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HALIFAX, MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022

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First Session

4:00 P.M.

SPEAKER
Hon. Keith Bain

DEPUTY SPEAKERS
Angela Simmonds, Lisa Lachance

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

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

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

GARY BURRILL: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to present a petition, the operative clause of which is:

We, the undersigned, call upon the Government of Nova Scotia to continue rent control beyond December 2023.

It contains 76 signatures and I have signed it also.

THE SPEAKER: The petition is tabled.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Justice.

HON. BRAD JOHNS: Speaker, as the Chair of the Committee on Law Amendments, I am directed to report that the committee has met and considered the following bills:

Bill No. 94 - Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act.

Bill No. 106 - Condominium Act (amended).

Bill No. 107 - Crosbie Memorial Trust Fund Act (repealed).

Bill No. 109 - Income Tax Act (amended).

Bill No. 114 - Hospitals Act (amended).

Bill No. 115 - Prescription Monitoring Act (amended).

Bill No. 118 - Personal Health Information Act (amended).

Bill No. 120 - Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act (amended).

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

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

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

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

GARY BURRILL: Mr. Speaker, in consideration of the member's statement that I will read in a few moments, I would like to table the following article from the *Chronicle Herald* on October 9, 2021, by Jim Vibert, entitled "Discrimination against disabled systemic in Nova Scotia - and those who fought it heroic."

THE SPEAKER: The report is tabled.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Community Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 189

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

Whereas residential school survivors, elders, knowledge keepers, youth and community leaders from across Canada were part of an Indigenous delegation to the Vatican this past week, seeking and receiving an apology from Pope Francis for the Roman Catholic Church's role in Canada's residential school system; and

Whereas the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia were represented in Rome by residential school survivor Phyllis Googoo, an elder from We'koqma'q First Nation, and Michael R. Denny of Eskasoni First Nation, who is the Red Road coordinator at Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey; and

Whereas the delegates shared their pain and stories about the impact of the residential school system in Canada on them and their families for generations, and those stories have been heard around the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in recognizing Phyllis Googoo and Michael R. Denny and thanking them for their courage and commitment to healing the trauma left by the residential school system.

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

THE SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

All this in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**NOTICES OF MOTION**

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

RESOLUTION NO. 190

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

Whereas Nova Scotia Winters do not follow the predictability of the traditional calendar; and

Whereas each year, with the growing intensity of storms resulting from climate change, we see more and more roads that have previously thawed receive nearly a foot of fresh snow; and

Whereas the people of this province, particularly in rural areas, should not have to worry about whether or not an emergency vehicle can reach their road or whether there are enough active employees to provide snow clearing so they can safely reach their own destination;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House recognize the impact of our exceedingly non-traditional Winter storms and require the government of the day to adopt the necessary changes to allow a portion of employees to be available before and beyond the traditional calendar season so that roads can be cleared for the safe travel of Nova Scotians and emergency vehicles.

THE SPEAKER: The motion is tabled.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Richmond.

MACLELLAN, DONALD: SHARING PHOTOS - THANKS

TREVOR BOUDREAU: Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Donald MacLellan of Arichat. Donald has been capturing events and moments throughout Richmond County for many years through the eyes of his camera. Many people follow his Facebook page, Isle Madame Through My Eyes, where he shares his pictures for all to enjoy. He is able to capture memories of Richmond County for those who still live here and inspire those who left to come back home some day. Please join me in thanking Donald MacLellan for his commitment to sharing the beauty of our home for all to see. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The member for Halifax Atlantic.

MCCARVELL, ALICIA: INSPIRING MESSAGE - RECOG.

HON. BRENDAN MAGUIRE: Mr. Speaker, today I rise to talk about the incredible Alicia McCarvell. Alicia is an amazing woman in our community who has 4.5 million TikTok followers and 647,000 Instagram followers. Her platform is all about self-love and genuine kindness toward yourself and others around her. You really need to check her out online.

Alicia is setting the example for all young people to be true to who they are and continue a path of self love and compassion. She's truly an inspiration to all, and if you're hearing this, Alicia, give me a call. I'd love to do a TikTok video with you - though I think she'd probably lose supporters with my dance moves.

I ask all members of the House to join me in recognizing Alicia for everything she does and her positive attitude toward life.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Chebucto.

DISABILITY CRT. RULING: PREM. STAT. - RECOG.

GARY BURRILL: I rise today to draw the attention of the House to October 6th, when in a detailed 113-page ruling, Nova Scotia's highest court determined that the government's confinement of people with disabilities is systemic discrimination.

In a *Chronicle Herald* op-ed piece on October 9th which I've already tabled, Jim Vibert wrote, "This week the courts said the province could try to justify its confinement practices before a human rights board of inquiry, but ..." the Premier : "... wisely, said that's not on. After the court's ruling, the government would almost certainly lose - again - and the Tories would earn the label 'heartless' in the process." The Premier said, "his government would take the court's ruling to heart, but stopped short of committing the money required to remove . . . the barriers to integration."

I ask the House to join me in recognizing the importance of the Premier's commitment to "take the court's ruling to heart."

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West.

SKYE LARKE PRODNS.: 24 HRS. OF PGMG. - CONGRATS.

HON. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Skye Larke Productions, a River John-based television and film production company, on 24 hours of programming achieved by 2021.

Now in its third season, the company's most popular show, *The Final Draft* on Eastlink TV, is about authors, illustrators, and publishers in Nova Scotia. Skye Larke also produced two six-part series for Eastlink last year titled *Fateh's Atlantic Notes*, featuring Nova Scotian musicians. As well, last Summer, the film crew produced *The Blank Canvas*, a seven-part series about Nova Scotian artists.

Mr. Speaker, once again I congratulate Skye Larke Productions on this milestone, I thank them for promoting Nova Scotian talent through film and TV, and I wish them luck and success in all future productions.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Armdale.

GURDWARA SAHIB-MAR. SIKH SOC.: BLDG. RENOVS. - RECOG.

ALI DUALE: Today I would like to recognize the Gurdwara Sahib-Maritime Sikh Society, who over 50 years have made tremendous contributions towards the lives of Nova Scotians who identify as Sikh.

The Gurdwara Sahib's Boulderwood building is currently undergoing renovations. I wish the community strength during this time and would like to inform Nova Scotians that if they wish to donate to this ongoing effort, to please go to the Gurdwara Sahib-Maritime Sikh Society's Facebook page for more information.

Thank you for being a pillar of our community and I wish you all happy Vaisakhi this April.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton Centre-Whitney Pier.

NEW WAT. HOCKEY & BASK. TEAMS - SUCC. SEASON - RECOG.

KENDRA COOMBES: Today I rise to recognize the successful 2021-22 season for the New Waterford Minor Hockey Association. A big thank you to all the selfless and valued volunteers, coaches, managers, and our Sharks on a successful season. Under-18 AA, second place, clinched provincial spot. Under-18 C and Under-15 C, second place in division. Under-13 B, first place Cape Breton Cup, and first place Northern Conference. Under-13 C, third place in their division. Under-18 C team one placed second place. Under-11 C team two tied for third place.

In basketball yesterday, April 3rd, three BEC basketball teams took home regional titles. I congratulate the BEC Bear Boys, who took home the middle school title and had an undefeated season. The BEC Boys and Girls captured Division 2 highland titles. Congratulations to all.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland South.

[4:15 p.m.]

SPRINGHILL FIRE DEPT.: COM. SERV. - THANKS

HON. TORY RUSHTON: I rise today to acknowledge the dedicated service of the Springhill Fire Department and congratulate them and their members in the way that they celebrated their annual banquet this past March. Not only does the department and its members do so much for the community, they put their lives on the line each time they answer the call to a fire or an emergency.

Please join me in thanking the following members, as they received outstanding service awards: James MacDonald for five years; Melissa Ward for five years; Chris Mayne for 10 years; Kendell Spence, the chief, for 20 years; Derrick Wood for 25 years; and the great Tommy Hunter for 30 years.

Again, I thank the fire departments all over Cumberland South, but specifically on their annual banquet, the Springhill Fire Department for their achievements this year and years to come.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford South.

LEE, MICHAEL: MATH AWD. - CONGRATS.

BRAEDON CLARK: Today I'd like to recognize an outstanding young student in my riding. Michael Lee, a Grade 11 student at Charles P. Allen High School, recently won a gold award at the competitive Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge for the second year in a row. Michael is also one of just 25 students from across Canada to have been accepted into a math mentorship program at the University of Toronto.

Like so many of us, Michael thanks his parents and his teachers for nurturing his love of math and giving him the confidence to succeed. Michael says he loves math because there's always only one answer to the problem. If only politics were like that. Unfortunately, it's not.

I ask all members of the House to congratulate Michael Lee on his achievements and wish him the best in his future pursuits.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS: AFRIC. HER. MO. ART - RECOG.

SUZY HANSEN: I rise today to recognize those schools and their students that helped us to celebrate African Heritage Month by submitting art to my constituency office

that still decorates the walls. I would like to congratulate all the winners and everyone who participated. I'd like to mention the names of the winners here.

First place winner from St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary School, Grade 6 McKenzie: Ava Galbraith. Winners from Highland Park Junior High School, Grade 8: Samantha Carter and Aline Tumusifu.

Grade 4 North from St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay: Sable Ada, Jedidiah Adeyemi, Candace Auld, Zaivaria Beals, Ayonna Brown, Caelan Castilho, Bea Cull, Blake Decoste, Keyarra Diamond, Cash Gallant-McLean, Brooklynn Gangoo, Syvaya Hansen, Maya Hofmann, Annaliesa Kohler, Nevaeh Loppie, Jake MacPherson, Gwen Morton, Sofie Neville, Matilde Pasquinelli, Elio Racca, Ben Warren, and Mahrell Willis.

I'd like to say a huge congratulations to all of you, and if you'd like to see the artwork, it is in my office on Young Street.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Queens.

OICKLE, TINA & KENNY: MILTON MARKET OPENING - CONGRATS.

HON. KIM MASLAND: I rise today to congratulate Tina and Kenny Oickle on the opening of their new business, the Milton Market.

On December 4th, the Milton Market opened its doors for the first time, warmly welcoming customers with an impressive selection of delicious coffee, snacks, and ice cream, as well as wonderful gift ideas, local products and artwork, home decor, and more. The Oickles are continuously looking for ways to meet the needs of community members while supporting local artisans and fellow entrepreneurs.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Tina and Kenny for their commitment to their community and wish them all the best and much success in this impressive business endeavour.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.

C.B. CHALLENGER BASEBALL & HOCKEY: ACCESS. - RECOG.

FRED TILLEY: Volunteerism is alive and well in the Cape Breton region, and today I would like to recognize the dynamic mother-and-son duo of Peggy and Justin MacDonald. Peggy and Justin coordinate the local Cape Breton Challenger Baseball and hockey programs year-round, and they do a fantastic job.

I'd also like to congratulate some of their team: Anita MacNeil; Allie Finlayson; Herb and Ayra Clark; as well as Joey Bungay and Martin Andrea on the hockey program.

This is an amazing program in our community, and many children get to participate in the sports that otherwise would not get to participate. Congratulations to everyone in Cape Breton Challenger Baseball and hockey.

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

CHURCHILL ACADEMY: SUPPORTING STUDENTS - RECOG.

LISA LACHANCE: April is Autism Awareness Month. As I've said in this Legislature before, there is a journey to an autism diagnosis. The continuing journey afterwards requires the support of skilled people and compassionate systems and institutions in all sectors.

I asked my son Jason for ideas of who was helpful in his journey, and he suggested that I recognize Churchill Academy. We found Churchill Academy when Jason started Grade 6 and he studied there until Grade 10, with enormous success. It was success that was always part of him, but he needed Churchill Academy to foster it.

It is hard to describe the magic of Churchill, at once providing individual support with individual accountability, yet building a community and also celebrating the success of every student at the end of each year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to recognize the staff and faculty of Churchill Academy for their ongoing dedication to supporting students achieving their best.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Glace Bay-Dominion.

KAISER, CHRIS: COM. SERV. - RECOG.

JOHN WHITE: It is my pleasure to rise today to honour Chris Kaiser for his dedicated community involvement in the town of Glace Bay.

Chris is only 18 years old and yet he has already made a positive difference in our community. His volunteer activities include Undercurrent Youth Society, Lighthouse Church, The Christmas Crew Society, Future Ready Youth Society, food banks, Meals on Wheels, and the Glace Bay fitness group. I remind you, this kid is 18 years old.

As impressive a list as this is, his family will tell you he is best known for doing random acts of kindness. As a former student of mine, this is true. Chris goes above and beyond for everybody he knows.

Mr. Speaker, with youth like Chris Kaiser, I can assure you, Glace Bay is in good hands.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Dartmouth.

GROSS, NORA: ART & VOLUN. WORK - RECOG.

LORELEI NICOLL: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Nora Gross, a long-time resident artist of Cole Harbour, who is an elected member of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour. Nora's works of art have found homes in many private as well as corporate collections in North America, as well as Europe, as well as the walls of my MLA office.

At the start of the pandemic, Nora challenged herself to create one painting a day for 100 days and posted her completed works of art on her social media account to the delight of her friends and followers. Nora has eagerly passed on her love of art through the many classes she has taught to burgeoning artists of all ages over the years.

Paintbrush aside, Nora has been a devoted member of the team of volunteers at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum for over 38 years, helping to keep the history of this unique treasure very much alive for generations to come.

I ask the members of the House of Assembly to join me in recognizing Nora Gross.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

JOHNSON, GUYLEIGH: 1ST FILM RELEASE - CONGRATS.

SUSAN LEBLANC: Mr. Speaker, Dartmouth North spoken word artist and author Guyleigh Johnson recently released her first film, *Scratching the Surface*, a short documentary about mental health in the African Nova Scotian community.

The film sprang from Guyleigh's participation in Being Black in Canada, a program created by the Fabienne Colas Foundation to remedy the "blatant lack of Black People in front of and behind the camera in Canada." The films from the program's 2021 cohort premiered at the Halifax Black Film Festival in February 2022.

The impetus for Guyleigh's film came from the love and support she received after publishing an article called "Black People Don't Get Depressed" in the *Nova Scotia Advocate*. Guyleigh Johnson is not afraid of tackling tough and necessary artwork, and *Scratching the Surface* is no different.

I ask the House to join me in congratulating Guyleigh and to thank her for her vulnerability, creativity, and courage. As always, I am excited to see what's next on her journey.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

THOMPSON, ALEX: COACHING SKILL - RECOG.

HON. TIMOTHY HALMAN: I rise today to recognize Alex Thompson, a Dartmouth East entrepreneur.

Alex is the owner of AussieFit, a training facility that focuses on several physical and mental health programs. Alex offers great programs to his clients that focus on personal training, fascia stretch therapy, and a personal VIP gym for his clients.

Alex is not only a talented and hard-working young Nova Scotian entrepreneur, he is also a welterweight MMA fighter. Believe it or not, I spar with him every Saturday morning, and I can tell you it is a fun but also very humbling experience - good preparation for the House. His dedication to his sport, his dedication to his business, his dedication to his clients, and his own training is an absolute inspiration.

On a personal note, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Alex for the time he dedicated to me following the passing of my first wife. Alex is an amazing coach, and he is an even better friend.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Preston.

SPARKS, BERNADINE: COM. SERV. - RECOG.

ANGELA SIMMONDS: Mr. Speaker, I rise in the House today to recognize Bernadine Sparks, who is from Cherrybrook. She's an amazing daughter, sister, aunt, and grandmother. She has been a dedicated and active member of her community and her church since she was a little girl.

Being so active has led her to have a career in the community, and she started working for the Preston Area Housing Fund, the office of which is located in North Preston, as a secretary in 1985. This year marks her 37th anniversary.

I want to congratulate Bernadine for constantly giving back to her community, family, and friends.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton Centre-Whitney Pier.

HEFFERNAN, ANDI: "SMASHING STIGMAS" ARTICLE - RECOG.

KENDRA COOMBES: Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud CBU alumnus to recognize Andi Heffernan. In an article titled "Smashing Stigmas," Andi discussed the vital role CBU plays in her quality of life and mental health since becoming a student.

Andi's article highlighted the importance of finding the right post-secondary institution that fits them and the consequences that not finding the right fit can have on students and their mental health, including experiencing higher stress, which may lead to dropping out of school, leading to feelings of failure and anxiety.

Andi also highlighted the positive impact that finding the right fit can have on students and their mental health. Her reasons for finding a home at CBU are like my own. CBU cares about student life. It's a welcoming atmosphere, professors are accessible in and out of the classroom, and the staff are helpful and friendly. In other words, CBU is a community.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

FISHER, LACEY & TEAM: REAL ESTATE SUCCESS - RECOG.

ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate a strong entrepreneur in Cumberland County: Mrs. Lacey Fisher, and her team at RE/MAX County Line Realty Ltd. Her team includes Cathy LeBlanc, Celeste LeBlanc, and Darlene Bowie. They all won individual awards this past weekend at the Atlantic Canada RE/MAX awards celebration. Cathy LeBlanc hit a career milestone of lifetime \$3 million in volume within seven years.

Lacey Fisher is a wife, a mother, a daughter, a friend, a Rotarian, and a businesswoman.

Today I ask all members in this House to recognize Lacey Fisher and her team - Celeste, Cathy, and Darlene - and their great success.

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

MINOR HOCKEY: CONTRIB. TO COMS. - THANKS

LARRY HARRISON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to acknowledge minor hockey for the joy that it brings to folks like myself. I followed my son, Brent, for many years, and I often thank him for his skill and the joy I had in watching him over the years. Now my grandchildren, Gavin and Paige, give me that same joy in my old age.

The past couple of years have been very rough on sports, but minor hockey has done its level best to keep these children doing what they love. My grandchildren love the sport, and the sport gives a lot back to them and to us as spectators.

Today I offer thanks for minor hockey and the contribution it makes to our communities. Children of all levels can find a team that is right for them. I am thankful for

the joy of participation, whether it be as player or spectator, and I look forward to next year.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clare.

THERIAULT BROS.: N.S. HALL OF FAME IND. - CONGRATS.

RONNIE LEBLANC: Mr. Speaker, every year individuals who inspire our business community and future business leaders through their lifetime achievements in business are honoured and inducted into the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame.

Last October, this honour was bestowed on Ernest, Arthur, Russell, and Larry Theriault, the brothers who ran A.F. Theriault & Son Ltd. for much of the company's history. The brothers had started working at the shipyard beside their father, Gus Theriault, before eventually taking over the business.

Under their leadership, they built on their parents' legacy and grew the business to become the largest family-owned shipyard in the province, a business that continues to have a tremendous impact on both the local and provincial economy.

I ask that all members join me in congratulating Ernest, Arthur, Larry, and the family of Russell Theriault for their induction in the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame, a well-deserved honour.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

BALDWIN, M./MCDOW, T.: NARROWS PUB. HOUSE OPENING - CONGRATS.

SUZY HANSEN: I rise today to congratulate Myles Baldwin and Tyson McDow on the opening of the Narrows Public House on Gottingen Street. The two business partners met while working in a traditional pub some years ago and decided to breathe new life into a historic Victorian home, transforming it into a cozy setting that can accommodate 80 diners. Informed by heritage planners and community members, they offer traditional Nova Scotian meals, great drinks, and a place to stay.

The two set a goal of raising \$45,000 in a grassroots campaign, and after a rocky start they were able to raise over \$71,000 with the help of 468 backers on Kickstarter. Their soft opening was on March 8th, and we look forward to their grand opening.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Myles and Tyson. I look forward to dropping by, and I wish them many years of success in our neighbourhood of Halifax Needham.

[4:30 p.m.]

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

BUTLER, JIM: NEW KENT. CHIEF OF POL. - CONGRATS.

HON. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jim Butler, the new Chief of Police for the Town of Kentville.

Chief Jim Butler began training for his career in policing in 1991 and previously served on the Kentville Police Force in 1992. He is familiar with our community and recognizes that community engagement is a huge part of what the Town of Kentville requires.

He plans to lead the force with a philosophy of community-led policing that promotes hearing from residents about the ways in which the Town of Kentville is policed. Chief Butler is also a proponent of employee wellness and development.

Please join me today to welcome Jim Butler as the new Chief of Police in the Town of Kentville.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Yarmouth.

TRI-CO. BETTERMENT ASSOC.: DONATIONS - RECOG.

HON. ZACH CHURCHILL: The Tri-County Betterment Association is a non-profit organization composed entirely of volunteers. Its mission is to make tangible and physical improvements for the general betterment of the residents of southwestern Nova Scotia.

For the last 19 years, the Tri-County Betterment Association paid out over \$1.4 million in prizes and over \$265,000 in donations. The association is one of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation's biggest financial supporters. It has also significantly contributed to Digby Hospital and Roseway Hospital in Shelburne.

I ask this House to join me in recognizing and thanking the Tri-County Betterment Association for the meaningful and generous work it does in our region. It's an organization that is truly making a difference in the lives of many.

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

RAMADAN START: MUSLIM CELEB. - RECOG.

LISA LACHANCE: I rise today to mark an important time for thousands of Nova Scotians. The evening of Saturday, April 2nd was the last night of the Islamic calendar's ninth month, which means Ramadan has begun.

Ramadan is observed by the Muslim community worldwide as an occasion to pray, reflect, and contribute to one's community. Between the two sightings of the crescent moon, many will devote extra time to charity or volunteer work. Families, friends, and communities will bond over this, as well as Suhur and Iftar, the pre-imposed fast daily meals.

I ask that my colleagues in this House join me in marking the beginning of Ramadan and in wishing our province's Muslim community a month of meaningful reflection, connection, and work to make the world a better place. Ramadan Mubarak.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants East.

LANGILLE, BRADEN: RACING ACCOMP. - CONGRATS.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, Braden Langille has made a name for himself in car racing, and last year was no exception to his brilliance on the racetrack. Last Summer alone, Braden ran in six races, winning three, placing second in one, and wrecking in one.

His love for racing began when he was just seven years old, and the list of achievements in his 13-year career are incredible. He was the youngest Maritime league winner ever and has over 50 wins in his career so far. Deciding to pass on his knowledge and love for the sport, Braden started his own company called Braden Langille Motorsports where he has helped young racers who are now excelling at the sport of racing.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Braden, not only for his accomplishments on the track to date, but also his new business adventure.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Annapolis.

EMIN, CATHY: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE

CARMAN KERR: Many in my hometown of Annapolis Royal and beyond are mourning the loss of Cathy Emin, who passed away last week after a short battle with cancer.

Cathy grew up in Annapolis Royal. She operated the Crooked Floor on Victoria Street since 1999, and Lucky Lou's on St. George Street with partner Brian Wambolt.

She once confessed that her secret to running a successful business in rural Nova Scotia for more than 20 years was to be unique. That's certainly true of both of her businesses. If you needed a fish thermometer, juggling balls, or a horse mask, you would pop into Lucky Lou's. You could count on the Crooked Floor for collectables, handmade writing journals, and local jewelry, amongst many other beautiful things.

Cathy was an active volunteer who lent her artistic talents and decorating skills to many community events. Amongst these challenging last few months, she was able to maintain her sense of humour and passion for life.

I ask members of the Legislative Assembly to join me in offering condolences to her partner Brian, her mom Ardath, her sister Carla, her brothers Robert and Tony, and the entire family.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

HILTZ LEBLANC, REBECCA: QUEEN'S COUNSEL DESIG. - CONGRATS.

SUSAN LEBLANC: Dartmouth North resident Rebecca Hiltz LeBlanc is one of nine lawyers recently appointed to the Queen's Counsel, an honour reserved for those who demonstrate exceptional merit and outstanding contributions to the legal community.

A partner at McInnes Cooper, Rebecca also has a background in the performing arts, specifically as an opera soprano. She gives back to the community through her involvement in the board of directors at the Neptune Theatre, where she currently serves as past chair.

Through her work with the greater Burnside Business Association, she has been generous with her time to organizations in the Dartmouth community, for which I am very grateful.

Called to the bar in 2004, Rebecca has appeared before all levels of court in Nova Scotia as well as other provincial courts. She also sits on various committees of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society and lectures part-time at Dalhousie University. She has also been named a Benchmark Canada Future Star by *Benchmark Canada* on several occasions.

I ask the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Rebecca Hiltz LeBlanc on receiving this prestigious Queen's Counsel designation.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

BATES, CATHY: DOLLY PARTON IMAG. LIB. LAUNCH - THANKS

ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Cathy Bates of Malagash. Cathy wanted to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to Cumberland County for children from birth to five years old.

Books can be expensive for families and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails books directly to people's homes. Cathy has a passion for her community and wanted to make sure that everyone had access to books, especially where many have been staying at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Imagination Library for Cumberland had their Facebook launch in January year and already have over 250 children registered to receive books at home. I would like to thank Cathy for her efforts in bringing reading to children and for caring greatly about our community.

Literacy changes lives. Education is a game changer. Thank you, Cathy Bates, for changing the lives of our children in Cumberland.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Antigonish.

GRANT, R./JEWKES, D.: RECIPS. OF SPARK N.S. GRANTS - CONGRATS.

HON. MICHELLE THOMPSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Richard Grant and Donald Jewkes on receiving one of 10 grants through the Spark Nova Scotia start-up competition for early-stage companies. These Antigonish residents, who are at St. F.X., were awarded \$45,000 for their company Liven Beverages.

Richard and Donald created Canada's first craft protein kefir, which combines protein with powerful probiotics to heal the mind and body. Liven is the first Canadian post-workout probiotic to holistically support muscle recovery and help consumers achieve and maintain a healthy gut microbiome. They converted a piece of the Antigonish Farmers' Market kitchen into a specialty fermentation facility.

It is exciting to see this level of entrepreneurial activity in our community. I ask the members of this House to congratulate Richard and Donald and wish them continued success.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford Basin.

DALY, PATRICK: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE

HON. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I have sad news to share with the House today. Patrick Daly was a long-time figure in the sports world here in Nova Scotia, but

more importantly, he was a dad of one of our own, former caucus staffer Liam Daly and his sister Andrea. Many in this House would also know Pat's wife, Lori Patterson Daly. For us, Pat's sudden passing on March 26th is a death that hits home.

Pat came to Nova Scotia from his native Quebec to play football at Saint Mary's. He went on to coach ski racers and became an assistant coach of the Canadian National Women's Ski Team. He was never happier than when he was skiing or nurturing the next generation of skiers. Pat also enjoyed many other sports, like golf, and somehow in there he found time to work as a successful commercial real estate broker too. Pat's motto was to work hard and play harder, which he did right up until the very end.

Most of all, Pat loved his family. I want to share my condolences with them, and with his extended family and many friends. Pat Daly was a great guy, and he will be missed.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings West.

HENLEY, TOM: RECIP. OF ATL. CAN. HON. VOLUN. AWD. - CONGRATS.

CHRIS PALMER: Mr. Speaker, blood donation is a vital part of ensuring that Nova Scotians receive the lifesaving resources required in their time of need. One of my constituents, Tom Henley, was a regular blood donor who had just under 50 blood donations before he was unable to continue donating. However, that did not stop Tom from supporting Canadian Blood Services.

Tom has been a volunteer for many years and a keen ambassador for Canada's Lifeline. As part of the Berwick & District Lions Club, he organizes and promotes blood donor clinics and is always available to volunteer on the day. Tom is a community leader who volunteers his time to many other causes as well. In November 2021, Tom was named Atlantic Canada's Honoured Volunteer by Canadian Blood Services in recognition of his commitment and generosity to Canada's Lifeline.

I'd like to ask all members of this House to join me in congratulating Tom Henley on this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his dedication to blood collection for all Nova Scotians.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney-Membertou.

LOAVES AND FISHES: COM. SERV. - THANKS

HON. DEREK MOMBOURQUETTE: Mr. Speaker, I rise in my place to recognize everyone involved with Loaves and Fishes in Sydney. Since 1981, Loaves and Fishes has been there to support so many people in our community with meals and with clothes and with other support. They serve approximately 50,000 meals a year in the greater Sydney

area to support families. There are so many dedicated volunteers who each and every day go out there to support the most vulnerable in our community.

I rise in my place to recognize Executive Director Marco Amati, the board of Loaves and Fishes, and all of the volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that almost 50,000 meals are served in the greater Sydney area each year.

I ask everyone in the House to join me in recognizing all of the amazing work of everyone involved with Loaves and Fishes in Sydney.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank.

MCINTYRE, JOE & MADDIE: HAIR DONATION - THANKS

HON. BRIAN WONG: Mr. Speaker, Windsor Junction's Joe McIntyre and his daughter Maddie hadn't had a haircut since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Joe's hair was to his shoulders and Maddie's was past her elbows.

The lifting of restrictions was not the only reason they felt it was time for their long-awaited haircuts; the recent cancer diagnosis of a family friend was the other. They wanted to help recipients of wigs from Locks of Love. They chose to donate their hair to this group because the majority of the wigs that Locks of Love make are for children, and they were very happy doing it together.

Please join me in thanking father and daughter Joe and Maddie for their thoughtful donation to Locks of Love.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Timberlea-Prospect.

CARLAW, CHRIS: CONTRIB. TO OUTDOOR ACTIVS. - RECOG.

HON. IAIN RANKIN: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chris Carlaw, director of golf at the Links of Brunello in Timberlea.

Throughout the Winter season, Chris keeps busy assisting hundreds of customers. In fact, the parking lot at Brunello can be every bit as full through the Winter as it is in the Summer. That's thanks to the cross-country skiers, skaters on the ice rink that converts to tennis courts in the Spring and Summer, and the snowshoe enthusiasts who enjoy a walk in the snow on the course.

Brunello has been offering Winter activities, including cross country skiing, since it opened in 2015, but the interest and popularity in cross-country skiing really took off three years ago, when the course linked up with Scotia XC Ski Club. The ski club sells

family passes to the trails at Brunello and makes snow in an area called the Snow Bowl, where they also offer lessons.

Chris estimates about 25 per cent of people enjoying the Winter activities are from Brunello. The rest of the adventurers are Scotia XC members from all over the province who are attracted to the challenging terrain and well-groomed trails at Brunello.

I would like the members of the House of Assembly to join me in recognizing Chris's important contribution to the community in creating opportunities for people to reap the benefits of outdoor Winter activities that are so important to good health, mental well-being, and for boosting our moods through the darker months of the year.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Shelburne.

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS: COM. SERV. - THANKS

NOLAN YOUNG: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional group of volunteers, the Meals on Wheels drivers.

This program has existed in Shelburne County for more than 30 years, serving 15 clients weekly. They deliver healthy, nutritious meals that help clients maintain health and independence in their own homes. All meals are prepared by the Roseway Hospital kitchen and have been delivered by a group of dedicated drivers, ensuring the continued existence and success of this important program.

I respectfully ask that all members join me in thanking Debi Wilson-King, Debbie Bower, Jackie Ward, Tami Crosby, Wayne Blinkhorn, Sam and Bill Stewart, Harold Doane, Cheryl Bower and Brenda Cameron for their commitment to the Meals on Wheels program and its clients.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic.

WILLISON, MARJORIE: RETIREMENT - CONGRATS.

HON. BRENDAN MAGUIRE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Marjorie Willison on her recent retirement and success on CBC Radio airways. Marjorie was the go-to person in HRM for gardening advice. Her sound advice and calming voice always went well with a warm cup of tea. Though Marjorie is retiring from the airwaves, she is still heavily involved in the Spryfield community. She can always be relied on for advice and a helping hand. Congratulations, Marjorie, on an amazing career at CBC.

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

[4:45 p.m.]

SENIORS ASSOC. OF ST. MARG. BAY: COM. SERV. - RECOG.

DANIELLE BARKHOUSE: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Seniors Association of St. Margarets Bay. Through their online jewelry auctions, they have raised more than \$3,000 for the St. Margarets Bay Food Bank. They also provide ongoing support to many St. Margarets Bay organizations and programs, benefiting the community as a whole.

I was pleased to learn that on March 14th, the Bay Seniors Association received a provincial grant to support a Tuesday drop-in program for local seniors. At these events, they will serve refreshments and offer planned activities.

I ask all members of the Nova Scotia Legislature to join me in recognizing the ongoing work of the Seniors Association of St. Margarets Bay.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford South.

ALALI, MUBDU: APP SUCCESS - RECOG.

BRAEDON CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize an exceptional young entrepreneur in my riding whom I had the pleasure of meeting about a week and a half ago. His name is Mubdu Alali and he has started an app called Bloxo. What Bloxo does is allow you to sign in and sign up and pay for any recreational sports opportunities anywhere across the province with just a few clicks. When I met him he showed me the app. It's easy, it's simple.

One of the hardest things about recreational sports when you get a little older is: Where do I go? How do I pay? What do I need to do? He has solved that problem. I think it's a fantastic idea and I encourage everybody to download the app. I know there are a few members who already have, actually.

Mubdu arrived from Saudi Arabia in 2011 to study at Saint Mary's. He has made a great contribution to this province already and I wish him all the best in the future.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg.

BURG CLASSIC HOCKEY TOURN.: CONT. SUCCESS - CONGRATS.

HON. SUSAN CORKUM-GREEK: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring recognition to the BURG Classic, an annual volunteer-run recreational hockey tournament that has delivered a fun and charitable weekend in Lunenburg every Spring since 2012. The BURG Classic was created to support individuals facing financial hardship due to life-altering

circumstances. In each year 100 per cent of proceeds are returned to the local community. To date, the BURG Classic has donated over \$180,000.

There are many ways to participate and enjoy the full BURG experience. Of course, there's hockey but also a 50/50 draw, silent auction, musical entertainment and the Battle of the Burger, a competition for Best Burger in Lunenburg. Organizers have now also announced a new event, a BURG Classic golf tournament to take place in May.

I take this opportunity to thank the BURG Classic Committee for their support of our community and congratulate them on their continued success.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.

SYD. MINES & DIST. LITTLE LEAGUE: HOSTING TOURN. - BEST WISHES

FRED TILLEY: Mr. Speaker, today I will rise to congratulate the Sydney Mines and District Little League. They will be hosting the 2022 Canadian Senior Little League Championship this July. The team will comprise players from District 1, and District 1 encompasses many parts of Nova Scotia including some in Dartmouth, Amherst as well as Cape Breton. I'd like to wish Sydney Mines District Little League great success with this tournament and urge all businesses and community members to help support and sponsor this great event and to come and visit in July and witness some great baseball.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Guysborough-Tracadie.

5TH CANSO SCOUT TROOP: 50TH ANNIV. - CONGRATS.

HON. GREG MORROW: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 5th Canso Scout Troop as they celebrate 50 years of scouting and service to the Canso community and area. This scout troop has had strong leadership over the years and an even stronger commitment to the youth ages 8 to 14 of Canso. In the words of Canso Scout Troop's long-time leader Harold Roberts: "Scouting gives kids something fun to look forward to. By getting outside, connecting with their friends, and sharing new experiences, youth build resiliency and are motivated to blaze their own trail."

Scouting gives youth new skills, confidence and the opportunity to get involved in their community at an early age. Scouting is often the early beginnings of community-minded adults who will continue to be involved in making their area and the world a better place to live.

I'd like to wish a very well-deserved congratulations to the 5th Canso Scout Troop for 50 years of scouting and thank their leaders for their commitment to the youth in their area.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Dartmouth.

N.S. INST. OF NAT. SCIENCE: 160TH ANNIV. - CONGRATS.

LORELEI NICOLL: Mr. Speaker, whereas the Nova Scotian Institute of Natural Science was founded in 1862 as the direct descendant of the Halifax Mechanics' Institute and the Halifax Literary and Scientific Society;

And whereas in 1890 it was incorporated as the Nova Scotia Institute of Science through an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature;

Whereas it has been actively promoting science in Nova Scotia since 1862, in part by facilitating communications within the general public and among scientists, technologists, educators, administrators and others in our communities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Nova Scotia Institute of Natural Science on the 160th Anniversary of its founding and continuing to promote science in Nova Scotia.

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

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR: FUNDRAISER FOR NEEDY - RECOG.

DAVE RITCEY: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important charitable event for a great cause that took place in Truro and other communities throughout the province. The Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly fundraising walk that supports local charity partners who provide essential care and service for people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger.

The Coldest Night of the Year is an annual event where hundreds of Nova Scotians step outside the warmth and comfort of home to shine a light of compassion in their communities through a sponsored 3 to 5K walk.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the members of the House to join me in acknowledging the efforts put toward such an important cause.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clare.

DOUCET, JEANNETTE: RETIREMENT - CONGRATS.

RONNIE LEBLANC: Last June, Jeannette Doucet retired from the Municipality of Clare after 40 years of service.

Jeannette began her career at the municipality as a receptionist shortly after completing her diploma at the Université Sainte-Anne. During her time there, she saw the operations grow and the offices moved to its new building. Over the years, her role within the municipal team changed, retiring as the Municipality's accounting clerk.

In all the positions she held, she always played a key role within the team, having worked with three CAOs and four wardens. She will be missed by the people of Clare who, prior to her departure, met to celebrate her service and to wish her well.

I ask that all members join me in thanking Jeannette Doucet for her 40 years of service to the Municipality of Clare, and also wish her well in her retirement.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants West.

LINDSAY, HELEN & DEWAR: COM. SERV. - THANKS

MELISSA SHEEHY-RICHARD: It is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Helen and Dewar Lindsay of Windsor.

Helen and Dewar have supported our community in a variety of ways for many years. They are most known for providing a safe space during difficult times with their work with Lindsay's Funeral Home. I wish to also congratulate Dewar Lindsay, who recently retired after 66 years of dedicated work.

The funeral home, located in a 100-year-old heritage building, has been a staple in our community for many years. It takes a special kind of person to assist with funeral preparation and to be a comfort in dark times.

Sometimes we forget that there are heroes amongst us who are not recipients of special awards or recognition. There are people who work around the clock, going that extra mile to help whenever they can, and they do that every single day.

Please join me in commending Helen and Dewar Lindsay on a job well done and thank them for treating everyone who crosses their path with kindness, respect, and dignity.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Annapolis.

WALSH, GARY: COM. SERV. - CONGRATS.

CARMEN KERR: Gary Walsh has been such a positive influence on me and many others in Annapolis and beyond as teacher, coach, mentor, musician and friend.

He was a teacher and principal for 33 years throughout the Annapolis Valley, and has coached me and thousands of youth in everything from soccer and swimming to

wrestling and Rubik's Cube, from high school competition to the Canada Games to the national championships.

Gary has served as president of Karate Nova Scotia, official at the Pan-American Games, St. John Ambulance First Aid instructor, and singer with his band In Focus. He recently retired after 13 years of teaching youth robotics and seven years as director of the Acadia University Robotics Program.

I invite all members of the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Gary Walsh on his remarkable contribution to our community through education, music, and athletics.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Eastern Shore.

MUSQ. HBR. & DIST. LIONS CLUB: COM. SERV. - RECOG.

KENT SMITH: I rise today to bring recognition to the Musquodoboit Harbour and District Lions Club for 40 years of community service on the Eastern Shore. The Lions Club volunteer members work tirelessly to bring support and aid to individuals and projects in need of a helping hand, as well as encouraging community spirit in residents of Musquodoboit Harbour and beyond.

Over the years, the Lions Club has hosted monthly breakfasts and many special dinners, held annual Christmas tree sales, supported the local food bank, and is now helping to distribute COVID-19 test kits in our community. There are a number of strong, community-minded volunteers in the Musquodoboit Harbour and District Lions Club, including Don Russell, Ron Jennex, and Scott MacKenzie, who have been with the club since its inception in 1982.

I ask all members of the Legislative Assembly to join me in thanking the Lions Club volunteers for their service and wish them many more years of continued success.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford Basin.

OUTHIT, LIZ: STARTING MED. SCHOOL - CONGRATS.

HON. KELLY REGAN: I'd like to congratulate a constituent on getting into medical school. Liz Outhit is a constituent, a neighbour, and a friend. She's exactly the kind of person we want to see in our medical profession. She's smart, hard-working, and she genuinely cares about people.

She worked for me one Summer in my constituency office and I can tell you she was a huge asset in that role. She also volunteered to work at Northwood during some of

the toughest days of the pandemic. I think that says something about how seriously she takes this role as a community health provider.

Liz has a Bachelor of Science in neuroscience with a minor in applied ethics from Dalhousie University whose recent work experience includes a public health internship with the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness on the COVID-19 testing team. Liz completed a Master of Science in Global Health at McMaster University and a Diploma in Waters Without Borders. I'm delighted she's going to be starting medical school this Fall.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Colchester North.

KEITH, MELISSA: RECIP. OF O'BRIEN MED. EXCEL. AWD. - CONGRATS.

TOM TAGGART: Mr. Speaker, it is an honour and pleasure to recognize Colchester North resident Melissa Keith.

At the recent Standardbred Canada Awards Ceremony, which honours the best in the harness racing industry, Lower Onslow resident Ms. Keith was awarded the 2021 O'Brien Media Excellence Award. Her article *Indian Outlaw*, published in *TROT* magazine, tells the story of Tyler Redwood. Tyler, an Indigenous Canadian who battled addictions, is now sober thanks to his connection with horses and the peace he gets from his Native heritage.

I ask the members of the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Melissa Keith for winning this prestigious award in the harness racing community.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney-Membertou.

MOMBOURQUETTE, E. & A.: SPARKS & BROWNIE BADGES - CONGRATS.

HON. DEREK MOMBOURQUETTE: It was a big night for the Mombourquettes as Emily and Allie received their first badges from Sydney Sparks and Brownies in the greater Sydney area. I rise to recognize the Sydney Sparks and Brownies crew, who have been so great with my kids and so great with the kids in the community. It was an exciting night for both Emily and Allie, receiving their first badges. I just picked up my Girl Guide cookies that I need to sell, so there'll be a free box of cookies for you and a free box of cookies for everybody else.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid.

SWITZER, MARLENA: MEDICINE BOTTLE DRIVE - RECOG.

HON. STEVE CRAIG: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud Marlena Switzer of Lower Sackville.

Marlena Switzer, a volunteer leader with Scouts Canada, was looking for COVID-19-safe options for her son's Beaver Scouts to acquire their North Star badge, which requires community service and activities that promote the community.

Marlena, along with other leaders, brainstormed and came up with the idea of holding a medicine bottle drive which would have a two-fold effect: 1) these pill bottles would not end up in the landfill; and 2) instead they would be sent to organizations such as Doctors Without Borders who often have had to hand medications out in tissue paper. These bottles now could be used over and over again.

I would like to ask that all Members of the House of Assembly join me in applauding Marlena and the Beaver Scouts of Lower Sackville for caring about their own community while helping those in need in other parts of the world.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Richmond.

BURKEY, LEONA: NOM. FOR ECMA - CONGRATS.

TREVOR BOUDREAU: Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize singer and songwriter Leona Burkey. Leona grew up in L'Ardoise and has been performing for audiences since she was a young child. Leona now lives in the HRM with her husband and two children. She works passionately to support the Brain Injury Association of Nova Scotia and Autism Nova Scotia.

Please join me in congratulating Leona on her first East Coast Music Awards nomination in the category of Contemporary Roots Recording of the Year for her song "Sitting Tight." We wish Leona the best of luck at the ECMAs and great success in her musical career.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland South.

RUDY'S CATERING: 39TH ANNIV. - CONGRATS.

HON. TORY RUSHTON: I don't think there's a member in the House that wouldn't like to have the opportunity to recognize our good friend across the street, Rudy. It gives great pleasure to take these last few seconds in the members' statements today to recognize Rudy and a celebration that's going to take place at Rudy's restaurant - 39 years that he's been servicing the community.

Rudy's Catering - we're no stranger to Rudy and his food. If anybody has followed my footsteps, I've actually added a notch in my belt buckle since being elected in 2018 just because of Rudy. I'd like the House to recognize 39 years of service that Rudy and his family's provided to this area. (Applause)

[5:00 p.m.]

THE SPEAKER: Just a notch? You're lucky. (Laughter)

Order, please. The time allotted for Statements by Members has expired.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: Mr. Speaker, I move that you do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole on Supply.

THE SPEAKER: The motion is carried.

We'll briefly recess for 15 minutes while things are getting set up.

[5:15 p.m. The House resolved itself into CW on Supply with Hon. Colton LeBlanc in the Chair.]

[9:45 p.m. CW on Supply rose and the House reconvened with Deputy Speaker Angela Simmonds in the Chair.]

THE SPEAKER: Order. The Chair of the Committee of the Whole on Supply reports:

THE CLERK: That the Committee of the Whole on Supply has met and made progress and begs leave to sit again.

THE SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: Madam Speaker, I move that the House to now rise to meet again tomorrow between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. (Interruption) Sorry, I know. No longer the favourite.

Following the Daily Routine and Question Period, business will include continuation of the Committee of the Whole on Supply to deal with the Budget Estimates; and with time permitting, second reading of Bills No. 123, 124, and 126. In addition, Bills No. 94, 101, 102, 106, 107, 109, 114, and 115 will be considered in the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

THE SPEAKER: The motion is that the House rise to meet again on April 5th between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m.

All of those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

The House stands adjourned until April 5th at 1:00 p.m.

[The House rose at 9:46 p.m.]

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)**RESOLUTION NO. 191**

By: Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South)

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

Whereas the Nova Scotian Institute of Natural Science was founded in 1862 as a direct descendent of the Halifax Mechanics' Institute (1831 - 1860) and the Halifax Literary and Scientific Society (1839 - 1862); and

Whereas in 1890 it was incorporated as the Nova Scotian Institute of Science through an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature; and

Whereas it has been actively "promoting science in Nova Scotia since 1862" in part by facilitating communications within the general public and among scientists, technologists, educators, administrators, and others in our communities;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Nova Scotian Institute of Science on the 160th anniversary of its founding, and on continuing its mission since 1862 of promoting science in Nova Scotia.