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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

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

MS. LISA ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to present a petition, the operative clause of which reads:

“**WHEREAS** Black African descendant people are unfairly targeted by racist police checks.

WHEREAS the discriminatory use of street checks against Black people causes psychological trauma, perpetuates negative correlations between criminality and race, decreases trust in the judicial system, and disempowers Black communities to live safely and free of racism.

Therefore, we the undersigned citizens of Nova Scotia call on the Nova Scotia Government to ban street checks in the province.”

Mr. Speaker, there are 475 signatures, and I have affixed my own.

MR. SPEAKER: The petition is tabled.

The honourable member for Halifax Citadel-Sable Island.

HON. LABI KOUSOULIS: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to table a petition on behalf of residents:

“We, in the request for action that reads as follows, respectfully request that the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia: Conduct a feasibility study for implementing a basic income guarantee in the province of Nova Scotia that reflects the principles laid out by Basic Income Nova Scotia and the Basic Income Canada Network.”

There are 961 signatures, Mr. Speaker, and I have affixed my signature as well.

MR. SPEAKER: The petition is tabled.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

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

HON. ZACH CHURCHILL: I'd like to table the names of the 200 teachers, whom I will be referencing in my Government Notice of Motion, so that their names are on the record.

MR. SPEAKER: The names are tabled.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1495

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

Whereas this week we recognize Education Week and thank our teachers for their continuous support of the Program of Learning Assessment for Nova Scotia; and

Whereas we thank the 200 teachers who have participated in the development, marking, and review of provincial assessments this school year; and

Whereas these assessments help to determine the effectiveness of curriculum delivery and provide student achievement information to assist in ensuring that Nova Scotia's students are receiving the best education possible;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House acknowledge the commitment and dedication of Nova Scotia's administrators, teachers, and education staff who have contributed to the Program of Learning Assessment for Nova Scotia students.

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

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

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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

The motion is carried.

The honourable Government House Leader.

RESOLUTION NO. 1496

HON. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, I hereby request that the following motion be adopted without notice pursuant to Rule 32(5) of the House of Assembly Rules and Forms of Procedure:

Be it resolved that all congratulatory motions deposited with the Clerk pursuant to Rule 32(3) of the Rules and Forms of Procedure of the House of Assembly from February 27, 2018, to the end of the House business today that have not otherwise been considered by the House of Assembly be approved.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

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MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

WHITE, ALFRED & MARY LOU: VOLUNTEERS OF THE YR. - CONGRATS.

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, today I want to acknowledge and pass along my congratulations to Westville's Volunteers of the Year for 2018, Alfred and Mary Lou White. For the past 35 years, they have been actively involved in Westville's Power Skating program. They started out by helping with fundraising and eventually became the glue that holds the program together. They help out with the Home and School and the Pictou County Rivers Association. Separately, they volunteer with Pictou County Minor Hockey, Pictou County Rivers Association, Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Ladies Auxiliary, and Cubs. On July 1st, you can count on the Whites having an award-worthy entry in the Canada Day parade. Special thanks to a wonderful, community-minded couple.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg.

FISHERMEN'S MEM. HOSP. AUX.: MUNCH CARD SUPPORT - THANKS

MS. SUZANNE LOHNES-CROFT: Mr. Speaker, Bluenose Academy piloted the Munch Card project, an initiative to subsidize nutritious meals for students who cannot afford a healthy lunch. The project includes local suppliers and involves children in helping design a healthier menu. Five per cent of the 550 students at Bluenose Academy self identified as needing a meal at the cafeteria. The cost of providing these 27 students with lunch for 185 cafeteria days is approximately \$20,520.

Recently, the Fishermen's Memorial Hospital Auxiliary donated \$20,000 to the Munch Card project. Traditionally, the auxiliary funds go towards hospital equipment but the co-president of Fishermen's Memorial Hospital, Elija Forster states that one of their mandates is to look at the broader health of the community, asking the question why we have children going to school with no food. The auxiliary would like to challenge other groups to take part in this initiative.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that you and members of this House of Assembly please join me in thanking the Fishermen's Memorial Hospital Auxiliary for their contribution to the Munch Card program.

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

RUN OUR SHORE: 5th ANNIV. - CONGRATS.

MS. KIM MASLAND: Mr. Speaker, the season opener for Run Nova Scotia will take place this weekend in Liverpool. Run Our Shore will include a youth run at Pine Grove

Park, a mobility event on the Queens Place walking track, the 5km run/walk, the 10km, and the half marathon which takes participants as far as Beach Meadows and Eagle Head. This event is celebrating its fifth year and attracts participants from within and outside the region of Queens. It is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our community and bring economic benefits to the area.

As with so many events, this happens because of the support from many volunteers including co-race directors, Steve Burns and Kathy Ann Losier. I look forward to lacing up my sneakers to participate in this event and I wish to congratulate all involved.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

BASIC INCOME N.S.: POVERTY - AWARENESS

MS. SUSAN LEBLANC: Mr. Speaker, Basic Income Nova Scotia has just presented the House with a petition containing around 500 signatures calling for the government to conduct a feasibility study about how basic income might be implemented in Nova Scotia. The poverty strategy final report of the HRM and the United Way made a similar call. In Nova Scotia, one out of seven persons lives in poverty, and 60 per cent of people on income assistance have jobs but are still living in poverty. The growing precariousness of many jobs will drive the financial demands on health services and community services to unsustainable levels. We need to begin exploring ways to mitigate this problem. We need to be open-minded and innovative. This level of poverty isn't sustainable and this government's status quo approach will do nothing to address the issue.

I want to applaud the work of HRM, the United Way, and Basic Income Nova Scotia for inserting themselves into the conversation and bringing awareness to the plight of so many Nova Scotians.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clayton Park West.

OLDFIELD, OLIVER: STUDENT LEADERSHIP - COMMEND

MS. RAFAH DICONSTANZO: Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a dynamic young man who is promoting art in his school. Oliver Oldfield is the executive liaison to the Arts Promotion Committee at Halifax West High School. He organized the West's Got Talent show in the Bella Rose Arts Centre featuring 13 different acts to showcase the depth of talent at his school.

Oliver also organized monthly coffee houses which allowed students to perform in a warm and supportive environment. Aside from his art liaison responsibility, Oliver is the head of the school's Gender Sexuality Alliance. Oliver has always been an advocate for students in the LGBTQ community.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Oliver for creating opportunity for students to express themselves through art, and for being a leader on the LGBTQ issues at his school. Thank you, Oliver.

[1:15 p.m.]

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

WHITTLE, GARRETT: M.G. GRIFFITHS AWARD - CONGRATS.

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Garrett Whittle, who has received the M.G. Griffiths Award. This award is the highest Canadian rescue award given by the Lifesaving Society of Nova Scotia.

After finishing their Grade 10 exams, Garrett and his friend Matthew Williams went swimming at the Georges River bridge. Matthew attempted to do a front-flip in the water and hit the water hard on his stomach. Garrett, a trained lifeguard, rescued his friend and dragged him to shore, saving his life. Two days in hospital allowed Matthew to recover from his concussion and water in his lungs.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Garrett Whittle's skill and lightning reflexes and to congratulate him on receiving the M.G. Griffiths Award.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings South.

WARRINGTON, CHARLOTTE: VOLUNTEER OF THE YR. - CONGRATS.

MR. KEITH IRVING: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the tremendous positive impact that Charlotte Warrington has had on her community.

Charlotte has worked for over 18 years at the Glooscap First Nation Health Centre, including in her current position as health director. Her exceptional skill, compassion, and commitment have resulted in significant long-lasting improvements to the health and well-being of so many community members.

Charlotte's contributions go well beyond her professional duties, as she routinely invests her energy and personal time in a variety of important community initiatives and events. Her volunteer work was recently recognized with a 2018 Provincial Volunteer of the Year Award.

I invite all members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Charlotte Warrington for all that she does every day to help make her community an even better place to live.

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

MARSHALL, LILLIAN BEATRICE: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE

MS. ALANA PAON: Mr. Speaker, the community of Potlotek, and in fact the entire Mi'kmaq community, mourns the loss of Lillian Beatrice Marshall. Miss Lilly, as she was known, passed away on April 9th at the age of 83.

Miss Lilly was a trailblazer. She was a highly sought-after Mi'kmaq Elder, sitting on the UINR Elder Advisory Council and the Mi'kmaq Debert Elder Committee. She was an active member of the Grand Council and the prayer leader for Potlotek. She was an amazing storyteller, a celebrated author, and a Mi'kmaq linguist.

I had the opportunity to attend the Salité at the Mi'kmawey School following her funeral Mass, and it was obvious from the number of people there that Miss Lilly impacted many lives.

This level of service, her many accomplishments, and the impact she had in promoting the Mi'kmaq language and culture in Potlotek deserve the recognition of this House.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in acknowledging the late Lillian Beatrice Marshall for her contributions to improving the lives of Potlotek residents.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Yarmouth.

MUISE, TODD/BOUDREAU, ANDRE: RUCKSACK MARCH - THANKS

HON. ZACH CHURCHILL: The 1st annual Rucksack March took place this past weekend in Yarmouth. Former military members Todd Muse and Andre Boudreau organized the event to help raise awareness about the support groups available for veterans suffering with PTSD, operational stress injury, anxiety, depression, or substance abuse.

Ninety participants marched from the Yarmouth Cenotaph through Dayton and Hebron to the memorial at Maple Grove School, and then back to the Yarmouth Legion.

I ask this House to join me in congratulating Todd Muse and Andre Boudreau for organizing such an important and meaningful event, and in thanking them for their service and for dedicating their time and effort to caring for and supporting our veterans.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

**DORRINGTON, CYNTHIA:
CHAIR, HFX. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - CONGRATS.**

MS. ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: This morning, history was made at the annual general meeting of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, an organization which I proudly joined last year. Cynthia Dorrington became the first African Nova Scotian Chair of the Chamber in its 268-year history. (Applause)

As owner of Vale & Associates, Cynthia provides human resources and organizational consulting services to Pictou and around the world. A native of Pictou County, Cynthia is also active in many organizations, including the Black Business Initiative and the Halifax Partnership.

I invite all members of this House to join me in congratulating Cynthia Dorrington, the new Chair of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford.

SCELES, EDGAR: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE

HON. KELLY REGAN: I rise today to share the sad news of the passing over the weekend of a friend to many in this House. Edgar Ted Sceles was a long-time accountant, volunteer, and philanthropist. Ted served many organizations in the Bedford area, including but not limited to: Bedford United Church, Beacon House, Brookside Cemetery, Fort Sackville Foundation and the Halifax West Liberal Association.

Ted was an accountant and spent most of his career with B.D. Stevens. He also served as an official agent for the Liberal Party of Nova Scotia for nine years, and in the same role for candidates in 15 federal and provincial elections. You could count on Ted absolutely. His returns would always be thorough, complete, and correct, on time, and under budget. Way under budget.

Ted refused many attempts to honour him, instead focusing his final years on serving others and preparing us to continue on without him. My thoughts go out today to his wife Marilyn and his family, Heather, Dave, Christa, and Devin. Ted was a friend, and a valued advisor, and a real mensch. He'll be missed.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

BATTLE OF THE ATL.: COM. CEREMONIES - ATTEND

HON. PAT DUNN: Mr. Speaker, the Battle of the Atlantic, according to Sir Winston Churchill, was the dominating factor throughout the Second World War.

The first Sunday in May is the time set aside to honour and remember the thousands of men and women who served in the Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Canadian Air Force, and the Canadian Merchant Navy during the Battle of the Atlantic. It would become the

longest continuous campaign of the Second World War, September 10, 1939, to May 8, 1945.

It was definitely the Canadian Navy's most defining moment. The Royal Canadian Navy escorted hundreds of Merchant Navy convoys departing from Halifax, Sydney, and St. John's, Newfoundland. These convoys carried essential materials and people across the Atlantic to the United Kingdom.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to attend your local Battle of the Atlantic ceremonies in your community.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings West.

HON. LEO GLAVINE: I'd like to make an introduction, please.

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MR. GLAVINE: In the east gallery today we have a group of students, probably teachers and parents, from the Apple Blossom Mennonite School in Grafton. I know some are from the constituency of Kings South, and some from my constituency of Kings West. They have been making it a bit of a tradition to come to Province House to learn the proceedings of the House. If they could all stand we'll give them a warm welcome. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings West.

BAKER, GABRIEL: 3dMEnow - COMMEND

HON. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Gabriel Baker, an entrepreneur and student at West Kings District High School, on the creation of his new business, 3dMEnow.

Gabriel, a self-taught entrepreneur with a keen interest in technology, launched a new business alongside his father, Rob, earlier this month. The business offers 3D printing services to produce busts of a person's likeness.

In addition to the services offered at 3dMEnow, Gabriel is already designing and producing prototypes of cases and devices with his 3D printer.

On behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia, I'd like to congratulate Gabriel Baker of 3dMEnow for bringing his creative vision into reality, and wish him all the best as he embarks on an exciting new chapter in his journey as an entrepreneur.

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

HENSHAW, BLAIN: BOOK PUBLISHED - CONGRATS.

MR. LARRY HARRISON: Recently an award-winning singer-songwriter, broadcaster, and author, Blain Henshaw, published a book titled *Rescue at Moose River; Birthplace of On-The-Spot Reporting*.

The book captures the essence of how broadcast history was made in April 1936 in the small Nova Scotia village of Moose River Gold Mines; 82 years ago, three men were trapped in a cave-in at the gold mine.

The novel tells the story of the broadcast pioneer, J. Frank Willis' live, on-the-spot news coverage of the 10-day rescue efforts for the trapped miners. Mr. Willis' updates were heard internationally and changed broadcasting and journalism forever.

I wish to congratulate Blain Henshaw on having his book published and thank him for capturing this unique and impactful piece of Nova Scotia history.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Antigonish.

PAUL, DIANE: POSTHUMOUS VOLUNTEER AWARD - TRIBUTE

HON. RANDY DELOREY: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an amazing woman, Diane Paul. Diane passed away this past year, however her memory and commitment to her community Paqtnkek First Nation, lives on. Diane was posthumously recognized as a 2018 Volunteer of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, Diane was dedicated to the youth of Paqtnkek. She took it upon herself to make sure children were in school, even if it meant driving them there herself, or making them a lunch. She cooked for community members, helped teams and athletes fundraise, and even drove students to their sport commitments. She was known for being selfless and for always helping those around her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues of the House of Assembly to join me in paying tribute to Diane's memory and her commitment to others as we recognize her for being named the 2018 Volunteer of the Year for the Paqtnkek First Nation.

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

MACDONALD, HEATHER: MINING ROCKS CONTEST - RECOGNIZE

MS. BARBARA ADAMS: Today I would like to recognize Heather MacDonald.

Heather is a Grade 9 student attending Astral Drive Junior High School. Heather has a soft personality in class and she is known to be a very hard worker. Heather has a

strong passion for protecting the environment, and she loves to volunteer in our community when she can.

This passion led Heather to submit a video to the Mining Association of Nova Scotia for its Mining Rocks Video Contest. Heather's video, titled Travelling Back, won Best Junior High Video. I'm honoured to be presenting Heather with her winning cheque alongside Sean Kirby, the executive director of the Mining Association of Nova Scotia early next week.

I encourage all who participated in this event and all who won in the numerous categories to keep up the hard work, and I ask everyone in the House to join me in congratulating Heather on her win.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Preston-Dartmouth.

NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRIES: NEW LOCATION - CONGRATS.

HON. KEITH COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize New Beginnings Ministries of Cherry Brook, with a second location at 25 Alfred Street in the basement of the Harbour View Elementary School, on the celebration of their church's 20th Anniversary.

The Holy Spirit began a movement 20 years ago in the basement of Reverend Glenn and Kathy Gray's home, which resulted in this dynamic church that has steadily grown over the past years. This anniversary celebration will include a week of fun, fellowship, and worship, with the Reverend Ray Owens of the Metropolitan Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, preaching the worship service on May 20, 2018.

New Beginnings Ministries inspires members of the community to give of their time, talents, and energy to improve the lives of others. I applaud and congratulate New Beginnings Ministries on their many significant achievements, and wish them continued success in the future.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

FRANCIS, DENNIS: CHILDREN'S WISH - CONGRATS.

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, 12-year-old Dennis Francis has had his Children's Wish come true. Living with muscular dystrophy, his wish was to see WrestleMania, the biggest event of its kind in the United States.

He recently found out his wish was granted when he arrived at the Pictou Landing Fire Department and was greeted with cake and congratulations from a crowd of well-wishers. He was presented with a signed flag in honour of his wish being granted. He won't

see his favourite wrestler John Cena fight, but he will meet him at the event. Dennis will experience his first fight, experience WrestleMania first-hand, and meet his hero - surely the trip of a lifetime.

Congratulations, Dennis. Have a wonderful journey.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants East.

STUART, TRACY: PODIUM PALS - CONGRATS.

HON. MARGARET MILLER: The path to the Olympics is one travelled by only the most dedicated, passionate, and highly trained athletes. It's not easy, and it comes with a great deal of stress. One of the toughest things for athletes is funding, covering expenses and creating income that allows them time to engage in the intense regimen of training.

Our very own Tracy Cameron Stuart, our Olympic-medal winning rower from Shubenacadie, saw the need for a system where everyone can participate in financially supporting our Olympic hopefuls. She created Podium Pals, where for the price of a cup of coffee, you can contribute monthly to a fund to financially assist the athlete of your choice. Tracy's idea is that together we all win, and her creation of podiumpals.com offers a platform where a small financial commitment has the power to change lives.

I would like to ask all members of this House to join me in recognizing the brilliance of this endeavour, and offer our congratulations to Tracy Cameron Stuart.

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

545 AIR CADETS: PROV. DRILL TEAM COMPETITION - BEST WISHES

MS. KIM MASLAND: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the cadets, officers, and sponsors of 545 Privateer Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron.

This group has five staff and 26 cadets from Queens, Shelburne, and Lunenburg Counties and has a solid support system from the sponsorship of the Liverpool Branch No. 38 Royal Canadian Legion and the Liverpool Kinsmen and Lions Clubs.

This past weekend, their 13-member drill team placed first at the zone competition, and on April 28th they will attend the provincial drill competition in Shearwater, where they will compete against seven other squadrons from across the province. They started training in January, and members have shown amazing team effort, discipline, self-esteem, and leadership skills.

I look forward to attending the 66th annual ceremony review of 545 on May 26th, and offer best wishes to their drill team at provincials.

[1:30 p.m.]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

DART. N. COM. FOOD CTR.: 150 VOLUNTEER MILESTONE - CONGRATS.

MS. SUSAN LEBLANC: This week is National Volunteer Week, and many organizations across the country are celebrating the selfless contributions of their dedicated volunteers. In fact, there are close to 13 million volunteers donating their time in our country.

Today I would like to recognize the achievements of the Dartmouth North Community Food Centre, as they hold their 150 volunteers celebration. Last year the Food Centre offered several programs, including community meals, a subsidized fruit and vegetable market, food and health workshops, and cooking classes.

These programs are run with the help of four permanent staff and the contributions of 150 volunteers who donated 6,400 hours. Many of the volunteers at the Food Centre also participate in the programs on other days, which is a testament to the inclusive and community-oriented place it is.

I'd like to ask the members of this House to join me today in recognizing the Dartmouth North Community Food Centre and its dedicated volunteers, as they celebrate their 150 volunteer milestone.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants West.

LA NOUVELLE FRANCE: HONOURING HISTORY - RECOGNIZE

MR. CHUCK PORTER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the efforts of Hal Theriault, Stacey Doucette, and all the people from Weymouth who are working to preserve the story of La Nouvelle France.

Most people upon hearing the story of Emile Stehelin coming from France in 1892 to establish a mill in Silver River, are intrigued about the family and their mill. At the time, the locals nicknamed the community Electric City, because it was generating its own power years before the neighbouring communities.

Hal Theriault, who first heard about the community when he was a boy, has produced three plays about the family and the community. The last, *The Light Shines Beyond*, will focus on the stories of the people who worked in La Nouvelle France. Now the goal is to build on the story of the Stehelins, hopefully establishing a centre to honour the community, promoting this history and the site to our visitors.

Festival Theatre, planned for two weeks in July, is the group's first project, established to develop and promote this unique piece of our history.

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

QUIRK, GEO.: SERVICE TO SENIORS - THANKS

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: I rise today to thank retired postal employee, George Quirk. When George retired, he took his guitar to local seniors' homes to interact with the residents. George thinks he's helping the seniors, but in reality, the seniors are helping him.

If he didn't have the opportunity to be part of the community in such a positive way, his retirement years would not be as fulfilling. George feels there is no better feeling than putting a smile on the face of others.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank George, and to share his belief that people who have a little time to spare should spend it helping out their community.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clare-Digby.

BRIER & LONG ISLANDS HIST. SOC.: BOOK PUBLICATION - CONGRATS.

MR. GORDON WILSON: Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Brier and Long Islands Historical Society on the recent launch of the book, *The Shipwreck Ledger of Benjamin H. Ruggles 1867-1929*.

This 10-member historical society received the ledger from Bertha Ruggles, the widow of the great-grandson of Benjamin Ruggles. Benjamin Ruggles, a notary public and the Receiver of Wrecks, was responsible for recording as much information as he could acquire on the wrecks in each area. After his death, the task went to his two sons, Edwin and St. Clair.

It was important to the Historical Society that the stories in the ledger be accessible to everyone. Over the next five years, volunteers spent thousands of hours transcribing the accounts of the 60 wrecks. In addition, they researched the ships and mapped the locations of the wrecks. This is a unique addition to the documented history of our area, which, obviously, by the number of books sold, was piqued by the interests of our residents.

Since it launched in December, the first two printings of the book have all been sold.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

**LAIDLAW, HEATHER:
APPRECIATING THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURE**

MS. ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize Heather Laidlaw of Amherst. She adopted two children from China years ago, and she has since taken them to visit their birth homes. Heather took one of the girls to visit the orphanage from where she was adopted.

Not only has Heather educated her daughters on their culture, but she was able to bring them to it, first-hand. They both got to experience their culture in a very real and touching way. They will have this experience with them for the rest of their lives.

Heather is doing a wonderful thing by taking these girls into her home and showing them where they came from. I commend Heather Laidlaw of Amherst for her serving heart.

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

AUTON, EDITH: COM. SERV. - THANKS

HON. LLOYD HINES: Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Provincial Volunteer Award recipient Edith Auton, from the District of St. Mary's.

For the last six years, Edith has contributed her talents for fundraising and organization to very successful events and campaigns such as the Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas, Sherbrooke Show & Shine, St. Mary's Hospital Walk-a-thon and the fluoride program at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy. She has also lent a hand with the St. Mary's Lions Club and recently raised enough money to provide 30 families with Christmas gifts, Mr. Speaker.

Like all volunteers across Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie, Edith works quietly, with a humble demeanour which all her colleagues respect.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Edith Auton for her work in the Community of Sherbrooke and thank her for her generous spirit and strong volunteer efforts.

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

LEGISLATIVE STAFF - THANKS

MS. BARBARA ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank a few people who are serving in this House. On behalf of my caucus, we would all like to formally thank our Interim Leader for all of her wonderful work on our behalf over the last couple of months.

I'd also like to thank all of the staff who work in this building, especially those who always seem to find me a parking spot - especially when it's not the Premier's spot, as I accidentally picked one time.

I rise today to thank all of the Legislative Pages who have been here watching and helping us do our job, and I'm not allowed to read out their last names - but before I get on to their names, I'd also like to thank the Ministers of Health and Wellness, and Education and Early Childhood Development, especially for their hard work on my behalf, and they're paying me to say that.

So, I would just like to acknowledge all of the Legislative Pages who are here: Rebecca, Kyle, Elizabeth, Michael, Emily, Alexandra, Zabibu, Sarah, Ryley, Haley, Lydia, Divya, Verity, Nicole, Luke, Keeghan, Chris, and Sheldon, thank you very much. (Standing Ovation)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Armdale.

LEBANESE FILM FESTIVAL: HIGHLIGHTS

HON. LENA DIAB: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the coming to Halifax of a very important event from May 6th to May 8th, the Festival du Film Libanais au Canada, the Lebanese Film Festival in Canada, with an opening night at a red-carpet event, screening the film *The Insult*, which is the first Lebanese film nominated for the Academy Awards, the Oscars.

I invite all of my colleagues to come view that, it's at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, followed by the two next nights of four different films showing at the Scotiabank Theatre in Bayers Lake.

I want to thank very much all of the actors and all of the supporters that have made this possible. It's a first that has come to Nova Scotia.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

N.S. ATOM A CHAMPIONS: SUCCESSFUL SEASON - CONGRATS.

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Nova Scotia Atom A Champions. The Cape Breton West Islanders won the final against the Valley Wild in Truro just two weeks ago.

Let us thank their parents and their coaches, Craig MacLean, Shane Nadasdi, Lewis MacLellan, Chantelle MacLellan and Shane MacInnis for their support all season long.

Congratulations on your achievement to Marianna MacIsaac, Skylar MacLean, Hannah Nadasdi, Breagha MacLellan, Sophie MacDonald, Kaisey MacInnis, Ann MacQuarrie, Floragael MacNeil, Alexa Beaton, Carly Beaton, Haley Cameron, Olivia Copley and Kacey MacDonald.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

WORKING WHILE BLACK: STREET CHECKS - RECOGNIZE

MS. LISA ROBERTS: Today I tabled a petition with over 450 signatures asking for a ban on arbitrary street checks in Nova Scotia. All we have to do is listen to racialized people's stories to get a grasp of the psychological trauma that is inflicted upon an entire community when a practice like this is used so discriminately.

Working While Black, the collective that organized the petition, has been highlighting the unfair treatment of people of colour by street checks. Perpetuating negative correlations between criminality and race, disempowering Black community's ability to live safely and free of racism, decreasing trust in the judicial system, and feeling unprotected by those sworn to protect, are only some of the consequences of street checks.

Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge the tireless work of Working While Black, and their partners, for continuing to fight this constant everyday battle in Nova Scotia's racialized communities.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Timberlea-Prospect.

HARTLEN, LISA: BINGO FUNDRAISER - THANKS

HON. IAIN RANKIN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Lisa Hartlen of Terence Bay for her fundraising efforts on behalf of the Cancer Society.

Lisa hosted a well-attended bingo at the Terence Bay Fire Hall on March 26th of this year.

In preparation for the event Lisa solicited numerous donations and prizes, from lobsters to gift cards, ensuring that there was something for everyone. The combined total raised by the bingo and the 50/50 was \$3,414. The funds raised will go towards lymphoma research through the Cancer Society.

I would like the members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly to join me in recognizing Lisa's leadership and generosity of spirit, and thank her for her volunteer efforts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

N.S. MIDGET AA CHAMPIONS: SUCCESSFUL SEASON - CONGRATS.

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, I have another champion here to congratulate - congratulations to the Nova Scotia AA champions. The Cape Breton West Islanders won in dramatic fashion 1-0 in the final against Metro West Force.

Let us thank their parents and their coaches, Darren MacDonald, Rodney Munro, trainer Colleen Gillis and head coach Darryl MacDonald for their support this season. Congratulations to Léarose Aucoin, Hannah Graham, Jessie Helen MacNeil, Keeley MacPhail, Kirstie Jordan, Lauren MacDonnell, Hannah Gillis, Emma Munro, Grace Munro, Celia MacDonald, Morgan Chranofsky, Abby Walker, Sophie Sawler, Skylar Kennedy, Nora MacNeil, Bryanna Smith, Sian Boudreau, Melissa MacDonald, and Chloe Gillis.

Congratulations on your achievement.

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

ROBERTSON, DAVID: 75th BIRTHDAY - BEST WISHES

MR. HUGH MACKAY: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. David Robertson of Head of St. Margaret's Bay who will turn 75 years young this June 3rd. For many years David's family owned Robertson's, the venerable ship's chandlery on the Halifax waterfront. Robertson's chandlery location is now part of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

David is married to Susan and they have two adult children, Andrew and Susannah, and one beloved grandson, William. David is a financial planner, an avid Toronto Blue Jays fan and a keen golfer. He is active in his church, St. Luke's United in Upper Tantallon. He has had a lifelong interest in political affairs and has travelled many miles to attend meetings, forums, and conventions; in fact, David was an important and integral part of my first political campaign this past year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the members of the Legislature to join me in congratulating Mr. David Robertson on his upcoming 75th birthday. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg.

ISAACS, LAURA: ZONE SPEAK OUT - CONGRATS.

MS. SUZANNE LOHNES-CROFT: Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, April 11th, Laura Isaacs represented the New Germany and Area Lions Club at the Zone Speak Out and took home first place.

Each contestant of the Speak Out is able to pick their own topic and must speak from four to six minutes. They are judged on a variety of criteria, including delivery and material of their speech. After the conclusion of each contestant's speech, they are asked a question by the judges regarding their topic and their response is judged on delivery and content.

Laura is a Grade 10 student at New Germany Rural High School. The topic she selected for the Speak Out was The Benefits of Raising Dairy Cows. It is said that her speech was informative and included great humour.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that you and the members of this House of Assembly please help me congratulate Laura Isaacs on her first-place win at the Zone Speak Out.

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

BERNARD, VAN: LEARN TO SLEDGE PROG. - CONGRATS.

MR. BEN JESSOME: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize Van Bernard of Hammonds Plains.

Van participated in Easter Seals Nova Scotia's Learn to Sledge program held at BMO Centre in Bedford. He finds that it is a great sport and it is super fun. When asked what he found most difficult about the game he replied, "probably most difficult is learning about your teammates . . . all their skills, to know which person can do different things."

Van is a 10-year-old who has spinal muscular atrophy. However, Van doesn't let this disease define him, instead he finds ways to enjoy life and enjoy things his way. Joining Van and dozens of players at the event was Jill Saulnier, a member of Team Canada's Women's Olympic Team that earned a silver medal in PyeongChang.

I would ask all members of the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating and wishing Van Bernard well in sledge hockey and in life as he finds ways to do the things he enjoys. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings South.

CUMMINS, JEFF: COACHING CAREER - CONGRATS.

MR. KEITH IRVING: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge an exceptional football coach, Mr. Jeff Cummins.

Over the last 15 seasons Jeff has enjoyed remarkable success as the head coach of the Acadia Axemen football team, including leading the team to five Atlantic University Sport Championships. His masterful coaching has been recognized with five AUS Coach

of the Year awards. In 2007, he was the very deserving recipient of the Frank Tindall trophy as U Sports Coach of the Year for the second time. He is one of only a handful of coaches to have won the prestigious national award more than once. Jeff has also represented Canada internationally in coaching roles with the junior and senior national teams.

I invite all members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Jeff Cummins for all that he has done and accomplished in his coaching career so far.

[1:45 p.m.]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings West.

O2 PROG., W. KINGS DISTRICT HS - CONGRATS.

HON. LEO GLAVINE: I rise today to recognize the students enrolled in the Options and Opportunities program at West Kings District High School for their commitment to community service. Students in the O2 program learn hands-on real life skills outside of the classroom and recently completed a food preparation course prior to helping community volunteers with a highly successful supper fundraiser at the Aylesford Lions Hall.

On behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia, I would like to congratulate O2 teacher Lynn Little and her students enrolled in the Options and Opportunities program for their service, commitment, and contribution to the community.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Antigonish.

TERRIS, GLENN: VOLUNTEER OF THE YR. - CONGRATS.

HON. RANDY DELOREY: I rise today to pay tribute to the 2018 Volunteer of the Year for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish, Glenn Terris.

Glenn's volunteerism includes a wide range of activities, and that's because he never hesitates to lend a hand when something needs to be done. He is one of the most steadfast and committed members of the Lochaber Community Development Association and was one of the first to suggest that the community host an annual Christmas tree festival fundraiser. He has been a key volunteer with every regatta held at the rowing club, and he has organized fishing derbies for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Glenn is one of those volunteers who will pitch in and help in any way he can. The community of Lochaber in Antigonish County is incredibly fortunate to have him so involved.

I ask my colleagues of the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Mr. Glenn Terris on being named the 2018 Volunteer of the Year for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clare-Digby.

PEEWEE C BOYS: HOCKEY ON THE HILL - CONGRATS.

MR. GORDON WILSON: I would like to congratulate the Digby Peewee C boys hockey team of the Clare-Digby Minor Hockey Association for participating in the Bell Capital Cup hockey tournament over the Christmas holidays and being one of the 32 winning teams of the Hockey on the Hill contest.

To enter this contest, the team had to include a 30-second video and a 250-word essay. Only one boys team and girls team from each province and territory was chosen, so it was quite an honour for a team from Digby to be there.

Their prize included a trip to Ottawa valued at \$20,000 and the opportunity to participate in the Capital Cup hockey tournament in the capital region. The contest winners were also supposed to play at least once in the rink on the Hill during the four-day tournament. Unfortunately, the tournament was at the end of December, at the same time we were experiencing frigid temperatures on the East Coast - temperatures too cold to play outside.

Despite this, it was a great experience for the group of 10- to 12-year-old boys and for the parents who accompanied them.

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

RICHARD, RUSSELL: PROV. VOLUNTEER AWARD - COMMEND

HON. LLOYD HINES: I rise today in recognition of Russell Richard from the beautiful community of Charlos Cove for his strong volunteerism that resulted in him receiving the Provincial Volunteer Award on April 9th. For over 50 years, Russell has been organizing local events and fundraisers, calling bingo, lending a hand with the Charlos Cove picnic, and assisting with St. Joseph's Church.

The gestures that one might call a small act are the efforts that have impressed me the most. Russell makes time to drive local seniors to get their groceries. He also takes them to appointments and helps them with household duties. Helping senior citizens with daily tasks may enable them to stay in their family homes for longer, proving that even the smallest act can have a large impact.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Russell on his incredibly meaningful volunteerism that reminds us all that no gesture is too small.

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

NEW ROSS COM. FOOD PROJ.: COM. INITIATIVE - RECOGNIZE

MR. HUGH MACKAY: I want to recognize the excellent work being done by the New Ross Community Food Project in partnership with the New Ross Family Resource Center. The food project is an important community-driven initiative aimed at supporting residents of the New Ross community to build and strengthen a sustainable food system.

As an example of their activities, this April the food project will offer two innovative workshops to New Ross residents. Local gardener Christina Caldwell will offer tips on how to extend the growing season in our Nova Scotia climate with soil-warming techniques, garden covers, and succession crops. Then, to turn these garden successes into tasty, healthy meals, chef Erika Reeves and registered dietitian Leanne Webb will offer a workshop on healthy cooking for families.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the members of this House of Assembly to recognize the good work being done by the New Ross Community Food Project and wish them well in their future endeavours.

MR. SPEAKER: Barring any more Statements by Members, the House will now recess for a few minutes until Oral Questions Put by Members to Ministers.

[1:51 p.m. The House recessed.]

[1:59 p.m. The House reconvened.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

[2:00 p.m.]

ORDERS OF THE DAY

ORAL QUESTIONS PUT BY MEMBERS TO MINISTERS

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

PREM. - FOIPOP BREACH: GOV'T. CONDUCT - CONCERN

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: My question is for the Premier. This session was yet another demonstration of this government's absolute hubris when caught in a jam. As

the FOIPOP crisis has unfolded, rather than take responsibility the Premier has stuck to his talking points.

Last Thursday the Minister of Internal Services called the leak a criminal investigation - and I can table that. Yesterday, when asked if a criminal act had taken place, the Premier said, we'll see what happens with the information, that's not up to me.

Will the Premier admit that his haste to avoid responsibility for this crisis has only deepened the concern about his government's conduct?

HON. STEPHEN MCNEIL (The Premier): Mr. Speaker, what I will tell the honourable member, when an activity is brought to us that potentially has a criminal implication to it, we do the appropriate thing, we just call in the police and the police now will do their investigation.

MS. MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, it's not just the Opposition that thinks this government has been negligent, and it's not just information security experts who think this either - it's actually lawyer Ray Wagner who announced this week that he is investigating opening a class action lawsuit against this government. He said that it is very concerning that this highly sensitive information was compromised and accessed so easily. I can table that as well.

This government has exposed Nova Scotian taxpayers to a significant financial liability. Is the Premier at all concerned that he has put taxpayers on the hook for undermining damages and legal fees, all because his government failed to do their job?

THE PREMIER: I want to thank the honourable member for the question. I actually watched the interview when Mr. Wagner was on CTV, when he actually spoke about the potential lawsuit. He didn't know if there would be one, depending on the interest of those out there. What he also said was he understood why we made sure that we had hold of the hardware so nothing would be damaged, to contain the leak, Mr. Speaker. I absolutely agree with him on that point.

MS. MACFARLANE: The Premier and his minister kept reciting the same talking points about protocols, but all we're hearing now is panic. He told media that the individual arrested had made changes to the FOIPOP portal - these statements have been repeatedly disproven by Internal Services and information security experts. The Premier told media that the individual made changes to the code to get into the FOIPOP portal, which we all know is not true - this is also inconsistent with what Internal Services actually confirmed as well.

If police make the determination that no private information was disseminated by this individual, who will the Premier commit to holding accountable - perhaps himself?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I am accountable every day, in this House and outside the House, to the good people of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Speaker, what I will say to the honourable member and members of the Opposition, if the police come back with the very information she is talking about, that this information was not disseminated beyond the profile that we picked up, I hope the honourable member will stand up and say the government did the right thing by protecting the information of Nova Scotians.

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

PREM.: HEALTH CARE CRISIS - IMPROVEMENTS

MR. GARY BURRILL: Mr. Speaker, if we were to pinpoint on a map of Nova Scotia all the communities that have suffered closure of their emergency rooms in their hospitals since we began this session on the 27th of February, we would do a lot of pinpointing - Annapolis Royal, Sheet Harbour, Middle Musquodoboit, Tatamagouche, Pugwash, Parrsboro, Springhill, Strait Richmond, Baddeck, New Waterford, Glace Bay, North Sydney.

So as the session comes to a close today, I want to ask the Premier this: Can he name one, any one, just one of these communities where the situation of ER closures is one bit better today than it was when he came to power?

THE PREMIER: I want to thank the honourable member for the question. I think the optimism that we're hearing from Nova Scotia across the communities - the health care workers, he mentioned Tatamagouche, we know they have a full complement of physicians who are working. Soldiers' Memorial Hospital which the honourable member would know as I heard him reference Annapolis - that is also in my constituency, Mr. Speaker, and they seem very encouraged with the representation they had and the work that is ongoing.

I want to thank the many people across the communities who continue to work with us. We've worked with communities from one end of this province to the other. We know, Mr. Speaker, there is more work to do.

The honourable member has raised this important issue many times. I thank him for bringing it up, and we're going to continue to work with our health care providers to make sure that we have the appropriate complement of health care teams across the province.

MR. BURRILL: Mr. Speaker, yesterday the government completed the legislating of the second budget in a year which has funded zero new nursing home beds anywhere in Nova Scotia, and the result is that one in five - 21 per cent of the hospital beds in the province today - are filled with seniors waiting for placement in a nursing home.

Now, every time I have asked the Premier about this through this session, he has responded about home care, or about the wait-list, but I want to challenge the Premier to answer this simple question without reference to the wait-list or to home care. Can he name a single health care professional in the province who thinks that one in five hospital beds being filled with non-hospital patients, is an efficient or an appropriate use of our hospital resources?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, the challenge with the honourable member's question, you can't look at one aspect of delivering health care without looking at it in its totality.

Of course, it's important that we invest in home care. The honourable member should know that because the people that he is talking to, and his constituents, and all Nova Scotians will tell him, and tell all of us, they want to remain home as long as possible. It's why we've continued to reduce the list, and I said before in this House to the honourable member, we'll continue to look where long-term care beds are required in the province, and if it's deemed that the opportunities that we've taken to work with home care and reduce the long-term care list, we'll make those investments at the appropriate time.

MR. BURRILL: Mr. Speaker, here's one aspect that people would like the government to look at. On the day when the first sitting of this government's second mandate closed - that was last October - the number of people on the official registry of people looking for a family doctor was 37,339. Today, as this sitting closes, there are 44,158 people on that list.

So I want to ask the Premier, why would anybody think his government has a credible handle and grasp on the doctor shortage, when from just one legislative sitting to the next legislative sitting, there are 7,000 new people on that list?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the honourable member for the question; he raises a very important issue and identifies a challenge. As we deal with this issue in one community we're having retirements in another, where we're having that wait-list grow, quite frankly, it's too many. (Interruptions)

I hear the members of the Official Opposition, I want to answer the honourable member's question because he asked it in a thoughtful way, and he's listening respectfully. I would encourage the Official Opposition to do the same thing. This is an important question, Mr. Speaker. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

The honourable Premier.

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I want to answer the honourable member's question. The fact of the matter is, the issue that he raises in this House is a real challenge. As we continue to deal with the issue in some communities, we're seeing it in others. The fact of the matter is, there has been a physician resource plan that identified, and they were basing solely on age, that physicians would retire - well, that's not the reality that's happening inside of our province.

We discovered that new physicians that are coming in want to have a smaller practice, and want to practice differently. So, the honourable member raises a very important issue. We're working with Doctors Nova Scotia to continue to make sure we address the very important thing you've brought to the floor of the House today.

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

PREM.: STUDENTS SPEAKING OUT - PUNISH

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: My question is for the Premier. In late March, we learned that the Canadian Federation of Students had made the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education angry, and that he was prepared to retaliate. At the time, the Premier said members of Students Nova Scotia were optimistic about their future here in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Speaker, I doubt that these young people are optimistic about a province where the consequences of speaking their minds is being excluded from the Sexual Violence Prevention Committee. It is becoming a disturbing pattern that this government only listens to the voices that agree with them.

Will the Premier admit it is absolutely unacceptable to punish young people for speaking out about sexual violence?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is that our young people that she's talking about met with senior staff inside of the department. The minister has made arrangements to meet with them, but I want to assure the honourable member that those students are optimistic about the future in the province.

Mr. Speaker, they don't have to take our word for it, more young people are staying in this province since 1990, more people see a future for themselves. The out-migration that happened under the Progressive Conservative Party is no longer happening in Nova Scotia because those very students are working with their government for an optimistic look at our future.

MS. MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, the point is they're not letting the students have a voice. Mr. Speaker, all these students did was dare to try to hold the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education accountable.

It is possible that they hold a different view, and there's nothing wrong with that. But I believe it is terrible for the government to make this mistake, to try and silence any group that wants to contribute to the betterment of our province.

While the CFS has been shut out of the first meeting of the Sexual Violence Prevention Committee, it's not too late for this government to do the right thing. Will the Premier direct the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education to extend an invitation to the Canadian Federation of Students to attend the next meeting?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is, her question is absolutely wrong. Student representatives are being represented. The fact of the matter is, facts should matter in this place. The reality of it is they have been invited to that meeting. Their representatives have been invited to that meeting.

We're going to continue to work with students to provide them with hope that there are jobs in this province for them to build a future for themselves. The rhetoric that came out of the Progressive Conservatives when they had an opportunity to do something for those students is long gone. Those students have an optimistic view of this province.

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

INT. SERV. - UNISYS SYSTEM: REPORTS - IGNORED

HON. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Internal Services. The Office of the Auditor General of Nova Scotia audited the Unisys-managed computer system used by the government back in 2015.

The AG's report said that the provincial contracts with service providers are supposed to include terms to meet the province's IT security policies and standards. However, the contract with Unisys did not include these terms. Now we know that the private information of hundreds of Nova Scotians was being stored on a website that was not properly secured.

I would like to ask the minister, can the minister explain why the contract with Unisys did not include the requirement to meet the government's own IT security policy and standards.

HON. PATRICIA ARAB: I would like to assure the member that we are focused. We take this incident with the FOIPOP website very seriously. We are focusing now on contacting those individuals, finishing up the contacts, and investigating what we can do to make sure that we can get our site up and running, and in contract talks with Unisys in terms of our other contracts.

MR. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, the contract with Unisys did require the company to provide the government with monthly performance reports. The AG found no evidence that the Department of Internal Services was reviewing these reports.

The site was not properly secured. The monthly performance reports were not being reviewed. The loss of personal information was discovered by accident a month after it occurred.

Can the minister explain how all these things were able to happen within a government department responsible for handling such sensitive information?

MS. ARAB: Mr. Speaker, through you, I would like to assure the member that we do take the recommendations of the Auditor General very seriously. Of the recommendations, those that were not completed are still in progress.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

EECD - HFX. REG. CTR. OF EDUC.: LOCKDOWN SYS. - EXPLAIN

MR. TIM HALMAN: My question is for the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development. Last week, we learned that the new south-end Halifax elementary school will come equipped with something called a lockdown annunciation system. If activated, this system will flash strobe lights and emit warning signals. The doors to the school will lock automatically, and a large sign outside will read in capital letters "School in lockdown. Do not enter," and I'll table that.

I don't think it's unfair to say this process, launched by pushing a blue button, would cause some distress to children between the ages of 5 and 12. I would like to ask the minister, is there a specific public safety risk that caused the minister's Halifax Regional Centre of Education to seek a lockdown annunciation system in a residential Halifax neighbourhood?

HON. ZACH CHURCHILL: We have seen incidents across the province in relation to threats of gun violence. Obviously, we want to ensure that our schools are the safest possible for our students, for our kids. This program is one that is being implemented in a number of schools across the province, particularly new ones that are being built.

MR. HALMAN: Apparently, the minister is concerned enough about the need for lockdowns in schools that we're installing strobe lights and billboards. I'm sure this would come as a surprise and concern to some parents.

Since the news about this south-end school, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has indicated 13 more schools will soon have lockdown warning systems, and I'll table that. This is just a fraction of the public schools that the minister

now oversees. I'm sure many parents are wondering why some schools are more prone to lockdowns than others.

My question is this, Mr. Speaker, if the school lockdown alarm is such a priority for student safety, will the regional education centres be retrofitting every school in our province with lockdown alarms and signage?

[2:15 p.m.]

MR. CHURCHILL: In terms of these operational directives, we are taking away from those who have been the lead on operational matters throughout the history of the system. This is an accepted safety practice and program that is being implemented across North America and we're happy to benefit from the safest schools possible in this province.

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

H&W - NORTHSIDE HOSP.: POSSIBLE CLOSURE - PLAN

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: My question is to the Minister of Health and Wellness. As I pointed out before, Mr. Speaker, the possible closure of the Northside General Hospital could have a devastating impact on the community in the Northside. But now we have some numbers on just how significant that impact could be.

Through March 2018, of the 10,293 patients seen, over one-third were assessed as higher acuity - meaning they were ill, very ill and needed immediate care. But the Northside is open only one-third of the time, so that's one-third of the calendar year to see one-third of the patients in the most need of care.

My question to the minister is, what is the plan to provide priority care to those one-third of the patients if the Northside General is closed?

HON. RANDY DELOREY: I thank the member for raising the question. Indeed, we take numerous steps to improve access to care for all Nova Scotians. One of those steps of course is recruitment initiatives for the Cape Breton area and for other parts of the province. We continue that work with our partners at the Health Authority and we look forward to seeing those improvements in primary care to help reduce some of the pressure at our emergency departments throughout the province.

MR. ORRELL: Mr. Speaker, the numbers don't lie. The minister doesn't seem able to make sense of the clear numbers coming out of the Northside situation. He has the same numbers as we have, but he still has no definite plan. Paying doctors at the Northside \$30 less an hour than the Cape Breton Regional Hospital is undermining the emergency room at the Northside General. That's increasing the strain at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital

and, as we heard here last week, also the Victoria County Memorial Hospital and meaning that more of these acute patients can't get the proper care in a timely manner.

So if the minister does have a plan for the Northside, will he outline it in person at the upcoming rally on April 28th? Otherwise, is his plan simply to close the Northside General Hospital's ER, yes or no? I don't need any more how good they're doing - I want a yes or no answer.

MR. DELOREY: I continue to recognize the challenges that we have in our health care system and that's why we continue to invest in this priority area and will continue to do so.

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

H&W - SHELburne CO.: LACK OF RESOURCES - PLAN

MS. KIM MASLAND: My question is to the Minister of Health and Wellness. Two Sundays ago I received a message that a canoe containing two individuals capsized in Liverpool harbour. Thankfully the local fire department's quick action rescued both individuals from the frigid waters but, because of severe hypothermia, one of the individuals had to be transported to Queens General Hospital. Guess what, Mr. Speaker, there were no ambulances available in the county. So this individual had to be transported to the hospital in the back of a van.

My question to the minister is, does the minister believe it is right to throw someone in need of urgent medical attention in the back of a van for transport to the nearest hospital?

HON. RANDY DELOREY: Not at all, that's not an acceptable situation. If the member brings further details to my attention we'll certainly be delving into the specifics of that situation.

MS. MASLAND: I thank the minister for that response and I certainly will discuss that with him.

Many constituents in Queens County are waiting months to see family physicians and this is no fault of the medical staff. They are simply struggling to keep up with the system that is under strain. Since Roseway ER is closed more often than not, many constituents in Shelburne County are forced to look for care at Queens General. It is becoming overwhelming for physicians to manage the needs of both counties.

My question to the minister is, when will appropriate resources be in place to provide care for constituents of Shelburne County, in Shelburne County? In the meantime, how will the minister support physicians in Queens County while they continue to fill the gaps?

MR. DELOREY: There's a number of questions there. I will try to address them in order. Number one, it's important to recognize that the most recent ER closure report, published in December, shows significant improvement at the Roseway Hospital. I believe it was over 1,200 or 1,400 hours in 2016, and it's down to 400. It's still too much, Mr. Speaker, but we continue to work on that, and we're seeing improvements.

We know that there are more family physicians in that area now than there has been in about two decades. They're supporting on the primary care side of the equation.

Mr. Speaker, we continue to invest, and the resources are available to recruit physicians, not just to those communities but in communities right across this province. We're continuing those efforts to find and improve primary care access for all Nova Scotians.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

H&W: ADDICTIONS SUPPORT PROG. - CUTBACKS

MS. LISA ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, my question is also for the Minister of Health and Wellness. Earlier this month, I heard from a constituent who is concerned about the decline in services for people recovering from addictions.

In Halifax, until recently, those needing support could join one of several discussion groups that met weekly. You didn't need a referral or a diagnosis. You just needed to be a person looking for help. But the number of sessions offered has been cut back over the last number of years, and participants in the Bayers Road clinic group are worried that it won't be long before it, too, is on the chopping block.

I would like to ask the minister, does he think that cutting support for these sorts of group programs will help the mental health of Nova Scotians?

HON. RANDY DELOREY: I do appreciate the member raising this very important topic. We speak a lot about mental health concerns in this area, perhaps a little less about addictions, obviously a relationship often co-existing in individuals.

I'm pleased to let the member know that mental health and addictions are a priority for this government. We have made significant investments in our harm reduction, our opioid framework, Mr. Speaker. We continue to invest and pursue this, based upon advice and recommendations from the front-line clinical staff, who advise us. We have adopted and invested in those recommendations to improve care and treatment options for those with various addiction disorders.

MS. ROBERTS: Nova Scotians recovering from all sorts of addictions need support. Last year, the group meeting in Dartmouth stopped running. In October, Halifax

lost its second-last support group, leaving the region with just one. Mr. Speaker, these support groups are crucial not just for people recovering from addictions but also for their friends and family. Will the minister commit to reinstating these important services?

MR. DELOREY: I'm certainly happy to follow up with the member opposite. Based on the information that's brought to the floor at this point, it's not clear whether those particular services she's referring to were ever specifically government services or if they were community groups and volunteers that were offering the services. We'll certainly follow up with the member to investigate in that regard to confirm if they were services and programs offered by the province or our partner the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

Again, I want to reassure the member and all members of the Legislature that our commitment to mental health and addictions is one of our top priorities. We continue to invest in those areas. We know, recognize, and value the role that our partners in the community play in supporting not just to those with addictions and mental health challenges but also their loved ones as well.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

TIR - NOVA CTR. AGREEMENT: PRICE TRIPLING - EXPLAIN

MR. TIM HOUSTON: My question is for the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. This coming weekend the Nova Centre will host the National Liberal Convention. (Applause) Wait for it.

Last month, I asked the minister about the Nova Centre lease and operating agreement signed by the province. The announcement around that agreement articulated an annual payment of \$5,380,000 and an additional monthly operating fee of \$82,188. Mr. Speaker, we have done the math, and the math on that works out to \$159 million dollars for the full 25 years - \$100 million more than the government announced their commitment of \$58.9 million when the original promise was made.

Before the party starts - and it sounds like it may have started already - will the minister explain how he managed to triple the price of the Nova Centre?

HON. LLOYD HINES: Mr. Speaker, I thank the member opposite for the question, particularly in pointing out the utility of that great facility to handle massive conventions such as the National Liberal Convention. I might point out, it's also going to host the National Conservative Convention later on in the year, which gives this city and this province a national ability to generate revenues for the province. The numbers that the minister quotes are the amortized value over the life of the facility and is the in-plan money that was designed to support this tremendous investment.

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, we have so many questions about how the price escalated so, so quickly. There are other questions too. We were questioning whether a former Prime Minister may come all the way here to talk about how large his family is. Maybe the current Prime Minister will be wearing a kilt or a sou'wester. Who knows - maybe both.

But in response to the question last time I asked about this, the minister said that the numbers the member is quoting are gross numbers, and I certainly agree, Mr. Speaker (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

The honourable member for Pictou East has the floor.

MR. HOUSTON: We agree, Mr. Speaker. The numbers are pretty gross.

The minister went on to insist at that time that the lease will only cost the province the original commitment of \$58.9 million, a figure that's not supported by the actual numbers. My question is, can the minister tell this House, when it's all said and done, how much will the Nova Centre cost the province?

MR. HINES: The numbers that he quotes represent one-third of the contribution from the province, approximately \$59 million. Over time, the revenues that are generated by this facility for the Province of Nova Scotia won't be a cost. It will be a good investment of taxpayers' money of this province.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

AGRIC.: FARM REV. THRESHOLD - REINSTATE

MR. JOHN LOHR: My question is for the Minister of Agriculture. The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture put out a press release, which I will table, entitled Small Farms Abandoned. The press release noted that the department had recently announced programs to support Nova Scotia's agriculture and agri-food sectors.

Well, there are major flaws in the eligibility for these programs, Mr. Speaker. The most obvious change from the past is the increase in farm revenue minimum to \$30,000 from \$10,000. Leaders in the industry were assured by representatives from the minister's department at a meeting in February, that program support for the growth of farms with gross revenues under \$30,000 was in the works and would be released. The NSFA is disappointed that the program isn't yet available.

My question for the minister is, will he reinstate the \$10,000 farm revenue threshold, or announce the promised program for the many small farms in our province under \$30,000 gross revenue?

HON. KEITH COLWELL: Indeed, there was a plan, and the Federation of Agriculture is very familiar with the plan we have in place to shift from \$10,000 to \$30,000. There's a program being put in place to address the \$10,000 to \$30,000 small farms to get them up to larger farms. That has all been discussed with the industry. It has not been announced yet. We're putting the final touches on it, but it is coming.

MR. LOHR: So is planting season, Mr. Speaker, coming quickly.

In addition to the increase in the minimum gross farm revenue, specific program details are alarming. Based on financial assistance available under the Soil and Water Sustainability Program, it's evident that protecting the environment is not a priority to this government, according to the NSFA. For other programs, eligible items and activities indirectly hamper the growth of many sectors, for example, Missions and Investigative Travel Program, applies to farms that are ready to export, which precludes all meat processors in the province. NSFA President Victor Oulton said a healthy environment is good for the public good, and he's not happy with it.

My question is, will the minister review the program criteria to address these serious concerns about support for environmental issues and abattoirs?

[2:30 p.m.]

MR. COLWELL: Indeed, in the new program, there is a program in place for environmental issues. Actually, that's a misquote in the press release, because the only abattoirs that are allowed to export anything out of this province - and you would know that - have to be CFIA approved, and we only have two in the province. That's it.

I'm just going to read you a letter that I sent to the Federation of Agriculture, to Victor Oulton, this morning:

This is further to our telephone conversation this morning, in which you raised concerns with the programs released on Monday, April 16, 2018, under the new Canadian Agriculture Partnership. Based on your concerns in your press release that we received this morning and our telephone call, I placed a hold on all Canadian Agriculture Partnership Programs for 30 days.

This is to ensure that before we move forward with any program, we will have the opportunity to review your concerns to fully

understand them, ensure that the programs are meeting the industry's needs (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Would the honourable minister table that document, please. We have to move along here.

The honourable member for Inverness.

**FISH. & AQUACULTURE - SEAFOOD BUYER/PROCESSING LICENCES:
FREEZE - EXPLAIN**

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: If it's okay, Mr. Speaker, I have another question for the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture. I am concerned about the recent decision by the government to implement a freeze on issuing new seafood buyer and processing licences. I am concerned about the free market - why don't we want to have a free market? All the power is in the minister's hands.

By limiting the number of buyers and processors, the minister is creating a closed system that will only protect the current buyers at the expense of Nova Scotia fishers. Consider, Mr. Speaker, fewer buyers, less competition, lower prices for fishermen and fisherwomen.

I can think of somebody who had been introduced in the audience just last week who is a buyer who is very happy with the new policy because it is helpful to that individual. Why does the minister want to close this if it disadvantages Nova Scotia fishers?

HON. KEITH COLWELL: Indeed, this is a temporary freeze, and it is a freeze that was suggested by the industry itself. We are reviewing the licensing policy and there is some old grandfathering system in it. There are actually 300 buyers' licences in the province now, of which only 154 are in use.

MR. MACMASTER: I would ask, which part of the industry? I know when I mentioned the individual in the gallery to a few fishermen around home, they were not too happy, Mr. Speaker.

We see this type of decision making in the new aquaculture regulations where the minister has the power to decide if a company can even submit an aquaculture lease application, instead of leaving it with an independent review board.

Fewer buyers in the marketplace can squeeze the fishermen and fisherwomen. It can lead to collusion, which has often been a fear amongst fishers. It may not change the export value in terms of the end product being sold; however, it may affect the money that lands in fishers' pockets.

Will the minister continue to place himself in a position of conflict with those owners of licences, or will he open this up to the free market?

MR. COLWELL: Indeed, through the process here, over the years the fisheries licensing operation we have, through the buyers' licences and the processing licences, has been a real shemozzle, to say the least.

Based on requirements and requests from the industry, we have put a temporary freeze on licences. There was no set decision as to exactly what we are going to do at this point. We are going to take consultation from fishermen, from buyers, and processors in the province before a decision is made about how it will move forward from that point.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth South.

**MUN. AFFS. - FULL-SERV. GROC. STORE (N. WOODSIDE): LACK
- LOOPHOLES FIX**

MS. CLAUDIA CHENDER: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

When Sobeys closed its North Woodside location in Dartmouth in 2009, residents were left without a full-service grocery. The community would love to have another store in the old Sobeys location, and there are thousands of people who live nearby, but unfortunately they must wait until 2030 for that to happen because when Sobeys sold the old mall, it included a restrictive covenant that prohibits any other grocery stores, convenience stores, drug stores, or medical clinics from setting up for 20 years.

This has left the mall over half empty for a decade. Residents are understandably baffled and upset that our laws allow for such anti-competitive action that so clearly hurt the public good.

I'd like to ask the minister, what will he do to fix these loopholes and help North Woodside get a grocery store again?

HON. DEREK MOMBOURQUETTE: I'd like to thank the member for the question. I don't have any detail on that current situation. On the surface, listening to the comments, that would be a private contract, but with any matter that comes across my desk from any member of this House, I will be more than happy to sit down and have a further conversation.

MS. CHENDER: Food insecurity is a major challenge in Nova Scotia and in the HRM, and one which we have brought up repeatedly. In 2015, the Halifax Food Policy Alliance reported that Halifax is rated highest in household food insecurity among 33 Canadian cities and the rate of food insecurity has been going up. The main cause of that

insecurity is poverty, but a significant contributing factor is the many neighbourhoods that don't have nearby grocery stores.

The Halifax City Council has tried to tackle that issue with the Mobile Food Market initiative, but it would help the city to know that there won't be any restrictive covenants allowed contributing to food deserts.

Will the minister commit to nullifying these types of restrictive covenants and their legality so that the residents of North Woodside don't have to wait another 12 years for a grocery store?

MR. MOMBOURQUETTE: I thank the member for the question. I can't get involved with a private matter or a private deal. What I always try to do with the municipal units that I work with across the province is ensure that we create as much flexibility and as much legislative power as possible for them to be flexible in providing the supports and services to the communities they represent.

I make that commitment to that member and all members of this Legislature, that as I move forward in this portfolio we'll do whatever we can to work with our municipal partners to ensure that we can play a part in making their communities and their residents as prosperous as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

PREM. - WILD BLUEBERRIES: INCREASED EXPORTS (CHINA) - RESULTS

MS. ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: Two years ago, the Premier announced the Nova Scotia-China Engagement Strategy. The strategy made specific reference to the opportunity to expand the value and volume of wild blueberry exports to China. I'll table that document.

I have a question. Will the Premier update the House on what he and his government have done over the past two years to increase wild blueberry exports to China and the results of those actions?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I'll ask the Minister of Agriculture to wax eloquent on this file.

HON. KEITH COLWELL: Thank you for that question. Actually, it's a very good news story. We've been working in China and in Asia, the new markets for blueberries, and indeed the sales of blueberries have gone up exponentially. The last trip I was on, some months ago, we sold 50 container loads in one trip. (Applause)

MS. SMITH-MCCROSSIN: I appreciate the minister sharing that. It does sound very good. Unfortunately, the blueberry growers in Cumberland County haven't seen those results, and even last season, many blueberry farmers left the blueberries in the field because the prices consistently in the last three or four years have been so low that it doesn't make sense to even harvest. This is in part because of the significant increase in production, so there is a role for us to find new major markets, like China.

Will the Premier or the Minister of Agriculture make Nova Scotia wild blueberries a significant part of its next trade mission to China?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I want to assure the honourable member that every trade mission I have been on, whether it has been in China, in the eastern U.S., or in Europe, I'm very proud to identify that we're home to the world's largest wild blueberry producer here at Oxford, Nova Scotia. The fact that we've got the world-class product is why I'm so proud of the work that the Minister of Agriculture has been doing to continue to make sure that we open up markets so that we get the right price for that high-quality food.

We continue to be very proud of what has happened. Those of us who live in coastal communities know what it means when we get the right price for lobster. It's the exact same thing in blueberry country. We need to make sure that we get the right price, and by doing that, we go out and find those markets and promote the fact that we have the best product in the world.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

H&W - PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE: INACTION - EFFECTS

HON. PAT DUNN: Mr. Speaker, we are all aware that there are 100,000 Nova Scotians looking for a family doctor. Meanwhile, the Nova Scotia Health Authority failed to send any recruiters to a rural medicine conference in St. John's, attended by 600 medical students and residents and family doctors.

The minister's inaction on this file is causing undue stress for many Nova Scotians who get bounced around from nurse practitioners to walk-in clinics and then are forced to wait six to 10 hours in an emergency room to finally see a doctor.

My question to the Minister of Health and Wellness is, why does the minister tolerate a two-tier health care system for those Nova Scotians living without a family doctor and those fortunate enough to have one?

HON. RANDY DELOREY: Mr. Speaker, I assure the member opposite that this file, primary care access for Nova Scotians, is not one that has sat idle by this government, nor myself, since I've taken the role of Minister of Health and Wellness.

Mr. Speaker, we've taken numerous steps to improve access to primary care in the Province of Nova Scotia. We're expanding our collaborative care practices. Just earlier in March, we announced expansion of existing practices as well as seven new collaborative care teams. In addition to that, we worked out almost \$40 million in new programs to support family physicians.

All of that is because we know family physicians represent the backbone of these collaborative teams along with other health care providers. They have never received the level of support that they have received under our government. We continue to do that to provide care of all Nova Scotians.

MR. DUNN: Mr. Speaker, this current week, three constituents visited my office. Two are looking for some assistance with their mental health issues and waiting long hours in the waiting room at a local hospital.

The third one, a young adult, suffered a severe seizure a few days ago. As a result, he had to call his employer in Alberta and inform them he would not be able to report to work because his driver's licence was taken away, and his job requires him to drive from job site to job site. Unfortunately, he does not have a doctor, and he's having trouble obtaining a doctor's referral to have the necessary tests to obtain the proper medicine so he can return to work.

My question is, does the minister not see how his inaction in addressing Nova Scotia's doctor crisis is causing significant hardship for those in dire need of a family doctor?

MR. DELOREY: I recognize full well the challenges of primary care access in communities for those individuals without primary care access. Those Nova Scotians who do have a primary care provider - a family physician or a collaborative practice that may include a nurse practitioner or family practice nurses - don't know exactly what it's like for those Nova Scotians who don't have a primary care service provider that they can rely on in times of need.

That's why we continue to invest in expanding mental health services. It's why we continue to expand and invest in collaborative care practices. It's why we continue to work with Doctors Nova Scotia and other front-line health care professionals to find the right compensation model to ensure we retain and recruit.

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

H&W - MyHealthNS: REGISTRATION SYSTEM - MODIFY

MS. BARBARA ADAMS: My question is for the Minister of Health and Wellness. As the minister knows, MyHealthNS is an online service that allows Nova Scotians to

review their health information online, including test results. In theory, this is an excellent service. However, it is critically flawed because it will not allow all Nova Scotians, especially those without a family doctor, to access this information. This means that we have thousands of Nova Scotians who could be getting their test results online, which would also reduce the strain on an already strained system.

My question to the minister is, why can't Nova Scotians without a family doctor register for MyHealthNS so they can get their test results online?

HON. RANDY DELOREY: The configuration of the system does have it set up to integrate not just with testing systems but through family practice sites. They're what are called EMR systems, electronic medical record, which would be in the primary care providers' offices. That's to ensure that the providers are able to provide an overview and connect and interact with the patients on the other end.

In fact, I'm pleased to remind the member of the investments that we have made and the program that we have established to incent more physicians to get engaged and make use of this technology to make it available to more Nova Scotians through more practices and also to expand their use of non-face-to-face interaction through technology. There's a lot of investment and a lot of work being done here with our partners on the front line.

MS. ADAMS: I thank the minister for that answer, but it's not just patients who don't have a family doctor who can't view their medical information online. MyHealthNS requires that a doctor register, as the minister just said. This means that someone like me who has health training and who has a family doctor but has to wait quite a long time to get in to see them won't get any benefit from the system because my doctor has opted out.

If automatic registration occurred, doctors could then consent to releasing the test information to patients who are on their caseload, and we could certainly change the system of the EMR to allow those without a family doctor to do so. I know a 19-year-old who could probably help you set that system up. We would be cutting down on a lot of unnecessary doctor visits.

Will the minister look at modifying MyHealthNS for those 100,000 Nova Scotians who don't have a family doctor and who can't get their results at walk-in clinic visits?

MR. DELOREY: I'm pleased to advise the member that there is a lot of work actually ongoing upgrading and modernizing the IT infrastructure within the health care system of Nova Scotia to ensure that access to the health information of Nova Scotians is available to the right health care professional and at the right time, as well as the patients themselves.

This includes a number of initiatives, Mr. Speaker, to integrate and establish - one of the largest would be the One Patient One Record initiative - but it also includes upgrades in physician offices in the EMR system, the MyHealth system, a wide range of technology initiatives, and throughout that process, we'll certainly be looking to ensure that we're going with the right process to ensure the maximum benefit for all Nova Scotians and their health care providers.

[2:45 p.m.]

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

H&W- LYME DISEASE: HEALTH CARE CRISIS - ACKNOWLEDGE

MS. TAMMY MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Health and Wellness. On the South Shore, Lyme disease is a major public health issue. People who don't get treatment in time suffer from Post-Lyme disease syndrome, which is characterized by chronic fatigue, pain, and cognitive issues. It can be life-changing and in many cases, debilitating.

Mr. Speaker, we've heard the minister say that the department is following the national guidelines around the assessment and treatment of tick-related Lyme disease, but I'm worried that people without family doctors aren't getting a diagnosis in time. What is the minister doing to ensure that people can get treatment before it's too late?

HON. RANDY DELOREY: Mr. Speaker, I thank the member for raising this question, especially as we proceed into the Spring weather, it's important for all Nova Scotians to be aware that in fact, tick-borne illnesses like Lyme disease, are on the rise in Nova Scotia, in large part due to the warmer climate and the prevalence of the deer tick.

As far as the treatment, awareness is number one, Mr. Speaker. Prevention is obviously the best first step. Beyond that, the education and the awareness with our medical professionals to provide that information, to be aware and help follow those guidelines. So, all those steps are being taken to help inform and make Nova Scotians and visitors aware of the risks, also how to identify and seek treatment, and then with our front-line health care providers of course, to follow the national guidelines.

MS. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, the number of Lyme disease cases reported in Nova Scotia is on the rise. Last year, there were 326, almost one-third of the number of reported cases in the entire country. Nova Scotia reported the highest incidents in Canada in 2016, 12.7 times higher than the national average.

Mr. Speaker, will the minister acknowledge that Lyme disease is a public health care crisis in Nova Scotia?

MR. DELOREY: As is the case when jurisdictions undertake education initiatives and awareness campaigns, Mr. Speaker, obviously awareness and reported incidents would be expected to be higher. So, we recognize that the prevalence and the growth is recognized to be entering and emerging from the Atlantic region, in particular Nova Scotia. So that has a contribution, but also our efforts to build awareness, I think, is a contributing factor as to why we see those numbers so high in Nova Scotia.

I think that just goes to show that we have more work to do, and that's why I'd like to acknowledge the work that our partners like Doctors Nova Scotia, with professional development initiatives, to help inform our front-line health care providers.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

FISH. & AQUACULTURE - LFA 32: PROTECTED AREA - CONCERN

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture. The Government of Canada has made a commitment to protect 10 per cent of Canada's marine and coastal areas by 2020. It's come to our attention that the DFO are considering the Eastern Shore Islands area that covers 2,000 square kilometres, and most of LFA 32, that's a strong candidate for the next coastal NPA, and the area is vital to Nova Scotia's fishing industry.

Is the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture aware that LFA 32 might be lost as a fishing ground, and does he agree with this direction and decision of the DFO?

HON. KEITH COLWELL: We have been working very closely with the fisheries organization in that area. They're very concerned about the possibilities of having some no-fish zones in that area, and we'll work with them closely to ensure that their views are known to the DFO.

MR. LOHR: Mr. Speaker, Nova Scotia is Canada's leading seafood exporter, with \$1.8 billion sold in global markets, and once DFO designated a marine protected area there's what is called a no-take zone. The people in the area are genuinely concerned. Is the minister prepared to stand up for Nova Scotian harvesters, go to Ottawa and tell the federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to leave this area alone?

MR. COLWELL: We are very concerned, as are the fishermen in that area, and I've actually met with them personally on this matter, and we are formulating a multi-department response on this.

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Official Opposition House Leader.

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call the order of business, Private Members' Public Bills for Second Reading.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Official Opposition House Leader.

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 122.

Bill No. 122 - Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, this bill turned out to be pretty timely. We've given the government an opportunity to take a look at a serious matter that was before it. They decided not to; it came back to bite them. It came back to bite the people of the province.

The government should have seen this recent breach coming. In December 2014, the Auditor General revealed that in speaking specifically about the Department of Community Services. The Auditor General revealed that the Department of Community Services and the Department of Internal Services do not have all the necessary controls in place to protect the privacy, integrity, and availability of the data in - in this case it's ICM management system, it's an Integrated Case Management system.

Mr. Speaker, when the Auditor General makes a statement like that, the government is expected to take notice. The Auditor General put the government on notice and it decided that it didn't need to pay attention, which brings us forward to current day.

Think of the words of the Auditor General back in 2014, "The Department of Internal Services does not have all the necessary controls in place to protect the privacy, integrity, and availability of the data." Now Mr. Pickup, our Auditor General, doesn't seem like the type to say I told you so but, if he was, this would be the opportunity to say it.

Private personal information should be guarded extremely closely by government and here we have a government that four years, three-plus years after the Auditor General told them to pick up their game, is still sitting on the bench, not concerned about the lack of controls.

Citizens don't have any choice most times. They have to give their private information to the government - and they certainly expect the government to keep that information private. When the system fails, government has to tell people. They have to stick their hand up and they have to say we made a mistake, we're sorry, here's what happened to your data. To do anything else is immoral because the information in the wrong hands could ruin lives.

We did have a situation here where privacy was breached, private information made it out into the public. It made it out into the public because the government wasn't concerned enough to keep it safe to begin with. So when the gig was up and somebody accidentally determined how lackadaisical the government had been with the data, the government had a choice - and they went into protection mode. They went into close the ranks, protect the brand. The choice was, protect the Liberal brand or be honest with the citizens - and there was quite a determined effort to protect the brand.

We know that was on the minds of the government because the very first time that my colleague the member for Pictou West raised this in Question Period, the minister referred to our Party in the decision-making process. I think it was a bit of a Freudian slip, but it was out there. It was out there that the protection of the brand was on the mindset of the government members. They put their own Party brand above the people.

If this had been passed when it was first introduced years ago, it wouldn't even have had to make the decision, it would have been automatic that we tell the people what has happened. Instead, the government made a decision, and maybe when this House rises later today we may hear a different tune away from this Legislature. I'm optimistic that we may hear the government say, yes, we made a mistake, it was our mistake, and we're not going to ruin the life of a young Nova Scotian because of our mistake. I would like to hear that when we leave here.

Obviously, the courage to do that doesn't exist in this Chamber, but maybe away from the lights of the Chamber, we'll read in the press that the charges were quietly dismissed, and life will go on. But will we see the apology? That's really what we're talking about here - accountability. Will we see an apology? And why now, knowing what we know, would we be content to allow this to happen again?

This bill would require the government to inform Nova Scotians right away that their information has been breached. In this case, it was breached, quite honestly, by stupidity. The government wasn't smart enough to protect the information. There might be other examples where a legitimate hacker may try to hack the government system.

We know Facebook's been hacked. Major corporations have been hacked. It's something that could happen, and it does happen. But when it happens, people expect that any hacker had to have gone to great lengths, and been incredibly sophisticated, because

the data should be protected by incredibly sophisticated mechanisms. Not changing one digit on a URL, not something that simple.

So it will happen again, and when it happens the government should be forthright with its citizens and tell them, your information has been breached. That's what this bill would require.

We've debated this bill in this House before, and the member from Timberlea-Prospect at that time spoke on the bill back on April 8, 2015. The member said, "As the Opposition knows, the Chief Information Access and Privacy Officer has indicated that the Department of Internal Services is commencing a review of the corporate privacy policy this year." So that would have been back in 2015. The member was indicating that there was a review happening.

Now, this may be a review in the spirit of government, which is still ongoing three years later, or maybe it's a review that never really got off the ground, or maybe it's a review that wasn't very effective. I don't know which one of those three it was but certainly, at the time, the member had every reason to believe that the higher-ups were looking at this, the higher-ups were investigating it. If they investigated it and took no action, shame on them. If they investigated it and suggested some action, and the government and the minister took no action, then shame on them.

We have a situation here where a serious thing has happened. There has been a breach. At the time that this bill was initially debated some three years ago, I think I was accused of being a bit of an alarmist. The government's position was, well, hold on a second here, now, there's been no breach, don't alarm people. Well, the rest is kind of history now. There has been a breach.

So, if the government's main reasoning back then, in 2015, not to pursue this bill was because there was no evidence of a breach, I guess the government would be very willing to review this bill today, at this stage, because we do know now. There has definitely been a breach.

At the time, the government said there's been no breach, sure, there's been a weakness identified, but there's been no breach. Now we know that the identification of the weakness was absolutely accurate, and it did lead to a breach.

What will be the cost to the human lives of those caught up in the breach? What will be the cost to the government when the lawsuits come out? I think in time we'll look back and we'll say, it might have been worthwhile to invest a little bit of time and energy to improve, to mitigate the weakness, to improve the security. Now that the horses are out of the barn and we're going to try to gather them back in, we know that's always much more expensive than just dealing with it. It could have been dealt with at the time.

[3:00 p.m.]

The member for Timberlea-Prospect said at the time, in 2015, to legally subscribe to the bill that's before us still today, to legally subscribe to what this amendment asks for would unnecessarily ring the alarm bells to people because there was no proof of any breach or any unauthorized person looking at their information. At the time, in the mind of the government, it would have been unnecessary to ring the alarm bells to the people because there was no proof of any breach. Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, let's ring the alarm bell now because there has been a breach. There has been a breach and now we need to have a process to respond - and the process can't be a political process.

We've seen a very political process here. We've seen a series of talking notes, we've seen those talking notes morph over time of course. We've seen the demeanour of the government kind of ratchet down from - we've caught the big bad criminal, lock him up.

AN HON. MEMBER: Throw away the key.

MR. HOUSTON: And throw away the key.

Now we've kind of seen well, let's just see where this all goes. I do plead with the government to not destroy the life of a young Nova Scotian because of the incompetence of a government department. There's no other way to describe what happened, other than incompetence.

Personal, private data should be protected and we're aware of one breach - I don't know that the government can definitively say that that's the only one. They have certainly tried to advance the case. They've also advanced the case that the police asked them to be quiet - that turned out not to be true. We've heard them advance the case that they made a decision to keep it quiet to preserve the hardware. Okay, but at the same time they left the people vulnerable, and I don't think the government can definitively say that this is the only time that happened.

I will not be surprised - the Auditor General identified weaknesses across a number of computer systems, and I will not be surprised if there have been breaches across any number of those systems. How would we know? How would we know, unless some government employee is accidentally playing around with URLs and says, oh boy, another opening here - then maybe we'll see the government act.

It's not good enough to hear it from the Auditor General, that doesn't matter. When the Auditor General lays it bare for the government, well, who knows what the risk is? We're not going to deal with that, we've got other things to do, I guess. I'm not sure what the Department of Internal Services had to do that took priority over protecting private data.

Now, the government has said that they have a corporate privacy policy that requires each government entity to have a privacy breach protocol. We've heard about this protocol; we stuck to protocol was one of the talking points. Well, I would submit that the protocol that was stuck to is not good enough, and I would urge the government to improve the protocol by including a requirement to notify Nova Scotians that their data has been breached. They don't have to do it in my bill - I know they'd be loath to pass a bill from me, but they could at least update the protocol to say that we have to inform Nova Scotians.

This bill is actually just a first step. This bill only asks the government to notify Nova Scotians as soon as possible, as soon as practical. That's very subjective. This government won't even allow themselves to be held to that standard of subjectivity. This bill would be better to say, you have to notify every individual within a day. How can you not?

Maybe three years ago, the government had a good response to this bill. They said you are being an alarmist, there's no evidence of a breach. That was their response at that time. I can't wait to hear what their excuse is today, now that there has been a breach. They are going to have to reach into the excuse bag and get another one, and I look forward to hearing what that is. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: I'd like to remind members in the House, I know that school is out soon, but let's keep the chatter down.

The honourable member for Clare-Digby.

MR. GORDON WILSON: I like that, "school is out soon." To that point, it's usually a rare honour that a person in the government gets to speak on the last day of government, seeing that it's Opposition Day, which is another rare opportunity.

In saying that, good afternoon, Madam Speaker. I rise today to address this bill that's before the House on the FOIPOP Act, presented by the member for Pictou East. I've listened intently to his comments. I'm pleased here today to talk about the progress this government has made to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The bill itself - especially for those who watch Leg. TV - the bill itself has simply one line in it, and I'd like to read that, it simply states: "A public body shall notify as soon as is practicable every individual or group of individuals whose personal information controlled or managed by the public body has or may have been compromised."

It is certainly something that talks to protocol, but I just want to reflect back just for a bit to my time when I was with municipal government as an administrator there. I had a chance to experience FOIPOP personally. When we would get requests that would come into our office, I can remember our CAO and the work that she put into and we all put into

addressing these concerns when they came in, to make sure that the information we were getting was thorough, that it was complete, that it had every bit of information.

It's a lot of work to provide this by the departments, and I think that's important for people to understand, that FOIPOP is an important part of the progress of government. To that point, Madam Speaker, did you know that Nova Scotia, under the Savage Government, was the first province in Canada to create and implement a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act? That's what we're here for today - the first government in Canada was the Province of Nova Scotia, under the Savage Government - the Liberals - and that's something to be proud of. This Government of Nova Scotia has been long committed to openness and transparency.

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act provides two important functions, and that's what I want to go over. The first is to ensure that the public has access to government records, including allowing individuals the right to have access to records that government keeps about them. The second part is an important function also, that the Act is in the protection of personal information. So, there's two pieces to the Act itself.

Now to the first function, I'm pleased that what our government has done over the past years is to improve the right of access. Now that's sometimes an interesting thing. When you want to improve access in today's world there is only one way to do it, and that is to do what we have been asked to do: put it out there on the Internet. For example, three years ago, the Department of Internal Services was to take on the consolidation of information of access and privacy function within government.

Prior to 2015, the service was provided by people spread throughout government. For example, each department had their own FOIPOP people - TIR, Health, Education, those different departments. While delivered by great people, the dispersed nature of this service made it difficult in some cases to provide consistent, high-quality services to clients. If a department had only one administrator, for example, and that person was off on sickness or vacation, it put everything at risk for the ability of the department to respond in a timely manner. If a department handled relatively few cases a year - and again, these are complicated things - it was a challenge for that individual to build and maintain expertise. In many cases, these are staff who only handled information requests as part of their job, so there were conflicting pressures on these individuals.

The amalgamating of these services, Madam Speaker, has allowed government to improve the quality of service that we offered individuals. We've been able to move to a better, more modern approach, like email distribution of documents, communication with our team.

The FOIPOP Act is also critical in establishing a need to provide for disclosure of government information, the second point. Setting up the centralized unit and modernizing the FOIPOP application and disclosure process are both part of a strong stance on this need

to provide for the disclosure of government information. That's a really important part to remember, that centralizing and modernizing the FOIPOP application and disclosure process, making it more streamlined, easier for people to access, more important for the media, more important for our clients, are both part of a strong stance on the need to provide the disclosure of government information.

When we set up the disclosure site, we knew there were some stakeholders who may have some concerns about the fact that we would be publicly posting information requests made by and responses to organizations like media, political and civil organizations and businesses, and whether that would impact how they conducted their business. We knew that. However, we heard over the time the site had been in operation, organizations have adapted and in fact are finding it a useful tool in obtaining information.

Government has also moved in other areas of access to government information that are not directly part of the FOIPOP Act. For example, establishing an open data portal - which now has more than 400 data sets on government business, and access is available to anyone in the world - is an important part of what we've done in government. Government has made the mandate letters of all the ministers available as public documents that can be accessed on the Internet. Not only is that happening, but the travel expenses of ministers are available on websites. But we have explained that to include the travel expenses of deputy and associate ministers, we have explained this, in that we have started reporting publicly on hospitality expenses of government also. Another clear part of transparency that I think is . . .

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I'm enjoying the history lesson here, but the contents of the bill are that the government should notify Nova Scotians as soon as practical when their information has been breached.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much honourable member, that's not a point of order.

The honourable member for Clare-Digby has the floor.

MR. GORDON WILSON: I appreciate the interest in my comments, there will be more history to come. Our government, this Premier, and this minister and her predecessor have all done this as part of a progressive movement to be accountable to the people of Nova Scotia. Not because they are things that are directed at the FOIPOP Act, but because it's the right thing to do.

The second important function that I mentioned about the FOIPOP Act, is the protection of personal information. The Act sets out important limitations on the collection of personal information and protects the disclosure of personal information. There are several sections of the FOIPOP Act that address privacy and personal information. We're getting to the point about what this is about. When personal information can be shared or

disclosed in appropriate circumstances, and there are parts that address the right to have reviews of decisions respecting disclosure of personal information and access to records, and we have already seen notification that the reviewing officer referenced in the Act will be undertaking an investigation into this recent incident.

We identified that there was a need to strengthen our ability to respond to serious privacy issues. This was not something that would have been easy to do prior to the amalgamation of FOIPOP staff, as we had our people so dispersed and so focused on access that it would be difficult to be proactive about this privacy. Bringing this team together in one location under a common leadership, in a department focused on shared services, provides exactly for this sort of development to happen. Efficiencies were gained within the information team itself. In addition, the department invested resources from efficiencies in other places to support work activities.

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The department has developed a protocol on managing a privacy breach. The protocol sets out the steps for government to follow when a breach is discovered. This comprehensive document provides how to access the breach, what the impact might be on individuals, and how to reach decisions on when and how to notify individuals. It includes that the notification should happen as soon as possible. This doesn't happen because we have legislation to tell us to do this, but because there is a commitment by government to do the right thing, and to protect citizens to the best of our ability.

Sometimes this means difficult choices. Recently, government introduced a new privacy policy that outlined the steps it will follow if information was compromised. I am happy on how this government followed protocol in this case, and commend the team of Internal Services Department for their excellent work.

Now this is an important part, this new protocol was thoroughly researched and is based on best practices across jurisdictions and was reviewed by Nova Scotia's Information and Privacy Officer. The protocol also consolidated breach practices across government.

I want to assure all Nova Scotians that in this case we followed the breach protocol, and it has worked. From the time of discovery of details of the breach to the public notification, it was a matter of days, with individual letters shortly thereafter. The protocol sets out four key steps when there is a privacy breach identified. They are: contain the breach, evaluate and assess the risk, notify and report details, and investigate the cause.

Mr. Speaker, the first and most important step is containment. Containment includes: accessing the breach and gathering information, taking steps to prevent further breach of information, establish a team to respond to the breach. In this instance, all these steps were followed. I commend the minister and the department for the speed in which

this portal access was taken down, and how quickly the vendors were engaged in trying to find the cause of the problem.

I would also like to thank the ministers and the teams impacted at the other departments for their assistance in supporting impacted individuals, particularly those in the Departments of Community Services and Justice. Key to containing the breach was notifying the police and regaining custody of improperly accessed records.

Mr. Speaker, once the team was satisfied that all necessary efforts were made to contain the breach, the next step was to notify impacted individuals publicly. I am happy to report that my understanding is that contact has been sent to all individuals with highly sensitive information, and the remaining individuals will be contacted by the end of the week at the latest. This is an impressive turnaround time for the department to reach over 700 individuals impacted.

Government will also be offering credit check services to those individuals whose highly sensitive information was accessed. The cybersecurity team at Unisys has been working diligently to review the other websites managed by Unisys to ensure that such an issue does not happen again. I am confident in the team to do their best and prevent further incidents.

To that end, I am happy to say that in the budget also passed by this government that we have invested an additional \$1.2 million in cybersecurity. I also want to note that even though the FOIPOP site is down, the FOIPOP office is open for business, still functioning. We are still processing FOIPOP requests and getting responses to individuals in a timely manner. I commend the work of the team handling this issue while still maintaining a functioning FOIPOP office. Every year our FOIPOP office responds to around 2,200 FOIPOP requests and that is something that we can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I would certainly like to say that this government has handled an unfortunate situation with the leadership I expected to see. Once again, I commend them and the team of Internal Services for their swift and decisive actions in this matter. I am confident they are taking all appropriate steps to ensure that Nova Scotians' personal information is protected and will continue to do so.

I know that this is a very sensitive matter for a lot of people, and I do appreciate the debate and listening to all the comments that we've had in this House. I am sure that in time Nova Scotians will certainly see that their best interests were put forward.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney-Whitney Pier on an introduction.

HON. DEREK MOMBOURQUETTE: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to draw the members' attention to the east gallery, to a man I've known for many years, from Cheticamp. I'd like

to welcome Claude Poirier to Halifax. He doesn't leave the island much, but he's up for the weekend.

Claude, I appreciate you coming in today. I'd ask everyone to welcome him to the House. (Applause)

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

HON. DAVID WILSON: Mr. Speaker, I think it's a sad situation when MLAs have to get up in the House and speak on an issue that's of concern to many Nova Scotians, that we need to speak on a bill like Bill No. 122, for example.

It's a piece of legislation brought in on the dying days of the session because of an important issue, something that the government is facing - trying to contain, address, and respond to a breach of private information through the portal on the freedom of information portal and website.

I think the reason why we are here debating and we see a piece of legislation like Bill No. 122, is that I believe the government, and I think both Opposition Parties may support this statement, is that we don't believe the government has taken ownership of the breach. They've laid a lot of blame. They were very quick to go after the 19-year-old, for example, for the root cause of why the government is in the mess they are in today.

We heard from the government member who just spoke about how he's proud how they followed the protocol for the breach, and that's fine and dandy, but what we haven't heard is the fact that the government hasn't followed the province's IT security policies and standards. That's what brought us to the point where there was a breach - there was a portal that was open and private information was released.

We know, over the last couple weeks of trying to get more details about this, that there was well over 7,000 documents inappropriately accessed on the portal. Initially we heard that it was 200, 300, 400 people, but now there are roughly 700 Nova Scotians who have had their information accessed or opened on the portal.

We've had a lot of discussion over the last little while about if this was a hack or not. Through what I've been reading and through the evidence I've seen, it's definitely not a situation of the portal or the website being hacked, but just that the security controls were not in place.

I've spent almost 15 years here in the Legislature, and 10 of those years have been on Public Accounts Committee. We met this morning and a lot of what we do with reviewing departments and programs and services is to deal with audits from the Auditor General and try to ensure that the government - whatever government or political Party is in - is following appropriate procedures and, in this case, security policies and standards.

It's interesting that in 2015, the Auditor General actually did a review, they audited the Unisys-managed computer system and they reported at the time that the provincial contract with service providers in Nova Scotia is supposed to include terms to meet the province's IT security policies and standards, and it didn't with the contract with Unisys that operated the FOIPOP website and portal.

There were a number of recommendations and concerns and criticisms from the Auditor General back in 2015, where it was shown that the company that oversaw the management of this program wasn't doing the monthly performance reports, Mr. Speaker, and most alarming, that there was no evidence at all that the Department of Internal Services was reviewing those reports. That was one of the findings and one of the recommendations, that the Department of Internal Services has to review those reports, and ensure that those monthly performance reports were done.

So, the alarm bell had been going off for some time - since 2017, Mr. Speaker. It's great that the government followed the protocol for the breach, but it would be even greater if they followed the province's IT security policies and standards, so we wouldn't be here discussing and debating Bill No. 122, that the Progressive Conservative Opposition brought forward last week.

We know that the individuals impacted by this breach, by the sheer openness of the portal - I'm not a computer wiz, but it's just a matter of putting in what you want in the URL, and continuing to download information that you wanted to have access to - I think I could've done that, and that's saying a lot.

So, it's unfortunate to see how this has all unfolded over the last couple of weeks, and hearing more about the other side of the story - that's the young gentleman who has this information. I think there was one report that there wasn't any malicious intent on his behalf. I hope the government finally takes some ownership here and recognizes that it was their own doing, the department's own doing, that's the reason we're here today, and the reason why that information was released, Mr. Speaker.

You know, we probably still wouldn't know if there wasn't a government employee doing some research on the website. They were looking for certain information, and then realized they had a lot more than what they requested, and inquired about that, and that's when the government was made aware of it. The actual breach - or release of information, is how I would describe it - happened somewhere around the 3rd to the 5th of March, and it wasn't discovered - I believe, if the timeline's correct, from the information we have - until April 6th by the government. That timeline should be concerning for many in Nova Scotia. We need to make sure that the government and the departments are following the security policy and the standards that are in place, and they've been in place for many years.

You know, our society is so involved in the use of technology now that it has been, for a good 10 to 15 years, the job of the government to make sure that those protections are

in place, that people's information, personal information is protected. It's a serious job, and the government needs to take seriously their role in ensuring the protection of that information. I mean, the government has information about everything on Nova Scotians, from their health needs or their health issues, to personal issues, financial issues.

It's a serious business, and it's great that in this year's budget there's additional money, but why wasn't there a program in place overseeing the security issues of the portals and the different components that we have in government that have information on it, not just the FOIPOP website and portal, Mr. Speaker, but others. There's many of them that we use, why was there not something in place to ensure that the security and those IT procedures and standards were being met and followed?

If anything, there should have been a quicker reaction from government to address the concerns of the Auditor General after the report in 2015, and so the blame, in our view, is solely on the government, and all we're asking for is for the government to say, yes, it was our fault.

[3:30 p.m.]

They've toned it down over the last couple of days, I see. It's not so much, oh, we're victorious, we have the police, the SWAT team got their man and they're arrested, they're in jail, and everything's okay - that's just not the approach we need from this government. Nova Scotians need to be reassured that the government takes criticisms from the Opposition seriously, but, more importantly, criticism from the Auditor General as was in the report of 2015. That indicated specifically this program under Unisys, Mr. Speaker - that there were deficiencies there and there was need to act quickly.

I know the process now through the Legislature is that every two years, after the Auditor does a report on a department or services, the Auditor General's Office will go back and review how many of the recommendations have been implemented and what success rate they have had on doing that and, even today, even today, we discussed in Public Accounts Committee what role does the Public Accounts Committee have in insuring departments follow the implementation of changes and the recommendations that the Auditor General makes.

Of course, you know we recognize that the government's not going to implement those recommendations that they don't agree with, and when we get those reports from the Auditor General, it's indicated there if the department, for example, accepts the recommendations. For the most part they do accept the majority of them, if not all of them, because they realize that, as an independent body, the Auditor General's Office and the work that they do is to shine a light on deficiencies, shine a light on where government can improve in ensuring other programs are the proper programs and the outcomes are being met. More importantly, when we're talking about personal information security, that the

departments have followed through on those recommendations that have pointed out some of the shortfalls.

The government failed to put basic security measures in place to protect highly sensitive information of hundreds of Nova Scotians. Why? Why weren't better controls and oversight put in place into the contract with Unisys, especially after the audit in 2015? Why weren't there better controls in place? Why didn't the department create a testing security measures part of the Unisys contract and, if it was recognized in 2015 that it wasn't in there, then why didn't the government amend the contract? I would think Unisys would say, okay, yes, there needs to be better controls and security measures in place. They should, for one, follow their monthly reporting that was in the original contract, but the government has a role to play on top of their contract with Unisys. As I said earlier, they need to make sure that there's something in place making sure the contracts that we have with third parties, that they're fulfilling their requirements.

Why didn't the department have its own system in place, as I said, to test and ensure security? I haven't heard an answer yet. I don't know through all the media over the last couple of weeks if the government, if the minister, if the Premier has answered that - why isn't there something in place? Really, the breach is more embarrassing for the government than a hack. It's very embarrassing for the government to have to deal with this and I would hope that they're going to respond adequately in the coming days.

So, we hear today, like I said, in just wrapping up, that there are well over 700 people who have currently been contacted by the department or will be by the end of the week - and I hope the commitment is genuine from the government. They need to be there not just once. The government can't just offer that we'll do one credit check for those individuals whose personal information has been breached or compromised, they need to be there for the long run. This stuff could potentially come back in a couple of years - in a month, in a year, Mr. Speaker, so I hope the government is there to support those 700 Nova Scotians or more in the years ahead. There could be a financial cost to this.

The federal government - I think there was a \$1.7 million settlement for the student loan breach, so the government needs to be prepared for that. I would hope that we'll get clearer answers in the future, and the most important thing is that the government needs to take ownership of this. This is their fault, Mr. Speaker, and they need to recognize it.

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

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure to stand and speak for a few moments to Bill No. 122, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. It's kind of funny that this bill was brought forward the first time in 2015, after the Auditor General had underlined some serious deficiencies. Back then the member for Pictou East described the bill as legislation that is short on words - as the member for

Clare-Digby brought forward - that it's a one-clause bill, but is long on protection for Nova Scotians.

At the time, the member for Pictou East rightly noted that most Nova Scotians trust their government with their most personal of information. They trust them with their health information, their family information, legal information, financial information, social insurance numbers through taxation, and much more. For the most part people simply believe and trust that government will protect it - the last stop in protection - when we give our information to governments that they will protect it. Now we learned in late 2014, that that wasn't the case.

The December 2014 Report of the Auditor General revealed that, "The Department of Community Services and the Department of Internal Services do not have all the necessary controls in place to protect the privacy, integrity and availability of the data in the Integrated Case Management (ICM) system." They say the Case Management System is a pretty detailed system with lots of personal information held within it, as the Department of Community Services deals with some of probably the most sensitive cases, especially when it revolves around income assistance, child protection, those kinds of files. Mr. Speaker, that's a direct quote from the Auditor General.

The Department of Community Services and the Department of Internal Services do not have the necessary controls in place to protect this information. How's that for shadowing? An example of the Department of Internal Services does not have all the necessary controls in place to protect the privacy of Nova Scotians.

Mr. Speaker, we've heard of the lives thrown into chaos because their identity is stolen and it's devastating. Credit is destroyed and it takes many frustrating years, if ever, to get it back. Talk to someone who has had their identity stolen - they've lost money, they've lost the ability to sign up for mortgages and car loans, basic financial information because of that identity being stolen. We don't want to be the organization that let that cat out of the bag.

It's too bad that this government had this leak happen to them. So it goes to competency - the handling of citizens' personal, private information should be something the government takes seriously. I've heard the words from a number of people from the government, whether it be the Premier or the Minister of Internal Services, the member for Clare-Digby in his statements. But you know what? It's hard to take seriously right now when we're trying to deal with this breach/leak. I'll talk about it in a few moments.

The problem I have is trust with the government. The government had two choices when it came to this incident. One is to fiercely protect the information of citizens and to let citizens know when they fail. It's okay to fail, but you have to tell people about it immediately. The second choice is to take a casual approach to information protection and to keep any failures a secret as long as possible, hoping that it might blow over or that you

might be able to solve the problem before having to tell people. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, the government picked Door No. 2.

As we found out about this issue - and I'm going to thank our staff for bringing this issue forward - the FOI portal had been down for a number of days. We were wondering. We would ask the minister whether or not there had been a problem with the website, and how people could possibly sign up for FOI requests if the website was down. That day, the minister gave us an answer of, it's still business as usual. The FOI office is open. We're having trouble with the website. You can still call in. You can still fax in. You can still do FOI requests.

My subsequent question that day was, had there been a breach? The minister unconditionally said no - not only to us in this House, to the Opposition, but to the media outside. That, Mr. Speaker, is where we take offence with the government's approach to this issue.

They got lucky. The government got lucky. I think that was part of the plan here: let's research this quickly, see if we can find out what happened and get ourselves a scapegoat - get us an issue that we can say, we had a problem and we have solved it - and brag about it.

Mr. Speaker, that's kind of what happened. They were able to trace the IP address to a Halifax individual. That individual was taken down by the Halifax police. The stories that we're reading today about that individual and exactly what happened that day are disappointing, if anything. It's very disappointing.

I know the police were doing their job, but I think the way the government painted this picture made them feel it to be far more serious than what it was - yet that was the released information. The police go in, and they take down the big bad hacker: a 19-year-old individual. They take that person's sister into custody. They stop his 13-year-old brother on the side of the road. There's all kinds of information that we're finding out through, I believe, CBC talking about this issue.

That's the scapegoat that the government was able to use, trying to paint it as, we found it, we solved it, here's our big bad hacker. They're treating him like a big Russian hacker trying to hack another U.S. election. But that's not really at all what happened.

I thank the member for Clare-Digby for maybe shedding a little more light on what's happening. We know at this point that there were 7,000 documents downloaded. We didn't know how many specific individuals were affected in those 7,000 documents. I think he was saying something like 700 now at this point. There would be 700 people receiving a letter from, I believe, the Deputy Minister of Internal Services telling them of their names being involved in this breach.

You know what, Mr. Speaker? The thing that underlines the biggest problem for me continues to revolve around trying to hide it until you were able to solve it. That's not what's in the policy manual. That's not what's in the steps that we've read through. They're kind of intimated there; it's kind of said that the public, the individuals, need to be told. But really, in the end, that's not what happened.

[3:45 p.m.]

The people at fault are the department. The people at fault are the purveyors of the website. They left those documents public. Quite honestly, the 19-year-old from Halifax did not, as was originally said by the minister and the Premier, steal those documents. They were out there for anyone to see. They were left in a public document folder online. Yes, you have to know how to work URLs in order to find it, but quite honestly, they were public because of the failure of the department to heed the comments of the Auditor General in trying to protect those pieces of information.

Now, if we go back to the first time we discussed this issue, back in 2015 - I think the member for Pictou East talked about it in his speech as well - the member for Timberlea-Prospect, now the Minister of Environment, spoke to the bill. In essence, back in 2015, he said the Opposition is making a mountain out of a molehill, and besides, there's no "let people know if their information may have been accessed" - that would be stressful for them.

A few of his words are interesting, given the government's terrible response to this recent FOIPOP breach. Back at the time - and I'm sure he's interested in hearing what he said back then - "To legally subscribe to what this amendment asks for is to unnecessarily ring the alarm bells to people when there is no proof of any breach or any unauthorized person looking at their information. Many of these people, in particular those on social assistance or receiving health care treatment, do not need to have undue stress on theoretical events of security."

The member accused my colleague at the time of fear-mongering. Let's call it foreshadowing.

I think what the minister said back there is instructive. Instead of agreeing that people should be notified when their private information is breached, and that the government should be accountable, the natural inclination of this government was not to be open, not to be transparent, and certainly not to be accountable to the public which it represents.

Now, the minister at the time had a few more things to say, things like "The Nova Scotia Government already has policies in place that require any government entities to have their own policies and processes to ensure the proper management and protection of personal information."

Mr. Speaker, I bet he wishes he could take some of those words back now. From some of the media stories that I've seen, the government has failed miserably in their responsibility "to ensure the proper management and protection of personal information."

It's clear to me that the government was quite content to keep quiet about the breach, the leak, the leaving of a website wide open so that anyone can download files, and to actively keep Nova Scotians in the dark, hoping that they might solve the big caper.

That's why this bill is so important. It's law. It's not a policy that can be ignored or interpreted. It's not a process that government can work around. It says that government must notify people as soon as possible that their information has been compromised. It seems simple. It's common sense. But three short years ago, the government dismissed it as unnecessary.

It's all too clear today that this bill is necessary, that it's essential, and that it's long overdue. Let's not forget that this breach - the leak, the download of the files - happened at the beginning of March. It took a month for someone to find the download that had happened by someone who was doing a research project. I think it was the Thursday that someone found out about it. They alerted people, and it wasn't until the Wednesday - almost five days later - that the government decided to come clean on what had happened, that there had been a breach of this kind of information. That is too long a period for people to not know that their personal information had been released.

Mr. Speaker, it's never too late to do the right thing. The FOIPOP breach has shown us that this bill is the right thing to do. It's very disappointing that this government has refused to support it. It shows me that they have not learned from the breach. I'm going to call it a leak. I continue to call it a breach because that's what is written down, but it was really a leak or a wide-open door without a lock. It shows me that they don't have the best interests of Nova Scotians at heart when it comes to the protection of personal information.

With those short words, I thank you for the opportunity, on this special Opposition Day, to discuss Bill No. 122.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Official Opposition House Leader.

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 123.

Bill No. 123 - Supporting People with Disabilities Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure to rise today to say a few words on this bill, which I believe will address the very serious issue of support for persons with

disabilities in the currently existing program. I do want to give a nod to my colleague, the member for Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, who had introduced this bill in 2015. For my part, it really stems from conversations with my constituents, a couple in particular, about a very serious lack in the way disability service programs are provided for people with autism.

We all know that autism has been making the news lately. There has been a huge upswing. I believe the story is that there has been a 50 per cent increase in severe cases since 2016. We see autism and autism spectrum disorder having a significant impact on our schools and our teachers. It is extraordinarily difficult for them to deal with.

The crux of Bill No. 123 comes in Clause 3. The word “or” is in there, and I think that’s a very critical word. “Subject to Section 4, the Minister of Community Services shall provide the services under the Disability Support Program, the Direct Family Support Program and all other appropriate programs to a person who has been diagnosed by a medical professional as having an intellectual deficit disorder and resulting intellectual developmental disability or as having autism spectrum disorder.”

That’s a very significant “or” in this bill. The reason for that is, I have a constituent - and I don’t want to reveal the identity of this constituent. This is a single parent with two children with autism who are home-schooled, and they are very different from each other.

In the Disability Support Program as it exists now, there is an intelligence quotient, IQ, test for whether you qualify or not. There are four levels of intellectual disability. There’s mild, which is an IQ of 50 to 70; moderate, an IQ of 39 to 55; severe, an IQ of 20 to 40; and profound, an IQ of 20 to 25. There’s an IQ test for whether a young person qualifies for the Disability Support Program.

For this individual, neither one of these two elementary school-aged children would qualify. In fact, they are both very different from each other, even though they are siblings. One would have an IQ of 120, and the other one apparently an average IQ of 100. We have two children who are home-schooled with a single parent looking after them. Because of this IQ test, the parent of these children does not qualify for respite care. The parent is in desperate need of respite care. This is an individual who I have known virtually all my life. I have known this individual’s extended family, and I can tell you that this is a severe need.

The issue, as I just mentioned, is the IQ test for this young person with autism. With an IQ of 120, this approximately 10-year-old child can quote U.S. presidents and quote information - very bright, but does not actually have sensory control of themselves and is in diapers. And the parent has said to me it’s very strange to be changing the diaper of someone who can quote the U.S. presidents but cannot control their own bowel movements.

This is the sort of reality of the situation. An extraordinarily tough, difficult situation for this parent, and it's because of this IQ test and I don't believe that the IQ test is an appropriate test for someone with autism. It may well be for some with autism but, as we all know, with autism spectrum disorder there is a wide range of abilities that a person can have and sometimes people with autism can be very good at certain things and very good at things that pertain to information.

Years ago, I had a young man working on my farm who had autism spectrum disorder and, as a young person, he had read the Encyclopedia Britannica and he would be - I'm sure he's in his 40s, but as a young person he had read the whole Encyclopedia Britannica, literally had a photographic recall of the information in the entire Encyclopedia Britannica, and this young man worked for me on the farm for a short time.

His father worked for me. His father was a great employee; he worked many years for me. We loved him, but his son who had autism - finally, my other employees said, John, we can't work with that guy. We can't handle him because he just had such poor social skills and just couldn't read social cues and he just frustrated my other employees, and so I had to accept that and I put him in a job where he was working by himself, and then he was frustrating me. I couldn't deal with that either because I had to manage him. He was taking up as much management time as 15 other people and, unfortunately, that didn't work out, that relationship, but this young man was brilliant but still had very severe disabilities - and I know I'm talking about an adult here and not talking about the person I'm addressing this bill to, but this young man actually went on to be a brilliant artist and I know that his work has been shown in Halifax. There is a gallery that carries his work.

As a person with autism, he has many immense talents and abilities, yet never really had the ability to sort of get along with people at all, even in a work environment which was fairly supportive - and I think we had a significantly supportive work environment for that young man where we had his father working with us, and we just had to accept that his social skills and his just antagonizing, unintentionally, of my other employees was so bad that we couldn't keep him.

But it goes to say that what I'm saying is autism expresses itself in different ways and IQ is not necessarily a good indicator of how disabled a person is and, as I've said of my constituent who my heart goes out to, the issue of this IQ test is preventing this constituent from getting the respite care that they so desperately need.

There are two children with autism here, as I've mentioned. One with an IQ of about 100 and one with an IQ of about 120. Neither one of them qualifies for respite care, but I hope you can appreciate the difficulty of having two children not that distant apart in age, both of them very different from each other, one a flight risk, one very, very bright, very, very different and the difficulties in that home are profound and the intent of this bill is to address this issue with autism and I hope that - I realize we're in the waning days of this session and I know that these bills carry forward. We'll reintroduce it.

I know that it's unlikely to get passed right now, but maybe there's something that the Minister of Community Services can do in this because I believe that, for autism and autism spectrum disorder, the IQ test is not appropriate. It doesn't really capture what is going on in that person and, as I've said, we know that people with autism can be brilliant in some ways but have very poor sensory control in other areas, very poor recognition of the human cues of, hey just leave me alone right now, I don't want to talk to you. They don't pick that up at all, they don't know when they've said too much. They don't know all of these things which prevent them from really interacting and functioning in the social realm.

We have a very huge problem with autism, and I wish I could tell you I knew where it came from, but it seems like it's exploding. It's not clear why that's the case - maybe it's because of better understanding of it. I know that I'm not a medical professional, I can't tell you why it's happening. I know in some cases, it can be a very brief look at Wikipedia, linked in some cases to drug usage by the parents. In some cases, hereditary. Really not very clear at all why we are dealing with such an exploding situation with autism.

It is an enormous stress and strain on our school system, and for this parent who I'm bringing up this situation about, who home-schools, this parent is taking an enormous burden off the school system, but because of the IQ of these two siblings unable to access respite care - the intent of this bill as I've said, is to address that. I do believe that when this Disability Support Program was written, and the guidelines were written for it, there wasn't really a clear understanding of this situation. So, I don't believe it was deliberate on anybody's part, that hey, let's leave out these kids who are very high-functioning intellectually, but very low-functioning in other ways, with autism. I don't believe that was the intent at all.

I think that not only is there this need, but as we've seen in the news lately, and I know it's been very well publicized, the Carly Sutherland story has been publicized, and I'm not sure that this bill really addresses what they need either. There's a huge demand on us as a government, on society, to address these autism needs, and I believe that in this small way, by adopting this bill, we could see a change in the way we do things here.

In fact, I know that what we're trying to change through a bill is something that is really within the regulations, and maybe it doesn't even require a bill to change this. I know we've brought bills forward before where the first thing the minister says is well, we don't need a bill to change that, we can change it if we want. My suspicion is that that's the case in this situation, that we're bringing the bill forward, but in reality, the Minister of Community Services could simply, with the stroke of a pen, change the guidelines. Guidelines usually aren't in the legislation, they are usually something that are in the regulations, and within the purview of the minister to change.

So, from that point of view I would be asking the minister to consider changing the guidelines on autism in eliminating the IQ test for autism, and really just looking at the

other factors in the home, and the factors with the child, so that it isn't simply, oh this child has an IQ of 120 and that's it. You know, there's a lot of other factors there, and I know that medical professionals have been involved in this family's life, and have written letters of support. I know that it is something that - they really need respite care, this single parent really needs this respite care, and I know that they're not the only ones, there's many, many more people. I can tell you that in May 2017, when we were going door-to-door, I was at a number of homes, whether by coincidence or not, these three or four, where the statement was, I've got a child with autism, what are you going to do about that?

We have a huge need in the Valley, I know that that probably is true everywhere else. There's a very excellent - Autism Nova Scotia has a location in Kingston, but for people who are in Kings North and Kings South in particular, in our end of the Valley, Kingston is like, a 45-minute drive away, and not really much different than being in Halifax. It's really just a little bit too far away to access programs, and a lot of these families are financially stressed with these children.

So, we really need more support for people with autism in what I would call eastern Kings County. So, part of that, part of my bringing forward this bill is to want to highlight that. I realize that there's much that needs to be done to support these, and I believe this is something the government can do. With that, I would like to say thank you and take my seat.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg.

MS. SUZANNE LOHNES-CROFT: I'm pleased to rise to speak to this private member's bill, Bill No. 123, Supporting People with Disabilities Act.

Mr. Speaker, every parent has hopes and dreams for their child and children. I know that members here in the House have their own families or they have nephews and nieces or godchildren, and they have hopes and dreams for those children as well.

I feel we really need to think about how shocking it is for a new parent to have someone deliver the news that there is an abnormality with their child at birth. In the case of autism, it's usually around the 18-month mark when a child starts to shut down with communication and starts having tantrums for no reason at all, and a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder is made.

Sometimes it's not until a child is in school that a Primary teacher will discover that something is just not right with a student and recommend the student to the core team at the school and start documenting and have the resource teacher and the school psychologist observe the child and maybe do some testing and realize that the child has some kind of intellectual disability. Some are well up into the later elementary years before some are diagnosed.

But the feeling of heartbreak that these parents have when this happens - I think there's a lot of - just think if it was you. Maybe some of you have received this news. There are so many emotions that parents feel when they get this news. There's denial, anger, grief, fear, confusion, powerlessness, disappointment, and rejection. I'm not necessarily talking about rejection of their child but rejection of the person who has delivered this piece of news to a parent, because it is often devastating for parents. That's because we all have hopes and dreams for our children. These parents need hope, and they need to realize that they're not alone.

One of the things I have always said when I have worked with children - and I have worked for a long time with children with disabilities and their families - is that people need to speak their truth. That is a little different than stating the truth. In all aspects of life, people need to speak their truth. Mr. Speaker, your truth is different than my truth.

Before I get into some of the information here that I'm going to share, my truths are from my experiences working with children and especially with children with autism. I worked for a long time with some of the more severe cases of autism with our school board. My truth is working with a student with autism. The resource teachers and the principals all have their own truth, the administration's truth of how we deliver an inclusive program in our school. The Department of Community Services and the Department of Health and Wellness have their truths. They have budget demands. They have policies. Their truth is going to be different than my truth.

Then there's the parents' truth. Mr. Speaker, I can tell you that I have met many parents at the door of the school in the mornings who are extremely exhausted. They're just so exhausted because their child hasn't slept for days, so this parent hasn't slept for days and they are just so relieved to drop the child off at school. They can't even think any longer, they just need to go home and some of them have to go off to work, and others go home and try to get a couple of hours of sleep before the child comes home from school.

It can be exhausting, but it can also be rewarding. I've heard some parents say that had they not had a child with a disability - they see it as a gift for them to be a better person themselves. Mind you, I don't think all of us would want to have the struggles that some of these parents face on a day-to-day basis. It can be heartbreaking, and there are good moments.

I know some parents who say I just want my child to say I love you, or to hug me. That sometimes never comes if you have a child with autism. Some children with autism can learn to do it, sometimes it's very robotic, but these parents crave just to hear I love you from their child. So, there's so much heartbreak but we want to make sure we can give hope to these parents.

I understand what the member for Kings North is trying to say in this legislation, but I just worry that if we don't know the cost of that - and I'm not saying that everything

should have a cost, but we do know that Community Services says their largest budget item there are many provisions made for people with many kinds of disabilities and needs with Community Services, so I'm kind of scared if you focus on this, will we have to take from somewhere else, another service that is really needed.

What I see Community Services is doing currently is building on programs. Each year we see more and more money going into programs. We see more money and focus on policies and improving policies. I think the intentions of this government has been to build on these successes. Can we do everything all at once? No, we really can't. That's unrealistic, so we really have to look at where we can put our focus.

I really think that all of us here, as legislators, need to realize we need to develop a culture in our society of inclusion and acceptance. We can all say that we are inclusive or we are accepting, but those are our words, not our deeds. You have to really walk the talk and we really need to make our whole culture inclusive and not just with people with disabilities, people of race. It's so important that we grasp these social understandings amongst ourselves because we can do all the wonderful things for someone with a disability but, really, we're doing it because we think we're doing something good, we're not doing it because we believe it.

I think to make inclusiveness successful, we all have to feel it and believe it, not just say we are doing it for the sake of doing it because it can't be a success that way. I've seen it in schools, the successful schools with inclusion programs are because the staff at the school believe in inclusion, their principal has to believe in inclusion, and their support system at the Regional Centres of Education have to have that belief, too, or nothing falls into place.

A lot of people with intellectual disabilities also have health challenges. Typically, children with Down's syndrome have respiratory and circulation problems, heart problems. Medicine has made great strides, we have now heart surgeries and whatnot that can correct a lot of these health issues. We're seeing people with disabilities such as Down's syndrome, they are gaining longer lifespans so we need to have programs for these people. I think we have to find meaningful work and opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities. It's tough but it takes one and one

I have seen so many parents who were focused, in the elementary years, on having intellectual instruction for their child. They really pushed it, and pushed it. They said, I want inclusion. I want them in the classroom, and I want them taking French, math, and English. Then they get their child into another level of education, like a junior high or senior high, where there's more emphasis on life skills. These parents have said, oh my gosh, had I known that a life skills program would have made so many more advances in my child, I would not have advocated for the focus on intellectual work.

[4:15 p.m.]

They see their child succeeding and learning basic skills. Then at home, they can transfer those skills to everyday living. Those children can do laundry at home. They can prepare meals. I have spent a lot of time doing life skills with children, especially children with autism, making snacks and lunches. It gives them a feeling of success.

The parents are just astounded. You have to remember, sometimes it's easier to have someone else - any of us who have kids know - tell our child something or teach our child something. I know some parents who won't teach their kids to drive. It's easier to have someone else teach them to drive. A lot of these parents are just amazed at what a life skills program does.

We're looking at spending more money in this budget to help adults with autism to find jobs and putting more money into training them. That's going to take someone working one-on-one with these people and allowing them to experiment with different job opportunities, find their niche, and find meaningful work that they can do on a regular schedule. When you're dealing with people with autism, you need to have routine, and you need to have schedules.

That's really important for the people who work with them, the people who are their respite care. We're giving more money for respite care, and these people play a really big role in the daily lives of families with a young person with autism. To find that person is challenging enough, but it's paying that person and keeping that person long term. As most of us know, transitions are really challenging for people with autism. Having continuity in your staff, people they know, their respite care workers, or their one-on-one worker who will train them for job success - we really have to be aware of the importance of these people.

Many times, families are constantly interviewing for respite care workers because many of these people show violence, and it can be challenging. It's a health and safety issue for some workers. I know in school, our TAs are often challenged with the aggression of students. We have to keep in mind that it takes a special person to know how to de-escalate some of the situations that arise.

To find a respite person or a person who can work one-on-one with a person with autism so that they can get a job is going to take a lot. It's important that our Department of Community Services supports respite care and additional aids to the home. We're increasing that each year, Mr. Speaker.

But we have to keep in mind that there needs to be a balance. We need to find things for these students once they get out of school. They can stay in school until they're 21, but after that, sometimes there isn't anything. I'm really happy to see that this government is

going to look at investing more money in training people with autism. It's something I hear from parents.

I have a case that I'm working on right now about what we are going to do with a high-needs young person with autism. How are we going to give him a meaningful life and keep him at home with his mom? She wants him at home, and making sure she has the supports - and most of all, we have to make sure that those people living with autism have the supports.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

MS. SUSAN LEBLANC: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my honourable colleagues for their comments thus far on this bill.

In 2011, a Health and Wellness Minister in this province, named Dave Wilson (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I'd like to remind the honourable member not to name other members of this Legislature by proper names.

The honourable member for Dartmouth North has the floor.

MS. LEBLANC: I apologize, Mr. Speaker. The then-Health and Wellness Minister, the honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid, launched Nova Scotia's first Autism Spectrum Disorder Action Plan. (Applause) I have more to say on this subject.

It was the province's first Autism Spectrum Disorder Action Plan, and the plan made substantial commitments to improving the lives of and the supports for individuals affected by autism spectrum disorder, and those of their families. It was a plan for and about early intervention, but it also sketched a road map for a lifetime of care and support for people with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

I was really heartened to hear my colleague from the government talk about how what we need in this province is a culture of acceptance and inclusion. I'm not sure if anyone knows this, but there was just a whole commission on inclusion that reported to this House - here it is.

One of the very first things that the commission on inclusion has suggested as a key action in Stage One of its implementation, which should happen between April and August of this year, is this: "Develop Inclusive Education Policy Framework, including new behaviour, mental-health, and autism strategies and guidelines."

This action in the inclusion commission report would directly connect with the honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid's original Autism Spectrum Disorder Action

Plan, and mostly likely, if done well, would enhance it. It would build on the work that was done then and enhance it.

The thing about this is that we haven't heard one sentence about this key action from this inclusion commission report from the government.

AN HON. MEMBER: And it's April.

MS. LEBLANC: And it's April. Yes, it's April.

As we move forward through to August, I would hope that if we are going to build a culture of acceptance and inclusion in this province - which I believe we should do, as well - we need to start paying attention to all aspects of this report. It would be great if we could start with that particular action.

Part of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Action Plan that was created in 2011 - as I mentioned, it addressed mostly early intervention work, but it also declared the need and the desire that we would offer supports across the lifespan of a person with autism spectrum disorder. Right now, we know that a child at age six who has autism spectrum disorder - that child can no longer receive the supports, what's in place right now. They cease to be the concern of the Health and Wellness system.

According to Autism Nova Scotia, some families in this situation, where their children age past six, are paying between \$6,000 and \$7,000 per month out of pocket for therapy and respite care because what is available in the schools and in current programs and systems just isn't enough - \$6,000 and \$7,000 a month.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know what other people's lines of credit are, but I'll tell you, that would wear mine out in about three months, so I don't know what people are supposed to do. (Interruptions) That is absolutely right, I am a very lucky person. How is it possible that someone is able to provide that care for very long?

Let's talk about the people who simply don't have \$6,000 or \$7,000 a month. Let's talk about the people, several families in my riding, where they also need respite care, and what is happening is that generally mothers end up staying home with their children, and if they are single mothers, that means there's no income in the family, and that means they go on income assistance, and they provide the care for their children in that way, but also extra costs and that kind of thing.

I do have a parent in my constituency who is facing eviction right now, and facing her power being cut off because of this exact thing, because she can't work, because she is called every day to go pick up her son from school, and there's nothing anyone can do about it. He is waiting for the IWK program - there's a huge wait-list. You understand the picture here.

There is this little pot of money through the Department of Community Services where families who have children with autism spectrum disorder can access respite care money. I have heard from several families that this money is being cut, so when we talk about how the Department of Community Services is addressing the needs of these families, well, I don't understand how a 12 per cent cut in this fund is adequately addressing the needs of these families.

We also know that our mental health crisis supports are inadequate currently, so they don't have the capacity to deal with people who present with autism spectrum disorder. We also know that the initial plan from 2011 laid out several evaluation criteria to measure its effectiveness. In the six years since the plan was released, apart from a 2015 analysis of how to deal with the EIBI wait-list, which is no small thing, it seems that no evaluation of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Action Plan has been done.

We are very aware that addressing the needs of children with these issues requires participation among the Department of Community Services, the Department of Health and Wellness, and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. We require a new kind of silo knocking-down, we require a new type of thinking that is co-operative and inclusive, to address and assist the families of children with autism spectrum disorder and all neuro-divergent children.

According to recent evaluations of our provincial EIBI program, that program has been successful in improving outcomes for children who are using the program. However, access to this EIBI program requires a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and a referral, and of course diagnoses are very hard to come by when you can't get access to a family doctor who can offer that diagnosis, or at least a path to that diagnosis. This is no small thing, we are hearing about this all across the province, in all kinds of other health care-related issues. People have severe needs and they can't get any help because they can't get a doctor to diagnose them.

We know that the best practice for EIBI - Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention - is for a full year of the program to be offered to children right before they begin school, right before they enter Primary. If a child's diagnosis is too late to allow this, then the best practice suggests six months, and it should happen no later than March, so it's six months leading right up to September when the child would start school.

Of course, in many situations children are not getting diagnosed until after they are school-aged. So what do those families do? That's right, there's nothing right now to address those issues. Again, this little pot of money for respite care does very little. I mean, obviously, people are always grateful for a little bit of support, but we need to actually address the situation.

[4:30 p.m.]

Wait-lists and the lack of access to family doctors, appropriate specialists - they're all barriers for people and families in need of time-sensitive services.

Social determinants of health apply to autism spectrum disorder. Research has shown that children in low-socioeconomic-status households and in rural areas are less likely to get a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. After age six, the supports for children with ASD are thinner on the ground. We have the supports in the - I'm sorry, I'm going to have to pause for a second and just look at the program again - Direct Family Support program. We know that those are available, but for some cash transfer programs, the income caps have not even been studied since 2012.

We absolutely need to invest in appropriate timely supports for families impacted by autism spectrum disorder. If I understand the legislation correctly, this bill in particular is adding the "or," so that the supports that are in place will apply to families with autism spectrum disorder as well.

I support that aspect of the bill, but like many pieces of legislation that we've spoken of during this session, this does not go nearly far enough to address what is actually happening in our province and to families with children with autism spectrum disorder.

To truly provide a culture of inclusion and support and acceptance, we need to follow the instructions of the inclusion commission and develop an inclusive education policy framework. We need to include new behavioural mental health and autism strategies and guidelines ASAP. We also need to have the Department of Health and Wellness allocate funding and resources for health care services in schools so that some of these wait-lists and some of these diagnosis times can shorten.

We could start, and we should start, by addressing or looking at the strategy that was developed in 2011. Take it from there. Use that as a jumping-off point, and then refine it, improve it, update it so that it is actually meeting the needs of the families who are experiencing these issues now in 2018. We need to adequately fund those services and the supports that those families are crying out for.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

MR. TIM HALMAN: Mr. Speaker, I'm honoured to rise this afternoon to speak on Bill No. 123. First off, I'd like to thank my colleagues in the House for their comments on Bill No. 123. In particular, I'd like to thank the member for Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley for introducing this bill back in 2015, and of course, my colleague for Kings North for his remarks on this bill.

This bill is a very important bill, but I am sad to report that the need for this bill is just as great, if not greater, today than it was three years ago. Families that have children who have ASD have unique and diverse needs that require more enhanced supports. They have challenges that other families may not have, and sometimes these families need additional assistance.

Government does have a program: the Disability Support Program. It provides support to children, youth, and adults with disabilities through residential and at-home support programs. DSP support options range from supporting families who care for a family member with a disability in their own home to supporting people with disabilities in a 24-hour residential-support option.

There's another program called the Direct Family Support program that is intended to provide funding to enable families to support their family member with a disability at home. Some Nova Scotia families don't qualify for these programs because their income is too high. Other families don't qualify because their family member has an IQ score higher than 70. Let's stop and think about that - research has shown that IQ does not represent the level of need in children with autism.

One cognitive psychologist, Tony Charman, a Professor of Autism Education at the University of London, has said that taking IQ as a metric to divide up individuals can be misleading because "high functioning" sounds like you are doing really well when, in fact, you are not. He says that IQ scores generally relate to the ability to communicate or to adapt to daily life, but they are far from perfect indicators of cognitive functioning.

It is pretty clear that regardless of the test, IQ may not be the best indicator of the ability of a person with autism to navigate the real world. We can infer that IQ tests may not be the best indicator of whether a child with ASD is eligible for the support programs offered by the government - it's a number, but it doesn't measure the needs of a family, and the needs of a family must be the determining factor when allocating supports.

Bill No. 123 seeks to remedy the issue identified by Nova Scotia families who have children with ASD. It means that eligibility does not hinge on an IQ score, but rather on the needs of the family.

Respite is one of the supports available. The main function of respite, as many in this House know, is to provide the participant with a positive and rewarding experience while, at the same time, providing the primary caregiver with a break from the care and supervision of their family member with a disability.

We don't believe that a family should be denied respite because their child has been assessed with an IQ of 71 or 80 or 90. If a family of a child with ASD requires a break from the care and supervision, they should have that. In some cases, an IQ above 75 does not negate the need.

It simply doesn't make sense that in our province someone from the Department of Communities Services could say to parents, I can see you need this program, but you're not eligible because of an arbitrary number on a test sheet. We can and we must do better for Nova Scotia families in need of respite care.

We must take a compassionate and common-sense approach to programs that support people with disabilities. These supports should be in place to help families thrive and to help people with disabilities reach their full potential and live happy and fulfilling lives. That is why I urge all members to support Bill No. 123.

With those words, on the last day of our session, I will take my seat. I wish all MLAs in this Legislature all the best as we return to our constituencies and serve the great people of our province - the great people of Nova Scotia.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Deputy Official Opposition House Leader.

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: Mr. Speaker, that concludes Opposition business for today. I would like to wish everybody a good summer and hope everybody is healthy and safe over the holidays.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Deputy Government House Leader.

MR. KEITH IRVING: Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to be here to fill in for the House Leader who, I know, will be arriving very shortly.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will now stand recessed while we await the Administrator.

[4:40 p.m. The House recessed.]

[5:01 p.m. The House reconvened.]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: His Honour the Administrator is without.

MR. SPEAKER: Let His Honour the Administrator be admitted.

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

The Administrator, Hon. Michael MacDonald, preceded by his Private Secretary, and by Mr. David Fraser, Sergeant-at-Arms, bearing the Mace, entered the House of Assembly Chamber. The Administrator then took his seat on the Throne.

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

The Speaker, with the Chief Clerk on the left and the Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Clerks 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 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 CLERK:

Bill No. 52 - Motor Vehicle Act.

Bill No. 65 - Psychologists Act.

Bill No. 66 - Volunteer Services Act.

Bill No. 70 - Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act.

Bill No. 76 - Mineral Resources Act.

Bill No. 79 - Property Valuation Services Corporation Act.

Bill No. 82 - Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.

Bill No. 84 - Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.

Bill No. 85 - Municipal Government Act.

Bill No. 87 - Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act.

Bill No. 99 - House of Assembly Act.

Bill No. 104 - Research Nova Scotia Corporation Act.

Bill No. 106 - Insurance Act.

Bill No. 107 - Labour Standards Code.

Bill No. 108 - Cannabis Control Act.

Bill No. 114 - Gaelic College Foundation Act.

Bill No. 116 - Financial Measures (2018) Act.

Bill No. 118 - Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.

THE ADMINISTRATOR:

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

MR. SPEAKER: Your honour, having been graciously pleased to give your Assent to the Bills passed during the present Session, it becomes my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, her faithful Commons of Nova Scotia, to present to Your Honour a Bill for the Appropriation of Supply granted in the present Session for the support of the Public Service and to request Your Honour's Assent thereto.

THE CLERK:

Bill No. 120 - Appropriations Act, 2018.

THE ADMINISTRATOR:

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

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

[The Administrator left the Chamber.]

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

[The Speaker took the Chair.]

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

[The national anthem was sung by the members.]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Premier.

THE PREMIER: Have a seat everyone.

Before I ask to adjourn the House, Mr. Speaker, I do want to, on behalf on all of us, acknowledge so many people who make this place run on a regular basis. There are Pages whom we see in this House, and I want to acknowledge them here, some of whom this will be your last session I understand. Thank you, not only for your commitment to the House, but for your commitment to the democratic process. As a father of a former Page, I know how important an education this can be, but for us it's wonderful to see young people here who are such a shining example, and you make us all hopeful for the future, so thank you for being here.

To those at Legislative TV, Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge them. To the Clerks who are here, this was a much tamer session for them, so we'll try to do better in the Fall. Thank you to the Hansard team that is here; the Legislative Library; House Operations staff Peter and Mike, thank you for your ongoing support and commitment. Sergeant-at-Arms, David, we always feel safer when you're around - thank you.

The commissionaires who are here and have been, I think, a tremendous show of professionalism over the last number of sessions. You've done a tremendous job of ensuring the move and flow of people who want to watch in the gallery as well as those of us in and out of the House, and I just want to say I noticed a big change, and on behalf of all of the members of the House, thank you for your great professionalism. Mr. Speaker, the Halifax Regional Police who have become a fixture of this building, I want to acknowledge them, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who we see here often.

The staff of all of our caucus offices who work very hard to ensure that either we have an answer, or they have a question, and when we get a question we give an answer, but I do want to acknowledge the staff who are here. This is a trying time for all members. I think we all need to acknowledge that for the people who work in our offices, it's that much tougher for them, and I will acknowledge in many ways, it's tougher for members of the Opposition, their staff, who have to deal with getting ready for Question Period, getting ready for all of the work that goes on inside this House around debates. So, for all of our teams, I want to say a special thank you to the team that is part of my side of the House for their tremendous work, but I also want to acknowledge the hard work that goes on, on behalf of the Opposition caucuses as well.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to acknowledge our team at home, our families who are there looking after all of the things, in my case, doing many of the constituency things that I would not be able to do because I'm here, but also ensuring that those of us who have young children that they continue to make sure that their life goes on as normal as possible, because let's say this profession does not provide a normal life for most kids and families. But, thank God, you have all chosen to do it, and thank God that we have people around us who support, love, and care for us, who allow us to come and do this job. (Applause)

I also want to acknowledge our constituency assistants. Some of you I know have introduced yours in the House this session but they are truly on the front lines. They work

day in and day out on behalf of the people who elect us to come here, and I want to acknowledge their great work, as well as that of the Public Service.

I've said this many times: in places where Nova Scotians say, "that damn government," it's not referring to the public servants, they are referring to those of us who have the privilege to be elected. At this moment in time it's us they're referring to, but at other times it has been your Parties.

I do want to acknowledge the public servants today, and to provide advice no matter who gets the privilege to govern, and I believe this province is richer for the men and women who sign up to make a career of improving and making this province the best it can be, so on behalf of all of us, thank you. (Applause)

Mr. Speaker, I just want to acknowledge there are three members of this current House who will spend the next period of time campaigning for the respective leadership of their Party, and there is a member outside of this House. I want to extend to the three who are here, and the gentleman who is not here, my best wishes as they go about talking to their Party membership. Every Party needs to have their renewal, and I wish you well as you go through that process.

If I could give you one piece of advice - it's one I shouldn't give you - remember that you are members of the same team. This is an important part, it's a privilege to be in this House. I've gone through a leadership campaign with a member who was in my caucus. She ended up becoming the Deputy Premier of the province, and I think for you, this will be a great renewal for your Party, but it will also be a rich and rewarding experience for the four of you, so I wish you well as you begin the campaign this summer. (Applause)

With that, Mr. Speaker, the motion is that the House adjourn 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 5:16 p.m.]

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)**Tabled April 17, 2018****RESOLUTION NO. 1319**

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Thomas William Burns of Margaree Harbour deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Thomas William Burns, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1320

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Mary Jane (MacKay) Hardie of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Mary Jane (MacKay) Hardie, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1321

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Marie Lucille Landry of Arichat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Marie Lucille Landry, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1322

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Lily MacLeod of Framboise deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Lily MacLeod, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1323

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Paul Alcide David of Arichat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Paul Alcide David, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1324

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Robert Daniel Frost of Grand Anse deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Robert Daniel Frost, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1325

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Joseph Francis Sampson of River Bourgeois deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Joseph Francis Sampson, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1326

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Joseph Jerome Marchard of Arichat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Joseph Jerome Marchard, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1327

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Amable “Mabbie” Landry of Sydney deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Amable “Mabbie” Landry, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1328

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Chelsey Joseph Ranson of D’Escousse deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Chelsey Joseph Ranson, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1329

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Rev. M. Frances Six of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Rev. M. Frances Six, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1330

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Michael Edward Cullen of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Michael Edward Cullen, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1331

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Colin Patrick Purcell Sr. of Port Hawkesbury/Mulgrave deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Colin Patrick Purcell Sr., having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1332

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Mary Theresa Pickup of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Mary Theresa Pickup, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1333

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Marguerite Anne “Margie” Proctor of Evanston deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Marguerite Anne “Margie” Proctor, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1334

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Gerald Richardson “Gerry” MacLean of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Gerald Richardson “Gerry” MacLean, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1335

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Charlie Kublek of Irish Vale deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Charlie Kublek, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1336

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Ronald Edward “Ron” Train deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Ronald Edward “Ron” Train, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1337

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Winnifred Florence MacNeil of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Winnifred Florence MacNeil, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1338

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Douglas Wayne Greenough of Roberta deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Douglas Wayne Greenough, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1339

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Joseph Anthony Sampson of Poulamon deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Joseph Anthony Sampson, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1340

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Claudette Anastasia (Burke) King of Evanston deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Claudette Anastasia (Burke) King, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1341

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Darryl Jean Roy of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Darryl Jean Roy, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1342

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Albert Stone of Lynche River deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Albert Stone, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1343

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Lester Andrew Johnson of Potlotek deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Lester Andrew Johnson, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1344

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Ethel Abigail MacPherson of Port Hastings deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Ethel Abigail MacPherson, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1345

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Francis Cornelius LeRoux of L'Ardoise deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Francis Cornelius LeRoux, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1346

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Normal Hillory Basque of Potlotek deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Normal Hillory Basque, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1347

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Maureen Ann Fruin of Cleveland deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Maureen Ann Fruin, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1348

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Loretta Piercey of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Loretta Piercey, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1349

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Gordon William Johnston of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Gordon William Johnston, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1350

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Gavin Matthew Sampson of Lower L'Ardoise deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Gavin Matthew Sampson, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1351

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas John Joseph Camus of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of John Joseph Camus, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1352

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Peter Joseph Francis of Potlotek deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Peter Joseph Francis, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1353

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas David Charles LeBlanc of Arichat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of David Charles LeBlanc, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1354

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Gerald “Jerry” Martell of West L’Ardoise deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Gerald “Jerry” Martell, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1355

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Charles James Landry of Arichat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Charles James Landry, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1356

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Dennis David Wright of Port Hawkesbury all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Dennis David Wright, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1357

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Wesley Lester “Wes” Eager of Cleveland deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Wesley Lester “Wes” Eager, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1358

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas William Lawrence Digout of St. Peters deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of William Lawrence Digout, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1359

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Benjamin Aloysius “Ben” Green of Louisdale deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Benjamin Aloysius “Ben” Green, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1360

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Thomas Henry Dorey of West Arichat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Thomas Henry Dorey, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1361

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Ambrose Joseph Dorey of West Arichat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Ambrose Joseph Dorey, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1362

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Gregory William Bent of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Gregory William Bent, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1363

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Charles Edward Alexander “Eddie” Cogswell of Evanston deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Charles Edward Alexander “Eddie” Cogswell, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1364

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Rita “Faye” Forgeron of Port Hastings deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Rita “Faye” Forgeron, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1365

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Maureen Marie Adrienne Nicholas of Eskasoni/Chapel Island deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Maureen Marie Adrienne Nicholas, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1366

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Robert Joseph Patrick Fraser of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Robert Joseph Patrick Fraser, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1367

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas David Paul Dort of Lochside deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of David Paul Dort, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1368

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Narcisse Joseph “Bernie” Marchand of Louisdale deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Narcisse Joseph “Bernie” Marchand, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1369

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Mary Merina Babin of West Arichat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Mary Merina Babin, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1370

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Mary Margaret Touesnard of River Bourgeois deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Mary Margaret Touesnard, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1371

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Albert “Cletus” Landry of St. Peters deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Albert “Cletus” Landry, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1372

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Gerald Francis Hart of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Gerald Francis Hart, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1373

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Doris P. Keoughan of Kempt Road/Cleveland deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Doris P. Keoughan, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1374

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Joseph “Joe” Boucher of River Bourgeois deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Joseph “Joe” Boucher, having name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1375

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Rita Celeste Sampson of River Bourgeois deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Rita Celeste Sampson, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1376

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Percy James Cummings of Kempt Road deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Percy James Cummings, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1377

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Mary “Delima” Sampson of Louisdale deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Mary “Delima” Sampson, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1378

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Barry Kevin MacKay of St. George’s Channel deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Barry Kevin MacKay, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1379

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Marie Priscilla Covin of Montreal, formerly of West Arichat, deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Marie Priscilla Covin, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1380

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas John Daniel “John Dan” MacDonald of St. Peters deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of John Daniel “John Dan” MacDonald, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1381

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Howard Thomas Babin of West Arichat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Howard Thomas Babin, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1382

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Catherine “Kay” Rehberg of Dartmouth deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Catherine “Kay” Rehberg, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1383

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Mary Catherine Wood of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Mary Catherine Wood, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1384

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Marie Elizabeth Cole of Petit de Grat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Marie Elizabeth Cole, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1385

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Edgar Norman MacPhee of West Arichat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Edgar Norman MacPhee, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1386

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Gordon Neil Ellis of Antigonish deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Gordon Neil Ellis, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1387

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Wilfred Anthony Barrett of Lower L'Ardoise deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Wilfred Anthony Barrett, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1388

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas John Elmer Hillier of Louisdale deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of John Elmer Hillier, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1389

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Cheryl Elaine Smith of Lake Ainsley deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Cheryl Elaine Smith, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1390

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Violet Loretta Malcolm of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Violet Loretta Malcolm, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1391

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Joseph Milton Clannon of Little Anse deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Joseph Milton Clannon, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1392

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas George Henry MacDonald of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of George Henry MacDonald, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1393

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Daniel Thomas Duyon of Antigonish deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Daniel Thomas Duyon, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1394

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Laura Carmelina “Carmie” MacLeod of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Laura Carmelina “Carmie” MacLeod, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1395

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Carl Edward Cogswell of Port Hastings deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Carl Edward Cogswell, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1396

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Nicholas Edward Duyon of St. Peters deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Nicholas Edward Duyon, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1397

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Serge Jean-Marie Pannequin of Oban deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Serge Jean-Marie Pannequin, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1398

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Roy Roger Leblanc of L'Ardoise deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Roy Roger Leblanc, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1399

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Viola Sampson of L'Ardoise deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Viola Sampson, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1400

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas "Hayward" Lewis Hollett of Port Hawkesbury deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of “Hayward” Lewis Hollett, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1401

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Alexander Morrison of St. Peter’s deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Alexander Morrison, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1402

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Lillian Beatrice Marshall of Potlotek deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Lillian Beatrice Marshall, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1403

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Mary Margaret O'Brien of L'Ardoise deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Mary Margaret O'Brien, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1404

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Mary Elenor Briand of Pondville deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Mary Elenor Briand, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1405

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Laurie Joseph Smith of Arichat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Laurie Joseph Smith, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1406

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Joseph Aloysius Boudreau of Arichat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Joseph Aloysius Boudreau, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1407

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Sharon Royal of Point Tupper deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on her family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Sharon Royal, having her name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1408

By: Ms. Alana Paon (Cape Breton-Richmond)

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

Whereas any life of loss is tragic and imparts upon family and friends feelings of emptiness and loneliness; and

Whereas Daniel Robert Latimer of Petit de Grat deserves all the respect and honour we have to give for a life that touched so many people and left a lasting impression on his family and community; and

Whereas as we mourn, we also celebrate the contributions of the life, love and memory of all residents, past and present, of Cape Breton-Richmond;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly honour and commemorate the life of Daniel Robert Latimer, having his name forever written as historical record in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. 1409

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Pat Morrison has served as a volunteer facilitator for the Halifax Adult Group since September 2013 for the Excalibur ADHD Association; and

Whereas this year he became our support chairman while still running the Halifax Adult Group; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Pat Morrison for all his hard work as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1410

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Stephen Warnock has served as a volunteer for the Excalibur ADHD Association since its inception in 2001; and

Whereas he led the chess club, tai chi club, and stamp club, and assisted with reading and homework for the after-school programs, and served as assistant leader children's camps and as assistant coach for Working Memory since 2012; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Stephen Warnock for all his hard work as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1411

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Joe and Maureen Baltzer serve as volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program at the Dartmouth Seniors Service Centre; and

Whereas they work together as a dedicated, reliable team to deliver good food to people in need; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Joe and Maureen Baltzer for all their hard work as volunteers and members of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1412

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Russ Walsh serves as a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program at the Dartmouth Seniors Service Centre; and

Whereas he has worked as a dedicated, reliable volunteer for the last 20 years; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Russ Walsh for all his hard work as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1413

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Monica Baccardax has been volunteering with the United Way campaign at Dalhousie University for 10 years; and

Whereas her passion, enthusiasm, and big heart have made her an incredible champion for those in need; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Monica Baccardax for all her hard work as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1414

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Pete Halliday Enterprise Rental Car always goes above and beyond to show kindness to the community; and

Whereas he inspires others to do the same as a United Way volunteer; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Pete Halliday for all his hard work as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1415

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Mary Ellen Gurnham is a long-time volunteer and workplace campaign coordinator with the United Way; and

Whereas she has consistently exemplified compassion, kindness, and dedication to supporting others in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Mary Ellen Gurnham for all her hard work as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1416

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Margaret's House has served nutritious meals to people in need in Dartmouth since the 1960s; and

Whereas the dedication and compassion of the many caring and dedicated volunteers are the backbone of this organization; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to all the volunteers of Margaret's House for their hard work as volunteers and members of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1417

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Nora Gross is a volunteer with the Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Nora Gross for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1418

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Beth Curlett is a volunteer with the Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Beth Curlett for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1419

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Peigi Alcorn is a volunteer with the Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Peigi Alcorn for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1420

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Erin Christian has served as a volunteer development chair for the Excalibur ADHD Association; and

Whereas she has dedicated her time and energy by helping to cook and manage logistics during functions; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Erin Christian for all her hard work as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1421

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Nancy Manuel is an invaluable volunteer with Oakwood Terrace; and

Whereas she helps deliver programs and porter residents to and from programs and helps with fundraising events and church services; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Nancy Manuel for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1422

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Theresa Hurst is an invaluable volunteer with Oakwood Terrace; and

Whereas she is the coordinator of pastoral care volunteers and is present every Sunday to help with the church service; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Theresa Hurst for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1423

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Marilyn Purchase is an invaluable volunteer with Oakwood Terrace; and

Whereas she is the coordinator of pastoral care volunteers and is present every Sunday to help with the church service; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Marilyn Purchase for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1424

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Kathy Snell is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Kathy Snell for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1425

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Carolyn Vickers is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Carolyn Vickers for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1426

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Fran Robinson is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Fran Robinson for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1427

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Shae Olsen is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Shae Olsen for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1428

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Ken Vaughan is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas he has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Ken Vaughan for all his hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1429

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Jay Harvey is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas he has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Jay Harvey for all his hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1430

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Carol Morrell is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Carol Morrell for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1431

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Pat McKay is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Pat McKay for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1432

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Wanda Webber is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Wanda Webber for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1433

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Leslie Hennen is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Leslie Hennen for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1434

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Bruce Roosen is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas he has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Bruce Roosen for all his hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1435

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas John Filipkowski is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas he has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to John Filipkowski for all his hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1436

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Verna McDonough is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Verna McDonough for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1437

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Anne Farmer is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Anne Farmer for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1438

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Duncan MacLeod is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas he has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Duncan MacLeod for all his hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1439

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Sheila Taylor is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Sheila Taylor for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1440

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Joey Poirier is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas he has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Joey Poirier for all his hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1441

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Dorothyanne Brown is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Dorothyanne Brown for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1442

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas George Squires is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas he has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to George Squires for all his hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1443

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Iris Barnhill is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Iris Barnhill for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1444

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Jean Chard is a volunteer with The Craig Gallery; and

Whereas she has helped support its mission to promote and develop awareness and support of visual arts in our community; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Jean Chard for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1445

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Doug Boudreau serves as lead coordinator of the United Way campaign at Stewart McKelvey; and

Whereas he has dedicated immense time and creative thinking for several years to consistently come up with new and innovative ways to engage employees in the United Way campaign; and

Whereas his enthusiasm and dedication has led to great campaign success at Stewart McKelvey year over year;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Doug Boudreau for all his hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1446

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas the volunteers of Margaret's House serve free, nutritious, hot meals to residents in need; and

Whereas many of the volunteers have been with the organization for years, and several of them were at some point guests; and

Whereas they are the backbone of the organization;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to the volunteers of St. Margaret's House for all their hard work and dedication as volunteers and members of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1447

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas from April 10 to April 12, 2018, students from all over the Strait Regional School Board congregated for the 19th Annual Strait Regional Science Fair; and

Whereas winners will attend the Nova Scotia Science Fair Showcase in Halifax from May 3rd to May 5th, as well as the Canada-Wide Science Fair being held at Carleton University in Ottawa from May 18th to May 20th; and

Whereas Grade 11 student Ozan Ürkmez from Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School, with his project, Delve Into Dimensions, placed second overall;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Ozan Ürkmez on placing second overall at the Strait Regional Science Fair.

RESOLUTION NO. 1448

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas from April 10 to April 12, 2018, students from all over the Strait Regional School Board congregated for the 19th Annual Strait Regional Science Fair; and

Whereas winners will attend the Nova Scotia Science Fair Showcase in Halifax from May 3rd to May 5th, as well as the Canada-Wide Science Fair being held at Carleton University in Ottawa from May 18th to May 20th; and

Whereas Grade 12 student Taylor Smith from Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School, with her project, The Wear and Tear of Bleach Dyed Hair, placed fourth overall;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Taylor Smith on placing fourth overall at the Strait Regional Science Fair.

RESOLUTION NO. 1449

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Health and Wellness)

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

Whereas from April 10 to April 12, 2018, students from all over the Strait Regional School Board congregated for the 19th Annual Strait Regional Science Fair; and

Whereas winners will attend the Nova Scotia Science Fair Showcase in Halifax from May 3rd to May 5th, as well as the Canada-Wide Science Fair being held at Carleton University in Ottawa from May 18th to May 20th; and

Whereas Grade 10 student Lyza Ells from Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School, with her project, Roadside Vegetation: It's Not Easy Being Green, placed first overall;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Lyza Ells on placing first overall at the Strait Regional Science Fair and wish her the best in these upcoming science fairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 1450

By: Mr. Gary Burrill (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas Halifax Burger Week 2018 raised \$115,601 for Feed Nova Scotia, a record-breaking year in terms of both public support and the amount of money raised; and

Whereas every \$2 raised during Burger Week allows Feed Nova Scotia to distribute three meals worth of donated food for Nova Scotians; and

Whereas Wild Leek Food & Juice Bar participated in this fundraiser through the offering of their delicious Vegan Philly Cheese Steak Burger;

Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulates Wild Leek Food & Juice Bar on their participation in Halifax Burger Week 2018, and the money they raised for Feed Nova Scotia through this endeavor.

RESOLUTION NO. 1451

By: Mr. Gary Burrill (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas Halifax Burger Week 2018 raised \$115,601 for Feed Nova Scotia, a record-breaking year in terms of both public support and the amount of money raised; and

Whereas every \$2 raised during Burger Week allows Feed Nova Scotia to distribute three meals worth of donated food for Nova Scotians; and

Whereas the Armview Restaurant and Lounge participated in this fundraiser through the offering of their delicious Big Texan Burger;

Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulates Armview Restaurant and Lounge on their participation in Halifax Burger Week 2018, and the money they raised for Feed Nova Scotia through this endeavor.

RESOLUTION NO. 1452

By: Mr. Gary Burrill (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas Halifax Burger Week 2018 raised \$115,601 for Feed Nova Scotia, a record-breaking year in terms of both public support and the amount of money raised; and

Whereas every \$2 raised during Burger Week allows Feed Nova Scotia to distribute three meals worth of donated food for Nova Scotians; and

Whereas Freeman's Little New York participated in this fundraiser through the offering of their delicious Chipotle Cranberry Cheddar Burger;

Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulates Freeman's Little New York on their participation in Halifax Burger Week 2018, and the money they raised for Feed Nova Scotia through this endeavor.

RESOLUTION NO. 1453

By: Mr. Gary Burrill (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas Halifax Burger Week 2018 raised \$115,601 for Feed Nova Scotia, a record-breaking year in terms of both public support and the amount of money raised; and

Whereas every \$2 raised during Burger Week allows Feed Nova Scotia to distribute three meals worth of donated food for Nova Scotians; and

Whereas La Piazza Ristorante participated in this fundraiser through the offering of their delicious Hulk Burger;

Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulates La Piazza Ristorante on their participation in Halifax Burger Week 2018, and the money they raised for Feed Nova Scotia through this endeavor.

RESOLUTION NO. 1454

By: Mr. Gary Burrill (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas Halifax Burger Week 2018 raised \$115,601 for Feed Nova Scotia, a record-breaking year in terms of both public support and the amount of money raised; and

Whereas every \$2 raised during Burger Week allows Feed Nova Scotia to distribute three meals worth of donated food for Nova Scotians; and

Whereas Organic Earth Energy Bar participated in this fundraiser through the offering of their delicious Beet the Meet Burger;

Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulates Organic Earth Energy Bar on their participation in Halifax Burger Week 2018, and the money they raised for Feed Nova Scotia through this endeavor.

RESOLUTION NO. 1455

By: Mr. Gary Burrill (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas Halifax Burger Week 2018 raised \$115,601 for Feed Nova Scotia, a record-breaking year in terms of both public support and the amount of money raised; and

Whereas every \$2 raised during Burger Week allows Feed Nova Scotia to distribute three meals worth of donated food for Nova Scotians; and

Whereas Rinaldo's participated in this fundraiser through the offering of their delicious Uncle Sam Burger;

Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulates Rinaldo's on their participation in Halifax Burger Week 2018, and the money they raised for Feed Nova Scotia through this endeavor.

RESOLUTION NO. 1456

By: Mr. Gary Burrill (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas Halifax Burger Week 2018 raised \$115,601 for Feed Nova Scotia, a record-breaking year in terms of both public support and the amount of money raised; and

Whereas every \$2 raised during Burger Week allows Feed Nova Scotia to distribute three meals' worth of donated food for Nova Scotians; and

Whereas Seasons by Atlantica participated in this fundraiser through the offering of their delicious Hey Mambo Italiano! Burger;

Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulates Seasons by Atlantica on their participation in Halifax Burger Week 2018, and the money they raised for Feed Nova Scotia through this endeavor.

RESOLUTION NO. 1457

By: Mr. Gary Burrill (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas the Merritt Awards, named for the late Dalhousie Theatre professor Robert Merritt, celebrate outstanding talent in the theatre industry; and

Whereas in 2018 the Wes Daniels Design Award was awarded to Villain's Theatre with Vicky Williams;

Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulate Villain's Theatre and Vicky Williams on this significant recognition by their peers.

RESOLUTION NO. 1458

By: Mr. Gary Burrill (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas the Merritt Awards, named for the late Dalhousie Theatre professor Robert Merritt, celebrate outstanding talent in the theatre industry; and

Whereas in 2018 2B Theatre Company's production of *Old Stock: A Refugee Love Story* won in the categories of Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role (female) (Mary Fay Coady), Outstanding Direction (Christian Barry), Outstanding Musical Direction (Ben Caplan), Outstanding New Play by a Nova Scotian (Hannah Moscovitch, Ben Caplan and Christian Barry), Outstanding Original Score or Composition (Ben Caplan and Christian Barry), Outstanding Scenic Design (Louisa Adamson and Christian Barry, with Andrew Cull), and Outstanding Production;

Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulate 2B Theatre Company on the staging of *Old Stock: A Refugee Love Story*, the individuals who received recognition in these categories, and the admiration and esteem this momentous production has earned them within the theatre community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1459

By: Mr. Gary Burrill (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas entrepreneurs Jane and Bill Cooley and their family business Bib 'n Tucker have been outfitting children with unique top-quality clothing in the Halifax region since 1976; and

Whereas the store began servicing the area with their first store in the Historic Properties, moved to 6423 Quinpool Road in 1989, and then in 1994 joined forces with Valerie Beaton in expanding to Bedford's Sunnyside Mall; and

Whereas after 42 years of serving the public, forging lasting relationships, and being part of the neighbourhood, Jane and Bill Cooley and Valerie Beaton announced their retirement this year and said a fond goodbye to their Bib 'n Tucker storefront operation on Quinpool Road and mall location in Bedford;

Therefore be it resolved that this House recognize Bib 'n Tucker for its longstanding and successful retail businesses in Halifax and Bedford and extend sincere congratulations to accomplished entrepreneurs Jane Cooley, Bill Cooley, and Valerie Beaton on their well-deserved retirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 1460

By: Mr. Gary Burrill (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas Canada has every good reason to be proud of the accomplishments of its many athletes who represented our country at the recent Olympics in South Korea; and

Whereas Nova Scotia was also doubly proud of its Olympians who played on the women's hockey team, Blayre Turnbull of Stellarton and Jillian Saulnier of Halifax, who made Olympic history as there had never been a N.S. hockey player on the Canadian women's Olympic hockey team before; and

Whereas Jillian Saulnier made further history by being the first female hockey player from Nova Scotia to score a goal in the Olympics, all part of a team effort to bring home a hard-fought and coveted Olympic silver medal;

Therefore be it resolved that this House extend its congratulations and sincere thanks to Jillian Saulnier and Blayre Turnbull for their huge efforts in putting Nova Scotia on the map of women's hockey for this year's Olympics and doing so with passion and with true Canadian spirit.

RESOLUTION NO. 1461

By: Mr. Gary Burrill (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas the Horatio Alger Association of Canada, the Canadian affiliate of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, awards scholarships to deserving high school students in every province and territory in Canada; and

Whereas in addition to the 85 scholarships to be awarded across Canada this year, the winners of the five Entrepreneurial Scholarships head to Washington, D.C., to attend the Horatio Alger National Scholars Conference along with their American counterparts; and

Whereas Citadel High School student Jonah Larsen has been awarded the \$10,000 Horatio Alger National Entrepreneurial Scholarship this year, cited as recognizing students "in financial need who have overcome significant adversity while demonstrating strength of character, strong academics, a commitment to pursuing higher education as well as a desire to contribute to society";

Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulate Jonah Larsen on being awarded this significant scholarship, and wish this accomplished student the very best of good luck in all future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1462

By: Mr. Gary Burrill (Leader of the New Democratic Party)

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

Whereas Mel Boutilier has been an entrepreneur and trailblazer for social enterprises in the Halifax region for decades, including Parker Street Food Bank and Metro Care and Share Society; and

Whereas Mel Boutilier was awarded an honorary degree in Civil Law by St. Mary's University on January 19th, in recognition of his tireless efforts, adding it to prior honours

through the Order of Canada, the Order of Nova Scotia, Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year, and the Theresa Casgrain Award for Outstanding Volunteerism, awarded annually to one man and one woman in Canada; and

Whereas Mel's partner in life of 63 years and in his life's work, Thelma Boutilier, was recently feted with him at the Halifax Forum with a combined birthday party as Mel turned 90 on January 29th and Thelma turned 86 in February;

Therefore be it resolved that this House extend sincere congratulations to Mel Boutilier on being awarded an honorary degree from St. Mary's University and say both "happy birthday" and "thank you" to Mel and Thelma Boutilier as a couple for their massive contribution in making Nova Scotia a better place in which to live.

RESOLUTION NO. 1463

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Immigration)

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

Whereas the Syrian Student Society of Dalhousie University was started in 2015 by Yaser Alkayale to showcase and celebrate Syrian culture through events and activities, and has participated in Canada 150 festivities and hosted barbecues for the public; and

Whereas with the arrival of Syrian refugee families to Halifax in 2016, the Syrian Student Society worked to help integrate newcomers, including by launching a coding camp called Maritime Lab to help members of the community learn skills and gain acceptance to Dalhousie University; and

Whereas on April 20, 2018, the Syrian Society will again host Shokran Canada as a way to say thank you to the communities that have welcomed Syrians to Canada and to raise money for the Children's Wish Foundation, all while presenting the best of Syrian food, culture, and dance;

Therefore be it resolved that all Members of the Legislative Assembly join me in thanking Yaser Alkayale for the efforts he has put into the Syrian Student Society, and wish the society and its incoming executive committee all the best with Shokran Canada 2018 and their future endeavors.

RESOLUTION NO. 1464

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Immigration)

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

Whereas music therapy is a therapeutic approach that uses musical experiences to restore, maintain, and improve a patient's cognitive, emotional, and physical health, and is especially beneficial for our seniors, as music connects deeply to our feelings, our memories, and our stories; and

Whereas both creating and engaging with art can have a profound effect on overall wellness, providing patients living with Alzheimer's and dementia with an important sense of empowerment, control, and fulfillment; and

Whereas music therapy recently returned to Melville Lodge in Armdale, allowing residents to experience live music and participate in musicmaking with the help of experienced music therapists;

Therefore be it resolved that all Members of the Legislative Assembly join me in thanking the partners at GEM Health Care, the Nova Scotia Health Authority, the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia, and Heartsparks Music Therapy for helping to bring joy and comfort to our seniors.

RESOLUTION NO. 1465

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Immigration)

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

Whereas Armdale resident Bonnie Ste-Croix accepted the role of Executive Lead for Poverty Reduction with the Province of Nova Scotia in November 2017, after six years of dedicated community service as executive director of Chebucto Connections; and

Whereas Bonnie has, over the years, played an integral role in countless community initiatives focused on helping people and families in need, fostering community spirit and resilience, and promoting education and wellness in and around Spryfield and Armdale; and

Whereas Bonnie brings her exceptional expertise and compassion to the task of reducing poverty in our province, and I look forward to her contributions to our government's policy and strategy on this important issue;

Therefore be it resolved that all Members of the Legislative Assembly join me in thanking Bonnie for her years of service to our communities, and wish her well in her important new role.

RESOLUTION NO. 1466

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Immigration)

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

Whereas Halifax's Enas Jawad is a talented glass artist who makes beautiful Islamic artwork, creating vivid scenes and stories that pay homage to her culture and faith and the places that have marked her life; and

Whereas Enas serves as a volunteer member of the Halifax Local Immigration Partnership's social and cultural inclusion subcommittee and has recently opened Little Picasso Art Centre with her husband, Adnan, to offer art-enriched child care services to the community; and

Whereas creative expression is an important part of any child's development, and Little Picasso's unique space allows children to learn the fundamentals of drawing and painting while experimenting with glass, art, charcoal, and pastels;

Therefore be it resolved that all Members of the Legislative Assembly thank Enas Jawad for sharing her passion for art with the next generation of Nova Scotian artists and wish her and Adnan success with their business.

RESOLUTION NO. 1467

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Immigration)

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

Whereas youth in my community are being invited to take part in the new Spryfield Young Filmmakers Program, a unique opportunity to get hands-on experience in video production while participating in a number of fun modules that will help shape them into the filmmakers of tomorrow; and

Whereas participants will be given digital cameras and instructed on proper lighting and shooting techniques, pre-production planning and set design, wardrobe and makeup, and editing, allowing them to execute two projects over the next year with the support of experienced instructors; and

Whereas youth had until April 20th to apply, and community sponsors are already signing on to support this worthwhile program, including industry professionals who will volunteer as mentors;

Therefore be it resolved that all Members of the Legislative Assembly thank the Spryfield Business Commission and their community partners for putting this program together and wish participants all the best as they learn and create.

RESOLUTION NO. 1468

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Immigration)

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

Whereas Cherie Metlej of Armdale owns and operates Mama Gratti's Deli and Market in Founders Square, just around the corner from the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, on Hollis Street; and

Whereas Cherie is a hard-working mother of three who honed her culinary chops by helping her parents with their restaurant; and

Whereas Mama Gratti's serves a range of delicious and affordable breakfast and lunch options, including an inspired selection of fresh salads, nutritious smoothies, omelettes, and wraps and paninis, and is a convenient option for hungry MLAs, business people, and tourists in our downtown core;

Therefore be it resolved that all Members of the Legislative Assembly congratulate Cherie on the success of Mama Gratti's and consider stopping by her deli before attending to the day's business.

RESOLUTION NO. 1469

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Immigration)

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

Whereas the high school experience is not just about papers, projects, and exams but also about unique experiences and opportunities that shape the type of adults our children become; and

Whereas Chrystal McNeil, a teacher at J.L. Ilsley High School, is organizing one such experience for 29 students, undertaking the ESS Mission 2018, through which her

group of students and participants will travel in May to Managua, Nicaragua, to build two houses for families in need; and

Whereas these two 7-day missions will be eye-opening educational and cultural experiences for participating students, including Spencer McFarland of Halifax Armdale, and will help families begin new lives in their communities;

Therefore be it resolved that all Members of the Legislative Assembly join me in thanking Chrystal McNeil, her partnering chaperones, Spencer McFarland, and all other students participating in the ESS Mission 2018 for their humanitarianism and wish them well in Nicaragua.

RESOLUTION NO. 1470

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 the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, an international multi-sport event that featured 282 Canadian athletes competing in 19 different sports, took place from April 4 to 15, 2018; and

Whereas Bridgewater native Jackie Foster represented Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia in the lawn bowling event as the lead, alongside crew mates Joanna Cooper, Pricilla Westlake, and Leanne Chinery; and

Whereas Jackie Foster's Canadian crew scored victories over teams from Wales, Scotland, Fiji, India, Niue, and New Zealand before narrowly missing a bronze medal finish to England;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Jackie Foster and her crew for their performance at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games and for representing Canadian Athletics on the international stage.

RESOLUTION NO. 1471

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 Malcolm Pain of Bedford, an 80-year-old marathoner and navy veteran, competed in the Boston Marathon for the ninth time on Monday, April 16, 2018; and

Whereas in challenging running conditions, Malcolm Pain completed the 2018 Boston Marathon, finishing second in his age group with a time of 4:38:41;

Whereas Malcolm Pain had to overcome adversity in the form of a significant knee injury in 2009 to become the oldest Nova Scotian to ever complete the famed marathon;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join in congratulating Malcolm Pain on his excellent result at and completion of the 2018 Boston Marathon and wish him all the best for good health and happiness.

RESOLUTION NO. 1472

By: Ms. Lisa Roberts (Halifax Needham)

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

Whereas the Reverend John Morrell has ministered at St. Mark's Anglican Church on Gottingen Street since 2011 and is approaching his planned retirement; and

Whereas Fr. Morrell took a great interest in the history of the Halifax Explosion as his congregation is the only one that suffered loss of life in 1917 and remains active today and devoted tremendous energy and leadership to marking the centenary in 2017; and

Whereas Fr. Morrell has been a stalwart of the North End Ministerial, a supporter of the Ward 5 Community Centre, and an organizer of special services, commemorative events, and community socials;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Fr. John Morrell for his contribution to community and wish him and his wife, Kathy Morrell, all the best in their retirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 1473

By: Ms. Lisa Roberts (Halifax Needham)

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

Whereas Kim Clayton is retiring after 40 years of continuous work with the North End Community Health Centre; and

Whereas Kim Clayton has had an indelible impact on her community, offering support and dedication to patients through her years with the clinic; and

Whereas Kim Clayton has led her community and fellow clinicians with a sense of humour, responsibility, and respect;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this Nova Scotia Legislature acknowledge Kim Clayton for the impact that she has had on generations of people throughout her career and congratulate her on her retirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 1474

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 Tara Hill is a resident of Sackville and has been a Subway restaurant owner for 25 years; and

Whereas Sackville Subway is always supportive of local sports teams and community events; and

Whereas a new and improved Subway location, including a drive-through, opened in January, 2018, in Downsview Plaza at 794 Sackville Drive, in Lower Sackville;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tara Hill and staff of Subway in Lower Sackville on the opening of the new Downsview Plaza location, thank them for supporting the community, and extend best wishes for continued success.

RESOLUTION NO. 1475

By: Hon. David A. Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

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

Whereas East Coast Credit Union, formerly known as Dartmouth Community Credit Union and Heritage Credit Union, has grown to 20 branches throughout Nova Scotia, and has been providing financial services in Lower Sackville for 42 years where they have supported many community initiative, such as the Cobequid Community Health Centre, the Relay for Life, and many other events; and

Whereas East Coast Credit Union has been recognized numerous times by Progress Magazine as one Canada's Best Places to Work and one of Canada's Best 101 Companies; and

Whereas the Lower Sackville branch celebrated a grand reopening on March 27, 2018, where guests were welcomed to the newly-renovated premises by East Coast Credit Union CEO, Ken Shea and Branch Manager Angela l'Abbe;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Lower Sackville branch of East Coast Credit Union on their grand reopening, thank them for their contribution to the community, and extend best wishes to the entire East Coast Credit Union for continued success.

RESOLUTION NO. 1476

By: Hon. David A. Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

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

Whereas Heather and Alex Stephen, originally from Edmonton and Toronto, had a dream of opening a community café and chose Nova Scotia as the location for their endeavour because of the friendly people and the east coast lifestyle: and

Whereas the Apartment 3 Espresso Bar, named after their apartment in Toronto, is located at 833 Sackville Drive in Lower Sackville; and

Whereas the Apartment 3 Espresso Bar held a successful grand opening in Lower Sackville on April 7, 2018, where their relaxed atmosphere and great coffee will be a welcome addition to the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly welcome Heather and Alex Stephen to Nova Scotia, congratulate them on the opening of the Apartment 3 Espresso Bar in Lower Sackville, and extend best wishes for success.

RESOLUTION NO. 1477

By: Hon. David A. Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

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

Whereas Beaver Bank Station is located in the historical Hallisey House at 991 Windgate Drive in Beaver Bank where it has served as a telegraph office, a post office, a hotel, and a restaurant since its construction in 1872; and

Whereas Chris Davis and Brad Farquhar are the owners of Beaver Bank Station, which will celebrate its first anniversary on July 27, 2018; and

Whereas Beaver Bank Station, nicknamed the World's Friendliest Pub, offers family-friendly dining and live local entertainment;

Therefore be it resolved that all Members of this House of Assembly congratulate Chris Davis, Brad Farquhar, and staff of Beaver Bank Station on their first year of business, thank them for promoting and supporting local talent, and extend best wishes for future success.

RESOLUTION NO. 1478

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas Ailie Sullivan of Hubble cares about people and wants to make a difference in the lives of others by volunteering with Northwood, We Day, CIBC Run for the Cure, the Sacred Heart Student Council, and the IWK's Kermesse fundraiser; and

Whereas as a volunteer at Northwood, Ailie loves visiting with residents and has taken the initiative to plan activities for them, and she also volunteers as the student council treasurer and as the youth debating coach; and

Whereas Ailie's volunteerism has been recognized by Halifax Regional Municipality, and she is a recent recipient of the Provincial Volunteer Award for her generosity;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Ailie for her community work and wish her much success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1479

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas on Monday, March 26, 2018, Lisa Hartlen of Terence Bay, in her fundraising efforts on behalf of the Cancer Society, hosted a well-attended bingo at the Terence Bay Fire Hall; and

Whereas in preparation for the event, Lisa solicited numerous donations and prizes, from lobster to gift cards, ensuring that there was something for everyone; and

Whereas the combined total raised by the bingo and the 50/50 was \$3,414, and all funds raised will go toward lymphoma research through the Cancer Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in recognizing Lisa's leadership and generosity of spirit and thank her for her volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1480

By: Hon Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas Tarri Kemp-Baker of Shad Bay has spent 25-plus years volunteering in the community on boards and as a basketball coach, and after both of her daughters faced bullying at school, it became her goal to provide a positive environment for young ladies; and

Whereas as a Mount St. Vincent alumni, Tarri partnered with the university to build a positive, confidence-building, and inclusive female basketball program, the Nova Scotia Mercury Elite Girls Basketball, a program focusing on skill development and preparing the girls for their next progression in basketball; and

Whereas this program has all female varsity athletes as coaches and is designed to challenge the girls, to better their skills, and to reward the ones who work hard to succeed;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Tarri and the Nova Scotia Mercury Elite Girls Basketball team on their successes to date and wish them well in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1481

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas the TASA Bantam A Ducks team had a storybook ending to their 2018 SEDMHA tournament, turning a 5-0 defeat into a 6-5 win in the semi-finals; and

Whereas after they scored in the last 30 seconds to tie the game, then came an eight-player shootout that saw the Ducks move on to the finals against the Sackville Flyers; and

Whereas this, too, was a close-fought game that went into three-on-three overtime that left the TASA Bantam A Ducks the gold medal winners;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Gavin Keating, Kai Sullivan, JC Blais, Brodie Jenkinson, Zach Evans, John MacIsaac, Nathan Daye, Owen Whiteway, Thomas Kleinknecht, Samuel Gagnon, Nathan MacHardie, Devon MacDonald, Boston Foubert, Ethan MacNeil, Austin King, Chad Meagher, and Nolan Cheeseman, along with coach Dennis King, trainer Andrew Kleinknecht, and assistant coaches Roger Keating and Jay MacIsaac and wish them well in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 1482

By: Mr. Hugh MacKay (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas Matt Faye organized an event called Fundraising for Lisa, held recently for the family of a woman in a community of Chester-St. Margaret's who has Stage 4 cancer; and

Whereas Matt's fundraiser was held at Spidle's Your Independent Grocer in Chester and raised close to \$500 for this important cause; and

Whereas Matt, a member of the Nova Scotia Special Olympics Team as well as the Chester Volunteer Fire Department, is a valued member of our Chester-St. Margaret's community because of his compassion and leadership;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Matt on his recent fundraiser and wish him well in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1483

By: Mr. Hugh MacKay (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas Nadine Hackney, a resident of Hubbards and a board member of the Hubbards Area Recreation Association, has recently been appointed to the role of community development coordinator for the Municipality of the District of Chester; and

Whereas Nadine has worked in the recreation field for almost 10 years with a focus on youth and outdoor education, and she will be supporting the municipal Recreation and Parks Department to offer diverse recreation opportunities for residents and will help support initiatives by community groups; and

Whereas Nadine will put special emphasis during her first year on the job on focusing on opportunities in the vibrant New Ross community to use space now available in the local school building;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Nadine on her new position and wish her well in her endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1484

By: Mr. Hugh MacKay (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas the New Ross Community Food Project, in partnership with the New Ross Family Resource Centre, works to provide an important community-driven initiative to support residents of the community to build and strengthen a sustainable food system; and

Whereas the New Ross Community Food Project is offering a workshop by local gardener Christina Caldwell on how to extend the growing season in our Nova Scotia climate by offering tips on soil warming techniques, garden covers, and succession crops; and

Whereas Chef Erika Reeves and Registered Dietitian Leanne Webb will then offer a workshop called Healthy Cooking for families, which will show how to turn the garden successes into tasty, healthy meals;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the New Ross Community Food Project on its important and innovative programs, and wish them well on their future endeavors.

RESOLUTION NO. 1485

By: Mr. Hugh MacKay (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas Mr. Luke Ruitenbergh, a resident of St. Margaret's Bay, was recently named to Canada's 2017-2018 National Sailing Team to compete on the international stage in the Laser Olympic Class; and

Whereas Luke recently competed in the Laser U21 World Championships as well as the Laser Senior World Championships in Split, Croatia, he is now training and competing in Florida, then onto Mexico, followed by the internationals in Spain; and

Whereas all this preparation will lead to the World Championships in Aarhus, Denmark, where Luke will have his first opportunity to qualify to the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Luke on his accomplishments to date, and wish him well in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1486

By: Mr. Hugh MacKay (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas the Seniors' Association of St. Margaret's Bay has recently initiated a new program called "Neighbours Helping Neighbours" led by program director Heather Thompson and her fellow volunteers; and

Whereas this important new program visits senior community members who are lonely, and studies show that loneliness can have a dramatic impact on the lives and health of older community members; and

Whereas Statistics Canada reports that 1.4 million elderly Canadians report feeling lonely, and some experts find this number so alarming that they have described this situation as a public health crisis;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in commending this excellent program established by the Seniors' Association of St. Margaret's Bay, and to wish them well in their ongoing efforts to serve seniors in their communities.

RESOLUTION NO. 1487

By: Mr. Hugh MacKay (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas Ms. Jenna Veinot-Turner, a young resident of New Ross in the constituency of Chester-St. Margaret's, has been selected as a member of the Nova Scotia soccer team for girls in the 13 to 14 age group; and

Whereas Jenna's team represented Nova Scotia at the Whitecaps Combine soccer team from March 10th to March 16th in Vancouver, British Columbia; and

Whereas it is a great accomplishment for the girls that were invited from the Soccer Nova Scotia Provincial U13 and U14 girls teams to participate in this tournament;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jenna and her teammates for their participation in this amazing opportunity and wish them well in their future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1488

By: Mr. Hugh MacKay (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas Stick Curling is new variation on curling specifically designed to make the game easier to play for people with hip, knee, or other limitations, and there is a steadily increasing population of curlers who must leave the game of curling due to age, injury, or health; and

Whereas the two-person stick curling programs across the country are providing an opportunity for many curlers to return to the game and become active curling club members once again; and

Whereas the Chester Curling Club will host the Maritime Stick Curling Championship on May 23rd to 26th, 2018;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Chester Curling Club for sponsoring this tournament as an important extension of the popular game of curling, and to wish them good luck with this endeavour in the years to come.

RESOLUTION NO. 1489

By: Mr. Hugh MacKay (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas Michael Uhlarik, an industrial designer, owner of the company SURU, and a resident of Hubbards, recently won the SPARK Innovation Challenge, an entrepreneurial competition jointly sponsored by the federal Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, or ACOA, and our own Nova Scotia venture capital organization Innovacorp; and

Whereas Michael, while working at home as a stay-at-home Dad, developed an incredible, lightweight, low maintenance electric bike targeting an urban market as a car replacement, as well as tourism outlets and resort operators in the leisure travel field; and

Whereas SURU, named after Michael's two children, is now poised to open a production facility in Dartmouth with 60 per cent of component parts planned to come from suppliers located throughout Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Michael Uhlarik as he joins Nova Scotia's exciting business community, and wish him well as he embarks on the production of the innovative SURU electric bicycle.

RESOLUTION NO. 1490

By: Mr. Hugh MacKay (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas the Western Riptides is a recreational Pee wee hockey team of 11- and 12-year-old girls from communities in the Chester, Hubbards, and Queensland areas; and

Whereas the Western Riptides won a competition to participate in a recreational hockey tournament called the Bell Capital Cup in Ottawa last December; and

Whereas the Riptides won the competition for Nova Scotia by creating a video and writing an essay based on the "Canadian hockey girl" theme that described the team's energy and creativity, and featured a Canadian flag prominently in almost every scene of the video;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulated the members of the Western Riptides on their competition win, and wish them good luck in all their future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 1491

By: Mr. Hugh MacKay (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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 June 3, 2018, David Robertson will celebrate his 75th birthday; and

Whereas to have reached 75 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 David on reaching this milestone in his life and wish him many more happy birthdays and continued good health.

RESOLUTION NO. 1492

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas New Beginnings Ministries of Cherry Brook, with a second location at 25 Alfred Street in the basement of Harbourview Elementary School, is celebrating the 20th Church Anniversary; and

Whereas the Holy spirit began a movement 20 years ago in the basement of Reverend Glenn and Kathy Gray's home; and

Whereas his anniversary celebration will include a week of fun, fellowship, and worship with Reverend Dr. Ray Owens of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, preaching the worship service on May 20, 2018;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House recognize and congratulate the New Beginnings Ministries for their ongoing work inspiring members of the community to give of their time, talents, and energy to improve the lives of others.

RESOLUTION NO. 1493

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 Bonnie Smith is the 2018 Town of Windsor Provincial Volunteer Award recipient; and

Whereas Bonnie has given numerous hours of her time volunteering with multiple groups and many years including the Windsor Day Care Society, our local Relay For Life and so much more; and

Whereas Bonnie has been a CRA volunteer completing income tax forms for low-income seniors in our community, having helped many hundreds of constituents since starting over four years ago;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Bonnie Smith for being such a dedicated volunteer and thank her for all her work in our community over the years.

RESOLUTION NO. 1494

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 recipient of the 2018 Municipality of West Hants' provincial representative volunteer award was once a single mother in need of help providing Christmas for her young family; and

Whereas from the help she received from others she gave back tenfold by volunteering with the very organization that helped her and many, many others; and

Whereas Roseanna Boyd is the President of the Hants County Christmas Angels and the West Hants Middle School Home and School Association, former Vice President of the Windsor Volleyball Association, founding member of the West Hants Wizards Volleyball Club and Mini Wizards, founding member of the Windsor Kids of Steel

Triathlon, board member of the Windsor Daycare, member of the Hants County CAN Accessibility Committee, all while being a strong, supportive mother to her children;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Roseanna Boyd for being such a dedicated volunteer and on being a strong advocate for volunteerism within our community.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)**Tabled April 18, 2018****RESOLUTION NO. 1497**

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 Tusket Falls Brewing Company opened its doors in December 2017; and

Whereas owners Melanie Sweeney and Jeff Raynard moved back to the area to give a boost to the local economy and keep people working in rural Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Tusket Falls Brewing is producing excellent beer based on local places and folklore, Crack of the Rock Golden Ale, Unmarked Pot Belgian Ale, and the less controversial Roche de Viande Red IPA;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Melanie and Jeff for returning home and starting up this exciting business in the constituency of Argyle-Barrington and wish them well in this terrific enterprise.

RESOLUTION NO. 1498

By: Ms. Kim Masland (Queens-Shelburne)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on January 5, 2018, Staci Whynot and Tyler Frank welcomed their son, Hudson Wayne Frank, into the world;

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1499

By: Ms. Kim Masland (Queens-Shelburne)

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

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities, author Eda J. LeShan wrote; and

Whereas on March 29, 2018 Jennifer and Cody Jennings welcomed their son, Coen George James Jennings, into the world;

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1500

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas Nova Scotia's volunteer fire departments are made up of individuals who show their dedication by contributing hard work, skills, frequently risking their lives, and dealing with incidents of great emotional stress; and

Whereas long-serving volunteers are the lifeblood of our community; and

Whereas Darrell Bond is a recipient of the 2018 East Hants Municipal Fire Fighters Long Service Award:

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Darrell Bond on this award and thank him for his 30 years of service to Noel & District Volunteer Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 1501

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas Nova Scotia's volunteer fire departments are made up of individuals who show their dedication by contributing hard work, skills, frequently risking their lives, and dealing with incidents of great emotional stress; and

Whereas long-serving volunteers are the lifeblood of our community; and

Whereas Keith Rhyno is a recipient of the 2018 Municipal Fire Fighters Long Service Award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Keith Rhyno on this award and thank him for his 40 years of service to Maitland & District Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 1502

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas Nova Scotia's volunteer fire departments are made up of individuals who show their dedication by contributing hard work, skills, frequently risking their lives, and dealing with incidents of great emotional stress; and

Whereas long-serving volunteers are the lifeblood of our community; and

Whereas Morris Williams is a recipient of the 2018 Municipal Fire Fighters Long Service Award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Maurice Williams on this award and thank him for his 60 years of service to Uniacke & District Volunteer Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 1503

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Michael Craven is a vital volunteer with the Dartmouth Heritage Museum;
and

Whereas he is always open to learning new skills and has assisted in all facets of the museum; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Michael Craven for all his hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1504

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Margaret Moody is a vital volunteer with the Dartmouth Heritage Museum; and

Whereas she is always open to learning new skills and has assisted in all facets of the museum; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Margaret Moody for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1505

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Vivien Blamire is a vital volunteer with the Dartmouth Heritage Museum;
and

Whereas she is always open to learning new skills and has assisted in all facets of the museum; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Vivien Blamire for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1506

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Kathleen Richardson-Prager is a vital volunteer with the Dartmouth Heritage Museum; and

Whereas she is always open to learning new skills and has assisted in all facets of the museum; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Kathleen Richardson-Prager for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1507

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Laurie Fleet is a vital volunteer with the Dartmouth Heritage Museum; and

Whereas she is always open to learning new skills and has assisted in all facets of the museum; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Laurie Fleet for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1508

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Josephine Ellis is a vital volunteer with the Dartmouth Heritage Museum;
and

Whereas she is always open to learning new skills and has assisted in all facets of the museum; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Josephine Ellis for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1509

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Cathie Ingram is a vital volunteer with the Dartmouth Heritage Museum;
and

Whereas she is always open to learning new skills and has assisted in all facets of the museum; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Cathie Ingram for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1510

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Mary Liz Greene is a vital volunteer with the Dartmouth Heritage Museum; and

Whereas she is always open to learning new skills and has assisted in all facets of the museum; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Mary Liz Greene for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1511

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Laurie Campbell is a vital volunteer with the Dartmouth Heritage Museum; and

Whereas she is always open to learning new skills and has assisted in all facets of the museum; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Laurie Campbell for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1512

By: Ms. Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas Marilyn Purchase is an invaluable volunteer with the Dartmouth Heritage museum; and

Whereas she has helped out for years on the front desk, at special events, with the collection, and wherever else she has been required; and

Whereas this is National Volunteer Week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in offering sincere thanks to Marilyn Purchase for all her hard work and dedication as a volunteer and member of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 1513

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Angela Callaghan was nominated for Shining Star recognition by the Kennetcook Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Angela Callaghan on this award and thank her for her tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1514

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Betty Stonehouse was nominated for Shining Star recognition by the East Hants Museum Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Betty Stonehouse on this award and thank her for her tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1515

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Bill Woodworth was nominated for Shining Star recognition by the Milford Recreation Association;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bill Woodworth on this award and thank him for his tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1516

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Brian MacPhee was nominated for Shining Star recognition by the Elmsdale Beautification Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brian MacPhee on this award and thank him for his tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1517

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Deneen Newport and Scott Fraser were nominated for Shining Star recognition by the CHArt Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Deneen and Scott on this award and thank them for their tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1518

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Diane Burgher was nominated for Shining Star recognition by MADD East Hants;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Diane Burgher on this award and thank her for her tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1519

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Fred Skelhorne was nominated for Shining Star recognition by the Hants North Recreation and Development Association;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Fred Skelhorne on this award and thank him for his tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1520

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Gaylene White was nominated for the Shining Star recognition by the Kennetcook Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gaylene White on this award, and thank her for her tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1521

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Heather White was nominated for the Shining Star recognition by the Kennetcook Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Heather White on this award, and thank her for her tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1522

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Jason White was nominated for the Shining Star recognition by the Hants North Recreation and Development Association;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jason White on this award, and thank him for his tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1523

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Joan Miller was nominated for the Shining Star recognition by the East Hants Museum Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Joan Miller on this award, and thank her for her tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1524

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Levi Spencer was nominated for the Shining Star recognition by the Hants North Baseball Association;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Levi Spencer on this award, and thank him for his tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1525

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Mike Newton was nominated for the Shining Star recognition by the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corp 356 Wolf (Uniacke);

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mike Newton on this award, and thank him for his tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1526

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Murray Wellwood was nominated for the Shining Star recognition by the Elmsdale Beautification Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Murray Wellwood on this award, and thank him for his tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1527

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Nancy Doane was nominated for the Shining Star recognition by East Hants Historical Society;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of congratulate Nancy Doane on this award and thank her for her tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1528

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Paul Miller was nominated for the Shining Star recognition by Corridor Minor Baseball Association;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of congratulate Paul Miller on this award and thank him for his tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1529

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Roma Russell was nominated for the Shining Star recognition by Kennetcook Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of congratulate Roma Russel on this award and thank her for her tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1530

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Shelly McLellan was nominated for the Shining Star recognition by Rawdon District School;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of congratulate Shelly McLellan on this award and thank her for her tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1531

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Terry White was nominated for the Shining Star recognition by Hants North Baseball Association;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of congratulate Terry White on this award and thank him for his tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1532

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas volunteers make a positive impact on their community by giving selflessly of themselves; and

Whereas the Municipality of East Hants will recognize the contributions and commitments of volunteers during their Annual Volunteer Recognition on April 20, 2018; and

Whereas Tanya Ashley was nominated for the Shining Star recognition by East Hants Community Learning Association;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of congratulate Tanya Ashley on this award and thank her for her tireless volunteer efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 1533

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas the volunteer members of the Prospect Road Communities Minor Baseball Association, the Mariners, are dedicated individuals who invest countless hours in developing skills and a love of baseball in youngsters so that they can become ambassadors for the sport in their communities; and

Whereas competition is at the heart of the game, but equally important to the organization is the promotion of discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship, honesty, and integrity at all levels, and PRCMBA encourages a respect for the game through hard work and determination, and they believe in the importance of leadership and character development and, most importantly, having fun; and

Whereas PRCMBA is committed to providing a safe and fun environment where youth from all of the Prospect Road communities can find opportunities for personal growth and athletic development;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Kim Peters, Lisa LeBlanc, Victoria Horne, Don Lajoie, Dave Dezagiacomo, Kevin Buchan, Alaina Snow, and Amanda Peters for giving so generously of their time and talents to foster a healthy community and a love of the game.

RESOLUTION NO. 1534

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas Stephanie Bagnell and Ariana Pinsent graduated from the Business Management: Pet Speciality program at Dalhousie's Faculty of Agriculture; and

Whereas Stephanie and Ariana created their dream business in May 2016, called The Dog Company, in Hammonds Plains, offering dog daycare, training, grooming, boarding, and a small retail section; and

Whereas all dogs are welcome, regardless of age, with over 14,000 square feet of fenced area, maximizing the play area but also accommodating small play groups and human-dog play time;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly offer their congratulations for providing a high-quality and inclusive service for all dogs throughout HRM.

RESOLUTION NO. 1535

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Immigration)

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

Whereas the Club Inclusion is a United Way of Halifax-funded charitable organization that provides programming for adults who have different abilities, including providing a supportive space for them to make friends, have fun, and share their talents and skills; and

Whereas the Club, now in its 10th year, operates out of St. James Anglican Church in Armdale, serving all of HRM and providing three days of day programming a week and regular daytime and evening drop-in hours that include a variety of engaging activities; and

Whereas the Club will be moving forward with a social enterprise pilot project with support from a grant provided through the province's Disability Support Program, allowing their participants to continue with activities including baking, soap-making, and creating jewellery;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Legislative Assembly join me in congratulating the Club Inclusion on their successful grant application and thank cofounder Alice Evans, program coordinator Jackie Rivers, and former board president Sharon Malay for all they have done to make the Club such a welcoming and supportive place for people in our communities.

RESOLUTION NO. 1536

By: Mr. Hugh MacKay (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas the Bayside Baptist Church, located on Prospect Road in the constituency of Chester-St. Margaret's, will celebrate their 80th Anniversary this year; and

Whereas Mr. Robbie Ernest, now 99 years of age, helped to build the Bayside Baptist Church as a founding member of the congregation and will be honoured at the Anniversary Worship Celebration on June 24th this year; and

Whereas Pastor Vicki Brown, the daughter of a former pastor of the Bayside Baptist Church, the Rev. Terry Tingley, will lead this special service and welcome all visitors to join her congregation for this special service;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the members of the Bayside Baptist Church on the occasion of their 80th Anniversary and wish them many more years of worship in their community during future years.

RESOLUTION NO. 1537

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 April 15th - April 21st marks National Volunteer Week in Canada, a time to recognize and celebrate volunteers who enrich and support our communities across the country; and

Whereas the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum Society commissioned a Meritorious Service Lapel Pin for 15 years or more of continuous active service; and

Whereas long-time volunteers Bill Fraser, Jack Britney, Andre Elieff, Peter Sayers, Bob McElman, and Bill Flinn were recognized for their commitment to the Flight Education program and the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Bill Fraser, Jack Britney, Andre Elieff, Peter Sayers, Bob McElman, and Bill Flinn for their long-standing commitment to the Flight Education program and the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum and for exemplifying the spirit of volunteerism in the Province of Nova Scotia.