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SUPPLEMENT NO. 17

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolutions

(1-1) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 439

**JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING UNITED STATES
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LEWIS**

WHEREAS, the Honorable John Robert Lewis was a beloved Georgia congressional representative, a political force and an ally for marginalized people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis served as the United States Representative for Georgia's Fifth Congressional District for more than 3 decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was considered a moral conscience of Congress because of his belief in a nonviolent fight for civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis' passion for equal rights was backed by a long record of action that included dozens of arrests during protests against racial and social injustice; and

WHEREAS, as a follower and colleague of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mr. Lewis participated in lunch counter sit-ins, joined the Freedom Riders in challenging segregated buses and, at the age of 23, was a keynote speaker at the historic 1963 March on Washington; and

WHEREAS, at age 25, Mr. Lewis helped lead a march for voting rights on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, where he and other marchers were met by heavily armed state and local police who attacked them with clubs, fracturing his skull; and

WHEREAS, images from that day, now known as "Bloody Sunday," shocked the nation and galvanized support for the Voting Rights Act of 1965, signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, after more than 50 years on the front lines of the civil rights movement, Mr. Lewis was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama, the first African-American President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis is recognized as a great American statesman, patriot and champion of democracy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in December 2019 and passed away July 17, 2020; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the life and legacy of the Honorable John Robert Lewis, a great leader and a civil rights icon, and urge the citizens of the State to recognize the importance of preserving civil liberties for all.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

(1-2) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 705

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2021 AS
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

WHEREAS, March 2021 is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who help individuals and families in need every day in the State, across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Maine citizens are local, national and global humanitarians, even in the midst of a pandemic, carrying out the American Red Cross's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross aspires to turn compassion into action, and American Red Cross volunteers help others when there is a need; and

WHEREAS, during these trying times, Maine citizens in supporting the American Red Cross have helped their neighbors get back on their feet after devastating home fires, assisted communities across the country to face record-breaking hurricanes and wildfires and rolled up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe blood shortage; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the American Red Cross's statewide community of volunteers and partners, people in the State facing a disaster can meet their basic emergency needs, including having access to safe shelter, food and critical health and mental health services, for free, day or night; and

WHEREAS, because of the American Red Cross's work, children and youths in the State know how to prepare for and stay safe during a disaster, people have working smoke alarms and emergency escape plans and there are always trained individuals nearby ready to use their skills to save lives; and

WHEREAS, due to the American Red Cross's efforts and local communities hosting blood drives and donating life-saving blood, anyone can access life-saving blood and blood products and we have a stable blood supply that helped to extend or save the lives of more than 400,000 people last year; and

WHEREAS, military personnel, veterans and their families have access to global emergency communication services and the support they need to cope with deployments and reintegrating with the community because of the American Red Cross; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, pause in our deliberations, nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, to proclaim March 2021 as American Red Cross Month throughout the State and encourage all citizens of the State to participate in the humanitarian mission of the American Red Cross and advance Clara Barton's noble legacy.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

(1-3) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 729

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2021 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH

WHEREAS, social workers have paved the way for change by enhancing the well-being of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, social workers have helped lead the nation's struggle for social justice and continue to advocate for positive social change and, more than the members of any other profession, social workers recognize that more must be done to address the persistent social problems that plague the State; and

WHEREAS, social workers support diverse families in every community and understand that individuals and communities together can bring about change; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for the rights of the disadvantaged and oppressed; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for children's rights to a safe environment and a good education; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer rights; and

WHEREAS, social workers work to ensure good care is provided to older adults; and

WHEREAS, social workers help provide community support for veterans and their families after their service; and

WHEREAS, social workers strive to improve access to mental health treatment and health care services in order to save lives; and

WHEREAS, social workers effect change and put the ideals of citizenship into action every day through legislative, regulatory and social policy efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize March 2021 as Social Work Month; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the University of Maine, Orono, School of Social Work; the University of Maine, Presque Isle, College of Professional Programs and Education, Social Work; the University of Southern Maine, School of Social Work; the University of New England, School of Social Work; and St. Joseph's College, Social Work program.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.
