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Thursday, August 17, 2017.

Met at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Forry in the Chair).

The Chair (Ms. Forry), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) submitting the status of its fiscal year 2017 annual report (received August 15, 2017), -- was placed on file.

MassCEC, -- FY17 annual report. SD2304

Report.

Report of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (pursuant to Section 5(e)(2) of Chapter 23I of the General Laws) submitting its report on extension of time to determine certification status of certain life sciences companies (received August 14, 2017), -- was placed on file.

MLSC, -- extension report. SD2303

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating Doris Lemmo on her one hundredth birthday"; and

Doris Lemmo.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Mr. Ross) "honoring the memory of the Keating Brothers on the occasion of the dedication of Keating Brothers Square in the town of Natick."

The Keating Brothers.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk by Messrs. Rosenberg and Tarr, Ms. Chang-Díaz, Ms. Chandler, Messrs. Hinds, Barrett and McGee, Ms. Donoghue, Messrs. Moore, Pacheco, Rush, Cyr and Eldridge, Ms. O'Connor Ives, Mr. Rodrigues, Ms. Forry, Ms. Flanagan, Ms. Lovely, Ms. Friedman, Ms. Spilka, Messrs. O'Connor, Montigny, Lesser and Lewis, Ms. L'Italien, Mr. deMacedo, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Brownsberger, Humason and Brady, Ms. Gobi, Messrs. Timilty, and Welch, Ms. Jehlen, Messrs. Ross, DiDomenico, Boncore, Fattman and Keenan) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Neo-Nazi And White Nationalist Hate Organizations.

RESOLUTIONS ADDRESSING NEO-NAZI AND WHITE NATIONALIST HATE ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, white nationalist organizations in our country have consistently promoted values that are overtly racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-immigrant, and these poisonous ideologies continue to promote hatred, bigotry, and violence specifically against individuals solely on the basis of their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual

orientation, and immigration status; and

WHEREAS, today, white nationalism and neo-Nazism remain very real threats to the values for which the Commonwealth stands, and their reinvention as the “Alt-Right,” should not mitigate their hateful ideologies; and

WHEREAS, while free speech is a bedrock value for the citizens in our Commonwealth and Country, white nationalist and neo-Nazi groups promote a message that is the antithesis of Massachusetts’ dedication to civil rights for all, and is in irreconcilable conflict with our foundational principles of liberty and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, white nationalism and neo-Nazism are continuing to grow as menaces to societal order as they seek to reignite social animosities, reverse improvements in race relations, divide the nation, and foment hatred, classism, and ethnic eradication; and

WHEREAS, the white nationalist and neo-Nazi message of racial and social intolerance has led to senseless acts of violence that continue to terrorize members of ethnic and religious communities; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we strongly denounce and oppose the totalitarian impulses, violence, xenophobic biases, and bigoted ideologies that are promoted by white nationalists and neo-Nazis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we urge law enforcement agencies and elected officials at every level of government to condemn white nationalist and neo-Nazi ideology, to vigorously pursue justice in response to hate-fueled violence and work to ensure the protection of the marginalized and targeted communities.

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Boston, Mayor of Charlottesville, Governor of Virginia and President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, the above resolutions were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Ordered printed.

Petition.

On motion of Mr. McGee, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard J. Ross for legislation to improve access to cancer clinical trial programs,-- **and the same was referred to the committee on Public Health.**

Cancer,-- clinical trial programs. SD2305

Sent to the House for concurrence

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. L’Italien,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Forry), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of State Police Sergeant Michael Anthony Andrews.

Moment of Silence.

Adjourn In Memory of State Police Sergeant Michael Anthony Andrews

The Senator from Hampden and Hampshire, Mr. Lesser moves that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of State Police Sergeant Michael Anthony Andrews.

State Police Sergeant Michael Anthony Andrew of Ludlow succumbed to a courageous battle with cancer on August 3, 2017. Born in Springfield, Sgt. Andrews attended both parochial and public schools in Springfield. He graduated from the High School of Commerce in 1985 and received a bachelor's of science in criminal justice from Curry College.

Serving first as a police cadet in the city of Springfield, Sgt. Andrews joined the Massachusetts State Police in 1988 and faithfully served our Commonwealth for 29 years.

His fellow state police brothers and sisters remembered him with the following statement: "Mike, who was assigned to the State Police Detective Unit for Hampshire-Franklin County, epitomized the highest ideals of service to his profession and his family. He was a true gentleman, a devoted family man, a dedicated Massachusetts State Trooper, and a constant source of happiness and laughter to all of his friends...when Mike was diagnosed with his illness, he fought it ferociously, typical of how Mike lived his life - with passion, optimism, and great strength, he will be dearly missed by his state police family."

Sgt. Andrews was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and a member of Boy Scout Troup 35, also known as "Orange Crush." In 2005, he married his wife Kelsey and together they had one daughter born in 2008, Madeline (Maddie) Rose Andrews, known affectionately as "Peanut Butter".

Sgt. Andrews was a karaoke star and the best wobbler in Western, Ma. He is survived by his loving wife, daughter, parents, a brother and his Massachusetts state police brothers and sisters.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory Michael Anthony Andrews, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Humason, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.