opportunity to participate in the 5-kilometre running race or the shorter 2.5-kilometre Family Walk and Explore Adventure; and

Whereas some people come to splash in the water, slide in the mud, or just have fun;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Chase Eikelenboom of Shubenacadie on finishing first place in the youth 2.5-kilometre race.

RESOLUTION NO. 868

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Shannon Lumsden, Sandra Drew, and Judith Turnbridge recognized a need to help families with limited resources to provide the necessary supplies for their children returning to school in the Fall in the Elmsdale area; and

Whereas they and their co-workers engaged in a friendly competition to see which team could bring in the most school supplies, resulting in a collection of over 700 school supply items; and

Whereas Sandra Drew also uses the money she makes from selling crafts to purchase additional school items;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Shannon, Sandra, Judith, and their co-workers for their generosity.

RESOLUTION NO. 869

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Russell Julian of Sipekne'katik First Nations East Hants has been bestowed with the honour of being chosen as Keptinaq of the Atlantic Grand Council of the Mi'kmaq people; and

Whereas membership on the Grand Council is determined by a person's kindness and contribution to his community; and

Whereas Russell has worked diligently as a support worker for youth dealing with drug and alcohol addictions, as well as suicide prevention, assisting people living on the street to get into shelters, and supporting his church;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Russell for being chosen to sit on the Grand Council as Keptinaq.

RESOLUTION NO. 870

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas art is a creative and vital form of communication that has endured throughout the ages; and

Whereas teaching children to explore and develop their own creativity is a necessary component for healthy development and growth; and

Whereas Quentin Syliboy, a self-taught painter with ADD from Sipekne'katik First Nations East Hants, discovered the joy of painting and has shared that love by travelling to local schools, showing his work, providing the children with materials purchased through his fundraising, and encouraging them to experiment to discover their own creativity;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Quentin Syliboy for sharing his gift with others.

RESOLUTION NO. 871

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Justice)

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

Whereas Elisabeth (Ellie) Black is a kinesiology student at Dalhousie University and a competitive artistic gymnast who started her training at age 9; and

Whereas Ellie put the Canada Games Centre and its diverse and excellent facilities on the gymnastics map at the Elite Canada Artistic Gymnastics Competition in Halifax in February 2016, gathering herself many new young fans who may themselves become future gymnasts; and

Whereas Ellie recently finished fifth in the World All Round Level Gymnastics at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics, keeping her favourite motto in mind: dream big, and don't let anyone else set your limits;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ellie Black on her Olympic achievement and leadership in the field of gymnastics and wish her continued great success and leadership.

RESOLUTION NO. 872

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Justice)

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

Whereas Madeleine Anjoul graduated in 2016 from Halifax West High School, having been highly involved in student life and recognized with an Extracurricular Award in her graduating year; and

Whereas Madeleine has always been a strong student and commences her studies at Saint Mary's University this Fall; and

Whereas Madeleine was honoured to receive one of only five scholarships awarded by the Lebanese Chamber of Commerce in Nova Scotia, receiving an award of \$2,500 which will be matched by Saint Mary's University;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Madeleine Anjoul on her scholarship, and wish her the best of luck in her future studies.

RESOLUTION NO. 873

By: Hon. Leo Glavine (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas the Dalmazing Interprofessional Challenge took place on September 22, 2016, at Dalhousie University; and

Whereas the Dalmazing Interprofessional Challenge is a mandatory learning event for all of the first-year students in the Health Professions, Medicine and Dentistry; and

Whereas the challenge will support students in acquiring foundational knowledge about the importance of inter-professional practice, effective teamwork, and the SIX competencies of inter-professional practice;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the 1,000 first-year students who completed three Amazing Race-inspired challenges.

RESOLUTION NO. 874

By: Hon. Leo Glavine (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce holds an annual recognition event for business; and

Whereas Hutchinson's maple products are making national inroads with about 18 different value-added products that are being advanced by innovation and inspiration for excellence; and

Whereas Hutchinson's have received the Outstanding Exporter of the Year Award for 2016;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Anna and Chris Hutchinson on this recent accomplishment.

RESOLUTION NO. 875

By: Hon. Leo Glavine (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas on September 17th Harmony Lodge No. 52 celebrated 150 years in the community, taking part in community festivities and turning many a rough ashlar to a more perfect form; and

Whereas the members of Harmony Lodge were involved in the community since its inception - they were store owners, doctors, community leaders - but these Brothers could always be counted on over the last century and a half to be on the level with their fellow citizens; and

Whereas their anniversary banquet was attended by Brothers who had travelled from all over the province including places like Cape Breton, and many had travelled east coming from places like Yarmouth and Digby;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize Harmony Lodge No. 52 on their 150th Anniversary.

RESOLUTION NO. 876

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 Michelle Lewis and her family are a part of Aboriginal dancing and attend Powwows all over the city; and

Whereas the three children have developed a love for their Native dancing; and

Whereas this is an amazing opportunity for the Aboriginals in the communities to engage in their heritage;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Michelle and her family for being a part of something that is helping keep Aboriginal heritage alive for all to enjoy.

RESOLUTION NO. 877

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Environment)

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

Whereas Quentin Syliboy, artist, is a member of Sipekne'katik First Nations, East Hants, with ADD, who found focusing on one thing difficult and when he discovered painting three years ago he found that it was the one thing that allowed him to focus and shut everything else out; and

Whereas Quentin wanted to share his gift with children and started using Facebook to fundraise to purchase art supplies for them to use at school, and then have some to take home; and

Whereas Quentin goes to schools showing them his work and then supplying them with materials to express their own creativity, and it is very fulfilling when the children's faces light up when they realize they have things to take home;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly thank Quentin for sharing his gift with children and helping them to explore and develop their own unique creativity.

RESOLUTION NO. 878

By: Hon. Lloyd Hines (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas I wish to recognize all the municipal councillors, mayors, and wardens, who were successful in their polls in the recent municipal elections; and

Whereas in the riding of Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie I have the privilege of representing five municipal units including the Municipality of the County of

Antigonish, the Town of Mulgrave, the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, and Halifax Regional Municipality;

Therefore be it resolved that the residents of these municipalities value their local governments greatly, as evidenced by the high voter turnouts in all elections, and also have great faith in new representatives as evidenced by the Municipality of the District of Guysborough where all eight incumbent councillors were returned and where the first female African Nova Scotian Deputy Warden was newly elected by her peers.

RESOLUTION NO. 879

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Justice)

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

Whereas Teni Akindoju, a member of Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club since the age of five, has risen to national level competition and made her home club proud; and

Whereas at the young age of 12, Teni made her national debut in 2014, winning gold with the Canadian Girls U15 team at the CONCACAF, and followed that up with a silver this year in the same competition; and

Whereas her teammates and coaches at Halifax Dunbrack are very proud of Teni's success and are inspired by her dedication and commitment to the sport of soccer;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate Teni Akindoju on her outstanding soccer achievements and wish her every success in all her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 880

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Justice)

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

Whereas in Spring 2015, Jess Blades and Ray Anjoul were elected by their peers at Halifax West High School to be co-presidents of the student government for the upcoming year; and

Whereas the 2015-16 year was a tremendous success for both co-presidents as they set a new standard for student leaders to come by helping to plan and host a national student

conference, raising more than \$20,000 for cancer research, holding the first school dance in years, and so much more; and

Whereas student government advisor Sandra Starratt, who has worked with numerous student leaders over the years, described Jess and Ray as an outstanding team with tremendous ideas whose energy and abilities never failed to amaze her;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House congratulate Ray Anjoul and Jessica Blades for their significant contributions to Halifax West High School and wish them every success in the future, as we can be sure that both are destined to make a difference in our province and our country.

RESOLUTION NO. 881

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Justice)

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

Whereas Dhaba Casual Fine Dining, a restaurant in Bayers Lake owned and operated by the Junus family, opened in 2011 to rave reviews; and

Whereas Dhaba Casual Fine Dining and its owners and staff have shown a strong commitment to their community by supporting such fundraising efforts as the Terry Fox Run, Halifax West High School's Head for a Cure cancer fundraiser, and the Invisible Girl Project; and

Whereas Dhaba Casual Fine Dining has been awarded the coveted gold as Best Indian Restaurant in *The Coast's* Best of Halifax 2016 awards;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dhaba Casual Fine dining, its owners, and its staff on their award and wish them continued success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 882

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 while addressing the Syrian crisis, Prime Minister Trudeau committed Canada to do its part and asked Canadians to become involved and help the refugees; and

Whereas Digby Welcomes Refugees, made up of the Digby Wesleyan Church, Hillgrove Baptist Church Refugee sponsor of Acaciaville, and ABCDs Refugee Sponsorship group, is a coalition of churches in the Annapolis Basin area that raised funds to sponsor refugee families; and

Whereas the fundraisers included valentine teas, an evening of music, turkey dinners, and even yoga sessions;

Therefore be it resolved that I would like to thank the sponsoring groups and our community for welcoming the families so warmly to our area.

RESOLUTION NO. 883

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 Courteney Osborne is the founder of the Timberlea Tundra Pounders, a local running group of all levels in Beechville, Lakeside, and Timberlea; and

Whereas Courteney facilitates fitness boot camps and offers personalized training, motivation, and support for individuals to become more active; and

Whereas Courteney also volunteered her time as the race director for the BLT 5k race, encouraging and inspiring many residents of the BLT community to live healthier lifestyles;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Courteney for all that she does to promote healthy living and for choosing to donate the proceeds from this year's BLT 5k run to our local SPCA, a very worthy cause.