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Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Met at four minute past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Friedman in the Chair).

Members of the Hingham Kindness Club led the Chair (Ms. Friedman), members, guests and staff in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Friedman) handed the gavel to Mr. O'Connor for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. O'Connor then introduced, in the Senate Gallery, members of the Hingham Kindness Club. The Kindness Club was started by Danielle Harris and Lauren Leibovici at Hingham High School. The Club is an after school program that meets every month to participate in activities to help others. It is made up of amazing students from Hingham High School and the first grade class at Hingham's Foster School. The two clubs have over 65 members and their dedication to helping others is recognized and appreciated throughout the town and now here in the Massachusetts State Senate. The Senate applauded their hard work and acts of kindness and they withdrew from the Gallery. The group was led by teachers Erin McGrath, Charlotte Bessoud, Sarah Jacobson and Amanda Mendes.

Hingham Kindness Club.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Friedman) handed the gavel to Mr. Tran for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Tran then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership Institute. The institute is a nine-month educational process where individuals work to strengthen their leadership skills, professionally network with their peers and other industries professionals, and gain insight into resources they have within their community. Candidates who are chosen for this institute are motivated individuals who demonstrate potential within their business or community. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

North Central MA Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership Institute.

Communication.

Communication from the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies (under the provisions of Joint Rule 1) relative to the rules of procedure for said committee for the 2019-2020 legislative session (received Wednesday, March 20, 2019),-- was placed on file.

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies,-- committee rules.

Report.

Report of the Office of the Child Advocate (pursuant to Section 10 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2018 annual report (received March 21, 2019),-- was placed on file.

OCA,-- annual report. SD2360

Petition.

Mr. Pacheco presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc R. Pacheco and Angelo L. D'Emilia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Daniel Ajoue, an employee of the Department of Correction;

Daniel Ajoue,-- sick leave.
SD2361

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE

Senator Michael F. Rush,-- military duty.

March 18, 2019

Senate President Karen Spilka
State House, Suite 332
Boston, MA 02133

Dear President Spilka:

I am writing to inform you that I will be on military duty with the U.S. Navy for the period of March 22nd, 2019 to April 8th, 2019. Therefore, I will not be present for the formal sessions that are, or may be, scheduled during this time.

Sincerely,

Mike Rush
State Senator
Norfolk & Suffolk District

On motion of Mr. Rodrigues, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Ordered printed.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Brady and Timilty) “congratulating Evan Hamlin of the town of Easton on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Evan Hamlin.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) “congratulating James Wilson Sabin of the town of Hanover on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

James Wilson Sabin.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) “congratulating William Sabin of the town of Hanover on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

William Sabin.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. DiZoglio, Ms. Chandler, Ms. Comerford, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Crighton, Cyr, DiDomenico, Eldridge and Feeney, Ms. Friedman, Ms. Gobi, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Lovely and Messrs. Moore, Tarr, Timilty and Tran) “commending the Michael J. Fox Foundation for the Parkinson’s Research and the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association on their celebration of the month of April as Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month”; and

The Michael J. Fox Foundation and MA Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating Aaron T. Kelly on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Aaron T. Kelly.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Speaker:

Representative Cahill of Lynn to the Public Market Commission established (under Section 4(e) of Executive Order Number 535) to define the mission and vision of a public market in downtown Boston.

Public Market
Commission.

Remarks of Senator Dean A. Tran

Madame President, I would like to say few remarks about Gerard Roland Martel, who passed away peacefully at age 91.

Remarks of Senator
Dean A. Tran.

Gerry spent a lifetime doing what he loved as a collector car owner, appraiser and music man. Born at home in 1927 in Gardner, Massachusetts, Gerry attended Gardner High School and Holy Cross College. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he returned to Holy Cross to complete his studies and graduated with the Class of 1949. He spent a number of years as a traveling entertainer and musician before making the City Fitchburg his home in 1957 when he revived the Fitchburg Music Store. He spent more than 50 years as a retailer on Main Street.

Always a car aficionado, Gerry owned more than 100 automobiles during his life, among them Alfred Hitchcock's 1958 Bentley Continental Flying Spur. For many years, he operated a custom auto body shop called SCAR CARS. He then transformed his hobby into a second career, Gerry Martel Certified Appraisers. At the time of his death, Gerry was one of the oldest collector car appraisers in the nation.

Gerry's enthusiasm for his city and profession earned the nicknames "Mr. Fitchburg" and "Mr. Car". He served as president of the Fitchburg Rotary in 1967 and again as honorary president 50 years later in 2017. His connection to the community and his profession meant a great deal to Gerry. He was a proud member and supporter of the Fay Club, the Fitchburg Art Museum, the Finnish Center at Saima Park, and Oak Hill Country Club. He was recently honored as a lifetime member of the Mid-State Antique Auto Club and he was on the advisory board of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School. Gerry was a fixture at countless national car shows such as the Concours d'Elegance in Pebble Beach, showing his own cars at many and judging at others. He was a member of more than a dozen professional organizations among them the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club, the NADA Advisory Board, the International Automobile Appraisers Association, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the Bentley Drivers Club and the Tornado Owners Club. He enjoyed writing and produced more than 500 "Auto Biographies" columns for the Fitchburg Sentinel.

Gerry is survived by wife of forty four years Nadine; his brother Charles; his daughter Priscilla and her partner Charles van Over; his son Christopher and his wife Lisa; his step children Nadine Price and her partner Doug Tucker, and Raymond Price and his wife Margie Mallett; his grandson Corey and his wife Shelley; his great-grandson Connor, several cousins, nieces and nephews, his devoted caregiver, Jay Figueroa and an orchestra of friends.

On motion of Mr. Tran, under the provisions of Senate Rule 6, the above remarks were printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. deMacedo--

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

Time of meeting.

a calendar.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Friedman), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Paul Cripps, John J. Mullen and Gerard Roland Martel.

Moment of silence.

Adjourn In Memory of Paul Cripps.

The Senator Plymouth and Barnstable, Mr. deMacedo, moves that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Paul Cripps.

Originally of North Weymouth, Paul Cripps was a longtime resident of Plymouth and was living in Sagamore with his wife Natalie at the time of his passing. Paul began his career as a costumed interpreter at Plimoth Plantation in 1980, where he worked in various roles including supervisor of interpreters, and manager of Guest Services until 1998. He went on to work for the Plymouth County Development Council, and then Destination Plymouth where he oversaw the merger of the two groups, and served as Executive Director until his passing.

Paul also served as the Legislative Chair of the State Regional Tourism Council. Considered a preeminent expert in marketing tourism, Paul was a frequent speaker at the State House on matters relating to tourism, particularly for Plymouth County. Paul's dedication to his craft, passion for the tourism industry, and friendly demeanor made him an asset to his community and a mentor to many and friend to all.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of John J. Mullen, at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Adjournment in Memory of John J. Mullen.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of John J. Mullen.

John J. Mullen, of South Boston, passed away Monday, March 18, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Margaret (Flaherty) Mullen. Devoted father of Jack and his wife Chrissy of South Boston, Margaretann Deltufo and her husband John of Quincy, William and his wife Margaret of Plymouth, David and his wife Jane of Walpole. Brother of Anna Brudige, William Mullen and his wife Margaret and the late Louise, Rita, James, and Ruthann. Also survived by 13 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

John was the past Commander Thomas J. Fitzgerald Post 61 South Boston and the Edward Saunders Post. Late member of the Castle Island Association, South Boston Irish American Society and the Andrew Square Civic Association. USMC Veteran in World War II.

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