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PROCEEDINGS

EIGHTH DAY — WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

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 14).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Alders; Allen; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kerwin; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Gervin-Hawkins; King; Rodríguez Ramos; Turner.

The invocation was offered by Representative Johnson as follows:

God of us all, we come to you longing to have compassion for our communities. Grant us the wisdom to see beyond ourselves and to recognize the value of sharing life and love with those around us. Help us to cultivate a community where no one is in need and where our possessions and blessings are not just ours but a means to serve others. Teach us to live with hearts open to giving, hands ready to serve, and eyes that see your presence in every person. May we become the community that reflects your love and justice, making every act of sharing and caring a testament to our faith in you. Amen.

The chair recognized Representative Kitzman 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 because of important business:

Gervin-Hawkins on motion of Bowers.

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

King on motion of Harris.

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

Rodríguez Ramos on motion of C. Morales.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The chair presented Dr. Joshua Splinter of LaRue as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

(Harris in the chair)

HR 97 - ADOPTED (by Thompson)

Representative Allen moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 97**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 97, Recognizing January 29, 2025, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State Capitol.

HR 97 was adopted.

GALLERY RECOGNITION

REPRESENTATIVE METCALF: I am honored to stand here today in the Texas House to recognize some very important individuals seated in the gallery. Today, we're joined by the Texas Police Chiefs Association and police chiefs across Texas.

Members, these public safety leaders serve as the backbone of our law enforcement community and are essential to maintaining the safety and security of neighborhoods across our great state, upholding the peace, and protecting our Texas families. I'd ask that the law enforcement present here today in the gallery stand up, and I'd ask our members in this chamber to take a moment to join me expressing our heartfelt gratitude for their steadfast commitment and tireless service to the people of Texas. Law enforcement, thank you for your efforts to keep our children, families, and our communities safe. God bless you and your families. Thank you for being here.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Representative Holt moved to print remarks by Representative Metcalf.

The motion prevailed.

HR 122 - ADOPTED

(by Gámez, J. Lopez, and Longoria)

Representative Gámez moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 122**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 122, Recognizing January 29, 2025, as Brownsville Day at the State Capitol.

HR 122 was adopted.

HR 72 - ADOPTED

(by Oliverson)

Representative Oliverson moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 72**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 72, Recognizing January 29, 2025, as Shen Yun Day at the State Capitol.

HR 72 was adopted.

HR 60 - ADOPTED

(by Teppar)

Representative Teppar moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 60**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 60, Congratulating Heather Keister of Lubbock on being named the 2024 Engineer of the Year by the South Plains Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

HR 60 was adopted.

(Speaker in the chair)

HR 52 - ADOPTED

(by Wu, Button, Bhojani, Lalani, and Vo)

Representative Wu moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 52**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 52, Commemorating the Lunar New Year on January 29, 2025.

HR 52 was adopted.

On motion of Representative K. Bell, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 52** as signers thereof.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Harris moved that the house adjourn until 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 4.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 10:44 a.m., adjourned until 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 4.

APPENDIX

ENROLLED

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