Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) Pat Gallant-Charette, of Westbrook, a noted open-water swimmer, who at 66 years of age has become the oldest woman ever to swim across the English Channel. Last August, she became the oldest woman to swim across the North Channel from Northern Ireland to Scotland. We extend to Ms. Gallant-Charette our congratulations on her accomplishments and offer her our best wishes;

HLS 588

(1-2) the Norway Water District, which earned the Safety and Health Award for Public Employers certification from the Maine Department of Labor. This certification, also known as SHAPE, recognizes public sector organizations that voluntarily undertake a rigorous safety achievement program for their workplace. We congratulate the Norway Water District on its receiving this certification;

HLS 589

(1-3) Jake Brewer, of Southport Island, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 238, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Jacob made a video for Boothbay Railway Museum explaining how a steam locomotive works and built shelving for the monitor displaying the video. We extend our congratulations to Jake on this achievement;

HLS 592

(1-4) Jacob Bishopp, of Boothbay, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 238, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Jacob created a park adjacent to the Southport United Methodist Church, built 2 benches and refurbished a picnic table. We extend our congratulations to Jacob on this achievement;

HLS 593

(1-5) Draco Peaslee, of Boothbay, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 238, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Draco made a number of accessibility improvements at the Boothbay Region Fish and Game Association clubhouse. We extend our congratulations to Draco on this achievement;

HLS 594
(1-6) the Skowhegan Area High School Softball Team, of Skowhegan, which won the Class A North Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 595

(1-7) the Madison Area Memorial High School Softball Team, of Madison, which won the Class C South Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 596

Come from the House, READ and PASSED.

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-8) William L. Prentice, of Lebanon, a veteran of the United States Air Force. For 25 years, Mr. Prentice was employed by General Electric as a maintenance technician. He was a founding member of the Lebanon American Legion, which he served as sergeant at arms. During his retirement, Mr. Prentice was a volunteer at the New Hampshire Farm Museum in Milton, New Hampshire. Mr. Prentice will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

HLS 590

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

(1-9) Louis George Cote, of Orland. Mr. Cote was a member of the Orono, Old Town and Orland fire departments for 42 years. He was a track official and a volunteer coach, served on the Orland school board, engaged in fire prevention and drove a school bus for Orland and Brewer. Mr. Cote will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 35 years, Debra, and by his family and friends;

HLS 597

Come from the House READ and ADOPTED.