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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Ms. Barber of Somerville 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:

God of Liberty and Justice, we give thanks for our Commonwealth's rich legacy regarding the struggle for human rights for all people.

Prayer.

Today we remember an historic event that occurred in the State House when on this day in 1838 a woman addressed a legislative body in the United States for the first time. Angelina Grimke and her sister Sarah were daughters of slave owners who left their native South Carolina and pursued their Quaker faith up North. As the first female speakers against slavery and early supporters of women's rights, the Grimke sisters attracted mobs of angry people wherever they spoke. In the Massachusetts Senate chamber, Angelina said to her audience of legislators and onlookers "Because slavery is a political subject, it has often tauntingly been said, that women had nothing to do with it. American women have to do with this subject, not only because it is moral and religious, but because it is political".

We pray for our elected officials and their staff. In a special way, we pray on this historic day for the women who now serve Massachusetts in ways the Grimke sisters could have only dreamed about.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Barber), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Connor R. Bernklow on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Connor Bernklow.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Edmund M. Burke on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Edmund Burke.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Khan of Newton) congratulating Alexander Rivero on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Alexander Rivero.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McKenna of Webster) commending the New England Hemophilia Association on its recognition of March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month; and

Bleeding disorders month.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McKenna of Webster) commemorating the ninetieth birthday of Lorraine Kujawski of Webster;

Lorraine Kujawski.

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. Frost of Auburn, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Cindy F. Friedman, Marc T. Lombardo and Mindy Domb for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Pierre Richard Nortelus, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Pierre
Richard
Nortelus,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 23) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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.

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sitting.

At eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Ms. Barber of Somerville being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.