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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).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Mr. Biele of Boston, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Frederick M. Rooney. A graduate of South Boston High School and Northeastern University, Mr. Rooney proudly and honorably served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was also actively involved in youth sports and activities in South Boston, proudly serving as a Little League coach for eleven years.

Frederick M.
Rooney.

Mr. Rooney is the son of the late Frederick W. Rooney and Veronica (Curran) Rooney and was a beloved and devoted husband of 66 years to Margaret "Peggy, Hon" Corliss Rooney. He was a proud and caring father of Frederick "Buddy" and his late wife Cathy, James and his wife Maryanne, Michael and his wife Valerie, Thomas "Tommy", John "Jackie", Paul, Mark and his wife Theresa, Larry and his wife Beth, Joseph, Gerard "Jay" and his wife Carolyn, Chris and his wife Lisa and the late infant son Charles. He was also a warmhearted grandfather of 30 cherished grandchildren, 11 precious great-grandchildren and uncle to many loving nieces and nephews. Mr. Rooney was a loving brother to Diane Sullivan and was predeceased by his sister, Margaret Marion Cahill and brother James W. Rooney.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Kevin Joseph Armstrong on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Kevin
Armstrong.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Ryan O'Rourke on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Ryan
O'Rourke.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Dhashadyu Papineni on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Dhashadyu
Papineni.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Abhiram Yadlapalli on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Abhiram
Yadlapalli.

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. Philips of Sharon, the resolutions (reported by the

committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 99) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to a vacancy in the office of mayor in the city of Holyoke. To the committee on Election Laws.

Holyoke,—
acting mayor.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 98) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to authorizing Trevor J. Seaboyer to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Haverhill,—
Trevor
Seaboyer.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representatives Peake of Provincetown and Straus of Mattapoisett presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake, William M. Straus and others for an investigation by a task force (including members of the General Court) relative to non-emergency human services transportation contracts; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Human
services,—
transportation
contracts.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, 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 Mr. Philips of Sharon, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 100) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Stephen Melchin, an employee of the Trial Court (deposited with the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 19, 2021) was presented and it was referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Stephen
Melchin,—
sick leave.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Peter J. Fallon, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 97). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Peter
Fallon,—
sick leave.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.