

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 3, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Harkins of Needham 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 the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God of Goodness and Compassion, we pause for a moment of reflection and prayer and to thank You for the many material and spiritual blessings which we receive daily. We are grateful, too, for the personal talents and skills which You, Our Creator, have bestowed upon us. Help us to use these gifts and our own intellects and wills wisely and productively. As legislators, in analyzing complex critical and often emotional issues, inspire us to be objective in our search for truth, knowledgeable in evaluating proposals and ethical in our decision-making process. In addressing the issues of the moment, may we be guided by Your gift of wisdom, Your precepts and our own principles and religious teachings and traditions.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

### *Guests of the House.*

Algonquin Regional High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team.

During the session, Mr. Naughton of Clinton took the Chair, declared a brief recess and introduced the Algonquin Regional High School Boys' varsity soccer team, accompanied by Superintendent of the School, Bob Melican; Principal, Ned Gallagher; Athletic Director, Fran Whitten; Assistant to the Athletic Director, Susan Baburins; Athletic Trainer Jonathan Drisko; Head Coach, John Frederick and Manager Matt Thornton.

Mr. LeDuc of Marlborough then took the Chair and presented Coach Frederick with citations of the House commending the team on successful season of accomplishments, which include a record of 20-0-2; winning the 2004 Midland-Wachusett A League Championship, the 2004 Central Massachusetts Division I District Championship, the 2004 Division I State Championship; and also the naming of team member Mike Cooley as an All American.

They were the guests of Representatives Naughton, LeDuc and Loscocco of Holliston and Senators Chandler and Resor.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. DiMasi of Boston) expressing the sense of the Congress regarding support for the recognition of a Liberty Day;

Liberty Day.

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Resolutions (filed by Mr. Coppola of Foxborough) congratulating William Gerard Hawkins on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

William Gerard Hawkins.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Coppola of Foxborough) congratulating Michael J. Kominsky on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Michael J. Kominsky.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Coppola of Foxborough) congratulating Kevin M. Stanton on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Kevin M. Stanton.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Fennell of Lynn and Leary of Worcester) recognizing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Massachusetts;

Cancer Awareness Month.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Marzilli of Arlington) congratulating Margaret Dhimos on the occasion of her retirement;

Margaret Dhimos.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury) dedicating and unveiling of a memorial in honor of Officer James Lonchiadis;

James Lonchiadis.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating the King Phillip Regional High School Symphony Band on being invited to the 2005 National Concert Band Festival;

King Phillip High School, Symphony Band.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the Marion Fire Department; and

Marion Fire Department.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty of Milton) congratulating Fontbonne Academy upon its fiftieth anniversary;

Fontbonne Academy.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, 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. Cabral of New Bedford (Mrs. Harkins of Needham having returned to the Chair), the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

### *Petitions.*

Mrs. Haddad of Somerset presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 139) of Patricia A. Haddad and Joan M. Menard (by vote of the town) relative to establishing the office of collector-treasurer in the town of Swansea; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Swansea, collector-treasurer.

Mr. Tobin of Quincy presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of A. Stephen Tobin for legislation to authorize the Trial Court to establish a sick leave bank for Sean Glennon, an employee of said court; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Sean Glennon, sick leave bank.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Blumer of Framingham, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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sitting.

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

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At twenty-two minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline (Mrs. Harkins of Needham being in the Chair) the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.