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**THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023**

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## JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Thursday, March 9, 2023.

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

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

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Pledge of allegiance.

### *Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the Chair (Ms. Creem) handed the gavel to Ms. Miranda for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Miranda then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Jeremiah E. Burke High School basketball team. The Bulldogs were recognized for winning back-to-back Boston City Championship titles and for their dedication and commitment. Among the group were: Jasaad Fenton, Jaeden Roberts, Damani Williams, Denilson Fanfan, Jaeshawn Rogers, Victor Kipping, Ben Banh, Josh Jean Charles, Chris Cruz, Matt Drayton, Kmarvin Pimental, Coach Sean Ryan, Coach Kevin Ross and Coach Greg Hill. The team and coaches were applauded for their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Jeremiah E. Burke  
High School  
basketball team.

### *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 Barry R. Finegold (pursuant to Section 16G of Chapter 6A of the Massachusetts General Laws) to the Economic Development Planning Council (received March 8, 2022);

Economic  
Development  
Planning Council.  
SD2500

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Barry R. Finegold (pursuant to Section 10B of Chapter 23A of the Massachusetts General Laws) to the Massachusetts Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative (received March 9, 2023);

MA Advanced  
Manufacturing  
Collaborative.  
SD2501

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the Essex County Women in Transition inspection on February 10, 2023, Old Colony Correctional Center inspection on December 8 and 9, 2022 and Plymouth County Correctional Facility inspection on September 19 and 20, 2022 (received March 6, 2023); and

DPH,-- plans of  
correction.  
SD2497

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Section 30 of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022) submitting an update to its COVID-19 vaccine equity plan 60-day report (received March 7, 2023).

EOHHS,-- VEI  
report update.  
SD2498

### *Recess.*

There being no objection, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Collins) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at eight minutes before one o'clock A.M., the Senate reassembled, Ms. Creem in the Chair.

Recess.

*Orders of the Day.*

Supplemental  
appropriations.

The House Bill making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 58),-- was read a second time.

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After remarks, pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 23, and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Brady and Ms. Gobi moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 56 the following section:-

“SECTION 56A. (a) The special legislative commission established in section 107 of chapter 253 of the acts of 2020, as amended by section 19 of chapter 76 of the acts of 2021, is hereby revived and continued to May 31, 2024. The commission shall supplement its report of March 30, 2022 with further recommendations, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate and the clerks of the senate and house of representatives not later than May 31, 2024.

(b) Commission members shall be appointed consistent with subsection (b) of said section 107 of said chapter 253.”

The amendment was adopted.

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Mr. Feeney moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following section:-

“SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the special commission established in section 76 of chapter 154 of the acts of 2018 is hereby revived and continued to April 30, 2023. The special commission shall file its findings and recommendations pursuant to said section 76 of said chapter 154 with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives and the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means not later than April 30, 2023.”

The amendment was adopted.

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Mr. Timilty moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 3, in item 7002-8051, by inserting at the end the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the construction of an ADA compliant staircase at the Milton Street MBTA trolley station in the town of Milton”; and by striking out the figure: “\$34,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$39,000,000”.

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Payano and Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 56 the following section:-

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“SECTION 56A. The special legislative commission established in section 93 of chapter 358 of the acts of 2020, as amended by section 98 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021, is hereby revived and continued to August 1, 2024. The commission shall submit its findings and recommendations pursuant to said section 93 of said chapter 358 to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the joint committee on community development and small business not later than August 1, 2024.”

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 44 the following section:-

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“SECTION 44A. Item 7004-0101 of said section 2 of said chapter 126 is hereby amended by adding the following words:- ; provided further, that any funds expended under this item for the relocation of families and individuals to temporary housing placements including, but not limited to, shelters, hotels, college campus housing and any

other forms of state-provided shelter shall be expended with the intention of both providing temporary emergency shelter and utilizing other state, federal and local programs to assist households in finding permanent housing; and provided further, that the department of housing and community development shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the total and per household costs of shelter provided under this item, broken down by type of housing arrangement, and the number of families that were previously provided assistance under this item who were successfully able to find permanent housing solutions in fiscal year 2023, including details on the number of families utilizing other state, federal or local programs to find those solutions.”

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 3, in item 7002-8041, by striking out the words “energy storage and batteries” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “clean energy, clean energy research, energy storage, batteries, and electric vehicle components, technology, and infrastructure”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2A, in item 1599-0924, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Catholic Charities of Boston’s shelter system to provide both temporary and permanent supportive residences for families and individuals”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Timilty moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting at the end thereof the following item:-

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“XXXX-XXXX. To provide for upgrades to the signals along route 28 in the town of Milton located at the intersection of route 28 and Hillside Street and the intersection at route 28 and Reed street; and to provide for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of route 28 and Ridgewood road, and for the installation of traffic signal at the intersection of route 28 and Sassamon Road..... \$800,000”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2, in item XXXX-XXXX.- “; provided further, that no less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office for public safety improvements, security services, and SOS initiative”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2, in item XXXX-XXXX:- ; provided further that \$200,000 be allocated for the operation of the project safe neighborhood grant program for the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

*Remarks of Senator Liz Miranda.*

Thank you Senate President Spilka, Chairman Rodrigues, the leadership and to you and through you to the membership. It’s an honor to stand before you all today to share my gratitude to our House colleagues, the Executive Branch and, hopefully, my new colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate today for all supporting a \$2,000,000 earmark to support the Boston NAACP in preparation of the NAACP’s National Convention during July and August of this year in our Commonwealth.

Remarks of Senator  
Liz Miranda.

I am incredibly honored to be the newly appointed Chair of the Racial Equity, Civil Rights and Inclusion Committee, which I hope will become a very necessary and integral part of our legislative process and impact for decades to come.

In 2019, I was first elected to the State House as a member of the House of

Representatives representing the 5th Suffolk District, my lifelong home. That was my American dream. Now, I am the first Cabo Verdean woman in any State Legislature as a Senator in the country. I am the fourth black woman ever in Massachusetts history following Senator Dianne Wilkerson, Senator Linda Dorcea Forry, and Senator Edwards since the formation of this institution. I humbly stand here in the hopes to act as a vessel that echoes the sentiments of my community whose voices are all too often left out from the table that our ancestors built. I hope that in my time here, I can turn my ancestors' dreams into a reality.

Now this has become my new American dream as the daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughter of African people who endured colonialism, slavery and injustice for centuries.

Four years ago, I gave my inaugural speech in front of the House regarding the history of my family coming to America in the early 1900s from Cape Verde. My great grandfather worked on a Cranberry bog in the town of Scituate and sent what little he earned back to his children in Africa that he would never live to see grow old. This was *his* American dream.

My grandfather Manuel coming to America in the 1970s post the colonial war with Portugal, working in a laundering factory on Massachusetts Avenue and settled his family, and 5 small children including my mother in Roxbury's Dudley Triangle neighborhood. My grandfather's decision to come to a community, in transition rebuilding itself up from the ashes, thrusting our family into a new fight, led largely by organizations like the NAACP and DSNI. Working together to rebuild the community. That became our American dream.

For many African Americans whose ancestors survived the horrific Transatlantic Slave Trade, being ripped from their mother countries and native tongue, forced to endure the inhumane middle passage and surviving after 200 plus years of slavery and servitude on plantations across this country after arriving on these shores in Jamestown Virginia in 1619– the formation of Social Justice organizations post the Civil War, Emancipation Proclamation, Reconstruction and the Civil Rights Movement– the formation of the NAACP was their American dream in February 1909.

The NAACP, the (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) which we were called then, not now– has been and will continue to be on the frontlines of the fight for civil rights and justice. Established in 1909, the NAACP has advocated day in and day out to ensure that black voices are not silenced. They continue to be a driving force in amplifying the needs of our brothers and sisters. Their impact is felt not only across the Commonwealth, but throughout the nation.

The NAACP is America's oldest and largest civil rights organization. It was formed in New York City by white and black activists, partially in response to the ongoing violence against black Americans around the country.

In 1908, a deadly race riot rocked the city of Springfield, eruptions of anti-black violence, particularly lynching, were horrifically commonplace, but the Springfield riot was the final tipping point that led to the creation of the NAACP.

One of the most recognizable founding members of the NAACP is W.E.B. Dubois. Born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. DuBois is not only NAACP history, but is Massachusetts and American history. One of his biggest missions was to see legal change in America and address the issues of crime, economics, religion, health, and education in the black community. He spearheaded the Niagara Movement, a black civil rights organization that forcefully demanded equal economic and educational opportunity as well as the vote for black men and women. NAACP and the Niagara Movement was Dubois' American Dream.

Echoing the focus of Dubois' Niagara Movement for civil rights, which began in

1905, the NAACP aimed to secure, for all people, the rights guaranteed in the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution, which promised an end to slavery, provide equal protection of the law, and the right for all men to vote, respectively. Accordingly, the NAACP's mission is to ensure the political, educational, equality of minority group citizens of states and eliminate race prejudice. The NAACP works to remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes.

Today, the Boston branch is recognized as the first "chartered" branch of the NAACP. They are the oldest and largest all volunteer civil rights organization in Boston dedicated to the elimination of racial discrimination. Throughout our history the Boston branch has been instrumental in helping to shape the governance, policies and advocacy of the NAACP.

Because of the influence of Boston area activists on the national level of the NAACP, since its inception, it is not surprising that the Boston branch, working with pro bono lawyers and other volunteers, was instrumental in bringing historic anti-discrimination lawsuits against the city of Boston, paving the way for school desegregation, housing desegregation and the desegregation of both the Boston Police and Boston Fire Departments. The landmark decisions received by the Boston branch in favor of racial integration has helped improve the quality of life and increase opportunities for black people in the city, and made our neighborhoods more welcoming to other people of color who have followed.

Today, the Boston branch is one of the largest branches in New England. We wouldn't be Massachusetts if not for the NAACP. We would not be known for freedom and democracy without the organizations on the frontlines demanding integration, equity and justice for all.

As you can see, the NAACP has been deeply connected to Boston, Great Barrington and the rest of Massachusetts as the birthplace of abolition and this year when the national convention of up to 10,000+ members from across the country will descend upon our great Commonwealth we will be ready to tell its story. The work of the NAACP has helped all of us and continues to do so focusing on racial equity in education, economic justice, voting rights and access, the elimination of health disparities, and criminal justice reform.

What is amazing about this moment, is that we have an opportunity to right the wrongs of history together forging a tapestry of all of our American dreams, regardless if your family came on the Mayflower or the Desire, whether they were fleeing religious persecution, the Holocaust or the potato famine, or your ancestor built the ships or captained them that traded indigenous people and Africans for sugar to make rum. We all come from different paths of our past, but our futures are interwoven. In order to right the wrongs of the past, it is imperative that we act with intentionality for the betterment of the commonwealth.

Before my remarks, I presented all of you with an American Flag pin, it's our flag that shares all of our collective dreams and values of our ancestors all woven into this beautiful symbol. Too often it has been used for hate, instead should be a symbol of freedom. The bravery it took to build this nation and the unique and diverse stories that founded this country.

This investment today for the NAACP will support the National Convention coming from July 26th- August 1st of this year. It will support public access for the Freedom Weekend, the first time the conference is over a weekend and is free for all attendees, the youth act-so portion and to advertisements across the entire state.

It is also an investment in our state's history and story that is still being written connected to work of the fight for equity, civil rights and justice led by the NAACP is also an investment to this nation's American history and her American dreams- but also toward our collective, just future. Where freedom and liberty is actually for all.

When a vote is taken, I strongly ask for your support for amendment 17. Thank you.

**On motion of Mr. Pacheco, the above remarks were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.**

Ordered printed.

Ms. Miranda, Mr. Collins, Ms. Edwards and Messrs. O'Connor and DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2, by adding the following item:-  
“Massachusetts Marketing Partnership”

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7008-1116.....\$2,000,000”; and by inserting after section 45 the following section:-

“SECTION 45A. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 126 is hereby amended by adding the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended to the Boston branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for costs related to programs to be included in its one hundred and fourteenth national conference, including a youth summit, anti-bias training and a career summit, which shall all be open to the public and free of charge, and for costs related to community outreach to ensure residents of the city of Boston and the commonwealth have access to such programs.”

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended was then adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

*Remarks of Senator Robyn K. Kennedy.*

Thank you Madame President and through you to the members.

Remarks of Senator Robyn Kennedy.

I would like to thank the Chair of Ways and Means for his work on this supplemental budget ensuring that the residents of the Commonwealth have access to continued additional SNAP emergency benefits, free school meals, and safe shelter.

I rise today to offer my full support of the Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3)/Child Care Stabilization Grants through the Department of Early Education and Care to also ensure that we can continue to build access to quality, affordable early education.

As my colleagues know, for years now, we have seen a growing crisis in this field. With a rise in the percentage of households in which all parents work, investments in our early childhood education system have never been more important to the growth of our society and the pursuit of a higher quality of life for our families. Although there has been an increase in workplace supports such as paid leave and the introduction of flexible scheduling – a critical factor in helping families break the cycle of poverty – employers know, one of the biggest struggles that remains is access to affordable childcare.

The lack of affordable childcare costs us money. According to the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, insufficient childcare costs Massachusetts a staggering \$2.7 billion each year, including \$1.7 billion in lost wages from families due to missing work or the need to reduce work hours.

By providing fundamental care, early education programs solidify parents’ ability to participate fully in the labor force and increase their earning potential – which in turn, provide children with quality healthcare benefits, consistent access to food and housing security, and an overall reduction of financial stress in families. Research has proven time and time again; higher labor participation has a direct and proven benefit for the individual with more earned income and more potential to accumulate wealth over time. Improved productivity in the labor market also raises overall wages in the economy – allowing families to invest in their families and their families’ future.

We were already facing a crisis. Then the pandemic hit. As much of the world shut down, and work went remote, we called on certain workforces to continue to show up. To continue to provide care for community. In the height of the pandemic, the people of the

Commonwealth offered their “Thank You’s” and never questioned whether our economy could continue to function without the dedication of essential early childhood educators. The pandemic exposed in great measure our need for increased access to early education and care and why we labeled this field “essential” to the fabric of our socio-economic structure.

In addition to our communities providing support, the state also showed up. The C3 grants have directed additional investment into programs serving low-income families: both families receiving subsidies and those living and/or working in under invested in communities that are not accessing subsidies. It has helped mitigate the need for tuition/fee increases in the face of significant rising costs, benefiting a broad range of working families. It helped providers in each our districts adjust to the new demands of the pandemic and the evolving practices and policies needed to protect our children and our educators. Providers were able to purchase air purifiers and electrostatic cleaners. Additional toys and books to help keep children separated.

As we discuss the economics of early childhood education, we would be remiss if we did not center the educators themselves. As of January, there are 2,846 licensed Group & School Age programs and 4,864 licensed Family Child Care programs. However, these programs represent a licensed capacity that remains 3,441 seats lower (1.5 percent) than the immediate pre-pandemic period. On top of the reduced licensed capacity, 35 percent of center based programs are not currently able to serve their full licensed capacity, primarily because of unfilled staff openings - and the numbers have increased from Spring 2022 to Fall 2022. If all licensed programs were fully staffed, they could serve between 10,000 and 15,000 more children. Across our districts classrooms remain closed or dimmed.

We know that the care economy has long been overworked and underpaid for decades and with programs unable to sustain their staff due to a decrease in funding, directly reflected in their staff’s income, it would be impossible to reach the capacity in which we need to properly serve our families.

While educator hourly pay has increased over time, it remains low and 46 percent of programs report that educators left for a position outside of early education in hopes of a higher earned wage. In July 2021, before the C3 grants, a Group & School Age teacher average wage ranged from \$14.54 to \$21.46 statewide. In October 2022, after over a year of C3 grants, the average wage had increased to \$16.03 to \$23.91 for a lead teacher. The C3 grants are playing a critical role in addressing this gap by providing operational supports and funds to invest in compensation and benefit increases for educators. The C3 grant formula has been effective in targeting resources to both staffing and to programs serving early childhood education subsidized families and operating in communities high on the Social Vulnerability Index. Programs are trying hard to create strategies to retain their educators and recruit new staff. Programs are trying to increase salaries for existing staff, but programs remain reluctant to make systemic investments needed to maintain increased salaries because the C3 grants have been one-time/short term in nature to date.

If we do not continue to invest in our early education programs, we know there will be an impact in our economy, our labor force, our families and ultimately, a lasting negative impact on our children.

According to Strategies for Children, children who participate in high-quality early education develop better language skills, score higher in school-readiness tests and have fewer behavioral problems in school. We know the human brain develops rapidly from birth to age five. This is a time of enormous social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development when children can build either a strong or fragile foundation for future growth and learning. Education can be our greatest equalizer, especially when it begins at birth. Children who attend high-quality early education score higher on average on school



achievement tests between ages 9 and 14, are 40 percent less likely to need special education or be held back a grade, outperform their peers on literacy tests at ages 19 to 27 and at the age of 40, they are more likely to be employed and have a 36 percent higher median annual earnings. We must continue to foster this growth.

I want to highlight one additional use of the C3 grants. For at least one of our providers, the funding was used to provide food for their educators. By providing both meals during the day and stocking a food pantry in the workplace, the provider was helping educators address their own food insecurity. Our educators are facing food insecurity. We must do better.

On behalf of these educators, I want to thank Senator Lewis, Senator DiDomenico, Senator Moran, for your leadership in listening to our educators and crafting a comprehensive Early Education and Care package and thank you to my colleagues for passing this bill. It will go far in uplifting this field, including making elements of the C3 grants permanent. I look forward to working with you to quickly move this bill forward again this session, so that as a commonwealth we can take a giant step forward to ensure that all our littlest learners have equitable access to quality early education and educators receive the compensation they deserve.

**On motion of Mr. Pacheco, the above remarks were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.**

Ordered printed.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-two minutes past two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, as follows, to wit (yeas 40 – nays 0) [Yeas and Nays No. 14].

**YEAS.**

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| Barrett, Michael J.      | Kennedy, Edward J.    |
| Brady, Michael D.        | Kennedy, Robyn K.     |
| Brownsberger, William N. | Lewis, Jason M.       |
| Collins, Nick            | Lovely, Joan B.       |
| Comerford, Joanne M.     | Mark, Paul W.         |
| Creem, Cynthia Stone     | Miranda, Liz          |
| Crighton, Brendan P.     | Montigny, Mark C.     |
| Cronin, John J.          | Moore, Michael O.     |
| Cyr, Julian              | Moran, Susan L.       |
| DiDomenico, Sal N.       | O'Connor, Patrick M.  |
| Edwards, Lydia           | Oliveira, Jacob R.    |
| Eldridge, James B.       | Pacheco, Marc R.      |
| Fattman, Ryan C.         | Payano, Pavel M.      |
| Feeney, Paul R.          | Rausch, Rebecca L.    |
| Finegold, Barry R.       | Rodrigues, Michael J. |
| Friedman, Cindy F.       | Rush, Michael F.      |
| Gobi, Anne M.            | Spilka, Karen E.      |
| Gomez, Adam              | Tarr, Bruce E.        |
| Jehlen, Patricia D.      | Timilty, Walter F.    |
| Keenan, John F.          | Velis, John C. – 40.  |

**NAYS – 0.**

**The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-six minutes past two o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment [For text of Senate amendment, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 24].**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Creem), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of former Congressman Brian J. Donnelly.

Moment of silence.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Brady,--

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

Time of meeting.

*Adjournment in Memory of  
Former US Congressman Brian J. Donnelly.*

The Senator from Plymouth and Norfolk, Mr. Brady; the Senator from Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol, Mr. Timilty; the Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins; the Senator from Suffolk, Ms. Miranda and the Senator from Plymouth and Norfolk, Mr. O'Connor moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of former US Congressman Brian J. Donnelly.

Former US Congressman the Honorable Brian J. Donnelly passed away two days shy of his 77th birthday. As we mourn the loss of a great man, we also celebrate his life, his achievements, and the legacy that he leaves behind.

Brian J. Donnelly was a beloved figure, not only in the United States but also in Ireland, where he was hailed as a champion for the Irish people. His tireless efforts in securing visas for thousands of Irish immigrants earned him the honor of having the document nicknamed the "Donnelly Visa," a testament to his unwavering commitment to his constituents and to the causes he believed in.

Brian was a man that made an indelible mark on so many walks of life. He was a proud parishioner of St. Gregory's Church in Dorchester, a graduate of Catholic Memorial, and a Boston University football player. He started out as a teacher and coach in the Boston public schools before embarking on a successful career in politics. He served as a Massachusetts State Representative for six years, from 1973 to 1979, before moving on to Congress, where he represented the 11th district for 14 years. He was known for his bipartisan approach to legislating, his passion for his district, and his relentless advocacy for his constituents, serving under then Speaker Tip O'Neill and Speaker Jim Wright.

All the while working for candidates that embraced the ideals that Brian held so dear. Notably serving as the Boston Mayoral Candidate, State Senator Joe Timilty's 1975 Mayoral Campaign to unseat Mayor Kevin White and then as Governor Jimmy Carter's Carter-Mondale Philadelphia Coordinator in the 1976 Presidential Election.

But perhaps Brian's most significant achievement was the "Donnelly Visa" program, which allowed thousands of Irish immigrants to come to the United States and start a new life. His work on this program, which secured more than 25,000 legal residency visas for Irish citizens, changed the lives of many people and earned him the respect and admiration of both the Irish and American people.

Brian was a man with a contagious personality, a unique sense of humor, and a way of making people feel valued and important. He was a family man, a father of two, and a best friend to Ireland. He never forgot his ancestral Galway roots and was proud of his work in creating the "Donnelly Visa" program.

As we say goodbye to Brian J. Donnelly, we remember him not only for his

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accomplishments but also for the kind of person he was. He was a man who made a difference in the lives of countless people, a man who fought tirelessly for the causes he believed in, and a man who will be sorely missed.

To Brian's wife, Virginia, their daughter, Lauren Donohoe, and their son, Brian, and his sister Louise Lydon, we offer our heartfelt condolences. May you find solace in the knowledge that Brian's legacy will live on, and that he will be remembered as a true champion for the people.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of former US Congressman Brian J. Donnelly, at twenty-seven minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Collins, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.