PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) the Hall-Dale High School Boys Baseball Team, of Farmingdale, which won the Class C State Championship. This is the team's first state title in 17 years. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 1435

(1-2) Beth Ashcroft, of Litchfield, who is retiring after many years of service to the Legislature as Director of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability. The Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability became operational in 2005 and is part of a unique organizational arrangement within the Legislature that ensures both independence and accountability, supporting legislative oversight by conducting independent reviews of State Government from an unbiased perspective through performance audits, evaluations and studies. As Director from the office's inception, Ms. Ashcroft has overseen projects analyzing numerous aspects of State Government, including public utilities, child care licensing and regulation, tax expenditures, passenger rail service and psychiatric services. We recognize Ms. Ashcroft's dedication to making the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability a credible source of objective information that contributes to good government and benefits Maine's citizens, extend to her our appreciation for her service to the State and offer her our congratulations on her retirement;

HLS 1463

Come from the House, READ and PASSED.

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(1-3) Evelyne Myrtle Alley, of Beals. Mrs. Alley was known for her strength and determination through the best and worst of times, her great love for her family and her impressive cooking ability. She will be long remembered and sadly missed by her extensive family, her many friends and all those whose lives she touched;

HLS 1462

Comes from the House READ and ADOPTED.