Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) William Biliouris, of Livermore, who is retiring from teaching at Spruce Mountain High School after 42 years of service in education. We extend to Mr. Biliouris our appreciation for his service to the youth of the State and offer him our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 535

(1-2) Annette Girardin, of Jay, who is retiring from teaching at Spruce Mountain High School after 37 years of service in education. We extend to Ms. Girardin our appreciation for her service to the youth of the State and offer her our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 536

(1-3) Anne Weatherbee, of North Jay, who is retiring from teaching at Spruce Mountain High School after 37 years of service in education. We extend to Mrs. Weatherbee our appreciation for her service to the youth of the State and offer her our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 537

(1-4) Ray Chase, of Dixfield, who is retiring from teaching at Spruce Mountain High School after 36 years of service in education. We extend to Mr. Chase our appreciation for his service to the youth of the State and offer him our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 538

(1-5) the Spruce Mountain High School Envirothon Team, of Jay, which won the Maine Envirothon State Championships. Members of the team include Camryn Berry, William Brenner, Jordan Daigle, Austin Gilboe, Shawn Lecowitch and Bryan Riley and advisor Rob Taylor. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 539

(1-6) the Spruce Mountain Middle School FIRST LEGO League Team, of Jay, which won the Maine FIRST LEGO League Championship. Members of the team include Jenna Badeau, Evany Black, Hannah Coates, Drew Delaney, Quinlin Fournier, Jack Gilbert, Madeline Labonte, Chandler Pike, Isaac Pinard and Owen Wilkins; student mentor Acacia Fournier; and adult mentors Robert Taylor, Jay Lindsey, Duane Fournier, Joel Pike and Sarah Delaney. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 540

(1-7) Gordon Billington, of Standish, who is retiring as Town Manager of the Town of Standish. Mr. Billington served in the United States Air Force from 1962 to 1991, retiring with the rank of colonel. He later joined the State's Department of Labor and worked as Director of Operations, and he served on the Standish Town Council, including as chair in 1999. He became Town Manager of the Town of Standish in May 2001 after serving since February 2001 as Interim
Town Manager. We extend to Mr. Billington our appreciation for his service to the Town of Standish and the State and offer him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement;

HLS 541

(1-8) Monsignor Michael J. Henchal, of Scarborough, who is retiring from active ministry in the Roman Catholic Church. Monsignor Henchal was ordained to the priesthood on July 14, 1973 by Bishop Peter L. Gerety at St. Joseph Parish in Lewiston and was named a Prelate of Honor in 2000. He has held many pastoral and other assignments in the Diocese of Portland, including service as Vicar General, Vicar Forane, Rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland, vice chancellor and secretary to Bishop Joseph J. Gerry and co-chancellor of the diocese. He has also served on many diocesan and other commissions and boards and as a writer for church publications. He was appointed pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish in Cape Elizabeth in 1997, St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Scarborough in 2006 and St. John and Holy Cross Parishes in South Portland in 2008. We extend to Monsignor Henchal our congratulations on his retirement from active ministry and offer him our best wishes;

HLS 542

(1-9) the Monmouth Academy Girls Track and Field Team, of Monmouth, which won the Mountain Valley Conference Championship. Members of the team include Kaitlin Hunt, Abbie Hunt, Audrey Fletcher, Danielle Parker, Libby Clement, Maddie Amero, Mahala Hayden, Abbey Allen, Destiny Clough, Tori Spencer, Emily Grandahl and Moira Burgess. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 543

(1-10) Carole Olore, of Presque Isle, who has received the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The DAISY, or Diseases Attacking the Immune System, Award honors and celebrates the skillful, compassionate care nurses provide. Ms. Olore, a registered nurse working in the Women and Children's Unit at The Aroostook Medical Center, is the first nurse to receive the DAISY Award at the medical center. We extend to Ms. Olore our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 544

(1-11) Peg Neal, of Freeport, who is retiring as an administrative secretary and educational technician for Freeport schools after 38 years of service. Beginning her work at Grove Street School, she has worked for the past 34 years at Morse Street School. We extend to Ms. Neal our appreciation for her service to the youth of the State and offer her our congratulations on her retirement;

HLS 545

(1-12) Anna McDougal, of Wiscasset, who won the bronze medal in the 2017 Women's Alpine Novice Giant Slalom event at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria. Ms. McDougal also participated in the Special Olympics Maine State Winter Games, where she had the honor of lighting the Flame of Hope. We extend to Ms. McDougal our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 546

(1-13) the Lisbon High School Cheerleading Team, of Lisbon Falls, which won the Class C State Cheerleading Championship. Members of the team include Alyssa Hall, Shelby Cyr, Savannah Czechalski, Erin Davenport, Sydney Douglass, Emma Houle, Nikki Pagan, Cheyenne Pesce, Kayla Roberts, Molly Ryder, Antigone Woodbury, Olivia Clark, Oceana Assignon, Emma Cleaves, MyKayla Harrington, Megan Ross, Madison Valcourt and Vannessa Wasielewski. The team is coached by Nicole Adams. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 547
(1-14) Dr. John Radebaugh, of Falmouth, who has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maine Health Care Association. We extend to Dr. Radebaugh our congratulations and best wishes;  

HLS 548

Come from the House, READ and PASSED.

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Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-15) Christina K. Bathras, of South Portland. Mrs. Bathras came to the United States from Greece in 1948 and ran the Marathon Restaurant in Portland before moving to South Portland, where from 1954 to 1989 she and her husband, George, owned Bathras Market, a local institution. "Mrs. B" was a kind and faithful neighbor and was well-loved by everyone who knew her. She will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends;  

HLS 549

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

(1-16) Walter L. Getchell, of Marshfield, a veteran of the United States Army and Army Reserve. Mr. Getchell taught music in Williamstown, Massachusetts schools for 37 years. He played trombone and tuba in the Berkshire Symphony Orchestra and conducted a variety of musical ensembles. In 1998, after his retirement, he and his wife, Sue, moved to Marshfield to build a new home. He was active at the Centre Street Congregational Church in Machias and with many local charities and boards, helped to found PFLAG in Washington County and taught music in various schools in Washington County. Mr. Getchell will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;  

HLS 550

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

(1-17) Ronald Chipman, of Milbridge, a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. Mr. Chipman worked for many years as a bargeman in New York Harbor refueling commercial vessels. He later returned to lobstering in the waters of Maine. Mr. Chipman will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;  

HLS 551

Come from the House READ and ADOPTED.