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New EDMs

1015 150th anniversary of Seapatricks Flute Band

Tabled: 28/03/23 Signatories: 1

Carla Lockhart

That this House congratulates Seapatricks Flute Band on reaching their 150th anniversary; recognises the positive role the band has played in the community throughout its history and in the present day; and extends best wishes to the membership of Seapatricks Flute Band as they celebrate this significant milestone, and for the future.

1016 Ovarian cancer awareness month 2023

Tabled: 28/03/23 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes Ovarian cancer awareness month that takes place in March 2023; further notes that over 7,000 women are diagnosed each year in the UK and over 4,000 women lose their lives each year, which is 11 women everyday; highlights that if diagnosed at the earliest stage, nine in 10 women will survive, but two-thirds of women are diagnosed late, when the cancer is harder to treat; further highlights that nearly half of GPs mistakenly believe symptoms only present in the later stages of the disease, and less than a third of women in the UK are confident they know the symptoms; notes the incredible work by MacMillan and Cancer Research in raising awareness on what to look out for in terms of ovarian cancer diagnosis; and thanks MacMillan for all they do for those families who need support.

1017 Centenary of Drumderg Loyalists Flute BandTabled: **28/03/23** Signatories: **1****Carla Lockhart**

That this House congratulates Drumderg Loyalists Flute Band on reaching their centenary year; recognises the positive contribution of the marching bands community to life in Northern Ireland; and extends best wishes to the membership of Drumderg Loyalists Flute Band as they celebrate this milestone and look to the future.

1018 Sarah Hunter MBETabled: **28/03/23** Signatories: **10**

Mary Glindon
Chi Onwurah
Kate Osborne
Liz Twist
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Julie Elliott

Mrs Sharon Hodgson
Ian Lavery

Grahame Morris**Ian Mearns**

That this House congratulates Sarah Hunter MBE on her retirement from rugby after a sterling and inspiring career, which began at school in North Tyneside before she was selected for the England squad and during which she amassed 141 caps, and the deep admiration and respect of the rugby family and more widely; notes that England head coach Simon Middleton has rightly described her as England's greatest player, and that she bowed out, after participating in the 58-7 win over Scotland in the Women's Six Nations, as England's most-capped male or female player and the most-capped women's international in the world; and wishes her all the very best in her work for the Rugby Football Union and whatever opportunities she finds for her expertise and experience as a cheerful, graceful and helpful diplomat for the game.

1019 Lawrencetown Apprentice Boys of Derry Club's 75th anniversaryTabled: **28/03/23** Signatories: **1****Carla Lockhart**

That this House extends warmest congratulations to Lawrencetown ABOD Club, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year; pays tribute to the Club for its positive contribution to the community; recognises the importance of culture and remembrance in society; and extends best wishes to the Club for their anniversary year and into the future.

1020 Lurgan Bowling ClubTabled: **28/03/23** Signatories: **1****Carla Lockhart**

That this House extends warmest congratulations to Lurgan Bowling Club, for their ongoing success across their gents, ladies and veterans teams; recognises that bowls clubs across Northern Ireland provide a great opportunity for sport and socialising; and wishes the Club continued success in the future.

1021 Craigavon Senior High U16s Rugby TeamTabled: **28/03/23** Signatories: **1****Carla Lockhart**

That this House congratulates Craigavon Senior High U16s Rugby Team on winning the High Schools' Trophy at the Kingspan Stadium; commends the players and coaching staff for securing this prestigious victory; and wishes the team well for the remainder of the season.

1022 Inverness Business Improvement DistrictTabled: **28/03/23** Signatories: **1****Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates Inverness Business Improvement District on their recent success in being voted in for another five year term; recognises that this success is down to their unwavering hard work and commitment to improving Inverness city centre for those who live, work and run businesses in Inverness; pays thanks to the team at the Business Improvement District for all they do; and wishes them continued success for the future.

1023 Special Needs Action Project stars in their eyes fundraising at Kingsmills HotelTabled: **28/03/23** Signatories: **1****Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates the team at Kingsmills Hotel on the success of their recent fundraiser in aid of the Special Needs Action Project; recognises that the Special Needs Action Project do incredibly valuable work to support local children with special needs and their families, including offering sensory play sessions, family support groups and one-to-one therapy sessions; notes that the Stars in their Eyes event saw contestants take to the stage as various stars including Freddie Mercury and Dolly Parton; further congratulates Steve Walsh and his daughter Sophia for winning on the night; pays thanks to Nicola McAlley for hosting the event; and celebrates the incredible £33,000 raised to support local children with special needs.

1024 Charleston Academy 200th school to join the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework programmeTabled: **28/03/23** Signatories: **1****Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates Charleston Academy in Inverness on becoming the 200th school in Scotland to join the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework School Ambassador programme; recognises the valuable work of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework School Ambassador programme in offering secondary schools the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework and the wider ways in which it supports learners, including recognising wider achievement, developing senior phase learning pathways and demonstrating equality between vocational and academic qualifications; celebrates the milestone achieved by Charleston Academy in Inverness; and wishes pupils and teachers alike continued success in their participation in the programme.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

992 50th anniversary of I Will Always Love You

Tabled: 21/03/23 Signatories: 40

Jim Shannon
Kirsten Oswald
Olivia Blake
Nadia Whittome
Cat Smith
Tim Farron

Bob Blackman

That this House celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Dolly Parton's hit song I Will Always Love You; notes the sentiment behind this song and what it means to so many, including the wife of the hon. Member for Strangford; highlights the contribution this song and her music in general to the industry, especially in the late 1960s, early 1970s and over the last 50 years; further notes the large scale event held at the weekend in Dolly Parton's multi-million dollar theme park at Pigeon Forge in East Tennessee as part of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the song, that was written as a farewell to her business partner and mentor Peter Wagoner; and wishes Dolly continued success as she entertains and encourages so many through her music and inspirational character.

993 20th anniversary of the Iraq war

Tabled: 21/03/23 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Gavin Robinson
Sir Mike Penning
Bob Blackman

That this House notes the 20th anniversary of American missiles landing in Baghdad on the morning of 20 March 2003, which signalled the start of the US-led campaign to topple Saddam Hussein; notes the television address shortly after the bombings by President George Bush, vowing to disarm Iraq and free its people and the subsequent televised address by former Prime Minister Tony Blair confirming British troops were in action in Iraq to disarm Iraq of weapons of mass destruction; highlights that the attack was ordered two hours after a final 48-hour deadline expired for Saddam Hussein to leave Iraq due to crimes against humanity related to the 1982 killing of 148 Iraqi Shi'a; further highlights and condemns the atrocities committed by Hussein and that these shall not be forgotten; and reaffirms our gratitude and support for our veterans who continue to live with the legacy of their service in their physical and mental health.

996 UN International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

Tabled: 23/03/23 Signatories: 36

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Nadia Whittome
Jeremy Corbyn
Anne McLaughlin
Caroline Lucas
Kim Johnson

Tommy Sheppard

That this House recognises the UN International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade; calls on the UK Government to offer a full formal apology, for the destructive and exploitative actions of the British Empire, including but not limited to, the Empire's role in the transatlantic slave trade and colonisation; demands that this apology goes beyond the expressions of deep regret that have been made by previous Prime Ministers; recognises that no amount of money could ever fully make amends for the atrocities inflicted by the British Empire, but that meaningful steps can be taken to atone for past actions and the lasting impact those actions continue to have; applauds the Government of the Netherlands who issued a formal apology for the past actions of the Dutch State; welcomes the apology from the Trevelyan family, an aristocratic British family, for their ownership of slaves and their commitment to reparations; calls on the UK Government to follow these examples; notes that during the time of the Empire, Britain pillaged and looted several cultural artefacts from other nations, including art, jewellery, gems, treasures and even human remains, many of which are on display in UK museums, universities and institutions; is aware that Britain was not alone in these actions; welcomes the announcements from several museums, universities and institutions across Europe who have agreed to return stolen artifacts; and further calls on the Government to engage in meaningful conversations around reparations including the restitution of stolen artifacts.

998 McLaren's Nurseries: 50th Anniversary

Tabled: 24/03/23 Signatories: 5

Alan Brown
Kirsten Oswald
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates McLaren's Nurseries on celebrating its 50th anniversary; notes McLaren's Nurseries received a three-star rating from Visit Scotland in recognition of their very good standard of facilities and services, and was also rated the Scottish Small Business of the Year in 2020 by Enterprise Scotland; highlights that the 50th anniversary was marked with an Open Day on 23 March 2023, the first Open Day Event since the pandemic; and wishes the staff at McLaren's Nurseries all the very best for the future.

1004 Big Yellow Friday 2023

Tabled: 24/03/23 Signatories: 6

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

That this House notes that 31 March 2023 is Big Yellow Friday; congratulates the Children's Liver Disease Foundation on its work in raising awareness, promoting research and providing information and support for people affected by a life-threatening liver disease; further notes with concern that, every week, 20 children in the UK are diagnosed with a life-threatening childhood liver disease with no cure, meaning a lifetime of medical care; commends the work of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation for working tirelessly and investing to support families and fund research projects, which helps to understand and treat childhood liver diseases; further congratulates all those taking part in Big Yellow Friday 2023 for showing support for children affected by childhood liver disease and their families; and calls on the Government to work closely with all national liver-disease charities to help ensure that childhood liver diseases are understood, prevented and treated effectively, ensuring that babies, children, young people and adults diagnosed in childhood achieve their full potential.

1005 St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Tabled: 24/03/23 Signatories: 7

Kim Johnson
Ian Byrne
Peter Dowd
Mick Whitley
Dan Carden
Jim Shannon
Ms Marie Rimmer

That this House congratulates St Patrick's Catholic Primary School for their recent accreditation with the British Council International School Award; notes that this reflects their integration of an understanding of other cultures throughout their curriculum; and further notes that this is testament to the hard work of both pupils and staff and congratulates them on becoming a beacon of inclusion within the Liverpool 8 community.

1008 Ingenza: 20th anniversary

Tabled: 24/03/23 Signatories: 4

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

That this House joins Midlothian-based engineering biology firm Ingenza, in celebrating 20 years of innovation; notes that, over the last 20 years, Ingenza has engineered and improved biological systems to help with the production of biofuels, sustainable plastic manufacturing and next-generation coronavirus vaccines; further notes that Ingenza's success is testament to the Midlothian Science Zone, and commends all those working towards pioneering ground-breaking applied bioscience innovations.

1009 Genocide Determination Bill [HL]

Tabled: 27/03/23 Signatories: 5

Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House notes with enthusiastic approbation the decision of the House of Lords of 28 October 2022, with all party support, to give a second reading to the Genocide Determination Bill, in line with welcome promises by the last two Prime Ministers to reform the law on genocide determination; further notes that the Bill provides basic mechanisms to enable the UK to implement its urgently-needed duty to prevent genocide; welcomes the support from former Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Ministers, a former Ambassador to the United Nations, former Supreme Court Judges, bishops, faith communities and senior judicial figures; and urges the Government to provide, at the earliest opportunity, parliamentary time to expedite the Bill's further consideration and enactment.

1010 Government action on Iran

Tabled: 27/03/23 Signatories: 2

Ed Davey
Jim Shannon

That this House condemns the continued excessive use of force and violence by the Iranian authorities against Iranian women and all others protesting against the Iranian regime; notes with appreciation the work of many British-Iranians to highlight the abuses being perpetrated by the Iranian regime; welcomes the most recent sanctions issued by the Government against the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps and urges further action; supports the case for proscription of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps; calls on the Government to follow the call of Anoosheh Ashoori and ensure that the relatives of sanctioned Iranian officials are not living prosperously in the UK off the back of stolen wealth which has been funnelled out of Iran; urges the Government to provide emergency funding for BBC Persian radio; and further calls on the Government to work with international partners to set up safe and legal routes for Iranian women.

1011 Hamilton Academical 2023 SPFL Trust Trophy

Tabled: 27/03/23 Signatories: 3

Angela Crawley
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Hamilton Academical Football Club following their success in the SPFL Trust Trophy; acknowledges that this is Accies' third success in the competition following their successes in 1992 and 1993; notes that the Accies defeated two-time defending champions Raith Rovers 1-0 in the final at the Falkirk Stadium after defeating Rangers B, Inverness Caledonian Thistle, Clyde and Queen of the South to reach the final; commends Reghan Tumilty for scoring the winning goal in the final; further commends his teammates, manager John Rankin and the coaching staff for their collective efforts and determination to succeed; and wishes Accies good luck for the rest of the season.

1012 First Step Community Project, National Lottery funding

Tabled: 27/03/23 Signatories: 2

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates First Step Community Project in Musselburgh on receiving a grant of £100,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the group will use the funding to deliver a family support service in Musselburgh and the surrounding areas, supporting parents and young families through outreach, counselling and volunteering; notes that the aim of the project is to provide the best start in life for local families with young children facing challenging circumstances such as domestic violence, substance misuse and mental health issues by encouraging parents and children to make positive life choices; and wishes everyone involved the best of luck with the project and all the best for the future.

1013 DadsWork, National Lottery funding

Tabled: 27/03/23 Signatories: 3

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards

That this House congratulates DadsWork in East Lothian on receiving a grant of £165,350 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the group will use the funding to deliver their project supporting fathers and male carers in Prestonpans and surrounding areas in East Lothian; notes that services include an ante natal programme, support groups and counselling; acknowledges that the project will involve 675 participants and 30 volunteers reaching a wider group through impact on families of participants; and wishes everyone involved the very best of luck with their project and all the best with their futures.

1014 12th anniversary of the detainment of political prisoners in Bahrain

Tabled: 27/03/23 Signatories: 2

Brendan O'Hara
Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the 12th anniversary of the imprisonment of political prisoners in Bahrain; expresses grave concern over their ongoing, wrongful detention and violations of their human rights; recalls that during Bahrain's Arab Spring pro-democracy uprising in 2011, authorities arrested opposition figures, religious leaders and human rights defenders, including Hassan Mushaima, Abdul-Hadi Al-Khawaja, Dr Abduljalil Al-Singace, Sheikh Mohammed Habib Al-Miqdad, Sheikh Abduljalil Al-Miqdad, Sheikh Saeed AlNouri, Abdulwahab Husain, Mohamed Ali Ismaeel, Sheikh Mirza Al-Mahroos and Sheikh Abdulhadi Al-Mukhoder, of whom seven are convicted to life imprisonment and three to 15 years; condemns reports that many of these individuals including Mushaima, Dr Al-Singace and Al-Khawaja were subjected to torture, some of which was documented in the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry report; notes reports that many still face the denial of access to timely and adequate medical care; has particular concern for Dr Al-Singace, who has been on hunger strike for over one year and eight months, due to the Bahraini authorities' refusal to return his arbitrarily confiscated, apolitical academic research to his family; deplores reports that since July 2021 Dr Al-Singace and Mushaima have been held in effective solitary confinement; echoes calls made by human rights organisations, including the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy, for Bahrain to release Dr Al-Singace immediately and unconditionally, and for his research to be returned; and calls on the Government to use all available leverage, both privately and publicly, to push Bahrain to release the above-named individuals.