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Met at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Timilty in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Timilty), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Timilty) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Oliver Ames High School boys and girls soccer teams. The girls' soccer team was recognized as Hobomock League Champions. They were led by Head Coach Britt Sellmayer and Assistant Coaches Steve Cerce, Kendall Andrew and Regan Benton. The boys soccer team was recognized as the MIAA Division 2 State Champions. They were led by Head Coach John Barata and Assistance Coaches Helder Lobo, Daniel Linhares, Rick Milliken, Kevin Andrew and Regan Benton. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Oliver Ames High School soccer teams.

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Meghan Todd (pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the commission on the status of Persons with Disabilities (received February 2, 2023); and

Persons with Disabilities commission,-- appt.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the MCI Concord inspection on October 19 and 20, 2022, Norfolk County House of Correction and Alternative Center inspection on December 20, 2022 and MCI Framingham inspection on December 22, 2022 (received February 2, 2023).

DPH,-- plans of correction. SD2432

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Timilty), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Clifton K. Snuffer, Jr.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Clifton K. Snuffer, Jr.

The Senator from Norfolk and Suffolk, Mr. Rush, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Clifton K. Snuffer, Jr.

Clifton Snuffer, Jr., a longtime local elected official of Walpole, passed away on Monday, January 23, 2023, after a full life and valiant battle with cancer. Selectman

Snuffer began his career in 1982 as an elected town meeting representative, a post he would hold across four different districts over the next 36 years where he distinguished himself for his oratory as well as “points of personal privilege”. In 1982, he began stints on the Finance Committee-serving as chair, the Capital Budget Committee, and the Cable Advisory Committee. In the 1990s his focus honed on the preservation of Open Space and he served on the Isaac’s Land Study Committee which led to the purchase of what is now called Adam’s Farm for conservation and recreation, as well as the Soccer Committee, and Growth Control Committee. The culmination of his public life where his terms as Selectman, from 2008-2011 and 2013-2016- where he was instrumental in the successful completion of new Police, Fire and DPW stations, as well as his beloved Senior Center.

Ever affable and verbose, Selectman Snuffer was a happy warrior for the people of Walpole, a budget hawk, and a boundless fount of ideas for public policy. In his later years he reveled in his grandchildren his art and “his” senior center.

The thoughts and prayers of the Senate are with Mr. Snuffer, his family, his innumerable friends, and the community of Walpole who mourn him in this time of grief.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Clifton K. Snuffer, Jr., at a quarter past eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O’Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.