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PROCEEDINGS

NINTH DAY — WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2007

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 38).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson; Bailey; Berman; Bohac; Bolton; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Cohen; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Corte; Crabb; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Delisi; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; England; Escobar; Farabee; Farias; Farrar; Flores; Flynn; Frost; Gallego; Garcia; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Toureilles; Goolsby; Guillen; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harless; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hernandez; Herrero; Hilderbran; Hill; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Hughes; Isett; Jackson; Jones; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Latham; Laubenberg; Leibowitz; Lucio; Macias; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McReynolds; Menendez; Miles; Miller; Moreno; Morrison; Murphy; Naishtat; Noriega; Orr; Ortiz; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pierson; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Strama; Straus; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Thompson; Truitt; Turner; Van Arsdale; Vaught; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; West; Woolley; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Merritt; Oliveira; Solomons.

Absent — Aycock; Chavez; McClendon; Mowery; Olivo.

The invocation was offered by Richard Wheeler, pastor, Living Water Fellowship, Bulverde, as follows:

Dear Father in heaven, As Solomon prayed for wisdom and knowledge to govern his people of ancient Israel, and you, O Lord, most graciously answered by granting him the desires of his heart, as a pastor, I humbly come before this body of legislators to pray likewise, that they would be filled with all knowledge for the task at hand and all wisdom from above as representatives of the citizens of Texas. Help us all to see ourselves as servants in a humble spirit, to be thoughtful of others above ourselves, and to measure the longevity of our decisions in light of future generations of Texans.

We take awesome regard as to the duties and weighty responsibilities you have given those in the charge of this great office. We realize it is difficult to please all, but we desire first above all to please you, dear Father in heaven. And in doing so, you will then perhaps crown our efforts and regard our desires for just and right laws that govern so diverse a people of this great State of Texas.

We thank you for the privilege of elected stewardship of this great state during this appointed time in history. We recognize and appreciate its diversity, uniqueness, and rich heritage, which in all earnest, we desire to preserve for future generations of Texans.

We ask that you, most gracious Lord, would continue to provide for the people of Texas divine protection and resourceful wealth, with blessings of the most high regard to you for the Bible declares, you are "the source from whom all blessings flow."

We pray this request as you have requested us to pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Saviour and Lord of all. Amen.

The speaker recognized Representative Macias who led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important legislative business:

Solomons on motion of Flynn.

(Aycock now present)

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Corte who presented Dr. Todd Thames of San Antonio as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Thames and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, Senate List No. 3).

(Chavez now present)

(Zerwas in the chair)

HR 92 - ADOPTED

(by Raymond)

Representative Raymond moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 92**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 92, Recognizing January 24, 2007, as Laredo Legislative Day at the Capitol.

(Mowery now present)

HR 92 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Guillen, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 92** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Raymond who introduced a delegation from Laredo.

(Lucio in the chair)

HR 75 - ADOPTED

(by Flynn)

Representative Flynn moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 75**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 75, Recognizing Don and Ann Metch of Canton on being named 2007 Honorees by the Texas Polled Hereford Association.

HR 75 was adopted.

HR 86 - ADOPTED

(by Gonzales)

Representative Gonzales moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 86**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 86, Congratulating the Honorable Kika de la Garza and Lucille de la Garza on their receipt of the Golden Eagle Award from the McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

HR 86 was adopted.

HR 89 - ADOPTED

(by Keffer)

Representative Keffer moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 89**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 89, Recognizing the Texas Alliance of Rail Districts for its major contributions to rail transportation in the Lone Star State.

(Miles in the chair)

HR 89 was read and was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Keffer who introduced representatives of the Texas Alliance of Rail Districts.

HR 83 - ADOPTED

(by **D. Howard**)

Representative D. Howard moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 83**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 83, Recognizing January 21-27, 2007, as Nurse Anesthetists Week in Texas.

(McClendon and Olivo now present)

HR 83 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representatives Noriega and S. King, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 83** as signers thereof.

(Speaker in the chair)

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Dunnam moved that the house adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow in memory of the Honorable Bobby L. Cummings of Coryell County.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 10:45 a.m., adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of the house by the speaker:

Senate List No. 3

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