

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Friday, February 10, 2017.

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 Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Creativity, God of Inspiration, we pray today for all our elected Representatives of this Chamber and for their staff. Prayer.

We give thanks today and this month of February for the great contributions to our Commonwealth and beyond by African-Americans.

Today we note the anniversary of the first patent secured by the inventor Lewis Howard Latimer. Mr. Latimer was born in 1848 and was raised in Chelsea, the son of abolitionists who themselves escaped from slavery in Virginia. After serving in the U.S. Navy, Lewis Latimer returned to Boston and found work with a firm that assisted inventors in procuring patents. On his own, Latimer studied the detailed drawings required for patent applications and he bought the necessary drafting tools and taught himself the skills of the trade. He eventually became an inventor himself, working in the growing field of electricity. Latimer's work distinguished him enough to get the attention of Thomas Edison who hired him to work on improving Edison's light bulb. Latimer did just that by inventing a carbon filament that greatly extended the life of the light bulb.

We give thanks to our God of Creativity and Inspiration for such a native son of Massachusetts.

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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Miss Garry of Dracut and other members of the House) commending the American Heart Association on its observance of February 2017 as American Heart Month in the Commonwealth, were referred, under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules. American Heart Association Month.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, the resolutions (certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Hackett, an employee of the Department of Revenue (see House, No. 55, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Bill enacted.

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enacted.

Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

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sitting.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.