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SELECTED MEMORIALS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

**JOINT RESOLUTION
HONORING THE MEMORY
OF THE VICTIMS OF THE
TRAGIC MASS SHOOTING
IN LEWISTON ON
OCTOBER 25, 2023**

S.P. 910

WHEREAS, the senseless mass shooting at Just-In-Time Recreation and Schemengees Bar & Grille in Lewiston, Maine resulted in the tragic deaths of 18 innocent people; and

WHEREAS, a number of people were injured and in critical condition as a result of the attack; and

WHEREAS, the people of Lewiston and the surrounding communities continue to mourn the deceased and to support the injured, family members, friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the tragic incident marked the 17th mass shooting in the United States in the month of October 2023 alone; and

WHEREAS, it is the deadliest mass shooting in Maine history; and

WHEREAS, residents across the State continue to feel the emotional and psychological toll of the mass shooting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, wish to reaffirm our sympathies to the victims of this terrible tragedy as well as all of their family and friends and all those across the State and Nation who have been affected by this event.

**Read and adopted by the Senate January 3, 2024
and the House of Representatives January 3, 2024.**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2024
AS PUREBRED DOG DAY**

S.P. 979

WHEREAS, purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them, and historically these dogs worked alongside their people and provided them companionship; and

WHEREAS, the service of these breeds continues today as they work alongside humans while serving as guide dogs, service dogs, conservation dogs, livestock guardians, search and rescue dogs, earthdogs, police

dogs and canine soldiers serving alongside our military men and women; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs also serve as avalanche dogs, trackers, trailers, herders, controllers of vermin, water rescuers, carting and sled dogs, retrievers, protectors, hunters and bird dogs; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs have been of enormous help to medical science, serving as models for many heritable human diseases, playing a role in humanity's understanding of the human and canine genomes and benefiting pharmaceutical research and development; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs are guardians of family, home and hearth, and always they are companions near and dear to humans; and

WHEREAS, each purebred breed is indelibly etched in the history of the culture that created it just as surely as are that culture's music, art and language; and

WHEREAS, all dogs should be valued, whatever their ancestry, but the purpose-bred dog and the predictability of its breed should be cherished and preserved; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no day set aside to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of the purebred dog; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 1, 2024 as Purebred Dog Day in celebration of purebred dogs and the many service and companion benefits they provide in Maine.

**Read and adopted by the Senate March 12, 2024
and the House of Representatives March 13, 2024.**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 6 TO
MAY 12, 2024 AS NATIONAL
NURSES WEEK**

H.P. 1483

WHEREAS, the nearly 5,200,000 registered nurses in the United States constitute our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meet the different and emerging health care needs of our nation's population in a wide range of settings; and

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WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of our nation, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever as our nation continues to grapple with the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, an aging population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in the State; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the national health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association, the American Nurses Association – Maine has declared May 6 to May 12, 2024 as National Nurses Week, with the theme "Nurses Make the Difference" to honor the variety of roles that nurses play in the lives of their patients. Registered nurses make a difference as trusted advocates to ensure that patients, their families and their communities receive safe and high-quality care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, recognize May 6 to May 12, 2024 as National Nurses Week to celebrate registered nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's registered nurses not just during this week but at every opportunity throughout the year and ask that all residents of this State join in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives
May 10, 2024 and the Senate May 10, 2024.**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE
HONORABLE H. SAWIN
MILLETT, JR. FOR HIS
PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE
STATE**

H.P. 1488

WHEREAS, the Honorable H. Sawin Millett, Jr., who represents House District 81, which includes Norway, Sweden, Waterford, Albany Township, Greenwood, South Oxford, Stoneham, Stow, Mason Township and Locke Mills, is retiring from his service to the Maine State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Representative Millett is currently serving his 9th term in Maine's House of Representatives and has served as the Republican lead on both the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Government Oversight Committee and has also served on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Representative Millett was first elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 1968, serving in the 104th and 105th Legislatures, and went on to serve from the 121st Legislature to the 124th Legislature as well as from the 129th Legislature to the 131st Legislature; and

WHEREAS, his varied career includes service as a teacher, coach, principal, assistant school superintendent, farmer, municipal officer and state commissioner, including service as Commissioner of Education; Associate Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; and Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services. He has served under Governors Longley, Brennan, McKernan, King and LePage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the Honorable H. Sawin Millett, Jr. for his decades of public service to the State and extend to him our appreciation for his dedication, expertise and judgment and congratulate him on his retirement from the Maine State Legislature.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives
May 10, 2024 and the Senate May 10, 2024.**
