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## PROCEEDINGS

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TWENTY-NINTH DAY — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

The house met at 10:05 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 62).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Arévalo; Ashby; Bailes; Bell; Bernal; Biedermann; Blanco; Bohac; Bonnen, D.; Bonnen, G.; Burkett; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Clardy; Coleman; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Cospers; Craddick; Cyrier; Dale; Darby; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Dean; Deshotel; Dutton; Elkins; Faircloth; Fallon; Farrar; Flynn; Frank; Frullo; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Giddings; Goldman; Gonzales; González; Gooden; Guerra; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hefner; Hernandez; Herrero; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Huberty; Hunter; Isaac; Israel; Johnson, E.; Johnson, J.; Kacal; Keough; King, K.; King, P.; King, T.; Klick; Koop; Krause; Kuempel; Landgraf; Lang; Larson; Laubenberg; Leach; Longoria; Lozano; Lucio; Martinez; Metcalf; Meyer; Miller; Minjarez; Moody; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Murr; Neave; Oliveira; Oliverson; Ortega; Paddie; Parker; Paul; Perez; Phelan; Phillips; Pickett; Price; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rinaldi; Roberts; Rodriguez, E.; Rodriguez, J.; Romero; Rose; Sanford; Schaefer; Schofield; Schubert; Shaheen; Sheffield; Shine; Simmons; Smithee; Springer; Stephenson; Stickland; Stucky; Swanson; Thierry; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Turner; Uresti; VanDeaver; Villalba; Vo; Walle; White; Wilson; Workman; Wray; Wu; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Dukes; Lambert; Nevárez.

The speaker recognized Representative Wilson who introduced Charlie Turner, lead pastor, River Rock Bible Church, Georgetown, who offered the invocation as follows:

Gracious heavenly Father, we declare that you are the creator and sustainer of all life. We come before you grateful that today we woke up in, get to work in, and are privileged to serve in the great State of Texas. We ask your blessing upon the work you have set before this house of representatives to accomplish today.

Your word tells us, if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him. (James 1:5) We pray that you would grant the members of this house your wisdom in the decisions that are made here today. We ask also that you would bless these representatives with humility. Remembering Paul's encouragement to do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of

others. (Philippians 2:3-4) We pray these leaders of our state would embrace their calling as servant leaders, remembering Jesus' instruction not to lord authority over those we lead, instead to understand that whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant. (Matthew 20:26) May the work done here today be done in service to those who have elected them as their leaders. We pray that when differences of opinion arise that you would grant the members of this house the grace to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. (James 1:19)

For those present this morning who are hurting because of difficult personal circumstances in their marriage, their home, or for family, we ask that the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, would guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus and they would know that the God of peace is with them. (Philippians 4:6-9)

Finally, we pray that we would all keep in mind that, regardless of our differences, we have all been created in the image of God and that you have demonstrated the value of your love for all mankind by sending your son, Jesus, for the forgiveness of our sins. It is in the name that is above all names, the powerful name of Jesus, that we pray. Amen.

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

#### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following member was granted leave of absence for today and tomorrow because of illness in the family:

Lambert on motion of Stucky.

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

Dukes on motion of Rose.

#### **CAPITOL PHYSICIAN**

The speaker recognized Representative Workman who presented Dr. Poonam Rane of Austin as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

(Villalba in the chair)

#### **REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED**

On motion of Representative Lucio and by unanimous consent, the reading and referral of bills was postponed until just prior to adjournment.

#### **RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Representative Lucio moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time the following congratulatory resolutions.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolutions were laid before the house:

**HR 628** (by Morrison), Recognizing March 8, 2017, as Golden Crescent Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 723** (by Anchia), Recognizing March 8, 2017, as Parkland Health & Hospital System Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 730** (by Isaac), Recognizing March 8, 2017, as Buda Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 747** (by Guillen), Recognizing March 8, 2017, as San Diego Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 770** (by VanDeaver), Recognizing March 8, 2017, as Northeast Texas Regional Coalition Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 772** (by Oliveira and Lucio), Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce.

**HR 781** (by Fallon), Honoring Rolf Benirschke for his achievements as an NFL player and as a health advocate and philanthropist.

**HR 786** (by Springer), Recognizing March 8, 2017, as Wilbarger County and City of Vernon Day at the State Capitol.

(Ortega in the chair)

The resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Representative Lucio, the names of all the members of the house were added to the resolutions as signers thereof, with the understanding that a member may remove his or her name from any resolution.

### **PROVIDING FOR A CONGRATULATORY AND MEMORIAL CALENDAR**

Representative Lucio moved to set a congratulatory and memorial calendar for 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

### **HR 628 - INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Morrison who introduced a delegation from Victoria and Calhoun Counties.

### **HR 726 - INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Lucio who introduced a delegation from Cameron County.

### **HR 519 - PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED (by Darby)**

The chair laid out and had read the following previously adopted resolution:

**HR 519**, In memory of Eva Henley of San Angelo.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Darby who introduced family members of Eva Henley.

**HR 640 - ADOPTED  
(by Bohac)**

Representative Bohac moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 640**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 640**, Recognizing PublicSchoolOptions.org for its contributions to education.

**HR 640** was adopted.

**HR 781 - INTRODUCTION OF GUEST**

The chair recognized Representative Fallon who introduced Rolf Benirschke, former NFL placekicker for the San Diego Chargers.

**HR 772 - INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Lucio who introduced a delegation from Brownsville.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Darby moved that the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of Eva Henley of San Angelo.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 11:06 a.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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**APPENDIX**

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**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

**March 7**

Insurance - **HB 1073, HB 1197**