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**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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SELECTED MEMORIALS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING THE  
EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS  
OF LONG-TERM CARE  
FACILITIES, SENIOR CARE  
FACILITIES,  
REHABILITATION  
FACILITIES, ASSISTED  
LIVING FACILITIES AND  
CARE WORKERS DURING  
THE PANDEMIC**

**H.P. 1419**

**WHEREAS**, long-term care facilities, senior care facilities, rehabilitation facilities and assisted living facilities as well as care workers have remained dedicated to providing quality care and quality of life for older individuals and individuals with disabilities in Maine throughout the great challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the well-being and safety of older individuals and individuals with disabilities in the State depend in large part on the unflinching dedication of care workers, including nurses, home health aides, personal support specialists, certified nursing assistants, direct support professionals, certified residential medication aides and mental health rehabilitation technicians, all of whom provide daily, conscientious, professional hands-on care in care facilities and individuals' homes; and

**WHEREAS**, care workers have been instrumental in promoting and safeguarding the physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual well-being of older individuals and individuals with disabilities throughout the very difficult separation from family members and friends due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, care workers have worked diligently to provide care and comfort to older individuals and individuals with disabilities in long-term care facilities, senior care facilities, rehabilitation facilities, assisted living facilities and in individuals' homes during outbreaks of COVID-19 at risk to their health and even their lives; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize and honor the heroic service performed by these institutions and caregivers who greatly enrich the public good.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives  
January 26, 2022 and the Senate January 26, 2022.**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING THE  
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ON  
ITS BEING DESIGNATED A  
NATIONAL R1 RESEARCH  
UNIVERSITY**

**S.P. 722**

**WHEREAS**, in 1970, the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education developed a classification of colleges and universities to support its program of research and policy analysis, and the Carnegie Classification is the leading framework for recognizing and describing institutional diversity in United States higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, the R1 designation signifies very high research activity in recent years and is the highest possible tier that a doctoral research university can achieve in the Carnegie Classification; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development was created by a Joint Order of the Maine Legislature on May 29, 1997 and was directed to develop and recommend a plan for the support of applied research and development in 5 technologies identified as having growth potential in the State's Science and Technology Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee was directed to review current policies and programs in the State supporting research and development and to develop a plan to further support research and development in the 5 target technologies of aquaculture and marine sciences and technology; biotechnology; composite materials engineering; environmental sciences and technology; and information sciences and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommendations of the committee included extensive support for research and development within the University of Maine System and between the university and other research sectors, including the funding of capital expenses such as the purchase of equipment and the renovation of laboratories; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time the University of Maine, already a vital state economic and educational asset, has greatly increased its research and innovation reputation, becoming a premier location for research and development that attracts highly talented experts, creates new research opportunities and drives further innovations; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last 5 years, research and development expenditures at the University of Maine have grown 80.2% to an all-time high of \$179,300,000 for 2021 and external funding in support of research and development has increased to \$133,600,000; and

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**WHEREAS**, only 146 of the 3,982 degree-granting postsecondary institutions in the United States are classified as top-tier doctoral research universities; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the University of Maine on its designation as a national R1 research university and commend the university on its well-deserved designation and the groundbreaking achievements and commitment to excellence by the faculty, scientists, students and staff.

**Read and adopted by the Senate March 9, 2022 and the House of Representatives March 22, 2022.**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING NATIONAL  
SMALL BUSINESS WEEK,  
MAY 1-7, 2022**

**H.P. 1528**

**WHEREAS**, in the face of a worldwide pandemic, America's economic growth has been driven by the resilience of our small businesses, which pioneer innovative solutions to the country's greatest challenges and provide opportunities to families and workers; and

**WHEREAS**, from the storefront shops that anchor Main Street, to those who fish and farm to feed our people, to the small manufacturers driving our competitiveness on the global stage, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our nation's promise; and

**WHEREAS**, when we support small businesses, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, because this country's 32.5 million small businesses create nearly 2 out of 3 jobs in our economy, we cannot ourselves resolve to create jobs and spur economic growth in America without discussing ways to support our entrepreneurs; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the United States Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, data compiled by the United States Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy indicates that over 99% of Maine's businesses are small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best: grow their businesses, create jobs

and ensure that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 1-7, 2022 as National Small Business Week and express our appreciation to Maine's small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy and the anchors of our communities.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives April 15, 2022 and the Senate April 18, 2022.**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION  
DESIGNATING APRIL 17-23,  
2022 AS SCHOOL BOARD  
MEMBER RECOGNITION  
WEEK**

**S.P. 751**

**WHEREAS**, school boards are charged with the all-important responsibility of being accountable for the education of Maine children in order to prepare them for a rewarding and productive future; and

**WHEREAS**, school boards must articulate a vision and direction for their school systems, set high academic standards and approve the hiring of qualified staff most capable of making that vision a reality; and

**WHEREAS**, school boards must adopt a budget that balances student needs with the community's ability to pay and advocate for passage of that budget to ensure the school district has adequate funding to provide all children with the opportunity to learn; and

**WHEREAS**, all of these responsibilities and more are done by volunteer school board members who put in countless hours in meetings and in the community advocating for their schools, representing the interests of children, parents and all citizens of the school district and preserving the valued tradition of local control over kindergarten to grade 12 public education; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to designate April 17-23, 2022 as School Board Member Recognition Week and encourage local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize dedicated school board members across the State.

**Read and adopted by the Senate April 18, 2022 and the House of Representatives April 18, 2022.**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING TEACHER  
APPRECIATION WEEK,  
MAY 2, 2022 TO MAY 6, 2022**

**H.P. 1535**

**WHEREAS**, Maine's future depends upon the provision of high-quality education to all students; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers mold future citizens through guidance and education; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers are among the most dedicated of public servants in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to raise public awareness of the contributions of teachers and to promote greater respect for and understanding of the teaching profession; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the week of May 2, 2022 as Teacher Appreciation Week and strongly encourage the citizens of the State to recognize the efforts of teachers in educating the children of their communities and to support teachers in their efforts.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives  
April 20, 2022 and the Senate April 20, 2022.**

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