

Monday, February 2, 2009.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer. God, Our Creator, today we begin a new month of legislative sessions. We pray for Your blessings and the wisdom to make the right, fair and ethical legislative and administrative decisions in weeks ahead. In this era of vast amounts of data and information, grant us the patience and the intellectual curiosity to sift through all the materials which come to our attention in our search for truth and accuracy. As we struggle together to address the many current challenges which we face in the Commonwealth and the nation, inspire us to seek both a meeting of minds and wills to resolve issues. If and when we disagree on legislative matters, grant us the maturity, the self-confidence and the integrity to view all issues in an objective and reasonable manner. As elected leaders, may we have the good sense and humility to listen to all the views of our various constituencies.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair,—

Pledge of allegiance. At the request of the Chair, the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules:

Rosamond Thomas. Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peake of Provincetown) congratulating Rosamond Lawrence Hamlin Groves Thomas on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday; and

American Heart Month. Resolutions (filed by Ms. Wolf of Cambridge) recognizing February, 2009 as American Heart Month;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Welch of West Springfield, the resolutions were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of Richard R. Silva, a member of the House from Gloucester from 1971 to 1984, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.
At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

