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HALIFAX, MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023

Sixty-fourth General Assembly

First Session

4:00 P.M.

SPEAKER

Hon. Karla MacFarlane

DEPUTY SPEAKERS

Lisa Lachance, Danielle Barkhouse, Nolan Young

THE SPEAKER: Order. We will now start the daily routine.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Justice.

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

Bill No. 340 - Municipal Reform (2023) Act.

The committee recommends the bill to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendment.

THE SPEAKER: The bill is tabled.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Chebucto.

GARY BURRILL: In consideration with a later member's statement, I would like to table an article from *SaltWire* on September 13th called "‘Scandalously inadequate’: Inflation, quarter-century freeze eat away at dietary allowance for sick people on welfare."

THE SPEAKER: The paper is tabled.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Public Works.

RESOLUTION NO. 759

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

Whereas after a successful pilot project, on September 29th, legislation and regulations were proclaimed that permanently allow off-highway vehicles to access trails and services via designated roads; and

Whereas the legislation allows municipalities to designate roads in their communities, and on October 26th, the Town of Yarmouth became the first in the province to do so; and

Whereas the Town of Yarmouth designated Water Street for off-highway vehicle use, which connects two sides of a major trail, connecting Digby to Yarmouth and back up the South Shore;

Therefore, be it resolved that this Legislature congratulate the Town of Yarmouth for making it safer for off-highway vehicles to use this important trail connector, which will also give better access to local services, supporting economic development in the area.

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 those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

NOTICES OF MOTION

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Antigonish.

AWRC & SASA: 40TH ANNIV. - CONGRATS.

HON. MICHELLE THOMPSON: Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre & Sexual Assault Services Association, which celebrated their 40th anniversary on October 28th.

The Women's Resource Centre was founded in 1983 by women looking for services and societal change. The centre remains woman positive, recognizing and appreciating multi-issued and complex lives of women, girls, two-spirit, and non-binary people, whose diverse experiences provide lessons in resilience and in resistance.

The wonderful staff are dedicated to meeting the needs of their clients. Among many of the services they provide, they assist with social supports in terms of housing, finance, and education. They also provide assistance to newcomers, care for the mental and physical health of their clients, and support those healing from sexual assault and sexual violence.

The Antigonish Women's Resource Centre & Sexual Assault Services Association strives to make our community a just and equitable society.

I ask all members of the House to join me in congratulating Executive Director Anita Stewart and the staff of the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre & Sexual Assault Services Association on 40 years of tremendous advocacy and service.

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

ARTHUR, MAIRI: SJA CHANCELLOR - THANKS

LORELEI NICOLL: Speaker, Mairi Arthur is a native of Scotland who arrived in Canada in 1975 and first joined the St. John Ambulance - better known as SJA - brigade as an ambulance attendant. After moving to Nova Scotia in 1985, Mairi taught first aid to

many industries and businesses across Nova Scotia, eventually joining the St. John Ambulance staff as director of training for Nova Scotia and P.E.I.

After leaving SJA to assume her original career in human resources, she returned to her volunteer activities by joining the board of directors for Nova Scotia and P.E.I., then was elected chancellor of the Priory of Canada and chair of the national board. Representing Canada on the international board afforded her the opportunity to visit over 40 countries around the world where St. John Ambulance performs humanitarian work.

In 2012, Mairi Arthur was installed as the first female chancellor of the Order of St. John. This was the first for the order, not just in Canada, but the entire world. Arthur says St. John Ambulance played a significant role in helping her, an immigrant to Canada, to integrate into Canadian society, to feel part of the community, to make friends, to build skills, to serve others, and to have fun.

Thank you, Mairi Arthur, for your community dedication.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Chebucto.

CALDERHEAD, VINCE: DIET. ALLOWANCES ARTICLE - RECOG.

GARY BURRILL: Speaker, I want to congratulate human rights lawyer Vince Calderhead, journalist Andrew Rankin, and HRM resident Kelly Lamrock for their contributions to a clear and moving exposé published in the *Chronicle Herald* September 14th under the title “Sick People on Welfare See Food Dollars Shrink.” The front-page article documented the scandal of the paltry special-diet allowances received by income assistance recipients in Nova Scotia; in particular, the fact that the maximum special-diet allowance under government regulation is \$150 a month - an amount which has been unchanged since 1996.

Special-diet allowances are received by those with conditions such as diabetes, colitis, or cardiovascular disease. The allowance is received by 7,500 people in Nova Scotia.

Calderhead says in the article, “Food costs have increased 118 per cent since 1996 when these rates were set. Even if we are willing to assume that special diet rates were adequate . . . in 1996, they are now scandalously inadequate at today’s food prices.” Calderhead, Rankin, and Lamrock have together laid this scandal absolutely bare.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Shelburne.

CONRAD, RODDY: BASEBALL COACHING - THANKS

NOLAN YOUNG: Speaker, I rise today to recognize Roddy Conrad. For the past 39 years Roddy, a sports enthusiast himself, has coached every level of baseball from intermediate men's ball to T-ball, coaching well over 1,000 children and youth. Over the last 17 years, Roddy's focus has primarily been on T-ball and now as a grandfather, he has the privilege of coaching his own grandchildren. I respectfully ask that all members of the House join me in thanking Roddy for his commitment to the youth of our county by keeping this sport that has deep roots in Shelburne alive.

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

ORGANIZERS: UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL - CONGRATS.

KENDRA COOMBES: Friday, May 26th kicked off a weekend-long festival of Ukrainian culture. I had the privilege of attending the opening of the Ukrainian culture museum located at the Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in Whitney Pier. We were entertained by traditional music and dance. On Saturday and Sunday, there was a workshop on songs, dance, a tour of the church as an architectural icon, and a lecture on 120 years of history and styles in Canada. The festival also hosted a benefit for Ukraine.

I want to congratulate the Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church on its successful festival. Fun was had by all who attended.

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

ANNAP. VALLEY LBR. CCL.: LABOUR DAY PICNIC - THANKS

LISA LACHANCE: We can all attest to the importance of Labour Day in reminding us of workers' rights, the progress we have made, and the progress that still needs to come.

I was happy to join the Annapolis Valley Labour Council this past September alongside the Kings North NDP for their annual Labour Day picnic. I want to thank Jim Morton and the rest of the Kings North team for welcoming me so warmly and introducing me to so many of the folks who came out in full force to support and celebrate workers. A barbecue, bouncy castles, a dunk tank, and live music were all there.

As my caucus colleagues and I continue to fight for improvements to workers' rights, like paid sick days, the right to single-step union certification, and protection from theft of tips and gratuities, I'm happy to stand behind workers on the ground advocating from the front lines.

Speaker, I ask that the House recognize the Annapolis Valley Labour Council for putting on such an informative and community-minded event and their dedication to improving workers' rights everywhere.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clayton Park West.

NORRIS, BRENNAN: COM. BARBEQUE SUPPORT - THANKS

RAFAH DICOSTANZO: I would like to recognize Brennan Norris for his outstanding support of our Summer barbecue that I hosted this Summer with the Friends of Clayton Park society. Brennan is the general manager of Domino's Pizza on Parkland Drive in Clayton Park West. When he learned of the plans for our community barbecue, he eagerly stepped up to donate pizzas for the event, as he has graciously done numerous times in the past. Brennan made sure that 50 pizzas were made and delivered for our event. When the crowds kept coming, he saw that supplies were running low. He made a second trip for another 25 pizzas.

Speaker, I ask the House to join me in thanking Brennan for his continued support and generosity that help events like ours be such huge successes. Thank you, Brennan.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

WEE CARE DEVT. CTR.: 50TH ANNIV. - CONGRATS.

SUZY HANSEN: Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Wee Care Developmental Centre on 50 years of providing quality, accessible child care in Halifax. On October 13th, it was a pleasure to attend a celebration of Wee Care's 50th by unveiling their new inclusive and accessible playground. Wee Care Developmental Centre has been an integral part of the North End community for 50 years. They serve the entire Halifax region, offering high-quality, inclusive, and accessible child care for children of all abilities. I was thrilled to be a part of their 50th celebration, and their cake was extremely delicious.

I would like all members of this House to join me in celebrating this milestone and offering many thanks to the board and staff for all the amazing work they do for all the kids at the centre. I know this new playground will be a place where all children will play, learn, and grow for years to come.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Uniacke.

[4:15 p.m.]

OLIVER, CAROL: VOL. AWDS. RECIP. - CONGRATS.

HON. BRAD JOHNS: I rise today to congratulate Carol Oliver of Lucasville, who was named the Volunteer of the Year for the Wallace Lucas Community Centre at this Spring's Lake District Recreation Association Volunteer Recognition Dinner and Award Ceremony. Carol was also recognized by the Halifax Regional Municipality for her years of volunteer service at their Volunteer Awards ceremony earlier this year.

Carol has dedicated more than 25 years to volunteering in many different capacities, including various boards and committees within the Lucasville area, such as the Lucasville Community Association. She has served as treasurer and could always be counted upon to donate her time and volunteer when no one else would step up to the plate.

I want to take the opportunity on behalf of our community to thank Carol for her dedication in making not only Lucasville but also Sackville a better place to live. I wish her all the best in the future as she continues to volunteer.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.

THE CIRCLE: 12TH ANNIV. - CONGRATS.

FRED TILLEY: On October 21st, The Circle celebrated its 12th anniversary. The Circle was created 12 years ago by a group of men who wanted a place to play music but were very much amateurs. It's a place where people can go to learn from each other and have a great time.

At the 12th anniversary, the members of The Circle - there are probably 18 now - presented Bob Finney with a plaque thanking him for the countless hours that he puts in setting up and getting ready for people to enjoy the festivities every Saturday night at Branch No. 83 Legion in Florence. Come on out, visit The Circle, and have some fun.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

LOCAL RESIDENTS: RENOVICTION FIGHT - RECOG.

SUSAN LEBLANC: I rise today to acknowledge and celebrate the residents of 71 Primrose Street, a group of tenants who stood up to a mass renoviction and won.

When the residents - many of whom are seniors on a fixed income - received notice that their new landlord was going to evict them for renovations, they understandably panicked. They knew there were few available affordable rental units in the HRM, let alone

in the community of Dartmouth North, and if they returned to their building after the renovations, their rents would have increased by almost \$1,000.

With the help of Dalhousie Legal Aid Service and my office, they organized. They got together, learned their rights, prepared for the hearings, and made the case that there was no reason to leave their apartments during the renovations. After the residents won their case, the landlord appealed but then dropped it a day or two before small claims court. This meant the residents got to stay in their homes, where some of them have lived for over 15 years.

The residents at 71 Primrose are a great example for tenants all through Nova Scotia and across the country, and I am proud to say they still live in Dartmouth North.

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

ANTHONY, LARRY: SPORT HALL OF FAME IND. - CONGRATS.

DAVE RITCEY: I am proud to rise today to congratulate my friend Larry Anthony on his induction into the East Hants Sport Hall of Fame.

Born and raised in Shubenacadie, Larry is now a Truro resident who is known throughout the community for helping at the ballfield and the rink in any way he can. He served as the longtime coach and general manager for the Truro-Shubenacadie Eagles. When the Truro and District league ceased operations, Larry decided it would be a good time to take that talent, add a few players to it, and start the Truro-Shubenacadie Colonels franchise of the Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League.

Larry was the driving force behind the team and the league, acting as bus driver, trainer, coach, and recruiter. Whatever was needed, it got done by Larry. He is also credited for bringing the Allan Cup tournament to Truro in 1998, where the Truro TSN Bearcats became only the second team from Nova Scotia to win the Allan Cup to this day.

Larry continues to encourage folks with his enthusiasm. He is an integral part of our community recreation in the region with his commitment, dedication, and energy to make it happen. I would like to congratulate Larry on this well-deserved recognition.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Annapolis.

COOK, ALAN: 50 YRS. OF FIREFIGHTER SERV. - THANKS

CARMAN KERR: In communities across the province, volunteer firefighters sacrifice so much every day to help their fellow citizens, and I'm always pleased to celebrate their tremendous efforts. It's an honour today to rise and recognize Alan Cooke

of the Nictaux & District Volunteer Department in Middleton. Alan was honoured at a recent fire department monthly meeting for an amazing 50 years of service as a volunteer firefighter.

I ask that all members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Alan Cooke for his 50 years of exceptional service and in thanking him for all he does to make his community a safer place to live, work, and play.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth South.

MI'KMAQ HISTORY MO.: SPORTS - RECOG.

CLAUDIA CHENDER: Wela'lin, Speaker. I rise today to honour and acknowledge October as Mi'kmaq History Month here in Kjipuktuk and in all of Nova Scotia. This year's theme celebrated Mi'kmaq sports, traditional games, and pastimes. For generations, sports have been used to give teachings on how to hear, how to see, and how to move, focusing not only on the physicality of movement but the cultural and spiritual connection to sport.

For the entire month of October, there have been several events, mawio'mi, and cultural teachings highlighting the influence the Mi'kmaq have had on activities still popular today. From hockey sticks made by Indigenous athletes being some of the most sought after in the early days of the sport to the ongoing teachings and connection to culture offered in sports like dance, boxing, archery, and martial arts - to name a few - Mi'kmaq cultural connections to sport here in Nova Scotia have a strong and deep-rooted history.

At the close of Mi'kmaq Heritage Month, I ask all members of this House to join me in honouring these connections and the incredible contribution of the Mi'kmaq culture to all aspects of our province.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Eastern Shore.

ORGANIZERS: WEST SIDE COM. PICNIC - CONGRATS.

HON. KENT SMITH: I rise today to bring recognition to the hard-working and dedicated volunteers who helped form and organize the West Side Community Picnic. This much-anticipated event was paused for a number of years but was recently reborn with initiative from passionate community members. Despite being rescheduled due to Hurricane Fiona, it was held at the Ste. Therese Community Centre in Grand Desert with great success. The well-attended two-day event featured games of chance, lawn games, merchandise, bingo, live music, food, and many prizes.

I ask that all members of the Assembly join me in congratulating the organizers and thanking the attendees for their participation and generous contributions. I'm pleased to share that over \$8,000 was raised and will be used to revamp the playground area next to St. Anselm's Roman Catholic Church in West Chezzetcook to include preschool-friendly equipment.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Timberlea-Prospect.

WHITE SAILS BAKERY: FOOD FOR FIREFIGHTERS - THANKS

HON. IAIN RANKIN: I rise to recognize Lindsay and Charbel Moussi, the new owners of White Sails Bakery and Deli in Tantallon. Regrettably, personal tragedy led the Moussis to this new business venture. In October 2022, their lives turned upside down after the death of their beautiful four-year-old daughter, Kennedy. Kennedy had a history of seizures and died suddenly and very unexpectedly.

It was their daughter's love of baking that inspired them to approach the previous owners of White Sails Bakery to ask to purchase their business. Despite unimaginable tragedy in the wake of their own sadness and grieving, this incredibly hard-working family demonstrated the true meaning of community by coming together to feed the firefighters and first responders during the devastating wildfires that started in the Tantallon area on May 28th.

The White Sails Bakery team jumped into action as a family and small business, collecting donations of financial support, managing volunteers, and bringing community together to prepare and deliver hundreds of home-cooked meals for firefighters and first responders working to put out the wildfires. I'd like the members of the House of Assembly to join me in thanking Lindsay and Charbel for their generosity, compassion, and many contributions to support our community.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Chebucto.

MACKINNON, DR. LACHLAN: LECTURE ON STRIKES - RECOG.

GARY BURRILL: I'd like to draw attention to an outstanding public lecture that was delivered by Dr. Lachlan MacKinnon at the Old Sydney Society on June 22nd. It was entitled, "Cape Breton Bolshevism: The Workers' Movement from J.B. McLachlan to the 1981 Strike in Coal." This was MacKinnon's presentation of the 24th Annual J.B. McLachlan Memorial Lecture last Summer in Sydney.

The lecture focused largely on the great coal strikes of 1923 and 1981, and on the independence and solidarity Cape Breton miners demonstrated in both those strikes in their relationship with the UMWA, making the case for a continuity of collectivist spirit that, in MacKinnon's words, "Still exists in some form in post-industrial Cape Breton."

This lecture was held in conjunction with an important Cape Breton University conference last Summer entitled Deindustrialization and the Politics of Our Time. The Old Sydney Society that evening was packed with both community members and interested and captivated scholars from around the world.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

RUSSELL, ELAINE: COM. SERV. - THANKS

HON. PAT DUNN: Numerous Nova Scotians possess the traits and skills that make them effective and motivated in helping others and volunteering their time. Elaine Russell has a passion for volunteering. She's currently a volunteer and coordinator at The Shepherd's Lunch Room in New Glasgow as well as a valuable member of their board. Elaine has been busy purchasing food and helping prepare all the meals for the past several years. She also volunteers her time and efforts to assist the food bank in New Glasgow. She's passionate, reliable, energetic, and a team player. On behalf of our community, I would like to thank Elaine for accepting the challenge to help others in need.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford Basin.

VENTURES WINTERGUARD: 50TH ANNIV. - RECOG.

HON. KELLY REGAN: I would like to wish a happy 50-plus years to the Ventures organization. The Ventures All Girl Drum and Bugle Corps started in Kitchener-Waterloo in 1972. These days, it's a Winter colour guard.

No matter the iteration, the Ventures have provided important experiences for teenage girls for decades. The experiences I had over four years with them taught me skills that would stand me in good stead as an adult, things like the importance of practice and persistence, how to fundraise, teamwork, and leadership. I made lifelong friends in the Ventures, people I still see even though we live 1,000 miles away.

I still have fond memories of people like Peter and Louise Vanderkolff, Terry English, and Dave Parker - adults who gave up their spare time so a group of girls could compete and win internationally. The Ventures will celebrate more than a half-century of existence this coming weekend. I so wish I was going to be there with them, but I do hope they have the best weekend ever. Ladies, you deserve it.

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

INDUCTEES: NEW WAT. SPORTS HALL OF FAME - CONGRATS.

KENDRA COOMBES: The New Waterford and District Sports Heritage Hall of Fame induction ceremony was on Monday, July 17, 2023.

I had the privilege of being in attendance as seven athletes and two teams were inducted while a special achievement award was presented during the ceremony: Brendan MacDonald and Michael MacDonald, for powerlifting; David MacDonald, for basketball; Mel Gadd, for hockey and baseball; Simon Chiasson, for basketball; and Mary Moseychuck-Radoux, for field hockey, basketball, soccer, and softball were all inducted athletes. Richie Wilcox entered the Hall of Fame as an athlete and builder. The 1971-72 Breton Education Centre and the 1966-67 Mount Carmel soccer teams were inducted into the Hall of Fame. The late Janet Morrison was recognized with a special achievement award for her unwavering support of the BEC Bears and the Coal Bowl. Please join me in congratulating the 2023 Hall of Famers.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Argyle.

LEBLANC, DARRYL: VOL. AWD. RECIP. - CONGRATS.

HON. COLTON LEBLANC: I rise today to congratulate Darryl LeBlanc for being recognized with the Provincial Volunteer Award for the Municipality of Argyle.

Darryl began volunteering as a soccer and baseball coach for his children approximately 30 years ago, and it has continued from there. He has too many volunteer contributions to list them all, but he's been involved with large events such as the 2017 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships and the Canadian National Over-35 Baseball Championships in 2006, 2009, and 2015, to name a few.

As well, Darryl is currently the president of Yarmouth Seafest, actively participates in the West Pubnico Improvement Society, and contributes to the Planning Advisory Committee for the Municipality of Argyle as well as 100 Guys that Care.

I ask all members of the Legislature to join me in congratulating Darryl on receiving the Provincial Volunteer Award and thank him for his dedication and tireless work for the betterment of our community.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney-Membertou.

MORRISON, KEVIN: HOCKEY CAREER - RECOG.

HON. DEREK MOMBOURQUETTE: I rise in my place to recognize Kevin Morrison from Sydney, whom many in the hockey world would know. Kevin has had a long, successful career in hockey, both in the World Hockey Association and the NHL, playing in well over 400 games in the World Hockey Association and over 40 games in the NHL.

Kevin is well-known around the community. He's a great guy, he's a friend, and he does a lot to support the Lebanese community at home.

The reason why I'm getting to my feet was talked about last week, which is an interesting milestone, a great one. It's that 45 years ago, Kevin assisted Wayne Gretzky on his first professional goal. I rise in my place to recognize Kevin for the guy that he is. He's a wonderful hockey player, a wonderful guy in the community, but holds that privilege of being this only solo assist on Wayne Gretzky's first professional goal 45 years ago. Kevin, congratulations and thanks for everything you do in the community.

[4:30 p.m.]

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

HIGHMART: NEW STORE IN HALIFAX - WELCOME

LISA LACHANCE: Today I rise to recognize a new small business, HighMart on Spring Garden Road, which just happens to be two floors below my constituency office. My staff and I watched with a great deal of curiosity as they set up shop, and it has since exceeded expectations.

The first HighMart location opened in June 2020 in Charlottetown when entrepreneur Khalid Cheema noticed that international students and new Islanders often could not find familiar groceries from back home. He took the opportunity to open HighMart, which is still going strong and has seen enough success to open another location right here in Halifax Citadel-Sable Island.

They have everything from groceries to treats to games to novelties, and it is easy to lose track of time while browsing. You can even order online. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in welcoming HighMart to Nova Scotia and recognize their effort to bring familiar products to anyone looking for a taste of home.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants East.

MATTHEWS, BRISTOL: RACING CAREER - CONGRATS.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: I would like to congratulate a young racer on the beginning of a great racing career. Bristol Matthews of Nine Mile River started racing only two years ago. She competed in the Maritime Auto Glass Beginner Bandolero division on June 23rd during FanFest night at Scotia Speedworld, where she picked up her first checkered flag. Speaker, Bristol is already making a name for herself in her early racing career. It was a joy to watch her for the rest of the season as she finished No. 1 in her division. Congratulations, Bristol, and keep up the good work.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic.

RECIPS.: SAMBRO COM. SPIRIT AWD. - CONGRATS.

HON. BRENDAN MAGUIRE: Sambro Sou'Wester Days is one of the best festivals in all of Nova Scotia. It takes a lot of volunteers, and a lot of time and energy to pull it off. A huge thank you to all the volunteers. This year, some very special people received the Sambro Community Spirit Award: Helen Gray, Jackie and Doug Garrison, and Jim Duthie all received the Community Spirit Award, with Paddy Gray receiving the long-term service award. Congratulations to all those truly special Nova Scotians. We are all so proud of you.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

FERGUSON, DR. BRIAN: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE

ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: Speaker, I rise to bring recognition to Dr. Brian Ferguson, M.D., who passed away peacefully on October 26, 2023. Born in Cleveland, the son of late Murdock and Muriel Ferguson, he was the second eldest of his siblings. Brian will be dearly missed and vividly remembered for his commitment as a husband, father, grandfather, doctor, coach, and community philanthropist.

The Doc, a self-proclaimed nickname, was a passionate family and emergency room doctor in Amherst for over 37 years after moving from Halifax in 1986 to open a practice with his dear wife and true love, Celina. Brian had countless medical achievements, including boldly establishing the Level 2 Emergency Department at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre with Dr. Kris Bienkowski in 2002. He continued to ardently advocate for its status as such. Brian was especially honoured to be named Nova Scotia's Rural Physician of the Year in 2014, as he viewed himself a blue-collar doctor.

I could go on, but due to the time constraints, I will just say: Rest easy, kid. Rest easy. Your work here on Earth is done. (Applause)

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

N. LIGHTS LANTERN FESTIVAL: 20TH ANNIV. - RECOG.

SUZY HANSEN: Speaker, since 2003, the Northern Lights Lantern Festival has been the premier Summer festival in the North End of Halifax. This year they celebrated their 20th anniversary.

The festival is held at Merv Sullivan Park - we call it The Pit in the North End - on Novalea Drive, Halifax. It features a free community barbecue, live music, face painting, bouncy castles, children's games, lantern-making, and a parade of lanterns with all the

kids, ending the night off with a fireworks extravaganza. The festival promotes inclusion, welcoming all to a fun, safe afternoon and evening event.

The mission of the festival is to celebrate the vibrancy and diversity of Halifax's north end through a free, inclusive community festival where everyone is welcome. Every year my family looks forward to going, and year after year, hands down, they have the best fireworks show in Halifax.

I would like all members to join me in celebrating 20 years of the Northern Lights Lantern Festival and wish them many more to come.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Guysborough-Tracadie.

FITZGERALD, ROSE: RETIREMENT - CONGRATS.

HON. GREG MORROW: Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rose Fitzgerald of Guysborough on her retirement from Rose's Garden of Gifts.

Rose was in the flower business for more than 30 years. She learned the craft of flower design early in her career by working with a mentor who helped her bring out even more of her creative ideas. She has designed bouquets and arrangements for weddings, funerals, birthdays, and any occasion you can think of. For several years, she even operated part of her shop as a Sears outlet, and every Fall she was the *Wish Book* pickup location. Who doesn't love the *Wish Book*? (Laughter)

Her shop has also been a spot where local crafters have been able to sell their wares on consignments, and she even has a small new-to-you clothing section in her store. Rose's husband Gerald was known to help with deliveries around town.

The Premier and I visited her in June and presented her with a certificate of congratulations. Please join me in thanking Rose for her service to the community and wishing her and Gerald all the best in retirement.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings South.

BAILLIE, BETSY: KINGS KIKIMA GRANNIES - RECOG.

HON. KEITH IRVING: Speaker, I rise today to shed a spotlight on an extraordinary community volunteer. Betsy Baillie, a registered nurse by profession and a mother of three and grandmother of six, has been the leader of the Kings Kikima Grannies since 2008. Inspired by the 2007 documentary on the Wakefield Grannies near Ottawa, the Kings Kikima Grannies began from a desire to help grandmothers in Africa who are raising their grandchildren orphaned after losing parents to HIV/AIDS.

To support a group of 30 grandmothers in Kikima, Kenya, Betsy has organized fundraising events and garnered support from other community organizations for special projects, such as water tanks and HIV/AIDS education workshops.

For 15 years, the grannies have been able to send money for food, school fees, and uniforms. Alone, this project might have seemed impossible, but with Betsy organizing a community, lives have been changed.

I ask all members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly to join me in recognizing and thanking the selfless efforts and leadership of Betsy Baillie and the Kings Kikima Grannies.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

DOWNEY, JOSEPHINE: COM. SERV. - THANKS

SUSAN LEBLANC: Speaker, there isn't anyone who lives in the public housing community of Demetreous Lane in Dartmouth North who doesn't know the name Josephine Downey. Josephine is a revered community member and leader within Demetreous Lane and has been called the matriarch of the tight-knit community. She was a founding member of the Demetreous Lane Tenant's Association and she is president of that organization.

The Demetreous Lane Tenant's Association has run a food bank, community garden and library, and provides programming to residents. They've held community cleanups, barbecues, school supplies and backpack giveaways, holiday parties, and haunted houses.

Josephine is a fierce advocate for and protector of her beloved community. I ask the House to join me in thanking Josephine Downey for all she has done for the residents of Demetreous Lane.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Colchester North.

FULMORE, BURCHELL: COM. SERV. - THANKS

TOM TAGGART: Speaker, I rise today to honour 90-year-old Burchell Fulmore of Economy. Burchell continues to be a very active member of our community, whether it be church work or his 40 years of fire service. In 2012, Burchell received the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal.

Early in his life, Burchell developed a passion for cars. He travelled to car shows all over Canada and the United States, and began restoring vehicles to their original Chevrolet glory. Burchell's father was a local storekeeper, and he had an older Chevrolet panel van,

and he restored it fully. He used to take the local friends to school long before he was old enough to drive in the back of this panel van, and they sat on milk crates. My mother was one of those. It is restored to its original quality today.

On behalf of our community, I want to thank and celebrate Burchell for his community involvement and his friendship to the many citizens along our shore.

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

GRADUATES: MSVU - CONGRATS.

HON. PATRICIA ARAB: Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the more than 550 graduates from 19 different countries who received their degrees last weekend during Mount Saint Vincent University's Fall 2023 convocation. These graduates crossed the stage to join a global network of Mount alumni that boasts more than 39,000 strong over the last 150 years.

It's important to acknowledge that these graduates achieved their degrees despite the challenges posed by pandemic restrictions and changes. Their perseverance and resilience in the face of adversity are commendable.

I'd like to echo Mount President Dr. Joël Dickinson's comments to the graduating class: "Never live within the limits that others have imposed on you or that you have imposed on yourself, because I guarantee you that you don't know how far you will go."

I ask all members to join me in congratulating these graduates, especially the member for Hammonds Plains-Lucasville, and in commending Mount Saint Vincent University for its continued dedication to excellence in education, and its commitment to inspiring and empowering future generations.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg West.

CULBERT, ADAM: ROLE MODEL - CONGRATS.

HON. BECKY DRUHAN: Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adam Culbert, a determined, hard-working, successful Saint Mary's University commerce student from Bridgewater, who is a role model to young people in our community.

Adam, a 2019 graduate of Parkview Education Centre, has been officiating hockey since 2016. He was one of six recipients, the only Atlantic Canadian to receive a \$4,000 Kenneth R. Stiles Memorial Scholarship for the 2022-23 hockey season for his achievements, both as an official and university student.

Adam has long balanced his extracurricular and academic endeavours. He is a former Bridgewater Barracudas swim team coach, and competed in the 2019 Marine Advanced Technology Education International ROV competition in Tennessee as part of the South Shore Robotics team. He is no stranger to academic achievement, having a 95 per cent average when he graduated from high school, and he is maintaining top marks at Saint Mary's University.

I ask the House to join me in congratulating Adam for all his achievements, and for proudly representing the South Shore of Nova Scotia in all of his endeavours.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clayton Park West joining us virtually.

FLEMING, RICK: BARBECUE SUPPORT - THANKS

RAFAH DICOSTANZO: Today I rise to thank a constituent of mine for his continued support and generosity with our annual Summer barbecue that I hosted along with the Friends of Clayton Park Society. Rick Fleming is the superintendent of the apartment building at 319 Langbrae Drive, which neighbours the space we utilize for our event.

When my office called Rick regarding the event, he eagerly offered to clear the parking lot for us to utilize the space for the event. He provided a power source, and he also made the apartment building washrooms accessible for our event. Rick went as far as putting up signs for the public to find their way to the washrooms.

Speaker, I ask the House to please join me in thanking Rick, as well as the property owner, Jamil Hage, for their support and generosity. I look forward to their help with next year's community barbecue.

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

BLOIS, DR. BEAU: WOODLAND AWD. - CONGRATS.

LARRY HARRISON: The Woodland Owner of the Year Awards recognize private landowners for outstanding stewardship of their woodlands and excellence in forestry techniques on private land.

This year's recipient is Dr. Beau Blois of Old Barns, alongside his wife Laura and their children. Their 1,226-hectare property is maintained in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way, allowing them to be Forest Stewardship Council-certified. Named Round Barn Farm, their property provides habitat for a variety of wildlife and plants, trails for outdoor recreation, and includes a Black Angus beef farm.

I would like to congratulate Dr. Beau Blois and his family on being named 2023 Woodland Owner of the Year and thank them for being stewards of our community and our natural resources.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Armdale.

TURKISH REPUBLIC: 100TH ANNIV. - RECOG.

ALI DUALE: I stand here today. I had the privilege last night to attend the Turkish Society of Nova Scotia for 100 years of success for the Turkish community in our province. I would like to ask the House to join me in celebrating the Turkish Nova Scotia community to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Turkish Republic.

[4:45 p.m.]

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid.

EAMON, LAURA: ACAD. ACCOMPS. - CONGRATS.

HON. STEVE CRAIG: Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Laura Eamon of Lower Sackville.

In May 2023, Laura graduated summa cum laude from Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Laura received many awards and recognitions such as the Elaine Leventhal Bursary, the SSHRC Explore Undergraduate Summer Research Award, the Handyside Ethical and Social Responsibility Award, and the Frank H. Sobey Award for Excellence in Business Studies. She was also selected to participate in the Daughters of the Vote, Canadian Conservation Corps, and Ocean Wise. Laura was chosen as this year's valedictorian, having the privilege of addressing her fellow classmates during the graduation ceremony.

I would ask that all members of the House of Assembly join me today in congratulating Laura on her many accomplishments and wish her the best in her future endeavours.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford South.

VOLS.: REG. PARK COALITION - THANKS

BRAEDON CLARK: Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank the members of the Sandy Lake-Sackville River Regional Park Coalition. As members arrived at the Legislature today, some of you may have noticed a Save Sandy Lake sign just outside the front gate here. We're seeing them pop up around Bedford, and I'm sure other areas as well. The regional park coalition is an alliance of 30 organizations dedicated to the

preservation and protection of 2,800 acres of wildlife and aquatic habitat surrounding the Sandy Lake-Sackville River area.

In my community of Bedford South, there is a delicate balance that needs to be struck between meeting the needs of our ongoing housing crisis and protecting the few remaining green spaces that we have.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to the volunteers and member organizations of the Sandy Lake-Sackville River Regional Park Coalition as they continue their work and advocacy to protect a truly wonderful part of nature in our community.

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

GILLIS, NADENE: ERICA'S PLACE - RECOG.

HON. BRIAN WONG: Today I would like to recognize a passionate Beaver Bank resident, Nadene "Erica" Gillis, and her not-for-profit, Erica's Place.

Erica's Place aims to provide support group sessions for women healing following domestic violence and abuse. Nadene launched her first six-week group session in May and continues to provide support and advocate for women who are recovering.

Speaker, please help me recognize Nadene for the incredible work she is doing in our community with her not-for-profit, Erica's Place.

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

BAXTER, CALLUM: GRAND PRIX WINS - CONGRATS.

HON. BEN JESSOME: Today I have the privilege of recognizing Callum Baxter from Hammonds Plains, who at 15 years old raced in the F1600 class during the Formula 1 showcase weekend at the Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve at the Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal earlier this year.

Baxter, who races for the Britain West team out of Brantford, Ontario, opened his formula season in May at Circuit Mont-Tremblant and finished on the podium in all three of his races. He then moved on to Shannonville Motorsport Park. He entered the Grand Prix with a healthy dose of momentum and confidence and perspective.

Speaker, Callum won all three of his races at the Grand Prix to secure the championship. He had a great season, finishing on the podium in all 11 of his races, with six wins.

Last December, Baxter was also on Canada's karting team at the RMC Grand Finals in Bahrain in the Middle East. It was his first senior karting race. He finished 11th and helped Canada to a bronze medal finish. I would refer back to his time in Montreal - he was the only member of the circuit who also had to finish his graduation exams and race that weekend.

Congratulations, Callum, and all the best.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Richmond.

PETTIPAS, LLOYD: FIRE DEPT. SERV. - THANKS

HON. TREVOR BOUDREAU: Speaker, today I would like to recognize a long-time member of the Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department. Lloyd Pettipas joined the department in August 1977, and after 45 years is still serving the community of Isle Madame.

Lloyd is married to Ann, and they have raised two wonderful daughters, Nadine and Holly. Lloyd has also worked at Clearwater Seafoods for 37 years.

During his time with the Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department, Lloyd became a level 1 firefighter and is highly trained in self-contained breathing apparatuses. He is very dependable and is there to assist in any way he can. Lloyd is always willing to help train any new members who join the department. He is such a respected and valuable member. Lloyd has held the rank of captain for more than 20 years.

On behalf of your fellow firefighters and community members, I would like to thank Lloyd for his many years of dedicated service.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

CARVERY, GLENN: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE

HON. TIMOTHY HALMAN: Speaker, today I rise in the Legislature to honour a big loss in our community, that of Glenn Carvery. I would like to express my sympathy to Glenn's family and friends, who are mourning his sudden passing. His loss has left an impact on those who knew him, as well as on the greater Dartmouth community.

Glenn, who served as the president of Carvery's Construction Limited, was a very well-respected businessman in our community, and served as an inspiration for others to follow in his footsteps. He was a person who knew how to make you smile and laugh. He was always very positive, a true optimist. I always enjoyed chatting with him at the Penhorn GoodLife gym every morning.

I ask the members of this Legislature to please join me in passing along our condolences to the family and friends of Glenn Carvery. He will be missed.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Timberlea-Prospect.

PIKE, MIRANDA: LITTLE PRINCESS PARTIES - RECOG.

HON. IAIN RANKIN: Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miranda Rose Pike, owner of Little Princess Parties and a resident of Goodwood.

Miranda began her princess journey at the pediatrics wing of the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, where it was a tradition to visit children on holidays. In 2013, Miranda visited the hospital dressed as a princess. That started a magical journey and the beginning of a new business. Miranda threw herself into learning all about business, performance, event managing, sewing, costume design, make-up certifications, and so much more to create what is now Little Princess Parties.

Miranda's company has talented, award-winning performers dressed in elaborate costumes authentic to their characters. They perform at birthdays, private events, public events, corporate parties, holiday festivities, fundraisers, and charity events. The performers also visit hospitals and seniors' homes, and make surprise visits. The princess hero, or fairytale character, is designed to inspire young minds to create and embrace their own hidden magic and bring a positive message: to instill the belief that young people have the potential to be anything they want to be.

In addition to performers, Little Princess Parties offers face-painting services. Miranda and her team were a huge success at my Heritage Day annual skating event and had a steady lineup of children eager to have their faces painted.

I'd like the members of the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Miranda for her creativity, entrepreneurial spirit, and success in starting up a unique business that brings happiness and joy to celebrations and events.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Preston.

BROOKS, ELIZA: 104TH BIRTHDAY - CONGRATS.

HON. TWILA GROSSE: I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Eliza Brooks from East Preston, Nova Scotia, who celebrated her 104th birthday on May 12, 2023.

Eliza has been a staple in her community of East Preston all her life. Ms. Brooks continues to maintain her apartment and is actively involved in her seniors' group and the church that she so faithfully attends. In August, she was recognized by the African United

Baptist Association, AUBA, of Nova Scotia with a life-sized poster at their annual conference.

Speaker, I ask all members of the Nova Scotia Legislature to please join me in wishing Ms. Eliza Brooks a happy 104th year. We wish blessings, good health, and lots of happiness for her 105th year.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford Basin.

LEO'S PIZZA: WILDFIRES SUPPORT - THANKS

HON. KELLY REGAN: Speaker, I'd like to thank Leo's Pizza in Bedford for stepping up during the wildfires to provide food to our frontline fire crews who were battling the wildfires.

Even though Leo's Pizza is on the Bedford Highway and therefore not all that close to the fires, the team there stepped up to provide nourishment for the folks who were right in the thick of the action. Following the flooding in Bedford, they opened up the shop for anyone who needed to use the facilities, grab some water, and charge their phone. Leo's was there.

They also provided food for our Bedford Days Rouge et Blanc event. Not only do they make great pizza, it turns out they make a great community. Thank you to the team at Leo's Pizza in Bedford.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Eastern Passage.

WINNERS: SUMMER CARNIVAL PHOTO CONTEST - CONGRATS.

HON. BARBARA ADAMS: I rise today to congratulate all of the winners of the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Summer Carnival photography contest.

The Adult Category winners were in first place, Ashley Thibault with *A Little Piece of Home*. Second place went to Kelly Henneberry with *Christmas in the Passage*. In third place was Stephanie Watson with *Cow Bay Road Sunrise*. Our Youth Category winners were, in first place, Logan McFadden with *Sunset at the Beach*. Second place went to Leif King with *Passage Sunset*; third place was Blake Hurd with *Marley*. This contest is a wonderful way to link all the residents of all ages to our community.

Speaker, I ask all members of the Nova Scotia Legislature to join me in congratulating Ashley Thibault, Kelly Henneberry, Stephanie Watson, Logan McFadden, Leif King, and Blake Hurd for sharing your artistic abilities and for demonstrating your community pride.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic.

SAOUD, GEORGE: NOW WE'RE CONVENIENT - THANKS

HON. BRENDAN MAGUIRE: Today, I would like to take a moment to recognize a hard-working young entrepreneur, George Saoud of Now We're Convenient in Herring Cove. George owns and runs the local corner store. The moment you walk in, you are greeted with a smile and a warm conversation. George is always available to give back to the community and serves some of the best ice cream you will ever have. Thank you, George, for always being so welcoming. I wish you a lifetime of success.

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

WHITE, AIDISON, HOCKEY ACHIEVEMENTS - CONGRATS.

DANIELLE BARKHOUSE: Speaker, I would like to recognize Aidison White. Aidison is proud to live in Glen Margaret and is lovingly known as Glender the Bender. A Grade 8 student at a private hockey school in Tantallon called Summit Academy, Aidison is a very dedicated student with a 90 per cent average. Her true passion is ice hockey. Aidison recently represented our province at the U14 team at the Atlantic Challenge Cup, and they won gold. Aidison is a major team contributor, a lead as one of the captains, and even scored with 46 seconds left in the final game to put them in overtime. Aidison also received the Hard Hat Award for leadership and excellence. Last year, Aidison was the only girl on the U13 AAA TSA boys team and loves every second of breaking barriers. This year, Aidison is on the Metro West Force U15 AAA, otherwise known as the Citadels, as a rookie, but still an assistant captain. Congratulations, Aidison. Chester-St. Margaret's is proud. Keep breaking those ceilings and keep that passion.

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

FAIRV.-CLAYTON PK. FARMERS MKT.: 3RD YR. - CONGRATS.

HON. PATRICIA ARAB: I rise today to extend my warmest congratulations to all the volunteers and vendors who have achieved an impressive third-year milestone at the Fairview-Clayton Park Farmers Market. In this short span of time, they have not only established a remarkable tradition but also nurtured a dynamic space where the community thrives. This market has enriched the lives of both residents and visitors, fostering a sense of togetherness and the vibrant exchange of locally sourced and locally made products. The passion and hard work invested in this endeavour serve as a shining example of the positive impact that can be achieved through collective efforts. They have not only built a marketplace but also a nurturing environment for local growers and artisans, promoting the values of sustainability and community that we hold dear.

Speaker, the achievement of this third-year milestone is a testament to the spirit of unity and dedication that defines our community. I ask all members of this House to join me in celebrating this outstanding achievement and express our gratitude to the volunteers and vendors who have made it possible.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants West.

MYLES, LEANNE: COM. SERV. - RECOG.

MELISSA SHEEHY-RICHARD: Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honour an outstanding woman in our community.

Leanne Myles of Windsor is someone residents of West Hants can count on. Any time our office has turned to Leanne for help or advice, she is always ready to assist. She is inclusive, non-judgmental, radiates positivity, and has the biggest heart. She is known to make things happen for many.

Leanne helped start Women.Wine.Wednesday. and sponsors monthly events at the Spitfire Arms Alehouse in Windsor. The Facebook and in-person group has grown to over 400 members and counting. Their purpose is to provide an easy way for women in our community to connect and network with other women in the area.

I think it goes without saying that Leanne deserves recognition for all she does to support other women and I thank her for being a pillar to us and a friend to many.

THE SPEAKER: Order, please. We will now call upon the Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: Pursuant to Rule 5C, I move that on Tuesday, October 31st, the time of adjournment be not 5:30 p.m. but 11:59 p.m.; Wednesday, November 1st, be not 5:30 p.m. but 11:59 p.m.; and Thursday, November 2nd, be not 5:30 p.m. but 11:59 p.m.

THE SPEAKER: There has been a request for a recorded vote.

Ring the bells. Call in the members.

[5:00 p.m.]

[The Division bells were rung.]

THE SPEAKER: Order, please. The Clerk will now conduct a recorded vote, and I ask for everyone's silence, except for when they have to speak.

[The Clerk calls the roll.]

[5:59 p.m.]

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Hon. Brad Johns
 Hon. Barbara Adams
 Hon. Kim Masland
 Hon. Allan MacMaster
 Hon. Michelle Thompson
 Hon. John Lohr
 Hon. Trevor Boudreau
 Hon. Timothy Halman
 Hon. Kent Smith
 Dave Ritcey
 Hon. Brian Wong
 Hon. Brian Comer
 Hon. Colton LeBlanc
 Hon. Jill Balsler
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 Hon. Greg Morrow
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 John White
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 Claudia Chender
 Kendra Coombes
 Suzy Hansen
 Gary Burrill
 Lisa Lachance
 Rafah DiCostanzo
 Hon. Tony Ince
 Lorelei Nicoll
 Hon. Ben Jessome
 Braedon Clark
 Ali Duale
 Carman Kerr
 Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin

THE CLERK: For, 26. Against, 20.

THE SPEAKER: The motion is carried.

The honourable Government House Leader.

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

THE SPEAKER: We will resolve ourselves into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills. We will recess for a moment while we set up.

[6:03 p.m. The House resolved itself into a CWH on Bills with Deputy Speaker Lisa Lachance in the Chair.]

[11:59 p.m. CW on Bills rose and the House reconvened. Deputy Speaker Lisa Lachance resumed the Chair.]

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

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

Bill No. 329 - Halifax Regional Municipality Charter (amended) and Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality Act (amended).

and the Chair has been instructed that the committee has made some progress on this bill.

THE SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned until 1:00 p.m. tomorrow, for hours from 1:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

[The House rose at 11:59 p.m.]

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)**RESOLUTION NO. 760**

By: Hon. Kim Masland (Queens)

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 Edna J. Leshan wrote; and

Whereas on October 28th, Michaela and Caylon MacDougall welcomed their son Everett Nathan Hugh MacDougall into the world;

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