Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) Charlotte Frost, of Gray, who is celebrating her 100th Birthday on March 17, 2020. Mrs. Frost is the holder of the town's Boston Post Cane, an honor given to the oldest citizen of a municipality. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 915

(1-2) David Halligan, of Falmouth, coach of the boys varsity basketball and soccer teams at Falmouth High School, who recently achieved his 1,000th victory in boys varsity sports. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 916

(1-3) Gerry Jackson, of Clinton, who is celebrating her 100th Birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 917

(1-4) the Camden Snow Bowl middle school girls alpine ski team, of Camden, which won the Maine Junior Ski League Alpine State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 918

(1-5) the Maine Central Institute Wrestling Team, of Pittsfield, which won the Class B Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 919

(1-6) Grace Linkletter, of Athens, a senior at Madison Area Memorial High School, who is a recipient of a 2020 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 920

(1-7) Jim Tarbox, of Harrison, who is receiving a Medal of Honor in recognition of his 55 years of service to the Harrison Volunteer Fire Department. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

HLS 921

(1-8) Allan Denison, of Harrison, who is receiving a Medal of Honor in recognition of his 60 years of service to the Harrison Volunteer Fire Department. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

HLS 922
(1-9) the Honorable Mark Samson, of Auburn, Dirigo Federal Credit Union President and Chief Executive Officer, who has received the Ken Additon Small Business Advocacy Award from the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce for his commitment to small business advocacy and his successful volunteer efforts to advance and improve the overall small business community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  

HLS 923

(1-10) the Edward Little High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, of Auburn, which won the 2019-20 Class AA State Championship. This is the team's second state title in three years. Members of the team include Patrick Anthoine, Austin Brown, Quincy Coachman, Maxwell Creaser, Tyson Green, Storm Jipson, Jamaine Luizzo, Tong Maiwen-Ding, Dan Milks, RJ Nicholas, Devonte Scott, John Shea and Cam Yorke; and head coach Mike Adams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  

HLS 924

(1-11) the Honorable Thomas R. W. Longstaff, of Waterville, who has received the 2020 Distinguished Community Service Award from the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  

HLS 925

(1-12) Timothy Hinton, of Winslow, an officer of the Waterville Police Department, who has received the department's Medal of Valor. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  

HLS 926

(1-13) the Sumner Memorial High School Cheering Team, of Sullivan, which won the Class C State Championship. In addition to this year's state championship, the team also won the Downeast Athletic Conference Championship, the Penobscot Valley Conference Championship and the Northern Maine Regional Championship. Members of the team include Rhiannon Alley, Devin Mosher, Nataly Battis, Autumn Mowery, Abigail Bell, Scarlet Capitano, Skylar Soule, Robin Faulkingham, Emilee Hutchins, Emaly Ryder, Madlyn Warren, Ainsley Alley, Marissa Colby and Sage Soule; and coaches Jessica Snowdeal and Monica Pettegrow. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  

HLS 927

(1-14) Monica Pettegrow, of Trenton, a coach of the Sumner Memorial High School Cheering Team, who has been named a 2020 Penobscot Valley Conference Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  

HLS 928

(1-15) Jessica Snowdeal, of Sullivan, a coach of the Sumner Memorial High School Cheering Team, who has been named a 2020 Penobscot Valley Conference Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  

HLS 929

(1-16) the Hermon High School Varsity Cheerleaders, who won the 2020 Class B State Championship. This is the team's fourth consecutive championship and ninth in the last ten years. Members of the team include Alanna Berube, Jasmine Boulier, Brooklyn Brown, Ally Coxson, Kalley Curry, Cali Cyr, Madison Despault, Megan Dorr, Hailey Gogan, Madison Higgins, Riley Perry, Alexis Raymond, Lyndsee Reed, Michaela Sautler, Madison Smith, Caitlin Whitehouse and Torria Wittmer; assistant coaches Christina Paradis and Kaitlinn Turner; and coach Kristie Reed. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  

HLS 930
(1-17) Jordan Grant, of New Gloucester, a student at Gray-New Gloucester High School and a player on the girls basketball team, who recently scored her 1,000th career point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 931

(1-18) the Greely High School Boys Ice Hockey Team, of Cumberland, which won the Class B State Championship for the 2nd consecutive year and for the 5th time since 2009. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 932

(1-19) Bryce Lausier, of Glenburn Center, a senior at Hampden Academy and a player on the boys basketball team, who has been named Mr. Maine Basketball for 2020 by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 933

(1-20) the Mt. Blue High School Girls Nordic Ski Team, of Farmington, which won the Class A North Good Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 934

(1-21) the Mt. Blue High School Girls Alpine Ski Team, of Farmington, which won the Class A North Good Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 935

(1-22) Taylor Gordon, of Farmington, a freshman at Mt. Blue High School and a member of the girls alpine ski team, who won the Class A State Slalom Title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 936

(1-23) Emma Charles, of Farmington, a sophomore at Mt. Blue High School and a member of the girls Nordic ski team, who won the Class A State Classical Title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 937

(1-24) the Mt. Blue High School Girls Nordic Ski Team, of Farmington, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 938

(1-25) the Mt. Blue High School Girls Alpine Ski Team, of Farmington, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 939

(1-26) Kaci Alley, of Jonesport, a student at Narraguagus Junior/Senior High School and a player on the girls basketball team, who recently scored her 1,000th career point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 940

(1-27) John Rogers, of Strong, who is retiring as Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy after 17 years of service in the position and many years of service in law enforcement. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

HLS 948
(1-28) the Central Aroostook High School Girls Basketball Team, of Mars Hill, which won the Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; HLS 950

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:

(1-29) Ronald Lee Peabody, of Jonesport. Mr. Peabody was an accomplished guitarist, playing in eastern and central Maine with the Rubber Band, Ambush and Gunshy. He worked for many years at Carver Oil Company and as a self-employed interior painter, and he lettered boats. Mr. Peabody will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched; HLS 941

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

(1-30) Rebecca Joy Leonard, of Thomaston. Mrs. Leonard taught music at Lura Libby School, Thomaston Grammar School, Georges Valley High School and Rockland District High School and, after the high schools combined, at Oceanside High School and finished her teaching career at Oceanside Middle School. She produced, directed and raised funds for 17 musicals, bringing her students a broader experience of music. She served for several years as choir director at Littlefield Memorial Baptist Church and as director of the Thomaston Baptist Church's Living Christmas Tree Choir for 10 years. Mrs. Leonard will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched; HLS 944

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

(1-31) John Swanson, of Raymond. Mr. Swanson was a veteran of the United States Army and served as a chaplain in the Maine Army National Guard for over 20 years, retiring as State Chaplain with the rank of colonel. He received the Army Commendation Medal and the Legion of Merit awards. He was ordained into the United Church of Christ in 1962, beginning his active ministry with the Mexico Congregational Church, the three churches Presumpscot Union Parish in the Windham area and finally the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Bridgton and South Bridgton Congregational Church. He served the First Church in Bridgton for 26 years, retiring in 1996. He served the Maine Conference, was moderator of the Cumberland Association of Churches and Oxford-Union Association, was chairman of the Division of Ministry and held leadership roles for Rockcraft Lodge. He led program development for Pilgrim Lodge and later was a camp dean and counselor for the UCC summer youth camp. He and his wife, Mary Jane, were leaders in the UCC Marriage Encounter program and served as the National Pastoral Couple for the UCC. He was active with the local Red Cross and Salvation Army and trained hospice volunteers. He was an active participant in the chaplaincy program at Northern Cumberland Memorial Hospital, assisted the Bridgton Police Department and provided counseling to the Bridgton community. Mr. Swanson will be long remembered and sadly missed by Mary Jane, to whom he was married for 59 years, by his family and friends and by all those whose lives he touched; HLS 945
WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-32) Paul Fox, of Monmouth, a pillar of his community. Mr. Fox worked as an auto mechanic at Coe's Chevrolet, Bill Martin's Chevrolet and Augusta Chevrolet, but was best known as a member of the Monmouth Fire Department and an organizer of the Monmouth Fair. He joined the fire department in 1958 and was promoted to assistant chief in 1975 and chief in 1995, serving in the position for 9 years and for 62 years overall. He helped modernize the department in the 1970s and 1980s, buying new fire trucks and helping to operate the department on a shoestring budget. More recently, he helped with repairs at the station, with permitting and with fire warden duties, as well as volunteering to cut brush along 46 miles of roadways. As a member of the Cochnewagon Agricultural Association, he helped organize the Monmouth Fair for 54 years. Mr. Fox will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 946

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

(1-33) Linda Shepherd Gilson, of Hallowell. Mrs. Gilson worked for the State of Maine for more than 33 years, retiring as Director of Financial/Professional Services in 2001. She was a former trustee and president of the Hubbard Free Library and a lifetime member of the Friends of the Hubbard Free Library. As a retiree, she spent much of her time volunteering as Hallowell's Planning Board Chair and Ward Clerk and recently as a board member of the city's Centennial Burial Ground Association. She also was a board member of Arch Beta's board of directors and the Row House. Mrs. Gilson will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 58 years, James, her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

HLS 947

Come from the House READ and ADOPTED.