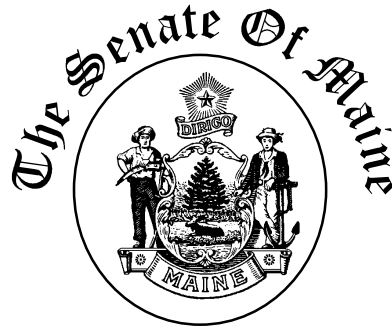


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**One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature
First Regular Session**

Advance Journal and Calendar

8th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Senate called to Order by President Michael D. Thibodeau of Waldo County.

Prayer by Reverend Jane Field, Maine Council of Churches in Portland.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Susan A. Deschambault of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 19, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Julie Grosvenor, M.D., of East Waterboro.

Michael D. Thibodeau
Senate President

Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

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(4-6) Harlan Clemens, of Chesterville, who has received a Spirit of America Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Clemens on his receiving this award;

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Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative: BLACK of Wilton.

Joint Resolution

(4-7) On motion by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 81

STATE OF MAINE

—
**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN**

—
**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 27TH AS EITC
AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, in order to promote the federal and Maine state earned income tax credit, which enhances family household budgets, we recognize January 27, 2017 as EITC Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, 4 of 5 people eligible for the credit claim it, which demonstrates the importance of raising awareness of this credit and urging individuals to find out if they qualify for it; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers who are members of CASH Maine and AARP Tax-Aide, a collaboration of 10 statewide coalitions including 50 nonprofit and for-profit partners, provide free federal and state tax preparation; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, CASH Maine has also educated hard-working families and individuals about programs in the community that can increase their income, reduce debt and build savings; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, these volunteers helped Maine residents save more than \$3,500,000 in tax filing fees and claim over \$5,200,000 in earned income tax credits, returning over \$21,200,000 to Maine residents in federal income tax refunds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize January 27, 2017 as EITC Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we send our appreciation to all the volunteers who participate in EITC Awareness Day for the benefit of Maine citizens and we urge participation in this worthy cause.
