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# JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



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Monday, February 1, 2021.

Met at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Boncore in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

#### Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator John J. Cronin (pursuant to House Order No. 4835) from the 191<sup>st</sup> General Court to the special joint oversight committee on the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke

Communication from the Office of the Norfolk District Attorney (pursuant to Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its calendar year 2020 Community Based Juvenile Justice Programs Report (received January 29, 2021); and

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 2E of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting the revised fiscal year 2021 transfer schedules for the following accounts:1595-6368 Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund (MTTF), 1595-6370 Regional Transit Authorities (RTA) and 1595-6379 Motor Vehicle Insurance Merit Rating Board (MRB) (received January 29, 2021).

## PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following:

That the Speaker had appointed Representatives González of Springfield and Miranda of Boston, and that Representative Tyler of Boston, Chair of the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus would serve as a member (ex officio), to the Health Equity Task Force established (under Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020);

That the official hometown of record for Representative Lenny Mirra, formerly of West Newbury, has been changed (effective for General Court records as of December 22, 2020) to the town of Georgetown; and

That the Minority Leader had appointed William Burke, Director of Research of Beacon Hill Institute, as his designee to serve on the Tax Expenditure Commission established (under Section 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) replacing former Representation Randy Hunt of Sandwich, who had previously served on the Commission.

#### Resolutions.

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

Holyoke Soldiers' Home,-- oversight committee.

Norfolk DA,-juvenile justice programs report. SD387

CTR,-- revised transfer schedules. SD472

Health Equity Tax Force.

Lenny Mirra,-- address change.

Tax Expenditure Commission.

#### UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Finegold) "congratulating Noah Harris on being the first black man elected as the undergraduate council student body president at Harvard University."

Noah Harris.

## Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Boncore), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of Rose Patricia "Pat" O'Grady.

Moment of silence.

## Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

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

Time of meeting.

## Adjournment in Memory of Rose Patricia "Pat" O'Grady.

The Senator from Plymouth and Norfolk, Mr. O'Connor, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it adjourn in memory of Rose Patricia "Pat" O'Grady.

Rose Patricia "Pat" O'Grady of Hingham passed away peacefully on January 3, 2021 surrounded by family.

Pat was the oldest of 9 children born to Rose and John McDonald in Weymouth, MA on April 7, 1936. She graduated from Weymouth High School in 1953, received her nursing degree from Quincy City School of Nursing in 1956, a B.S. degree from Boston College School of Nursing in 1966 and a master's degree in Nursing from UMass-Boston in 1989.

She joined the US Airforce in 1957 and was stationed in Cambridge, England where she met her husband John, an Airforce officer. She travelled extensively in Europe, Egypt and the Holy land. As a student she worked on a Polio ward at Children's Hospital before there was a vaccine. She worked as a nurse at many locations in the Boston area, including the VA hospital in West Roxbury and she taught nursing at UMass Boston. She was instrumental in creating the Women in Military Service Memorial at Arlington Cemetery, for many years she was a member of the National Organization for Women, and the League of Women Voters in Hingham and she loved helping on their 4th of July floats.

Pat also belonged to TIARA, the first ancestral research association and spent many hours doing genealogy research in the US, Ireland and Scotland. She was a proud member of the Scituate Harbor Yacht Club for almost 50 years. She was very well read and had a wide range of intellectual interests. She was high spirited and loved nothing more than an interesting conversation with old friends or new acquaintances. She will be long remembered as the energetic trailblazer of a large family, a woman of faith and fortitude.

Pat is survived by her husband of 57 years, John O'Grady (RetCol) of Hingham, MA; her son and daughter in law John and Pia O'Grady, her daughter Erin O'Grady and seven siblings, Anne Marie McDonald, Jeanette Rose Gutshall, Jack McDonald, Christine Bronchuk, Dan McDonald, and Bernie McDonald (RetFire Dep Captain), and Elizabeth Pare, along with many nieces and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Rose Patricia "Pat" O'Grady, at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the

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Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.