

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
SENATE ADVANCED JOURNAL AND CALENDAR**

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

SUPPLEMENT NO. 3

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) Ernest MacVane, of Windham, an officer of the Windham Police Department, who was named the 2021 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the American Legion, Department of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 313

(1-2) Robert E. English, of Wales, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 314

(1-3) Stephen Brown, of Corinna, who is retiring after many years of public service supervising the Town of Corinna Public Works Department. Mr. Brown has already retired from service with the town more than once, but always returned to help the town when needed. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

HLS 315

Come from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

Joint Resolutions

(1-4) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1289

**JOINT RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH 25, 2021 AS THE 200TH
ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE AND CELEBRATING DEMOCRACY
IN GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES**

WHEREAS, on March 25, 1821, the Feast Day of the Annunciation, the Greek nation began a war of independence and overthrew the Ottoman Empire, which had oppressed and enslaved its people since the fall of Constantinople in 1453, and by this war reinstated a democracy, reclaiming its ancient heritage as the "Cradle of Democracy"; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States generously offered humanitarian assistance to the Greek people during their struggle for independence; and

WHEREAS, the price for Greece in holding onto the values our nations hold in common has been high, as hundreds of thousands of civilians were killed in Greece during World War II; and

WHEREAS, modern-day Greece is a valuable and trusted ally of the United States and is one of only 3 nations in the world outside of the former British Empire that have joined the United States in every major international conflict in the last 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Greece, located in a region where Christianity meets Islam and Judaism, maintains excellent relations with Muslim nations and Israel and demonstrates religious tolerance; and

WHEREAS, Greece and the United States are at the forefront of the effort for freedom, democracy, peace, stability and human rights; and

WHEREAS, many American philhellenes participated and fought in the Greek War of Independence; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2019, United States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo visited Greece, where he met with Greek leaders, and together they signed an update to the Mutual Defense Cooperation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Maine has been served in the United States Congress by 2 Greek Americans: the Honorable Peter Kyros, who served in the House of Representatives from 1967 to 1975, and the Honorable Olympia Snowe, who served in the House of Representatives from 1979 to 1995 and the Senate from 1995 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, the World Hellenic Inter-Parliamentary Association, or "WHIA," composed of several hundred members in over 30 countries, is the premier organization promoting Hellenism among the Greek diaspora over the past 2 decades and its recent president, Peter Katsambanis, has called upon Hellenes abroad to help other nations celebrate their heritage; and

WHEREAS, two Greek American former members of the Maine Legislature, the Honorable Zachary Matthews and the Honorable Stavros Mendros, helped form the WHIA, with the Honorable Stavros Mendros being a charter member and elected to the inaugural board of directors; and

WHEREAS, a high-level review of the United States-Greece Strategic Dialogue took place in Greece on September 28, 2020, which underscored Greece's importance to the United States as a geostrategic partner in the Eastern Mediterranean and Balkans and as an important NATO ally; and

WHEREAS, in support of the "Greece 2021" Committee established by the government of Greece, the United States Mission in Greece has launched a campaign to celebrate the bicentennial of Greek Independence and the 200 years of friendship between the United States and Greece; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and fitting that the United States celebrate this anniversary with the Greek people and reaffirm the democratic principles from which our 2 great nations were born; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature, now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to celebrate March 25, 2021 as the 200th Anniversary of Greek Independence, and we reaffirm Maine's abiding commitment to the principles of democracy and religious tolerance.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

(1-5) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1290

**JOINT RESOLUTION IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE 215 INDIGENOUS CHILDREN
WHOSE REMAINS WERE FOUND ON THE GROUNDS OF THE KAMLOOPS
INDIAN RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOL IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

WHEREAS, Indian residential schools were established in the United States and Canada in the 19th and 20th centuries to "civilize" Native American children and assimilate them into European culture; and

WHEREAS, Native American children were removed from the custody of their parents, given new European names, forbidden to speak their Indigenous languages and forced to abandon their Native American identity and culture; and

WHEREAS, formal government investigations have revealed documented cases of starvation and physical and mental abuse in these residential schools; and

WHEREAS, the last of these residential schools closed only as recently as 2007; and

WHEREAS, according to Canada's National Truth and Reconciliation Commission, at least 4,100 Canadian First Nations children died while attending residential schools in Canada; and

WHEREAS, due to poor and inaccurate record keeping, it is unknown how many Native American boys and girls died while attending residential schools in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2021, the remains of 215 children were found buried in a mass grave on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School located in British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian government recognized this moment by putting the Canadian flag at half-staff until further notice in memory of the thousands of children who were sent to residential schools, for those who never returned and in honor of the families whose lives were forever changed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to honor and remember the 215 indigenous children found on the grounds of the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) the Brunswick High School Girls Tennis Team, which won the Class A State Championship, the team's fifth state title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 369

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, TUCKER of Brunswick.

(4-2) the Kennebunk High School Boys Tennis Team, which won the Class A State Championship, the team's first state title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 370

Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, GERE of Kennebunkport.

(4-3) Clyde Dyar, of Mount Vernon, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 371

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: NEWMAN of Belgrade.

(4-4) Gabriel Pollock, of Durham, a member of Troop No. 145, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 372

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative: SHARPE of Durham.

(4-5) Amanda Jorgensen, of Augusta, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2021 graduating class of Cony High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 373

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, DOORE of Augusta, FECTEAU of Augusta.

(4-6) Tessa Jorgensen, of Augusta, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2021 graduating class of Cony High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 374

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, DOORE of Augusta, FECTEAU of Augusta.

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(4-7) Abiodun Jerry Olubi, of South Portland. Mr. Olubi, who was born in Benin and later lived in Ivory Coast before moving to the United States, was a talented chef who recently worked at 207 Bar and Restaurant in Portland and was working to start his own restaurant. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he began catering, including to new Mainers for whom he worked hard to provide culturally appropriate meals. Mr. Olubi will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 368

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: KESSLER of South Portland, MORALES of South Portland, RECKITT of South Portland.
