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SPEAKER

Hon. Kevin Murphy

DEPUTY SPEAKERS

Mr. Chuck Porter, Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. We'll now begin the daily routine.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Justice.

HON. MARK FUREY: Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, I am directed to report that the committee has met and considered the following bill:

Bill No. 72 - Education Reform (2018) Act.

and the committee recommends this bill to the favourable consideration of the House, with amendments.

MR. SPEAKER: Ordered that this bill be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

The honourable Minister of Justice.

HON. MARK FUREY: Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, I am directed to report that the committee has met and considered the following bill:

Bill No. 70 - Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act.

and the committee recommends this bill to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendments.

MR. SPEAKER: Ordered that this bill be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

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STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

RESOLUTION NO. 916

HON. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on March 4, 2018, the 90th Academy Awards ceremony - also known as the Oscars - was held in Hollywood, California, to recognize excellence in cinematic achievement; and

Whereas Shane Vieau, a set director and native of Dartmouth, won the Oscar for best production design for *The Shape of Water* alongside fellow Canadians Paul Austerberry and Jeffrey A. Melvin; and

Whereas through this remarkable achievement on the world stage, Nova Scotian Academy Award winner Shane Vieau has brought great credit to the Province of Nova Scotia while highlighting the incredible level of talent within our artistic community;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly acknowledge Academy Award-winning set director Shane Vieau for his best production design win, for achieving excellence in the field of cinema, and for once again displaying the world-class artistic talent that we have within our province.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

NOTICES OF MOTION

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage.

ISLAND VIEW H.S. ENHANCEMENT COMM.: FUNDRAISING EFFORTS - THANK

MS. BARBARA ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to welcome Mr. Pat Savage, who is the future principal of Island View High School in Eastern Passage. I would also like to recognize the Island View High School Enhancement Committee for all of their efforts, as well as the more than 150 parents and students who attended a recent town hall meeting to discuss the activities and future plans for the new high school.

The hard work of the Island View High School Enhancement Committee will include many fundraisers in an effort to obtain items for the new high school, like a scoreboard for the physical education department, music stands for the fine arts department, and a billboard sign for the outside of the school.

I ask all the MLAs to join me in a warm welcome to Mr. Pat Savage, the Island View High School principal, and to thank the Island View High School Enhancement Committee for all of their past and future work.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Victoria-The Lakes.

CAMPBELL, PETER: PGA TOUR (CHINA) - SUCCESS RECOGNIZE

MR. KEITH BAIN: Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to stand in my place today to recognize the accomplishments of Peter Campbell of Baddeck. On the weekend

of February 9th, Peter finished T-15 at the PGA Tour China Q-School in Haikou, China. This status will gain him entry to all events of the 14-event tour.

Well known for his success in golf not only in Canada but beyond, it was Peter's Chinese heritage that sent him overseas on his golfing experience where he joins his cousin Jessica Wong, also of Baddeck, who is well known for her hockey skills and plays with the Kunlun Red Stars in the Canadian Women's Hockey League.

I ask all members of the House to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Peter Campbell and wish him well in the PGA Tour in Chengdu, China, beginning in early March.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

HORNE, DR. GABRIELLE: VINDICATION - ACKNOWLEDGE

MS. LISA ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, when I was a journalist, my favourite kind of story went like this: a person working within a system insisted on doing something new, something innovative to make it better.

In about 2009, a dear friend who was born with a rare genetic condition told me that for the first time in her life she was getting great medical care. She has issues with her eyes, issues with her heart, and other issues - all because of a connective tissue disorder. A cardiologist had pulled together different specialists and other health professionals to do integrated collaborative care for people like her. What a great story, I thought.

I set out with my audio recorder and met Dr. Gabrielle Horne who, at that point, was already about five years into her 14-year struggle against bullies and against the Nova Scotia Health Authority. Today, I want to simply acknowledge how long and how wrong that was, and now that the final appeal vindicating her fully is done, I want to also express my appreciation to her for, despite all, continuing her career and her innovation here in Nova Scotia.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Armdale.

**SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY BANGLADESHI STUDENTS' SOC.:
BANGLADESHI NIGHT (4th ANN.) - CONGRATS.**

HON. LENA DIAB: Mr. Speaker, last month I had the distinct privilege of joining the Saint Mary's University Bangladeshi Students' Society for their 4th Annual Bangladeshi Night. Gathering in the McNally Auditorium, guests were treated to a truly unique evening celebrating the beauty and traditions of Bangladeshi culture. The food was delicious, the hospitality warm, and musical performances lively and memorable. It was a

treat to see many attendees donning dresses, sarongs, and traditional garments in bold and beautiful colours.

The popular event sold out this year, and I was glad to see the university president and a number of its vice presidents joining in the evening's festivities.

I would like to congratulate organizers Ayat Obaidullah and Mohammad Ashiq for putting together a wonderful showcase of their proud Bangladeshi culture, and thank them for their kind invitation to take part.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West.

INTERNAT. WOMEN'S DAY - ENCOURAGEMENT

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, in a few days, on March 8th, the world comes together to celebrate International Women's Day.

In 1917, federal authorities first granted a limited female franchise - just over a century ago. I celebrate female trailblazers in Canadian politics such as Agnes Macphail and Martha Black, who paved the way for women like myself and others to serve their nation through participating in democracy, representing their communities, and building a better Canada.

I am proud that we are advancing in this Legislature towards gender parity, but there is still much work to be done. I strongly encourage women to become active outside of their traditional roles in society - our province needs you to add your strength, your knowledge, and your voice to the important conversations we are having.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings South.

SULLIVAN, HUBERT - STICK CURLING: CONTRIBUTIONS - RECOGNIZE

MR. KEITH IRVING: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable contributions that Wolfville resident Hubert Sullivan has made to the sport of stick curling in Nova Scotia.

Stick curling removes some of the barriers to participating in curling faced by older or physically disabled individuals by requiring the participants to deliver the stone using a stick from a standing or seated position and thereby reducing the amount of sweeping.

Hubert has worked diligently over the years to introduce and to promote the sport in Nova Scotia and, at 92 years of age, he remains a passionate stick curling participant and proponent. He was recently honoured by the Nova Scotia Curling Association for the important leadership role that he has played in growing stick curling in our province.

Please join me in saluting Hubert Sullivan for his commitment to the sport of stick curling and creating opportunities for all Nova Scotians to engage in an active lifestyle.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

DARTMOUTH ALL-CITY MUSIC CENTRE - THANK

MR. TIM HALMAN: Mr. Speaker, music education can be an amazing supplement to classroom learning, helping develop well-rounded students.

The All-City Music program through the Halifax Regional School Board offers some amazing music programming to students across the HRM. The Dartmouth All-City Music Centre offers bands, choirs, and orchestra strings to HRSB students both at schools and at the music centre. Some of the higher-level classes can even be counted as high school credits.

The music centre is an amazing addition to any community. I'm lucky to have it just a short walk from my constituency office - I only wish it was a little closer so I could have some background music while I'm working.

Thank you to the Dartmouth All-City Music Centre for your many years of musical education. I hope you are part of our community for many more years to come.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

TEACHERS: COLLEGIALITY - LEADERSHIP EXAMPLE

MS. LISA ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, I met with a teacher last night just to have a bit of a conversation before Law Amendments today.

One quote from our conversation has sort of stayed with me. She said she never felt like her principal was the boss; she felt like her principal was her supporter, her champion, her leader, but not the boss.

Today I heard many different speakers reflect on the strength of the collegial model in education, versus a management model, where administrators are indeed educational leaders, where they don't seek to control but to support and provide mentorship and protection from unnecessary distraction, maybe even sometimes inspiration, but they don't seek to control or to discipline or to order. It strikes me as the difference between authoritative and authoritarian parenting.

It strikes me that in this Chamber we could really learn from teachers offering leadership through that collegial model.

[9:15 p.m.]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg West.

**WESTERN RIPTIDE PEEWEE A - GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM:
CANADA 150 TRIP - CONGRATS.**

HON. MARK FUREY: Mr. Speaker, the Western Riptide PeeWee A girls hockey team had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play in a tournament in Ottawa as part of the Canada 150 activities. After submitting an amazing video, the team was one of two successful winners from Nova Scotia and made the journey to Ottawa just after Christmas. This skilled group of young hockey players represented their association and province well, winning several of their games, taking them all the way to the semi finals.

Many of the costs to take part in this tournament were covered, but hockey parents went to work right away to fundraise the additional expenses, successfully raising money for chaperones to attend.

Congratulations to the Western Riptide PeeWee A girls hockey team for winning this amazing trip and representing their community and province so well.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

CONGREGATION OF NOTRE DAME (MABOU): CHARITY - REMEMBER

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, St. Joseph Convent and Renewal Centre in Mabou will be closing this Fall. The convent was home to the sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame and 131 years of charitable service. Their founder, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, gave her life to the education of young women, the poor, and First Nations people. In much the same way, the sisters who served in Mabou operated a school and a retreat centre for spiritual renewal.

While religious orders were mostly cloistered in the 1600s, St. Marguerite was driven to serve amongst the people of her community, and her community had no boundaries. People on the western side of Cape Breton and across our province have felt the impact of St. Joseph's Convent on their lives. The outreach of the sisters has caused people to think more deeply about life and our purpose. In a world where we become busy and face the distractions of worldly needs or personal satisfaction, the renewal centre helped people to find a home within themselves, focused on a deeper love for those around them.

Let us not forget the charity of the sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame in Mabou, and may the flame of goodness that they inspired in others forever burn brightly.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River.

NSCC: DOING BUS. IN CUBA MINI SUMMIT - SUCCESS

MS. LENORE ZANN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to congratulate Jeff Goodspeed and Augusto Enriquez and Klarol Garcia for a successful Nova Scotia Community College Doing Business in Cuba mini summit conference, which took place this afternoon at the NSCC. I was very pleased and proud to be the moderator of that business summit.

We had many different Cuban representatives there: Maria Bilbao Diaz, the Cuban Canadian Consul General; Celia Labora, the Director of International Relations with the Chamber of Commerce of Havana; Hilda Rosa Santiesteban López, president of the Holguín Chamber of Commerce; and Milagros Caridad Pérez Pravia, the vice-president of the University of Holguín.

We also had several other businesspeople from Halifax represented there. It was a very successful turnout.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford.

**URQUHART, DIANE - ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH:
DEDICATION - THANK**

HON. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to share a bit about a notable Bedford volunteer. Diane Urquhart is deeply involved in activities at Saint Ignatius Catholic Church. She has served as communications chairperson for the Catholic Women's League and spends many hours at her computer, crafting the quarterly CWL bulletin and keeping members up to date.

Diane has also been a volunteer supporter for the Alpha program and a supporter of Come Share the Wine. She spends many of her free hours in the parish kitchen with these two programs.

Diane's quiet, efficient, pleasant demeanor makes everyone comfortable, so it's no surprise that in 2017 she was honoured by the CWL for her volunteer work.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to add my thanks to Diane for her dedication.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Queens-Shelburne.

CROUSE, JENNIFER, ET AL: DART. CURLING TEAM - CONGRATS.

MS. KIM MASLAND: Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to recognize Jennifer Crouse from Queens County, the lead curler for Mary Anne Arsenault's Dartmouth Curling Club team. The team represented Nova Scotia at the 2018 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Penticton, British Columbia.

Jennifer started curling at the age of 13. Her dedication to the sport and all that it requires to compete at such a high level has earned her a long and successful curling career.

Mary Anne, Jennifer, and their teammates, Jennifer Baxter and Christina Black, did Nova Scotia proud by finishing the championship pool at 9 and 2, winning their last eight games. They came home with bronze medals from the Scotties after being defeated by the Wild Card team in the semi-final.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize these dedicated athletes and send our congratulations to Jennifer and her teammates on their achievements.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings West.

**DANIELS, DR. REBECCA/MCEWAN, DR. ANDREW:
TOWN OF BERWICK - WELCOME**

HON. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Berwick native, Dr. Rebecca Daniels and her husband, Dr. Andrew McEwan, on the opening of the Berwick Chiropractic Health and Wellness Centre on February 5th.

The husband and wife team and co-owners of the newly established practice, Dr. McEwan and Dr. Daniels, bring a combined eight years of chiropractic experience to the area.

On behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia, I would like to welcome Dr. Rebecca Daniels back to the beautiful town of Berwick, offer my best wishes for success to her and her partner, Dr. Andrew McEwan, along with the rest of the team at the Berwick Chiropractic Health and Wellness Centre, as they bring their skills and expertise to the Berwick area.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

MACKAY, LUCIA: ACADEMIC/SPORTS CAREER - BEST WISHES

HON. PAT DUNN: Mr. Speaker, a talented point guard from the North Nova Education Centre will suit up for the St. Francis Xavier University women's basketball squad for the 2018-19 season.

Lucia MacKay of New Glasgow has played both basketball and soccer for the past four years for the Gryphons. MacKay has been on the scouting list of several Atlantic University Sport Basketball programs.

She has accumulated a wealth of experience playing basketball at national competitions and with the 2017 Canada Games Team that competed in Manitoba. Lucia has also represented Nova Scotia on U14, U15, and U17 provincial teams.

MacKay is very excited to have the opportunity to compete at the university level, especially at St. Francis Xavier University, which is very close to her hometown. I wish Lucia great success as she continues her academic and sports career at the next level.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River.

CHEDRAWY, TANYA - EASTLINK'S SMALL TALK, BIG IDEAS

MS. LENORE ZANN: Mr. Speaker, Tanya Chedrawy is the engaging Host and Producer of Eastlink TV's Small Talk, Big Ideas. A proud Nova Scotian, Tanya is inspired by the people who impact our communities in a positive way, from volunteers and creators of social enterprise companies, to political leaders.

Recognizing it takes heart, generosity, and creativity, as well as savvy business and political skills to build successful endeavours, Tanya created a show to highlight these stories. Hence, Small Talk, Big Ideas was born.

Now in pre-production for her third season with Eastlink, I look forward to watching Tanya's creative journey unfold, as she builds a media company of her own that continues to tell our stories.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants West.

COOMBES, DAVID: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE

MR. CHUCK PORTER: Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to recognize a gentleman by the name of Mr. David Coombes. David Coombes passed away on March 2nd. Until the time of his death, David had been the Manager of the Hants County Exhibition for nearly 53 years, as well as involved with the Atlantic Winter Fair in the time that it ran.

David is a person who has been well-known across the country, not only here in Nova Scotia, and has won multiple awards, including the National Fair Manager, and he was inducted into the, I think it's called, the Canadian Exhibition Hall of Fame some years ago as well.

I want to pass on our sincere condolences to his wife Frances, his daughters Lisa and Jennifer, and thank them for all of David's service to the agricultural sector in this province, and across our great country.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

**BROWNING, GERALDINE:
GIBSON WOODS UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH - CONGRATS.**

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, a former segregated school in rural Kings County will soon be transformed into an educational tourism destination.

Volunteer and Order of Nova Scotia Recipient Geraldine Browning worked tirelessly to advocate for the African Nova Scotian Community in Gibson Woods. It is because of her efforts, and the efforts of her team, that the entire region will benefit. The historical setting of the Gibson Woods United Baptist Church will be transformed into a tourist destination for visitors and residents alike.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Geraldine Browning and Gibson Woods United Baptist Church on this new chapter in its history.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Preston-Dartmouth.

GILES, STEVE: ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS - CONGRATS.

HON. KEITH COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Steve Giles, former Orenda Canoe Club paddler, who won a Bronze Medal in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. He was recently recognized with the ranking of number nine in the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame, for the Top 15 poll for his many athletic achievements.

He has served as a role model for the athletes at the Orenda Canoe Club and indeed, for the world. I applaud and congratulate Steve Giles for his many significant achievements and for serving as a wonderful role model for the young people of Nova Scotia.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg.

LEJEAN, PAMELA: ATHLETIC AWARDS - CONGRATS.

HON. ALFIE MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Pamela LeJean, formerly from Marion Bridge. She was recently named the Top Female Para Female Athlete of the Year, by Athletics Nova Scotia at their annual general meeting here in Halifax.

Pamela, who now lives and trains out of Halifax, won gold in both the F53 discus and shotput at the 2017 World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Italy in May. The 2016 Paralympian also placed fifth in the shotput at the 2017 World Para Athletics Championship in London, England.

I stand today to congratulate Pamela LeJean on receiving these awards. They were very well deserved.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants East.

MCNEIL, PAM: CUP OF SOUL CAFÉ - APPRECIATE

HON. MARGARET MILLER: Mr. Speaker, some people are inspired by childhood memories so vivid that they are driven to create the experience for others.

Pam McNeil is one of those people. Guided by memories of grandparents who home-prepared every meal using vegetables and fruits from the garden, Pam launched the shop The Cup of Soul Café in 2009 in Elmsdale. Just like her grandparents, she uses local ingredients to produce breads, treats, soups, salads, and sandwiches.

The popularity of the café soon exceeded space, and Pam relocated to a historic century home, adding not just size but gracious ambiance. The menu offers food for the body, the décor food for the soul - paintings by local artists fill the walls. The Cup of Soul hosts musicians, networking groups, healthy eating demos, and a consistent flow of patrons enjoying the ambiance and camaraderie that a small local café can invoke.

We would like to express our appreciation to Pam for her spirit and for making East Hants even better with her nutritious offerings and totally enjoyable menu.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley.

MINOR HOCKEY: PARENTS & COACHES - THANK

MR. LARRY HARRISON: Minor hockey is now drawing to a close in this province, and there are many teams that have competed. I do speak from first-hand knowledge. My grandson of 10 has been from Sydney to Yarmouth playing hockey over the last few months.

I just want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have sacrificed a great deal of time and money to give these children the experience of being able to compete and to grow. I also want to thank the coaches; they have been great with these kids. They have also spent their time and money teaching them fairness, how to lose, and also to be team players.

I want to offer my thanks on behalf of all of us to minor hockey and all the parents and coaches who take part.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Chester-St. Margaret's.

BROOME, ERIN: GLOBAL GIRLS' GAME SELECTION - CONGRATS.

MR. HUGH MACKAY: I rise today to recognize and congratulate Erin Broome, a young resident of the community of Chester Grant in the beautiful constituency of Chester-St. Margaret's.

Erin is one of two Nova Scotia athletes selected by Hockey Nova Scotia to attend the International Ice Hockey Federation's Global Girls' Game being played this March. The Global Girls' Game is a world-wide celebration of female hockey, and the Ontario Women's Hockey Association invited two players from each Hockey Canada branch to be part of the event. Erin applied via a competitive application process and was chosen by Hockey Nova Scotia.

The program showcases 40 Bantam A Level hockey players in the final game of a game which started in New Zealand and travels across the world. Last year, there were 38 games played over two days, with the final game being played in Canada.

The Canadian segment of the Global Girls' Game will take place on Sunday, March 11th, at the Iceland arena in Mississauga.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Beaver Bank.

**MRS. LYNCH'S GRADE 5 CLASS:
BEACON HOUSE DONATION - CONGRATS.**

MR. BRAD JOHNS: Today I would like to congratulate Mrs. Lynch's Grade 5 class at Sackville Heights Elementary School on bringing in the most items during the recent school-wide food drive. Mrs. Lynch's Grade 5 students brought in 163 items. As a whole, the students and teachers of Sackville Heights Elementary School donated a total of 886 items for Beacon House, our local food bank.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all those who participated in helping make this food drive a great success.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg.

[9:30 p.m.]

BECK, MADISON: UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIPS - CONGRATS.

MS. SUZANNE LOHNES-CROFT: I rise to congratulate Madison Beck of Lunenburg, who was selected as goalie for Team Atlantic at the 2017 Canadian Women's Under-18 Hockey Championships.

The National Under-18 Championships, which took place from November 1st to November 5th in Quebec, is the most competitive hockey tournament for players under 18. Madison is a driven goalie who grew up on the South Shore playing Atom and Pee Wee Triple A hockey. She has spent a year with the Western Hurricanes major bantam club, and last season she played with the Rothesay Netherwood School in the North America Prep Hockey Association.

This year Madison, 16, is playing for the Boston Junior Eagles hockey club and attends St. Paul's Prep School in New Hampshire, decisions she made in order to take her goaltending career to the next level.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that you and all members of the House of Assembly please join me in congratulating Madison Beck on making Team Atlantic for the Under-18 Canadian Women's Hockey Championships.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton-Richmond.

CLANNON, CASEY: SPECIAL OLYMPICS SELECTION - RECOGNIZE

MS. ALANA PAON: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special young man in the constituency of Cape Breton-Richmond.

Carey Clannon of Arichat is an active member of his community through attendance at local dances, bingos, craft markets, festivals, concerts, and many other events. Carey is a resident of the Isle Madame Small Options home. He trains three to four times per week while working two jobs.

Mr. Speaker, for over 30 years Carey has competed as a track and field athlete in Special Olympics and he has competed regionally and provincially. In 2017, Carey was named to represent Nova Scotia at the national Special Olympics event in July 2018.

Mr. Speaker, the staff of the Isle Madame Small Options home, his parents Ben and Clare, along with the entire community of Isle Madame place our full support behind Carey. In July, Carey will take his place on a national stage and I wish him great success.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clayton Park West.

EMESIH, IFEANYI: *MY HALIFAX EXPERIENCE* - RECOGNIZE

MS. RAFAH DICOSTANZO: Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a remarkable young man in my riding who is helping immigrants to share their stories of success.

Ifeanyi Emesih launched *My Halifax Experience* in early 2016. The event planning, marketing and publishing brand aims to tell the stories of new immigrants who have found success in Halifax, while encouraging others to stay in the city to pursue their own dreams.

Its quarterly magazine has featured many notable figures on its cover, including the Honourable Lena Diab, Ossamma Nasrallah, Taleb Abidali, and Anne Divine. *My Halifax Experience* recently hosted an awards gala to honour 25 immigrants from the Maritimes who have become trailblazers in their community.

Ifeanyi describes his company as a dream come true. As an immigrant to Halifax himself, he dreamed of becoming a savvy businessman and an entrepreneur. I am proud to say that he has certainly made that happen.

MR. SPEAKER: I'd just like to remind the honourable member not to mention other members of this Assembly by name.

The honourable member for Cumberland North.

**JANES-PEDERSON, HEATHER:
PEACEFUL PLAYGROUND INITIATIVE - RECOGNIZE**

MS. ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Heather Janes-Pedersen of Spring Street Academy. She brainstormed with her staff to create the Peaceful Playground Initiative.

This was put in place for students of various ages and interests, to provide alternative activities during recess. The project is intended to reduce conflict and office referrals. As well, it was for children who were missing the opportunity to have fun in a positive and productive way.

Because of this innovative initiative, students are returning to class calmer and ready to learn; they are also showing improved behaviour in the cafeteria. It is encouraging to see people like Heather implement new strategies to help our children learn and grow.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Armdale.

INTERNAT. DAY OF FRANCOPHONIE: SPECIAL CEREMONY - INFORM

HON. LENA DIAB: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform the members that in commemoration of the International Day of the Francophonie, which this year happens to be March 20th, a special ceremony is being held.

À l'occasion de la Journée internationale de la Francophonie du 20 mars, l'Alliance Française Halifax décerne, depuis de nombreuses années, un Prix d'excellence à des étudiants de français inscrits auprès des universités de la ville de Halifax. Le Consulat général de France dans les provinces de l'Atlantique avec l'ambassade se joint aussi à cet événement et offre un prix qui prend la forme d'un séjour linguistique au Francoforum.

Ces prix seront officiellement remis lors d'une cérémonie qui aura lieu le mardi 20 mars 2018 à 16h à l'Université Dalhousie. Cet événement est aussi l'occasion de mettre à l'honneur la langue française avec une conférence de M. Vittorio Frigerio.

This is being held at Dalhousie University this year.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I'd like to remind the honourable member that member's statements are not to be used for items falling under minister's portfolios.

The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage.

COLE HBR. PARKS & TRAILS ASSOC.: DEBRIS CLEANUP - THANK

MS. BARBARA ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association.

Over the years, the wardens and volunteers who monitor and tend our trails have spent hundreds of hours cleaning up debris that was washed up on shore with high winds, trees that were downed and blocking thoroughfares, and garbage left behind by park and trail users. The Jersey Jack Trail, Shearwater trail, Salt Marsh Trail, and Forest Hills Trail all required trees to be removed to ensure the safety of all who travel the trails.

Members of the association along with 30-plus volunteers banded together this past weekend for a cleanup of an amazing amount of debris that had washed up because of the storms.

I want to thank every one of them who was involved in keeping our community trails and parks areas clean and safe.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford.

MORGAN, DEBBIE: WHEELCHAIR CURLING CHAMP. - BEST WISHES

HON. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to tell you about a Bedford resident who is on a roll. Debbie Morgan is a competitive wheelchair curler. She's the lead with Team Hubley Bolivar, which curls out of the Lakeshore Curling Club, in Lower Sackville.

In February, the team won the 2018 Harding Medical Wheelchair Curling Championship, which gives them the right to represent Nova Scotia at the National Wheelchair Curling Championships. Debbie and her teammates Keith Williams, Terry Cousineau, Trendal Hubley Bolivar, and coach Bill Fletcher will head out to Alberta in late March for the Nationals.

I want to wish Debbie Morgan and team Hubley Bolivar a clean sweep in their upcoming ends in Leduc, Alberta. Hurry hard, Mr. Speaker. Hurry hard.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, that concludes the government's business for today. We will meet again tomorrow, Tuesday, March 6th, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m.

Following the daily routine and Question Period, the House will dissolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on Bills to consider Bill No. 72 - the Education Reform Act. With time permitting, we will move to the second reading of Bill No. 76 - the Mineral Resources Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for the House to now adjourn and meet tomorrow morning, Tuesday, March 6th, at 10:00 a.m.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The House now stands adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 6th, at 10:00 a.m.

[The House rose at 9:37 p.m.]

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)**RESOLUTION NO. 917**

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

Whereas a lifetime love of animals has become a rewarding career for Falmouth resident Janet Matheson; and

Whereas with sheer determination and motivation she worked her way through the grooming tanks from bather, a job she found through an ad she placed on Kijiji, to opening her own business, Firehouse Dogs Grooming in August 2017; and

Whereas Janet learned to groom dogs by watching other groomers, asking lots of questions, and with their guidance has grown her business into a full-time job;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Janet Matheson on opening a business that is not only a success, but is rewarding every day.

RESOLUTION NO. 918

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

Whereas School Street Studio Glass is a privately owned business, located in Hantsport, that started as an admiration of fused glass giftware; and

Whereas owners Tim Carr and Jason Tucker never intended to get into the business of creating glass art, but when the opportunity arose they relocated it to the Annapolis Valley and were embraced by the Community of Hantsport; and

Whereas with the demand for their glass creations and workshops, the duo will be moving their business out of their home and into a shop open to the public, giving customers a place to purchase or make their own art;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tim Carr and Jason Tucker on achieving the goals set when they launched their business.

RESOLUTION NO. 919

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

Whereas Rebekah Maxner, a Hants County composer, recently had one of her songs published by Canada's Royal Conservatory of Music, and overseas in the London College of Music's 2018-2020 piano syllabus; and

Whereas she has been playing the piano since she was a little girl growing up in Hants Border, a talent that came naturally to her, and giving piano lessons since 1995; and

Whereas she is about to self-publish her 10th book of sheet music for young pianists, using local artists to create her book covers;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Rebekah Maxner for sharing her love, talent, and knowledge of music with many young pianists.

RESOLUTION NO. 920

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

Whereas decorating or undecorating for the holidays is not always joyful for everyone; and

Whereas many people are unable to decorate their home and do not have family near to help them, but those decorations can make you nostalgic; and

Whereas Karen Cooper is usually focused on her business of helping people declutter and reorganize their home but is hoping this first year of Christmas decorating will continue to grow;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Karen Cooper for creating a job that can help lift one's spirits during the holiday season.

RESOLUTION NO. 921

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Sheldon Tingley's goal is to keep the youth bowling league alive for youth to continue to foster a sense of fun, comraderies, and personal growth; and

Whereas Sheldon began youth bowling by the age of seven, grew up through the league until he became a senior; and

Whereas Sheldon has been coaching for four years, with the youth respecting him for making the sport fun;

Therefore be it resolved that members if this House of Assembly congratulate Sheldon Tingley for his efforts in keeping youth active in the sport of bowling.

RESOLUTION NO. 922

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Quinn Family Flooring, Windsor, truly is a family business spanning three generations; and

Whereas in 1942, Reginald Quinn opened Quinn Family Flooring, he then sold the business to his son, Richard, who then sold the family business to his son, Reginald (Tony); and

Whereas Quinn Family Flooring has become a well-known successful business, employing local people and providing residential and commercial customers with hardwood, vinyl, ceramic, laminate and carpet flooring in addition to blinds;

Therefore be it resolved that members if this House of Assembly congratulate Quinn Family Flooring on 75 years of family entrepreneurship.

RESOLUTION NO. 923

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Brian Huntley, of Burlington Fur Farms in Hants County, spearheaded the Nova Scotia Mink Farmers for Warmth Campaign; and

Whereas he exceeded his goal of 200 coats when more than 400 coats were collected along with another 100 donations of mittens, scarves and hats; and

Whereas after a heart-warming response from the public, there are plans to collect items for future winter wear drives;

Therefore be it resolved that members if this House of Assembly congratulate Brian Huntley for giving back to the community, where he operates his business.

RESOLUTION NO. 924

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Happy Community Project in Windsor-West Hants, founded by Barry Braun, is only a few months old but has already provided positive results for the community; and

Whereas when the Ellershouse community breakfast, one of the largest in West Hants, was expected to shut down due to an aging volunteer population, Happy Community Project volunteers immediately came to its rescue; and

Whereas the Happy Community Project also has plans to revitalize the Windsor Farmer's Market, create a community kitchen/food hub, develop a cultural social hub, implement a "Welcome Newcomers" project, initiate the "Tour de Hants" and much more;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Happy Community Project for making ideas a reality and for building stronger connections within our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 925

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the first Avon Valley Share the Warmth Drive took place in Windsor in December; and

Whereas St. Croix resident Angela Ross wanted to do some good this year by helping keep families warm during the winter; and

Whereas in less than one month, an incredible response of 56 bags of winter coats, boots, and snow pants were donated, with a similar event planned for next year;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly thank Angela Ross for fulfilling a need in her community.

RESOLUTION NO. 926

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Canadian pride is strong in the small empty-nester Garlands Crossing community of The Crossing, which is made up of more than 100 homes; and

Whereas Bill Kelly, a former long-time mayor of Wabush, Labrador, was behind the flag initiative that saw Canada's 150th celebrated with over 300 flags flying; and

Whereas residents helped create the display to show their pride and to salute their resident veterans as a thank you for our freedom today;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the residents of The Crossing for such a grand display of Canadian pride.

RESOLUTION NO. 927

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas while other kids were playing soccer, Ciro Comencini spent his childhood making cheese with his uncle on the mountains in Italy; and

Whereas he immigrated to Nova Scotia in 2010, bringing a wealth of knowledge that benefits his customers and the future chefs whom he occasionally lectures; and

Whereas he is teaching his six children the art of cheese-making, as they will take over the business someday, a business that has Comencini selling his cheese, made with milk sourced from neighbouring dairy farms, at the Alderney Market, and directly to about 30 clients, making his own deliveries;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ciro Comencini on bringing his wealth of knowledge of cheese-making to Hants County.

RESOLUTION NO. 928

By: Mr. Chuck Porter (Hants West)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas 13-year-old Maia Pothier from Falmouth is one of 12 prospects from Nova Scotia hoping to be selected to compete at the upcoming 2019 Canada Games in Red Deer, Alberta; and

Whereas Maia began with the Riverview Skating Club at the age of four, proving to be a dedicated skater who works endlessly; and

Whereas Maia helps out with the skating club, assisting with the CanSkate program, helping young skaters gain confidence;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Maia Pothier on her outstanding athletic achievements as she pursues her skating dreams.