

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025.**

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Thursday, February 13, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

### *Silent Tribute.*

At the request of Representative Biele of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Margaret "Peg" "Hon" Rooney, of South Boston who passed away on January 9, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Margaret Rooney.

A daughter of Irish immigrants and child of the depression era, Mrs. Rooney was a dedicated public servant, working for decades in the State House's Information Technology Department while volunteering locally at the Catholic Charities Labour Center, the Simon of Cyrene Society, Julie's Family Learning Center, St. Monica's Food Pantry and other community organizations.

Daughter of the late Michael Corliss and Delia (Waldron) Corliss, beloved wife of the late Frederick M. Rooney, Mrs. Rooney was the devoted mother to 11 boys and cherished grandmother of 30 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

### *Appointment of the Minority Leader.*

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington to the special legislative commission established (under the provisions of Section 149 of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024) to study the Commonwealth's funding structure for violence prevention services.

Violence prevention services.

### *Statement of Representative Haggerty of Woburn.*

A statement of Representative Haggerty of Woburn was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting held on Thursday, February 6, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay No. 11.

Statement of Mr. Haggerty of Woburn.

### *Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

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

Next  
sitting.

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At three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.