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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representative Domb of Amherst, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of John W. Olver of Amherst, who died peacefully in his sleep on February 23rd.

John Olver.

Born in 1936, John grew up on a farm in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at the age of 18. He moved to Amherst in 1962 to teach chemistry at the University of Massachusetts after receiving his doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

John served as a Massachusetts State Representative from 1969 to 1972 and State Senator from 1973 to 1991. He went on to serve 107 communities in western Massachusetts as their U.S. Representative for the 1st Congressional District in 1991, winning a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of former Representative Silvio O. Conte. He was re-elected to ten succeeding Congresses, retiring in 2012. An early champion of renewable energy, the John W. Olver Design Building on the UMass Amherst campus, celebrates his leadership in sustainability. John was known as one of the most liberal and progressive members of the U.S. House.

Known for his great intellect, integrity, and his commitment to public service, John will forever be treasured for his reputation as a work horse, not a show horse. He inspired a generation of community leaders who continue to serve western Massachusetts and the Commonwealth. He was predeceased by his wife, Rose, whom he described as the spark plug that kept him going. He will be missed greatly by his daughter, Martha, and the Amherst community.

Resignation of Representative Coppinger of Boston.

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

February 23, 2023.

Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House - Room 145

Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I hereby irrevocably resign from my position as the State Representatives for the Tenth Suffolk District, as of 5:00pm on February 28, 2023. Thank you in advance for your assistance on this matter and ensuring that this letter is on file with the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Resignation of
Representative
Edward F.
Coppinger
of Boston.

Sincerely,

EDWARD F. COPPINGER
10th Suffolk District

Resignation of Representative Santiago of Boston.

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

February 23, 2023.

Mr. Steven James
Clerk of the Massachusetts House of Representatives
State House, Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I hereby irrevocably resign from my position as the State Representatives for the Ninth Suffolk District, as of 11:59pm on February 28, 2023. Thank you in advance for your assistance on this matter and ensuring that this letter is on file with the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Resignation of
Representative
Jon Santiago
of Boston.

Sincerely,

JON SANTIAGO, MD MPH
State Representative
9th Suffolk District

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Cabral of New Bedford) recognizing International Women's Day, celebrating fifty years of the local women's movement honoring Lee Blake;

Lee
Blake.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Pignatelli of Lenox) honoring Doctor May Edward Chinn for her contributions to healthcare and equality;

May
Chin.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham and Garlick of Needham) congratulating Dylan Reese Corbett on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

Dylan
Corbett.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham and Garlick of Needham) congratulating Brandon Peter Mak on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Brandon
Mak.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following order (filed this day by Mr. Mariano of Quincy) was referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Ordered, That, the House irrevocably accepts the resignation, dated February 23, 2023 and effective at 5:00 P.M. on February 28, 2023, of Edward F. Coppinger as the Representative in the General Court from the 10th Suffolk District, and declares that, by reason of this resignation, the office of Representative from that district is vacant as of February 28, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.; and be it further

Tenth Suffolk
Representative
District,—
time for election
to fill vacancy.

Ordered, That, the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy that shall exist in the office of Representative in the General Court from said 10th Representative District shall designate Tuesday, May 30, 2023, as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

The following order (filed this day by Mr. Mariano of Quincy) was referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Ordered, That, the House irrevocably accepts the resignation, dated February 23, 2023 and effective at 11:59 P.M. on February 28, 2023, of Jon Santiago as the Representative in the General Court from the 9th Suffolk District, and declares that, by reason of this resignation, the office of Representative from that district is vacant as of February 28, 2023 at 11:59 P.M.; and be it further

Ninth Suffolk
Representative
District,—
time for election
to fill vacancy.

Ordered, That, the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy that shall exist in the office of Representative in the General Court from said 9th Representative District shall designate Tuesday, May 30, 2023, as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

Ms. Domb of Amherst then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of John W. Olver, a member of the House from Amherst from 1969 to 1972, inclusive; a member of the State Senate from 1973 to 1991, inclusive; and a Representative in Congress from 1991 to 2012, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.