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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the second day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

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Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Sixth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 16, 2018 and is called to order at 5:25 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 72 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

PRESENT 72:The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield

ABSENT – 3: Representatives Almeida, Amore, Tobon.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Abney who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, January 11, 2018, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Joseph Almeida is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Representative Gregg Amore is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Leader Shekarchi reminds members that the House will recess for dinner and return to the Chamber at approximately 6:30 P.M. to greet the Senate and guests, and the Governor's State of the State Address will begin promptly at 7:00 P.M.

Leader Shekarchi informs members a photographer will be available in the House Lounge tomorrow at 3:30 PM and again at the rise of the House for official use.

RECESS

At 5:33 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Mattiello declares the House to be in recess until 6:30 o'clock P.M.

ORDER

At 6:41 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Mattiello calls the House to order.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Leader Shekarchi asks for prayers for the 4 officers shot in South Carolina this morning.

The House rises for a moment of silence for the Officers shot in South Carolina

ANNOUNCEMENT

Leader Shekarchi wishes a Happy Birthday to Mayor Scott Avedisian

APPOINTMENTS

The Honorable Speaker Mattiello appoints the following committee to escort the Honorable President of the Senate, and the members of the Honorable Senate, to the House Chamber to meet with the House of Representatives in Joint Session to hear the State of the State Budget Address of the Governor: Representative Barros, Representative Blazejewski, Representative Fogarty, Representative Marszalkowski, Representative Mendonca, Leader Morgan, Representative Morin, Representative Serpa, Representative Vella-Wilkinson, and Representative Williams.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Ruggiero and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Judge Corinne Grande; on motion of Representative McLaughlin, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Officer Thomas Medford; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy

Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE MARVIN L. ABNEY**

Dear Lord: Dr. Martin Luther King was struck down in the prime of his life. But even his death could not silence or stop his message. His sacrifice sparked a rising tide of freedom not only in America, but around the world. Let us pause to remember that his often quoted “free at last, free at last” was addressed not just African Americans, but to people of all faiths, colors, and persuasions. Amen