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## JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

IN JOINT SESSION.

*Thursday, January 13, 2005.*

There being no objection, at five minutes before seven o'clock P.M., the two branches met in

Joint Session

in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of receiving such communication as His Excellency Mitt Romney, Governor of the Commonwealth, may be pleased to make relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth; and were called to order by the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, Acting President.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Ms. Walsh,—

*Ordered,* That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and House of Representatives to wait upon Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and inform her that the two branches are now in Convention and request the honor of her presence.

Senators Chandler, Tarr, Hart, Augustus, McGee and Nuciforo were appointed on the part of the Senate; and Representatives Peterson of Grafton, Pope of Wayland, Petrolati of Ludlow, O'Flaherty of Chelsea, Tobin of Quincy, Donato of Medford, Bosley of North Adams, Festa of Melrose and Fennell of Lynn.

Subsequently, Ms. Chandler, for the committee, reported that Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Kerry Healey, would immediately attend upon the convention.

Shortly thereafter, Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Kerry Healey and the Major General George W. Keefe, Adjutant General, entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Pledge of Allegiance.*

The Speaker, having taken the Chair, introduced Brittany, Courtney and Robbie Bergquist of Norwell, who led the Constitutional Officers, members of the Convention, guests and staff in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

*Prayer.*

Mr. Rosenberg in the Chair, then introduced Rabbi William Hamilton of Congregation Kehillath Israel in Brookline, who delivered the following Invocation:

In a few days, our Nation will elevate the memory of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I wish to briefly recall a memory and a message that Dr. King delivered about a month before his death, at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. For three generations, his family had been entwined with this particular house of worship. He joined when he was five, and was ordained there at nineteen. Both his father and grandfather had been pastors. The sermon he delivered that morning, at the same podium from which he'd delivered his *first* sermon and would deliver his *last*, was about King David's ambition to build a great Temple.

Dr. King read what he described as "not one of the most familiar passages from the Hebrew Bible. The passage from the eighth chapter of First Kings reads: "And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house of the Lord God of Israel. And the Lord said to David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build a house unto my name, thou didst well that it was within thine heart."

He then asked the congregation to contemplate the phrase "Thou didst well that it was within thine heart." This was what he really wanted to talk about that morning. His interpretation of the phrase was that God had spoken "as if to say, 'David, you will not be able to finish the temple. You will not be able to build it. But I just want to bless you, because it was within thine heart'."

Dr. King went on to catalog leaders from Gandhi to Woodrow Wilson to the apostle Paul, all of whom had not lived to see the fulfillment of their dreams. Slowly but powerfully, he continued: "So many of us in life start out building temples: temples of character, temples of justice, temples of peace. And so often we don't finish them. Because life is like Schubert's Unfinished Symphony. At so many points we start, we try, we set out to build, And I guess one of the great *agonies of life* is that we are constantly trying to finish that which is unfinishable . . .

"Well, that is the story of life," Dr. King concluded. "And the *thing that makes me happy*, is that I can hear a voice crying through the vista of time saying, "It may not come today. It may not come tomorrow. But it is well that it is within thine heart. It's well that you are trying. You may not see it. The dream may not be fulfilled, but it is good that you have a desire to bring it into reality. It's well that it is within thine heart."

Tonight is an historic night because like Dr. King, like King David, we stand on the shoulders of our forebearers, leaders of this great Commonwealth, poised to shape a legacy for future generations. Today's challenges and obligations are global and local. The response to the Tsunami of 2004 features an unprecedented *global gathering of glowing humanity* a cosmic outpouring of *life-giving resources*, that now hovers over the deadly new topography *rimming* the Indian Ocean. Closer to home, we are *keenly mindful* of gathering threats to human dignity and security. Tonight is for *pause, for focus, and for resolve* to meet our obligations — *even* to surpass them.

Ever-living, ever-loving God, we ask your blessings on Governor Mitt Romney, Lt. Governor Kerry Healy, members of the Governor's Cabinet, Senators, Legislators, and all who exercise just and rightful authority. Enlarge their vision so that they may continue to guide us in wisdom, with resolute hearts and willing hands, thus making our Commonwealth a mighty force for righteousness. Fashion Thou *our hearts anew* and *bend our will* to Thy purpose, so that the festering vices of malice and greed, fear and ignorance, avarice and violence weaken and dominion is granted to 'doing what is just', 'loving what is merciful', and to 'walking humbly with Thee.' May we find favor before Thee, God, so that we may, in our *quiet moments*, detect an echo of Thy divine reassurance crying through the vista of time, intoning "Thou didst well that it was within thine heart." All this we pray in your Holy Name, and we say Amen.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Ms. Walsh,—

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two branches are now in Convention for the purpose of receiving such communication as he may be pleased to make to them, relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

Senators Walsh, Pacheco, Hedlund, Knapik, Moore, Tolman, Timilty, Spilka, Joyce, Buoniconti, Montigny and Panagiotakos were appointed on the part of the Senate; and Representatives Petrolati of Ludlow, Paulsen of Belmont, Spellane of Worcester, Nyman of Hanover, Fox of Boston, Flanagan of Leominster, Ross of Wrentham, Smola of Palmer, Scaccia of Boston, Golden of Lowell and Walsh of Lynn.

Subsequently, Ms. Walsh, for the committee, reported that His Excellency the Governor, Mitt Romney, would immediately attend upon the convention.

Mr. Rosenberg, having returned to the Chair, then introduced Lieutenant-Governor Kerry Healy, who then introduced Major General George W. Keefe, The Adjutant General who introduced the United States Air Force Band.

After a short musical performance by the United States Air Force's Band of Liberty, His Excellency the Governor, Mitt Romney, and Major General George W. Keefe, The Adjutant General entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Rosenberg then introduced His Excellency the Governor, Mitt Romney, who thereupon addressed the Convention relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 1).

Mr. Rosenberg in the Chair, then requested that Lieutenant-Governor Healey take the rostrum. The Lieutenant-Governor then introduced Rene Rencourt who gave a rendition of *God Bless America*.

The Speaker in the Chair, then introduced the Reverend Augustin Anda-Gomez, who gave the following Benediction:

His Excellency Sean Patrick O'Malley, the Archbishop of Boston sends his Blessing on Governor Romney and all the citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Let us pray, God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through You, authority is rightly administrated, laws are enacted, and judgement is decreed.

Assist with Your spirit of counsel and fortitude Governor Romney, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness. May he encourage due respect for virtue and religion, May he execute the laws with justice and compassion, May he seek to restrain crime, vice, addictions and immorality.

We pray to You almighty God for our legislators in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, our Constitutional Officers, the members of our Judiciary and all men and women who are entrusted to guard our political welfare. May they be enabled by Your powerful protection to discharge their duties with honesty and ability.

We likewise commend to Your unbounded mercy all the citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Your law. May we be preserved in union and peace.

Te pedimos todo esto en tu nombre, Señor, porque tuyo es el Reino, el Poder y la Gloria por los siglos de los siglos.

All this we ask in Your name, Lord, for Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.

Mr. Rosenberg in the Chair, His Excellency the Governor, Mitt Romney, Her Honor Kerry Healey, the Lieutenant-Governor then withdrew from the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

At eight o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Lees, the Convention was dissolved.