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SPEAKER

Hon. Kevin Murphy

DEPUTY SPEAKERS

Mr. Chuck Porter, Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. We'll begin the daily routine.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Justice.

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

Bill No. 27 - Intimate Images and Cyber-protection Act.

Bill No. 39 - Financial Measures (2017) Act.

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

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

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Justice.

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

Whereas the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia struck down the Cyber Safety Act, calling it unconstitutional and removing an important legal tool for vulnerable Nova Scotians facing cyberbullies and whose intimate images were being shared without their consent; and

Whereas through consultation with stakeholders and at Law Amendments Committee, the government heard a variety of points of view about the merits of Bill No. 27, the Intimate Images and Cyber-protection Act, with a common thread being that passage earlier was better than later; and

Whereas holding the legislation until the Spring, although our original plan, now seems unnecessary;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this Legislature agree to continue to discuss and debate this legislation until we have a bill that gives Nova Scotians another tool to help them combat cyberbullying and the sharing of intimate images without consent.

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

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. That is not a valid government notice of motion. I request that you rule it out of order. It's a cheap political game as well.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will recess for a couple of minutes while I consult with the Clerks.

[7:11 p.m. The House recessed.]

[7:19 p.m. The House resumed.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. After consulting with the Clerk on the previous government notice of motion, I have the following ruling.

A motion dealing with a procedure on a bill that is already going through the procedure on bills, is unnecessary and not in order. The bill in question was just referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills for continued debate and that is where it stands. There are numerous examples in our Rules - Speaker's rulings on attempted notices of motion out of order when they refer specifically to a bill before this House. The motion, therefore, is out of order.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 58 - Entitled an Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-95. The Workers' Compensation Act. (Ms. Tammy Martin)

Bill No. 59 - Entitled an Act to Amend Chapter 32 of the Acts of 2014. The Health Authorities Act. (Ms. Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin)

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland South.

SPRINGHILL BUMP: 59th ANNIV. - COMMEMORATE

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: On this date, October 23rd, 59 years ago the "Springhill Bump" occurred at 8:00 p.m. on that night in 1958. In that Springhill Bump, one of the most famous or infamous bumps in the history of mining, 75 miners lost their lives, Mr. Speaker.

Over the course of the next nine days, 99 miners were rescued thanks to the bravery of the draegermen who descended on Springhill and of volunteers like Dr. Arnold Burden, who rushed to the mine site to attend to the recovered miners who were injured.

Mr. Speaker, the last miners of the Springhill Bump were pulled out of the mine nine days later. Among those miners was Maurice Ruddick, who became known as the singing miner, who entertained his fellow miners who were trapped by singing to them. Herb Pepperdine, who is still with us, also was recovered on the last day.

I just want to say to all of those families who lost loved ones on that awful day that we still remember and commemorate the Springhill Bump of 1958.

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

HMCS KOOTENAY DAY: 48th ANNIV. - ACKNOWLEDGE

MR. BEN JESSOME: Mr. Speaker, today marks the 48th Anniversary of the HMCS *Kootenay* disaster. On this day in 1969, 48 years ago, a fire claimed the lives of nine of its crew off the coast of the United Kingdom during a peacekeeping mission.

Today I had the honour of participating in a commemorative ceremony at the Damage Control Training Facility in Herring Cove with many of the living crew present. I read a proclamation highlighting today's historical significance. Today marks the first year since the disaster occurred where three levels of government will commemorate this disaster.

I ask all members of the House to join me in acknowledging October 23rd as HMCS *Kootenay* Day.

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

SAUNDERS, CLIVE/LYDIA: 60th WED. ANNIV. - CONGRATS.

MS. KIM MASLAND: Mr. Speaker, on Saturday evening I had the privilege of visiting with Clive and Lydia Saunders at their home in Liverpool as they celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends. The Saunders married in Boston, England, in 1957 and at that time they hoped to move to Canada but circumstances just weren't right. Fifty-one years later, their dreams came true and they followed their sons and their families to Nova Scotia. They never looked back and in February of 2016, they became Canadians citizens.

The Saunders have become involved with the Kinsmen and K-ettes and support local organizations in Queens County. I enjoy the Crime Prevention Breakfasts that much more because of Lydia's beautiful smile. I ask that all members join me in congratulating Clive and Lydia on their milestone anniversary and wish them continued love, health, and happiness.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth South.

MS. CLAUDIA CHENDER: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to make an introduction.

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MS. CHENDER: I'd like to draw the members' attention to the east gallery where most of you can see but I can't, where we have a number of distinguished guests in attendance tonight. They're all involved in some way working with the differently-abled

in our communities and I'll ask them to stand while I read their names and then they could receive the warm welcome of the House.

We have Wendy Lill with us, who's the former MP for Dartmouth and a member of the Community Home Action Group; Charlie MacDonald, Vice-President of the Nova Scotia Association for Community Living; Jane Karrel, board member for the Nova Scotia Association for Community Living; Jean Coleman, former executive director for the same organization; Barry Coleman, former director of strategic initiatives for the Nova Scotia Association for Community Living; Ruth Strubank, Executive Director for the Nova Scotia Association for Community Living; and Sarah Cooper, registered social worker. They're all watching with very keen interest how this House will proceed on the adult capacity bill before us. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Armdale.

FLU SEASON (2017) - VACCINATE

HON. LENA DIAB: Mr. Speaker, as we all know, flu season is now upon us and, as always, it is vital to remind our friends, family, colleagues, and neighbours of the importance of getting the influenza vaccination. Getting vaccinated against the flu is safe, effective, and it saves lives. Even when our own immunities may be high, vaccination is important to protect those among us who may be more vulnerable to the illness, such as, our children, our grandparents, or parents.

I'll be getting vaccinated and doing my part to encourage others by partnering with two local pharmacists, Noelle and Jonelle, from the Loblaws No Frills Pharmacy on Thursday, November 2nd, to host a pop-up flu-shot clinic at my constituency office. Everyone is welcome to come and get their vaccination and to learn how to stay healthy throughout the winter.

Mr. Speaker, vaccination is something we do not do just for ourselves but for the good of all our loved ones. Let's all work together for a healthier Nova Scotia.

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

MR. BRAD JOHNS: If I may, Mr. Speaker, I would like to do an introduction. I would draw the attention of the House to the west gallery where we are joined today by four very important individuals to me, my parents, James and Marjorie Johns who brought me into this world, as well as my two daughters, Jenna and Maria whom I helped to bring into the world. Jenna just turned 11 this month and Maria is nine and they're both very happy to be here tonight. I would ask them to stand and if the House would recognize them I would appreciate that. (Standing Ovation)

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

SOC. OF ATL. HEROES: FUNDRAISING SUCCESS - CONGRATS.

MS. BARBARA ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, on Saturday night, myself and several other MLAs had the privilege of attending a gala for the Society of Atlantic Heroes. I'd like to show our appreciation in recognition of their outstanding commitment to veterans and first responders and all those who are suffering from and surviving PTSD, for providing respect and dignity to our veterans and civilian first responders within a supportive and caring environment, for hosting an amazingly successful and important fundraiser and gala on October 21, 2017, at Casino Nova Scotia.

I ask all members of the Legislature to join me in congratulating the Board of Directors of the Society of Atlantic Heroes, MP Peter Stoffer, Mark Critch, singer Jessie Tylre Williams and the many guest speakers including Curtis Barrett, and to Killam Properties Inc. for donating a free apartment in Halifax for those who need assistance in staying for medical treatment. I also want to acknowledge that Sidney Crosby's signed jersey went for \$2,000 in no part thanks to the fact that I bid \$1,000 and four other women chipped in \$200 a piece to force a man in the audience to spend \$2,000 on a Sidney Crosby jersey.

[7:30 p.m.]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

COLEMAN, JEAN - NSACL: COMMITMENT - ACKNOWLEDGE

MS. LISA ROBERTS: I plan to table a congratulatory motion recognizing the retirement of someone whom I am delighted to see actually in the gallery this evening. I heard Jean Coleman speak a number of times when she was executive director of the Nova Scotia Association for Community Living. It was a classic case of not remembering what she said, but I remember how she made me feel, which was full of urgency that we do better by families and people living with disabilities.

The NSACL works to end exclusion and discrimination on the basis of intellectual disability, promoting respect for diversity, and advancing human rights to ensure equality for all. I don't think the Adult Capacity and Decision-making Act has truly brought her out of retirement, but it certainly has brought her into the House this evening.

I invite all members to acknowledge her 35 years spent as an advocate and her tireless commitment to vulnerable members of our community and to wish her well on her retirement. (Standing Ovation)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

PORT OF HALIFAX - SUPPORT

MR. TIM HOUSTON: My grandfather Jerome Burke loved his job at the Port of Halifax. He was proud of his stevedoring career, and proud of his crew. He suffered a massive heart attack and passed away 33 years ago. He got up from the lunch table at work, told his gang he needed a bit of air, and was gone before he hit the ground. I worshipped my grandfather, and that day changed my life.

But one thing that hasn't changed since then is the importance of the port. To this day, the Port of Halifax is the most important economic asset in Atlantic Canada. It supports exports from all four Atlantic Provinces to worldwide markets and is a vital resource to some of our most important companies, like Michelin.

We can't let the port fall further behind Montreal, New York, and other competitive U.S. ports. It is of utmost importance that the Port of Halifax and its private sector partners invest in equipment to handle large container ships. The port urgently needs new, powerful ship-to-shore container cranes to keep its existing customers, which are among the world's largest and most important shipping companies. The creation of additional cargo-handling space is also needed to help CN do its vital job.

I urge all partners of the Port of Halifax to co-operate in achieving these goals.

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

ISLAND BREAST FRIENDS - FUNDRAISER: VOLUNTEERS - THANK

MS. TAMMY MARTIN: Yesterday, October 23rd, it was my pleasure to attend the Island Breast Friends tea and sale in support of women with breast cancer. A group of six women from New Waterford came together to raise money and awareness for those suffering with breast cancer. It's an afternoon of sisterhood, fundraising, prizes, and of course tea, sandwiches, and sweets. Over \$200,000 has been raised to date since 2003. Yesterday, 32 breast cancer survivors were in attendance to another sold-out crowd. Thank you to Joan Chiasson MacDonald, Wanda MacDonnell, Agnes Martell, Valerie Ryan, Patsy MacDonald, and Heather McNeil - all angels without wings.

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

DONKIN RCL BR. 5: ANNIV. (90th) - CONGRATS.

HON. ALFIE MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Donkin Royal Canadian Legion Branch 5 on the recent celebration of their 90th Anniversary. The Donkin Legion has struggled over the last number of years as many of the youth of the community have had to go elsewhere for work, and aging has taken its toll on the active members. However, due to a lot of hard work and help from the whole community of

Donkin, they have managed to once again be a viable organization. I am proud to congratulate the Donkin Royal Canadian Legion Branch 5, along with all its members, and Donkin as a whole for having the determination to be able to celebrate their 90th Anniversary. This takes a lot of hard work during a very difficult time.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

MCCORMACK, IAN: MENINGITIS RECOVERY - CONGRATS.

MR. TIM HALMAN: I rise this evening to commend 19-year-old Dartmouth resident Ian McCormack. Ian was in the midst of training full time as a sprint canoer and pursuing his Bachelor of Science at Dalhousie when he was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis.

Meningitis is often a fatal diagnosis, but it did not shake Ian's spirit. As he has done with all other pursuits in his life, Ian fought his illness with tenacity and vigour. Since beating his illness, Ian has continued to follow his dreams while raising awareness of the dangers of meningitis.

I ask all members of the House to join me in congratulating Ian on beating meningitis and remaining a positive influence and role model for his community despite facing such severe adversity. Thank you.

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

MS. LENORE ZANN: Mr. Speaker, Nova Scotia institutionalizes more people with intellectual disabilities than any other province in Canada. We also boast a long list of human rights violations, poor treatment, assaults, and deaths of those we put in our various institutions, and here we are again, racing to the bottom as the worst in Canada with a new piece of legislation.

The Adult Capacity and Decision-making Act has "elements of supported decision-making," but it really doesn't. The bill does not empower court-appointed representatives to support a person to have decision-making authority in their lives. It only authorizes court-appointed representatives to make decisions for a person.

There are better options. Provinces like British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and the Yukon have managed to make it possible for people to have . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I would like to remind the honourable member that the topic on which she speaks is legislation currently before the House on the order paper. Therefore, the member's statement is out of order.

The honourable member for Pictou West.

PICTOU WEST FOOD BANK: INCREASED DEMAND - SUPPORT

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the increasing demand on local food banks, in particular the Pictou West Food Bank. Food bank usage increases during winter months, in part due to increased heating and electricity costs, but in the last number of years, local food banks have experienced a steady increase in participants no matter the weather.

The food bank attributes the increase to a rise of people living alone and relying only on a small pension or social assistance. This, of course, means that more donations and funds are required to provide support. I would encourage all members of this House to visit your local food bank, thank the volunteers, and support the hard and important work the food bank provides to our communities.

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

ST. MARYS BAY: FISHING BOATS BURNING - INVESTIGATE

MS. LENORE ZANN: Mr. Speaker, Councillor Alex MacDonald with the Sipekne'katik First Nation found his lobster boat had been stolen and burned on St. Marys Bay. He was not the only fisherman to have his boat sabotaged. Two additional boats belonging to non-Aboriginal fishermen have also been burned.

The conflict does not appear to be between native and non-native fishers; rather, it is non-native buyers who have been purchasing lobster caught while the season is closed, often for China.

The DFO has spent millions buying boats to allow Mi'kmaq communities access to commercial fisheries and follow up with negotiating the parameters of the treaty access. We need to look into this further and do the right thing.

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

**RANSOME, TOM/CAPSTICK, TOM:
THEATRE REVITALIZATION - THANK**

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the rebirth of the 1960s Deono Theatre in North Sydney. Co-owners Tom Ransome and Tom Capstick refurbished the old theatre, creating the Theatre Pub & Grill. It captures the golden movie era of the 1960s. Classic movie posters, popcorn, and the menu all reflect the past days of

their building; a Red Seal chef creates excellent food; and the balcony allows seating for live music from local bands.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Capstick and Tom Ransome for revitalizing the old theatre and making it the go-to venue for entertainment and a good time in North Sydney.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

**HUDSON, GLEN/FRASER, DREW - CUMB. CO.:
ATV SAFETY - RECOGNIZE**

MS. ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Glen Hudson and Drew Fraser of the off-highway vehicle and ATV association for their safety and commitment within the communities of Cumberland County.

The association is well known for its safe, responsible family-and-fun reputation. ATV and off-highway vehicle trails can be enjoyed not only in Cumberland County but in the whole Province of Nova Scotia.

Every year they offer many ATV rallies and events which fundraise for different causes within Nova Scotia. They also develop new trails, improve existing ones, and introduce the members to the laws and regulations to ensure our trails are safe.

There is great untapped potential in this area of outdoor highway tourism. We look forward to developing this in Cumberland with the help of all partners and stakeholders, including our government.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

DUKE, DANIEL: TREASURE HUNT - CONGRATS.

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate 11-year-old Daniel Duke who is a young entrepreneur in the Town of Kentville. Daniel created a treasure hunt which gives the explorer a chance to explore the many landmarks in the town by deciphering clues which he created. The trail covers approximately two kilometres and takes between one and two hours to complete - a map isn't needed to play the game as all directions are given in the clue book.

Mr. Speaker, this is a fun and creative way for visitors and residents alike to get out and about and enjoy the Town of Kentville and I wish to congratulate Daniel Duke on his creative endeavour.

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

4-H PROG.: DEDICATION - ACKNOWLEDGE

MS. ALANA PAON: Mr. Speaker, the 4-H program is a not-for-profit organization that is focused on strong leadership and youth development. For over 100 years 4-H Canada has been one of the most highly respected youth organizations in Canada.

Camp Rankin, in the constituency of Cape Breton-Richmond, has the honour of hosting many of the more than 25,000 members between the ages of six and 25, as well as many of the 7,700 volunteers from across the country.

Mr. Speaker, 4-H youth, supported by their dedicated parents and guardians, as well as devoted volunteers, gain valuable knowledge, experience and compassion, caring for another life through animal husbandry. They learn skills in planning and preparing for events, working on projects, and developing leadership skills that they then demonstrate at 4-H meetings and in their communities. As a farmer I value the 4-H movement and everyone who works to support programs all across Nova Scotia.

I rise today to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of 4-H youth, the parents, guardians and many volunteers who support this extremely successful youth program in Cape Breton-Richmond and across Nova Scotia.

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

HARDY, KEVIN/MARY: HARDY'S SEAFOOD DELIGHT - CONGRATS.

HON. ALFIE MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Hardy's Seafood Delight on Mira Road, which is a new business that opened this past summer.

Kevin Hardy, along with his wife, Mary, are the owners of Hardy's Seafood Delight. They have set up business in Kevin's former family home. Kevin's Mom, Julia, was a fantastic cook and always made sure you never left her home on an empty stomach. With that in mind, Kevin and Mary embarked on this new adventure - another bonus for this couple is that Kevin doesn't have to travel out West to work any longer.

I stand here today, Mr. Speaker, to congratulate Kevin and Mary Hardy and wish them the very best and every success with their new business.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

KHAN, MASUMA: DAL. STUDENT UNION - CONTROVERSY

MS. LISA ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, as a Dalhousie University alumna, I wish to express concern and appreciation and admiration for Masuma Khan, the Vice-President Academic External of the Dalhousie Student Union.

Khan made a motion that the DSU not celebrate Canada 150, a motion that was voted on and passed by the DSU executive. This was a principle stance, based on ongoing work by the DSU and the personal commitment of Ms. Khan to grapple with the pain of colonialism in Canada, including the legacy of residential schools, inequitable funding of children and youth and family services, and hundreds of boil water advisories across the country.

Though the decision to not celebrate Canada 150 was taken by the DSU executive, Ms. Khan, a Muslim woman of colour, was personally targeted for online attacks. Now she is the subject of a disciplinary process of the Dalhousie Senate after a student complained about her response.

Mr. Speaker, reconciliation is hard work. The conversations we must have will leave many of us feeling uncomfortable and that is a sign of our growth. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: In the absence of further Members' Statements, we'll now move on to Government Business.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The House will now recess for a few minutes while it resolves into the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

[7:44 p.m. The House resolved itself into a CWH on Bills with Deputy Speaker Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft in the Chair.]

[8:53 p.m. CWH on Bills rose and the House reconvened. Mr. Speaker, Hon. Kevin Murphy, resumed the Chair.]

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

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

Bill No. 15 - Environment Act.

without amendments; and

Bill No. 7 - Workers' Compensation Act.

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

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

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, that concludes the government's business for today. We meet again tomorrow, Tuesday, October 24th, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

After the daily routine and Question Period we will move to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills for Bill Nos. 27 and 39, followed by Public Bills for Third Reading, Bill Nos. 7 and 15.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for adjournment.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

[The House rose at 8:54 p.m.]

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)**RESOLUTION NO. 429**

By: Hon. Leo Glavine (Communities, Culture and Heritage)

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

Whereas on the afternoon of August 30th a Kings County woman found herself the victim of an unprovoked attack by two aggressive dogs; and

Whereas upon witnessing the ongoing attack, Brooklyn Duncan immediately came to assist the woman by approaching the attacking dogs, distracting their attention and thereby allowing the woman an opportunity to escape; and

Whereas through her courageous and selfless actions, Brooklyn Duncan put an end to the attack by putting herself in harm's way to directly prevent further injury to the woman;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly commend Brooklyn Duncan for her bravery and her intrepid spirit in the face of danger and for coming to the aid of a complete stranger without hesitation in her time of need.

RESOLUTION NO. 430

By: Hon. Kevin Murphy (The Speaker)

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

Whereas Royal Canadian Legions have been serving Canadian Military Service personnel since 1926; and

Whereas Royal Canadian Legions provide a strong voice for military veterans at home and abroad through advocacy, support and remembrance; and

Whereas the Four Harbours Branch in Tangier, Nova Scotia is celebrating 70 years of service to the veterans and communities of the Eastern Shore;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Four Harbours Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on 70 years of service to our veterans and our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 431

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas when all eyes are on the performer on stage, Michael Jamieson is busy behind the scenes making sure the show goes off without a hitch; and

Whereas what started out as a weekend hobby before turning into a full-time career, Mike has been setting up sound and lighting equipment for events and shows for three decades and enjoys seeing people at their happiest when they are performing on stage; and

Whereas while many of Mike's gigs are paying jobs, the time that he donates to events such as the Hants County Christmas Angels Telethon each December and other fundraisers does not go unnoticed and is always greatly appreciated;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Michael Jamieson on 30-plus years of doing what he loves to do - working with people and helping them to "shine".

RESOLUTION NO. 432

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas for the past 26 years Avondale Wharf Day has attracted hundreds of participants from near and far who this year participated in events such as tidal tube races, mud sliding, a petting zoo, a car show and featured live music all day; and

Whereas the core group of volunteer organizers responsible for making the 2017 festival such a huge success were Dawson Sheehy, Nancy Morash, Karen Moore, Amanda Rehberg, Tricia Bommit, Kenny Lake, Adrienne Peters and Kyle Norman; and

Whereas plans are already underway for Avondale Wharf Day 2018 which will be held on the last Saturday in July and word has it that the event will be an all-day amazing experience;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the organizers of Avondale Wharf Day 2017 and wish them all the best for future events.

RESOLUTION NO. 433

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas Jordan Martin (keyboards), Aiden Postma (guitar), Grace Spence (vocals), Luke Postma (drums), Anja Postma (bass), and Ryan Spence (guitar) are the founding members of the band known as the Feedback Monkeys; and

Whereas this group of teens and preteens attend school in the Brooklyn area of West Hants and are learning what it's like to be in a rock and roll band under the mentorship of Jake Smith of the Fed Pennies; and

Whereas what at first was very daunting to several members of the band, performing is now "old hat" to them as they performed at local elementary schools, Avon River Days in Windsor, and a farmer's field at a barbecue in Upper Burlington where they played for more than 400 people;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jordan, Aiden, Grace, Luke, Anja, and Ryan on their success as a new band and wish them all the best in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 434

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas the Thales Mathematical Contest is designed to challenge and promote the problem-solving skills of students through problem resolution activities as the most efficient way for a person to develop lasting mathematical skills; and

Whereas Sophie Benedict, daughter of Sheldon and Gina Benedict of Falmouth, was awarded a certificate for having the highest mark in Grade 3 in Falmouth Elementary School; and

Whereas not only did Sophie have the highest mark at her school, she was awarded a plaque for the top mark in the province for her level in the Thales Mathematical Contest;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sophie Benedict on her awesome mathematical skills and wish her all the best in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 435

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas since 1990 more than 600 Northwood Intouch emergency response units have been installed by Windsor Rotary Club volunteers from Mount Uniacke to Noel to Hantsport; and

Whereas Windsor Rotarian Gerry Raymond has been installing and maintaining these response units in the area for 23 years, during which time his team has included Rotarians Darryl Sullivan and the late Bill Mulhall, and now includes Larry Armstrong and Pat Gould-Thorpe; and

Whereas Gerry and his wife, Geneva, travel together on his calls to change batteries or swap out units for new ones, combining volunteer work with a little community tour;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly thank Gerry Raymond and his team of volunteers for their dedication to this much-needed service.

RESOLUTION NO. 436

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas Al Mailman is the owner and operator of Unique Things Wanted, a metal works company specializing in whimsical creations to decorate one's home and garden; and

Whereas, although Al has always been creating stuff out of old metal objects, that tinkering became a full-fledged career in September, 2016, when he launched Unique Things Wanted; and

Whereas, by taking an oil tank, a pile of discarded cutlery, or some old drill bits, Al envisions and creates a whole new use for them including butterflies, sunflowers, dragonflies, and spoon frogs;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Al Mailman on his entrepreneurship and wish him all the best with his creations.

RESOLUTION NO. 437

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas the West Hants Ground Search and Rescue organization has changed quite significantly since 1977 when they started as a group of hunters and outdoorsmen who would band together and go looking for someone who was lost; and

Whereas Jason Butler, a volunteer search manager with the West Hants Ground Search and Rescue, joined the organization after a friend of his went missing in the woods near Cape Split for several hours before being safely found; and

Whereas, while his current role doesn't put him in the woods any more, Jason is now responsible for directing the search with the RCMP incident commander;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jason Butler on 20 years with the West Hants Ground Search and Rescue and thank him for his dedication.

RESOLUTION NO. 438

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas sixteen-year-old Bailey Peach from Falmouth is getting noticed in the world of hockey and was recently drafted by the Sherbrooke Phoenix of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League; and

Whereas, since he was four years old, Bailey could be found on the ice whenever possible playing hockey and was encouraged all the way by his parents, Mike and Andrea Peach; and

Whereas, last season, Bailey played with the Cole Harbour Wolf Pack of the Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey league playing in 36 games, scoring 27 goals, and assisting on 20 others for a total of 47 points;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bailey Peach on his outstanding athletic achievements and wish him all the best as he pursues his hockey dreams.

RESOLUTION NO. 439

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas Windsor Pharmasave has been proudly serving the residents of Windsor for over 35 years as a valued part of the community; and

Whereas, owned and operated by Jason and Krista Trider, the Windsor Pharmasave team/staff also support local organizations such as Relay for Life, West Hants Minor Baseball, and the Hants County Exhibition; and

Whereas Windsor Pharmasave was honoured to be chosen by the Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia for having the Best Pharmacy Team in Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jason and Krista along with the rest of the Windsor Pharmasave staff on this great achievement and wish them all the best in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 440

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas volunteering is the practice of people working on behalf of others or a particular cause without payment for their time and services; and

Whereas Pat Gould-Thorpe has been volunteering her time since she was a child, lending her expertise and dedication to dozens of volunteer organizations; and

Whereas once a West Hants Councillor for 12 years, you can now find Pat involved with the Windsor Rotary Club, Communities in Bloom and Bells Choir, where she spends countless hours with fundraising and event planning.

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Pat Gould-Thorpe for her dedication as a volunteer in the community and wish her all the best.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a waiver of notice and passage without debate.

RESOLUTION NO. 441

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas Meredith Chambers from Falmouth is in her senior year at King's-Edgehill School, where she is the head girl, working hard in the International Baccalaureate program, and the captain of the snowboard cross team; and

Whereas whether it's leading a training exercise or helping a fellow athlete who is having a rough day, it is evident that Meredith takes on leadership roles quite naturally; and

Whereas averaging 50 kilometres per week, Meredith's passion lies in cross-country running, placing first in the 3,000-, first in the 1,500-, and first in the 800-metre events and is heading to regional and provincial track meets this month;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Meredith Chambers on her great achievements and wish her all the best in her future events.

RESOLUTION NO. 442

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas Susan and Stephen Underwood can be seen walking hand-in-hand around the town of Windsor three times a day, every day of the week, enjoying each other's company; and

Whereas since starting this daily routine approximately three years ago, along with a few dietary changes, Susan and Stephen have shed many unwanted pounds; and

Whereas meeting their neighbours and fellow walkers is one of the perks they've enjoyed, along with a healthier, happier lifestyle, and Susan and Stephen have become an inspiration to those who have watched their transformation over the last three years;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Susan and Stephen Underwood on their great achievement and wish them all the best.

RESOLUTION NO. 443

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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

Whereas Canada Gate, the newest First World War memorial, is en route to a Flanders in Belgium where it will stand as an invitation for Canadians and pilgrims to walk through its steel arches toward Passchendaele; and

Whereas designed by local artist Nancy Keating, the gate's two arches are created to encourage visitors to reflect on Canada's part in the Great War while the wood at its base represents the duckboards that lined the trenches and the steel poppies represent the Canadians who were there; and

Whereas Nancy also designed The Last Steps, which is a conceptual rendition of an art installation located on the Halifax Waterfront commemorating a moment in time of the last steps that 2,282 men would make on Canadian soil, some for months or years - some forever;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Nancy Keating on her creative and heartfelt artistic talents and thank her for her contribution to this important piece of history.

RESOLUTION NO. 444

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

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Whereas Canada Gate, the newest First World War memorial, is en route to a Flanders in Belgium where it will stand as an invitation for Canadians and pilgrims to walk through its steel arches toward Passchendaele; and

Whereas the gate's two arches, designed by Nancy Keating, are created to encourage visitors to reflect on Canada's part in the Great War and were built by Al Simm, owner and operator of Avon River Metalworks, using about a tonne of steel to mould, weld and construct the four-metre tall Canada Gate; and

Whereas Al will travel to Belgium on October 21st along with Ken Hynes, curator of Army Museum Halifax Citadel to help transport the shipment from Antwerp to Passchendaele and erect the gate on Canada Lane at the Crest Farm memorial site;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Al Simm on his amazing artistic talents and thank him for his contribution to this important piece of history.