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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019.**

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Thursday, January 10, 2019.

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).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Fathers, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

We pray in a spirit of Thanksgiving for the many blessings we enjoy as we enter this new calendar year.

Prayer.

On this day in 1755 the Worcester town of Charlton became a separate district from the town of Oxford. Charlton was later incorporated as a town in 1755 by an act of law that made all districts towns which allowed them to send a representative to the Great and General Court of Massachusetts.

The town of 13,000 residents is named after Sir Francis Charlton, an English politician. Charlton is the final resting place of John Grizzly Adams, a famous trapper and tamer of grizzly bears.

Charlton is perhaps best known for its east and west-bound rest areas on the Massachusetts Turnpike.

May our newly elected legislators continue to get acquainted with their fellow Representatives and with the business of creating laws for the benefit of the people they were elected to serve.

Today we pray especially for Charlton's two elected officials of this chamber, Representatives Peter Durant and Paul Frost.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

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.

### *Message from the Governor.*

The following message was received from the office of His Excellency the Governor, to wit: —

Governor,—  
list of  
pardons.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE HOUSE · BOSTON, MA 02133

January 8, 2019.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In compliance with Chapter 127, Section 152 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I submit herewith a report of the exercise of the pardoning power by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018:

Pardons ..... 0  
Commutations ..... 0

Respectfully,  
CHARLES D. BAKER,  
*Governor.*

The message (House, No. 65), was read; and it was sent to the Senate for its information.

*Appointment to the Food Policy Council.*

The Speaker announced that (under Section 1 of Chapter 277 of the Acts of 2010) he had appointed Representative Donahue of Worcester to the Food Policy Council.

Food Policy  
Council.

*Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Speaker took the Chair, declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Division 5 state champion Scituate High School football team. They were the guests of Representative Kearney of Scituate and Senator O'Connor.

Scituate  
High School  
football team.

*Resolutions.*

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,— Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Muratore of Plymouth, Hunt of Sandwich and LaNatra of Kingston) commending the Old Colony Club in the town of Plymouth on its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary, were considered, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, and they were adopted.

Old  
Colony  
Club.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next  
sitting.

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At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.