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PROCEEDINGS

FORTY-FIFTH DAY (CONTINUED) — THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

The house met at 9:07 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 296).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Alders; Allen; Anchía; 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; García, J.; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; 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.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Jones, V.; Morales Shaw.

Absent — Lopez, R.; Martinez Fischer.

The invocation was offered by Scot Wall, state minister, Capitol Commission, Austin.

The chair recognized Representative Barry 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 in the district:

Morales Shaw on motion of Bowers.

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

V. Jones on motion of L. Garcia.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

REPRESENTATIVE SCHATZLINE: Mr. Speaker, if a member is opposed to a resolution—such as honoring a famed abortionist—in the State of Texas on the congratulatory and memorial resolutions calendar, is there a procedure under the House Rules to consider that resolution separately?

SPEAKER BURROWS: No, there is not.

SCHATZLINE: Would it be in order to divide the question and consider each resolution individually?

SPEAKER: No, it is not.

SCHATZLINE: The House Rules allow for a motion to vote on measures section by section. Does that rule apply to a resolutions calendar?

SPEAKER: It does not.

SCHATZLINE: For purposes of the House Rules and under house precedent, does this mean that no congratulatory and memorial calendar is considered divisible by the chair?

SPEAKER: That is correct.

SCHATZLINE: If a member of this body or group of members strongly objects—which we do—to a resolution placed on the congratulatory and memorial calendar, is our only recourse to vote against the entire calendar, thus sacrificing the rest of the good resolutions that are on the calendar?

SPEAKER: Mr. Schatzline, that is one option. You may also record an individual registration of no with the journal clerk.

SCHATZLINE: Is it true, though, that the majority of the body—or every republican in the Texas House—if they were to register a no vote, that resolution would still pass?

SPEAKER: The journal clerk cannot accept more than a majority of no votes.

SCHATZLINE: So are you saying that if every republican goes and registers a no vote on that resolution, then it would not pass?

SPEAKER: That is not what I said. The journal clerk cannot accept more than a majority of no votes.

SCHATZLINE: Will the members of this body have the opportunity to speak against the resolution?

SPEAKER: No.

SCHATZLINE: So it is—the only way we can actually kill this horrific resolution is to vote down the resolutions calendar?

SPEAKER: That is your choice, Mr. Schatzline.

SCHATZLINE: I move to postpone the consideration of today's memorial resolutions calendar until July 15th.

SPEAKER: You're not recognized for that motion at this time.

SCHATZLINE: There's no possible way that any one of our members can come and speak against recognizing an abortionist on the Texas House floor today?

SPEAKER: That is not a proper parliamentary inquiry.

REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: A couple of times in your responses to Representative Schatzline's questions, you said—I believe it was twice—that the house clerk cannot record more than a majority of noes to be registered in the journal. Where is that prohibition found in the House Rules?

SPEAKER: The resolutions on the resolution calendar are adopted by a special procedure, and they're adopted by a single motion.

HARRISON: I don't know where that would be found. Can you tell me what rule number, section, and subsection provide for that prohibition?

SPEAKER: Rule 6, Section 12.

HARRISON: While my colleagues and I are looking up that provision that you just referenced, what would happen should a majority or a majority-plus-one of the members of this body attempt to register a no vote with the clerk?

SPEAKER: Once we get past a majority, they will be recorded as statements in the journal.

HARRISON: So are you saying that it is your position that you would deny the 77th republican a chance to—

SPEAKER: Mr. Harrison, that's not what I said. What I said was a statement of fact—that the journal clerk will accept up to a majority, and after that they will be recorded as statements in the journal.

HARRISON: And I'm asking for clarification on that, Mr. Speaker. Is that what would happen? What would happen after the 76th republican went up to register? I know you're saying that they could put a statement, but they would be denied an opportunity to register no?

SPEAKER: That's not what I said. I said, as a matter of fact, they would be recorded as statements in the journal.

HARRISON: But is it not also correct that what you are saying is they would, in fact, be denied an opportunity to register a no?

SPEAKER: That's not what I said. It would be recorded as statements in the journal after that.

HARRISON: Mr. Speaker, I understand that is what you said, but I'm asking—is the implication of your statement that they would, in fact, be denied—the 77th republican would be denied—an opportunity to register a no against honoring Planned Parenthood? Is that not the implication of your statement?

SPEAKER: Mr. Harrison, that is not a proper parliamentary inquiry.

HARRISON: Who is ultimately responsible for what comes to the body and ends up on a calendar for any individual day in this chamber?

SPEAKER: Mr. Harrison, that is not a proper parliamentary inquiry.

HARRISON: It is a completely proper parliamentary inquiry. I am asking how we conduct the business of the house today. I'll rephrase it. As the presiding officer, do not the House Rules vest in you the authority to control the conduct and the time and the manner and place in which we take up and consider various motions, bills, and resolutions? Do the House Rules not vest that authority in you as the presiding officer?

SPEAKER: Mr. Harrison, the House Rules contain specific procedures for the setting of calendars by the house.

HARRISON: They absolutely do. But does the ultimate responsibility for the adjudication of that process—to make sure that process flows according to the House Rules—does that authority not reside with you as the presiding officer?

SPEAKER: Mr. Harrison, your question has been asked and answered. There are specific rules that dictate how calendars are set.

HARRISON: And you are not denying that you are, in fact, responsible for Planned Parenthood being honored today on today's calendar. It's an outrage.

REPRESENTATIVE LITTLE: Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Rule 6, Section 11, I'm given to understand that the only way that the resolution honoring Cecile Richards could have made its way onto the congratulatory and memorial calendar is if a majority of the membership of the committee on resolutions calendars so adopts it. Is that accurate?

SPEAKER: Mr. Little, that is accurate.

LITTLE: How can we determine or find out which members of the committee on resolutions calendars voted in favor of placing a resolution honoring Cecile Richards on the calendar? Is there a record vote?

SPEAKER: Mr. Little, there are committee minutes which you can reference.

LITTLE: And the minutes for the House Committee on Local and Consent Calendars records those votes determining which resolutions go on that calendar. Is that accurate?

SPEAKER: Mr. Little, that is accurate.

LITTLE: Once the members of the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars elect to place certain resolutions on that calendar, is there anything that a member of this body can do to remove it—once it has been placed there?

SPEAKER: Mr. Little, there is not.

REPRESENTATIVE LUTHER: Is there a way that we could get a record vote of how many people have filled out that form against a certain resolution?

SPEAKER: Ms. Luther, that will be printed in the journal.

LUTHER: So has it ever, in the past, been where you have looked at the votes and given us a vote count so we can see if it is actually the republican majority?

SPEAKER: No, ma'am.

REPRESENTATIVE MONEY: Mr. Speaker, it's my understanding that this bill, since the people were asking about it—the House Committee on Local and Consent Calendars, which is presided over by Chairman Jared Patterson, voted this out, and Representative Barry moved to place these measures on the congratulatory and memorial resolutions calendar—**HR 236**, honoring Cecile Richards—and that the following members—

SPEAKER: That is not a proper parliamentary inquiry.

MONEY: It was a point of information, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER: Sorry, Mr. Money, the rules do not authorize points of information.

MONEY: Then I'm finished, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

HARRISON: I'll phrase this as a question. Which committee has jurisdiction over the resolutions calendars now? Because my understanding is there's been a recent move to move it under a different committee.

SPEAKER: The Local and Consent Calendars Committee.

HARRISON: Who is the chairman of the Local and Consent Calendars Committee?

SPEAKER: Mr. Harrison, that is not a proper parliamentary inquiry.

HARRISON: It is Representative Jared Patterson. Do the House Rules stipulate that you, as the presiding officer and speaker, appoint the chairmen of all house committees?

SPEAKER: The chair does not respond to parliamentary inquiries related to general house procedure.

HARRISON: Do you, as speaker, believe it's appropriate that on Easter weekend we are honoring Cecile Richards, former president of Planned Parenthood?

SPEAKER: That is not a proper parliamentary inquiry.

HARRISON: Is there anything in the House Rules that is prohibiting you from answering my last question?

SPEAKER: Mr. Harrison, that is not a proper parliamentary inquiry.

HARRISON: You could answer the question if you wanted to.

REPRESENTATIVE HOPPER: Would it be a reasonable request to have a personal privilege speech at this time?

SPEAKER: You can bring your request down front.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Representative Harrison moved to print remarks between Representatives Schatzline, Little, Luther, Money, Hopper, Virdell, and Harrison and the chair.

The motion prevailed.

LITTLE: Mr. Speaker, not having been familiar with this rule before, I look at Rule 6, Section 12, and I question whether the chair has the ability to withdraw this resolution honoring Cecile Richards from further consideration. It appears to me that if it develops that any resolution on the congratulatory and memorial calendar does not belong on that calendar, the chair shall withdraw the resolution from further consideration, remove it from the calendar, and refer it to the appropriate calendars committee for placement on the proper calendar.

SPEAKER: Mr. Little, the committee had jurisdiction over the resolution. It is a memorial resolution.

LITTLE: I understand, Mr. Speaker, that the committee did, in fact, have jurisdiction over it and voted on it. But isn't it correct that if you, the chair, find that this resolution should not be on the calendar, that you have the authority to remove it for whatever reason you like?

SPEAKER: Mr. Little, I have responded to your inquiry.

REPRESENTATIVE VIRDELL: Is it standard procedure to honor people who have killed millions of unborn babies?

SPEAKER: Mr. Virdell, that is not a proper parliamentary inquiry.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the senate were received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message Nos. 1 and 2).

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The chair presented Dr. Lindsay Botsford of Houston as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

FIVE-DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED

Representative Meyer moved to suspend the five-day posting rule to allow the Committee on Ways and Means to consider **HB 4847** and **HB 3199** at 1 p.m. Monday, April 21 in JHR 140.

The motion prevailed.

Representative VanDeaver moved to suspend the five-day posting rule to allow the Committee on Public Health to consider **HB 4014**, **HB 3318**, and **HB 5147** at 12 p.m. Monday, April 21 in E2.030.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following committee meetings were announced:

Delivery of Government Efficiency, upon final adjournment today, 1W.14, for a formal meeting, to consider pending, referred, and committee business.

Agriculture and Livestock, upon final adjournment today, 3W.15, for a formal meeting, to consider pending, referred, and committee business.

Energy Resources, upon final adjournment today, 3W.9, for a formal meeting, to consider pending, referred, and committee business.

HR 835 - ADOPTED

(by Turner, Bhojani, Tinderholt, Cook, and Collier)

Representative Turner moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 835**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 835, Recognizing April 17, 2025, as The University of Texas at Arlington Day at the State Capitol.

HR 835 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Collier, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 835** as signers thereof.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development, upon final adjournment today, 1W.14, for a formal meeting, to consider pending, referred, and committee business.

(R. Lopez now present)

(Patterson in the chair)

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS CALENDAR

The following congratulatory resolutions were laid before the house and were adopted by the following record vote (members registering votes and the results of the vote are shown following the resolution caption).

(Record 297): 133 Yeas, 7 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Anchia; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman;

LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Harrison; Hopper; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Olcott; Tinderholt.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Patterson(C).

Absent, Excused — Jones, V.; Morales Shaw.

Absent — Cole; Dorazio; Martinez Fischer; Oliverson; Pierson; Schatzline.

HCR 128 (by Paul), Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 7 (by C. Morales), Commemorating Mexican Mother's Day on May 10, 2025. (Patterson recorded voting no.) (133 - 8 - 1)

HR 11 (by C. Morales), Commemorating the 143rd anniversary of the birth of Minnie Fisher Cunningham. (Isaac, Metcalf, and Patterson recorded voting no.) (131 - 10 - 1)

HR 37 (by Lalani), Commending the Emgage Texas Emerging Leaders program. (Alders, Ashby, Barry, C. Bell, K. Bell, Buckley, Bumgarner, Cain, Craddick, Cunningham, Curry, Dean, DeAyala, Dorazio, Fairly, Gates, Gerdes, Harless, Harris, Hayes, Holt, Hull, Isaac, Kerwin, King, Lambert, Leo Wilson, Little, J. Lopez, Louderback, Lozano, Luther, McLaughlin, McQueeney, Metcalf, Money, Morgan, Noble, Oliverson, Patterson, Paul, Pierson, Richardson, Schoolcraft, Shofner, Slawson, Smithee, Spiller, Swanson, Tepper, Tinderholt, Toth, Virdell, Wharton, and Wilson recorded voting no.) (Dyson, Lowe, and Shaheen requested to be recorded voting no after the deadline established by Rule 5, Section 52, of the House Rules.) (82 - 59 - 1)

HR 69 (by Cain), Commending the Crosby High School Band for performing at the State Capitol on December 5, 2024. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 83 (by Lozano), Recognizing April 16, 2025, as Refugio County Day at the State Capitol. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 89 (by Bumgarner), Commemorating the centennial of the city of Lewisville. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 100 (by Holt), Recognizing March 4, 2025, as Montgomery County Day at the State Capitol. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 123 (by Cain), Commemorating the 232nd anniversary of the birth of Sam Houston. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 129 (by Lozano), Recognizing February 24, 2025, as Taft Housing Authority Day at the State Capitol. (Isaac recorded voting no.) (132 - 8 - 2)

HR 137 (by Johnson), Honoring Frances "Poppy" Northcutt for her professional and civic achievements. (Cunningham, Hull, Isaac, Metcalf, Patterson, and Shaheen recorded voting no.) (Schoolcraft requested to be recorded voting no after the deadline established by Rule 5, Section 52, of the House Rules.) (128 - 13 - 1)

HR 254 (by Lozano), Congratulating the Portland City Council on its selection as the 2025 City Council of the Year by the Texas City Management Association. (Cain, Isaac, Oliverson, Swanson, Toth, and Virdell recorded voting no.) (127 - 13 - 2)

HR 258 (by Flores, Cole, Howard, Goodwin, et al.), Congratulating Dick Lavine on his retirement as a senior fiscal analyst at Every Texan. (Bonnen, Cain, Capriglione, Cunningham, DeAyala, Fairly, Gates, Harris, Hayes, Hull, Isaac, Leach, Leo Wilson, Louderback, Lozano, McQueeney, Metcalf, Morgan, Oliverson, Patterson, Paul, Slawson, Swanson, Tepper, Tinderholt, Toth, Virdell, and Wilson recorded voting no.) (Pierson requested to be recorded voting no after the deadline established by Rule 5, Section 52, of the House Rules.) (109 - 32 - 1)

HR 289 (by Hefner), Honoring Michael Mars for his service as Titus County GOP executive committee chair. (Isaac recorded voting no.) (132 - 8 - 2)

HR 293 (by Y. Davis), Congratulating Dr. Clarence O. Preston of Beth Eden Baptist Church in Dallas on his 40th pastoral anniversary. (Isaac and Patterson recorded voting no.) (132 - 9 - 1)

HR 318 (by Slawson), Recognizing the 2025 Tarleton State University legislative interns. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 324 (by Fairly), Commending Candy Gibbs on her three decades of service to Hope Choice Pregnancy Centers and Mentoring Programs in Amarillo. (Cunningham and Isaac recorded voting no.) (131 - 9 - 2)

HR 350 (by Cole), Honoring Nelson Linder for his 25 years of service as president of the Austin NAACP. (Isaac, Metcalf, Patterson, Paul, and Tepper recorded voting no.) (Pierson requested to be recorded voting no after the deadline established by Rule 5, Section 52, of the House Rules.) (129 - 12 - 1)

HR 368 (by Reynolds), Recognizing March 19, 2025, as Texas NAACP Day at the State Capitol. (Cunningham, Isaac, Lozano, Metcalf, Patterson, Paul, Schoolcraft, Spiller, and Tepper recorded voting no.) (Pierson requested to be recorded voting no after the deadline established by Rule 5, Section 52, of the House Rules.) (126 - 15 - 1)

HR 370 (by Reynolds), Recognizing March 19, 2025, as Houston Black American Democrats Day at the State Capitol. (Cunningham, Gates, Hull, Isaac, Louderback, Lowe, McQueeney, Metcalf, Morgan, Patterson, Slawson, Tepper,

and Tinderholt recorded voting no.) (Pierson requested to be recorded voting no after the deadline established by Rule 5, Section 52, of the House Rules.) (124 - 17 - 1)

HR 372 (by Isaac), Recognizing March 4, 2025, as Make Texans Healthy Again Day at the State Capitol. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 379 (by Manuel), Honoring Hargie Faye Savoy for her service to the Port Arthur community. (Isaac, Metcalf, and Patterson recorded voting no.) (131 - 10 - 1)

HR 406 (by Olcott), Congratulating Weatherford ISD on being named a Career and Technical Education District of Distinction. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 407 (by Olcott), Congratulating Aledo ISD on being named a Career and Technical Education District of Distinction. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 432 (by Toth), Commemorating the 50th anniversary of The Woodlands. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 445 (by Bhojani), Recognizing April 29, 2025, as Bahá'í Day at the State Capitol. (Alders, Ashby, Barry, C. Bell, K. Bell, Buckley, Bumgarner, Cain, Craddick, Cunningham, Curry, Dean, DeAyala, Dorazio, Dyson, Fairly, Gerdes, Harless, Harris, Harris Davila, Hayes, Holt, Hull, Isaac, Kerwin, King, Lambert, Leo Wilson, Little, J. Lopez, Louderback, Lozano, Luther, McLaughlin, McQueeney, Metcalf, Money, Oliverson, Orr, Patterson, Paul, Pierson, Richardson, Schoolcraft, Shofner, Slawson, Spiller, Swanson, Tepper, Toth, Virdell, and Wharton recorded voting no.) (84 - 57 - 1)

HR 471 (by Howard), Honoring Texas Women's Foundation on the occasion of International Women's Day. (Cunningham, Isaac, Louderback, Lozano, Metcalf, and Patterson recorded voting no.) (128 - 13 - 1)

HR 504 (by Tinderholt), Congratulating the Texas Rangers on their 53rd anniversary in Arlington. (Isaac recorded voting no.) (132 - 8 - 2)

HR 506 (by Bumgarner), Commemorating the grand opening of the John Ashman Fire Training Complex in Lewisville. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 507 (by Bumgarner), Congratulating Sergeant Barron Smith on his retirement from the Flower Mound Police Department. (Isaac recorded voting no.) (132 - 8 - 2)

HR 528 (by Louderback), Honoring the Reverend Marvin Joe Moore and Sister Mildred Ann Moore for their 50 years of pastoral service at First Church Bay City. (Isaac recorded voting no.) (132 - 8 - 2)

HR 567 (by Holt), Welcoming the Liberty Elementary School Student Council to the State Capitol. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 572 (by Smithee), Commemorating the 62nd anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Gideon v. Wainwright. (Cunningham recorded voting no.) (132 - 8 - 2)

HR 591 (by Reynolds), Honoring Cliff Albright for his efforts to encourage voter participation and civic engagement. (Cunningham, Hull, Isaac, Leach, Louderback, Lozano, Metcalf, Patterson, Paul, Shaheen, Slawson, Tepper, and Wilson recorded voting no.) (Schoolcraft requested to be recorded voting no after the deadline established by Rule 5, Section 52, of the House Rules.) (123 - 18 - 1)

HR 592 (by Reynolds), Honoring Bishop Ronnie Elijah Brailsford Sr. for his outstanding contributions as a spiritual leader. (Dean, Harris Davila, Isaac, Leach, and Metcalf recorded voting no.) (128 - 12 - 2)

HR 593 (by Reynolds), Recognizing April 10, 2025, as Environmental Justice Day at the State Capitol. (C. Bell, K. Bell, Craddick, Cunningham, Curry, Dorazio, Holt, Hull, Isaac, Leach, Louderback, Lozano, Luther, McQueeney, Metcalf, Patterson, Paul, Pierson, Richardson, Slawson, Spiller, Toth, and Wilson recorded voting no.) (Schoolcraft requested to be recorded voting no after the deadline established by Rule 5, Section 52, of the House Rules.) (113 - 28 - 1)

HR 603 (by Holt), Welcoming the Liberty Elementary School Student Council to the State Capitol. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 614 (by Lalani), Recognizing April 15, 2025, as Ismaili CIVIC Advocacy Day of Service. (Alders, Ashby, Barry, C. Bell, K. Bell, Bonnen, Buckley, Bumgarner, Cain, Capriglione, Cook, Craddick, Cunningham, Curry, Dean, DeAyala, Dorazio, Dyson, Fairly, Gerdes, Guillen, Harless, Harris, Harris Davila, Hayes, Holt, Hull, Isaac, Kerwin, Lambert, Leach, Leo Wilson, J. Lopez, Louderback, Lozano, McQueeney, Metcalf, Oliverson, Orr, Paul, Pierson, Richardson, Schoolcraft, Shofner, Slawson, Smithee, Spiller, Tepper, Toth, Villalobos, Virdell, Wharton, and Wilson recorded voting no.) (83 - 57 - 2)

HR 621 (by Simmons), Congratulating Ivy L. Walls on her receipt of a 2025 Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. (Cunningham, Isaac, and Paul recorded voting no.) (130 - 10 - 2)

HR 673 (by Romero), Commemorating the 98th anniversary of the birth of Cesar Chavez on March 31, 2025. (Bonnen, Capriglione, DeAyala, Hull, Isaac, Leach, Metcalf, Noble, Paul, Shaheen, Slawson, Toth, and Wilson recorded voting no.) (Pierson requested to be recorded voting no after the deadline established by Rule 5, Section 52, of the House Rules.) (120 - 20 - 2)

HR 684 (by Hinojosa), Honoring Chief Russell Martin of the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma. (Cain, DeAyala, Dyson, Gates, Gerdes, Hull, Isaac, McQueeney, Metcalf, Morgan, and Virdell recorded voting no.) (122 - 18 - 2)

HR 685 (by Hinojosa), Congratulating Joanna Botello on being selected as the 2025 Teacher of Promise at Navarro Early College High School in the Austin Independent School District. (Isaac and Metcalf recorded voting no.) (131 - 9 - 2)

HR 687 (by Hinojosa), Congratulating Bryce Hilber on being selected as the 2025 Teacher of Promise at Crockett Early College High School in the Austin Independent School District. (Isaac and Metcalf recorded voting no.) (131 - 9 - 2)

HR 700 (by Lujan), Commemorating the 52nd annual Heroes Luncheon of the 100 Club of San Antonio. (Cunningham recorded voting no.) (132 - 8 - 2)

HR 701 (by A. Davis), Congratulating the 2025 African American Education Archives and History Program Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony honorees. (Isaac, Louderback, Lozano, and Paul recorded voting no.) (131 - 9 - 2)

HR 711 (by Bucy), Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Williamson County Emergency Medical Services. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 712 (by Meyer), Welcoming the fourth-grade class of St. Mark's School of Texas in Dallas to the State Capitol. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 754 (by Dyson, Curry, and Craddick), Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute. (Cunningham recorded voting no.) (132 - 8 - 2)

HR 757 (by Guillen), Recognizing April 24, 2025, as La Salle County Day at the State Capitol. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 758 (by Guillen), Recognizing April 22, 2025, as McMullen County Day at the State Capitol. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 760 (by Guillen), Recognizing April 9, 2025, as City of Kenedy Day at the State Capitol. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 764 (by Louderback), Recognizing April 24, 2025, as Reman Day. (Cunningham and Isaac recorded voting no.) (131 - 9 - 2)

HR 765 was previously adopted.

HR 766 (by Lujan), Congratulating Felix Lopez of Southwest Legacy High School on being named KSAT's Educator of the Month. (Isaac recorded voting no.) (132 - 8 - 2)

HR 767 (by Guerra), Commemorating Tejano Day 2025. (Isaac and Metcalf recorded voting no.) (131 - 9 - 2)

HR 768 (by Johnson), Commemorating the dedication of an Official Texas Historical Marker for Southside Place Park. (Isaac recorded voting no.) (132 - 8 - 2)

HR 769 (by Y. Davis), Congratulating Curtis King on his receipt of a 2025 Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. (Cunningham, Gates, Isaac, Leach, Metcalf, Morgan, Paul, and Shaheen recorded voting no.) (125 - 15 - 2)

HR 770 (by Y. Davis), Congratulating Stephen Wayne Jackson Sr. on his receipt of a 2025 Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. (Cunningham, Isaac, Leach, Metcalf, and Paul recorded voting no.) (128 - 12 - 2)

HR 771 (by Y. Davis), Congratulating Richard Lee Pace on his receipt of a 2025 Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. (Cunningham, Isaac, Leach, Metcalf, and Paul recorded voting no.) (128 - 12 - 2)

HR 772 (by Guillen), Commending Dr. Luis Alcala for his participation in the Physician of the Day program on April 4, 2025. (Isaac recorded voting no.) (132 - 8 - 2)

HR 774 was previously adopted.

HR 776 (by Johnson), Congratulating Purple Songs Can Fly on its receipt of an Arts Create grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts. (Cunningham, Isaac, and Leach recorded voting no.) (130 - 10 - 2)

HR 777 (by Johnson), Congratulating the Jones Graduate School of Business at Rice University on its 50th anniversary. (Cain, Cunningham, Gates, Morgan, and Virdell recorded voting no.) (128 - 12 - 2)

HR 778 (by Johnson), Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the George R. Brown School of Engineering and Computing at Rice University. (Cain, Cunningham, Gates, Morgan, Toth, and Virdell recorded voting no.) (127 - 13 - 2)

HR 779 (by Johnson), Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University. (Cunningham and Toth recorded voting no.) (131 - 9 - 2)

HR 780 (by Johnson), Congratulating Lee Ehmke on his retirement as president and CEO of the Houston Zoo. (Cunningham and Isaac recorded voting no.) (131 - 9 - 2)

HR 783 (by Guillen), Recognizing April 24, 2025, as Jim Hogg County Day at the State Capitol. (133 - 7 - 2)

HR 784 (by Hunter), Congratulating Dr. Juan Carlos Huerta on his selection as a Texas A&M University System Regents Professor. (Cunningham and Isaac recorded voting no.) (131 - 9 - 2)

(Martinez Fischer now present)

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS CALENDAR

The following memorial resolutions were laid before the house:

HR 6 (by C. Morales), Posthumously honoring the construction workers who died in the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, Maryland, on March 26, 2024.

HR 17 (by Raymond and Curry), In memory of Corey D. Comperatore of Sarver, Pennsylvania.

HR 18 (by Cole), In memory of Dr. Charles Eugene Urdy of Austin.

HR 49 (by Cole), In memory of Ina Glasberg of Needham, Massachusetts.

HR 170 (by Hopper, Oliverson, Schatzline, Olcott, et al.), In memory of Jill Glover of Double Oak.

HR 236 (by Howard, Flores, and Turner), In memory of Cecile Richards, former president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

HR 247 (by Morales Shaw, Reynolds, Thompson, Allen, and Walle), In memory of U.S. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston.

HR 275 (by J. Jones), In memory of Judge Zinetta Arceneaux Burney of Houston.

HR 355 (by Bucy), In memory of William Everett Brannon Jr. of Sulphur Springs.

HR 356 (by Bucy), In memory of Jennifer Joy Mattingly of Round Rock.

HR 364 (by Collier), In memory of retired judge L. Clifford Davis of Arlington.

HR 672 (by DeAyala), In memory of George William Strake Jr. and Annette DeWalch Strake of Houston.

HR 690 (by Louderback), In memory of Sister Emilie Eilers of Victoria.

HR 755 (by Button), In memory of Janice S. Watson Cullum.

HR 756 (by Button), In memory of George L. Cullum III.

HR 759 (by Guillen), In memory of Dr. William Peter Kuvlesky Jr. of Kingsville.

HR 762 (by Harless), In memory of Eugene Frank Zaboroski of Cypress.

HR 763 (by Moody), In memory of Sharon Carol "Shay" Shugert of El Paso.

HR 781 (by Lujan), In memory of Cameron Celeste Jacobson of San Antonio.

HR 785 (by Howard and Flores), In memory of former state comptroller and Austin mayor Carole Keeton.

Representative Geren moved to adopt the memorial resolutions. (The motion was withdrawn later today, and the memorial resolutions were returned to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars.)

REMARKS

REPRESENTATIVE HOPPER: Members, today you are being asked to approve a resolutions calendar that honors Cecile Richards, the former leader of an organization that advocated, marketed, and executed abortions that resulted in the deaths of millions of Americans over more than a decade. In just one year, from 2022 to 2023, the lives of nearly 400,000 Americans were brutally brought to an end. I do not believe that I am wrong that the vast majority of this chamber is vocally and philosophically opposed to this practice, in general, and to this woman, in particular. And yet, in a highly coincidental turn of events, this chamber has also chosen to honor the life of former state republican committee woman Jill Glover, who, in stark contrast, fought at all times for life and for eternal truth. Many members were touched by her kindness and wisdom, and a number of members are here because of Jill Glover. It is an affront to the dignity of this chamber, to the values that are exemplified by the laws in this state, and to the sensibilities of the vast majority of Texans that we would even suggest that this chamber honor Richards. But it is beyond comprehension that we would ask that by approving a resolution honoring the life of Jill Glover—that by that vote—they would also be honoring Richards.

Many of you all, especially freshmen like me, might believe that it is possible to register a no vote for a particular resolution after the fact. But even if every single one of us registered a no vote on a particular resolution, that resolution would still have been passed by this body if we approve the calendar. Members, if you vote today for this calendar, you are voting to honor a woman

who is largely responsible for the extermination of millions of young Americans. I believe that if Jill Glover was with us today, she would never ask you to vote for this calendar to honor her memory. Today, I suggest to you that this is Jill's last victory in the name of life over death. I ask that all republicans vote no on this calendar.

REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO: Members, I promise you, you won't see me up here speaking for or against very often, and I hope that when I do, I can have a little bit of impact on you. While I respect tremendously what Representative Hopper discussed in terms of Jill Glover, I didn't know Ms. Glover, and I'm sure maybe many of you did. Maybe her life did have an impact on you, and maybe that is why you're here. And I respect that. I had a great conversation with Representative Money yesterday. He sits right behind me. I turn around and talk to him quite often. I think that we've actually made a bond over the last couple of days. I told him that one of the things that I really dislike about being in political life is that so many times, as democrats or republicans, we start out by saying, "You know, Ramon, I think that you and I, we're not going to agree on just about everything. We're going to disagree on a lot of things." And I say, "How do you know that? I bet if we got to know each other first, you might actually take that back." And the only way we're going to know that is if we get to know each other, if we keep turning around, keep having conversations. And if we disagree, as I told him, hopefully it's on a golf course, where we can just go on to the next hole.

We don't have to agree. But if somebody meant something to you or to me, the tradition of this house is that we honor those persons whether we agree with that person's life or not. I thought that I was going to come up here and talk about the congratulatory and the memorial calendar, and I had a congratulatory—thank you all for approving that—on César Chávez. I had a resolution that I wanted to present earlier and suspend the rules, but that wasn't allowed because some people don't want to honor César Chávez anymore. My dad was a farm worker in 1961 and moved all around this country as a bracero, answering the call when this country needed him. That's a hard life, moving around 45 days at a time. And I would have loved to have been able to honor César Chávez. This isn't about my resolution. Heck, one of the best things on that congratulatory calendar, I'll tell you, is Christina Morales's congratulatory addition, which is honoring Mexican Mother's Day on May 10. On this calendar, as well, is Sheila Jackson Lee. All Houston—can't imagine what it would be like to be a Black young lady in Houston and have Sheila Jackson Lee to look up to. Representative Collier has Judge Clifford Davis of Arlington. He assisted Thurgood Marshall in *Brown v. Board of Education*. We've talked a lot about that in the last couple of days. One hundred and one years of life. Imagine what an inspirational figure he was to Black boys and girls, not only in Texas but in this whole country. As a matter of fact, I just walked over to talk to Representative Collier, and I just learned today that he swore her in when she became a lawyer. It's about her memory, too.

On that congratulatory calendar, which some of you all were ready to do away with, is that man right there, Sam Houston. I'll bet you didn't think about that when you were ready to just do away with both. I'm not going to dishonor

his memory. I'm proud as heck to be a Texan. This is about tradition. This is about courage. This is about doing the right thing right now. Don't be scared. The Texan I know, that guy right there, do you think he was scared? There was no fear in him. When I said one of my favorites on the congratulatory calendar—and this is about tradition—every Mother's Day, on May 10, I call my mom early in the morning. And I say, "Estas son las mañanitas que cantaba el Rey David. Hoy por ser día de tu santo, te las cantamos a ti. Despierta, mi bien, despierta, mira que ya amaneció. Ya los pajarillos cantan, la luna ya se metió." See, it brings tears to her eyes too, J.M. So I preach to you right now that you can have the courage to honor tradition in this Texas House where courage exists.

REPRESENTATIVE SCHATZLINE: Members, I want to first off say that if you have memorial resolutions that you truly care about, that matter, I would ask you to resubmit them. But the problem is today, on this calendar, we have that we're honoring Cecile Richards, who is president of Planned Parenthood, who is responsible for the death of 63.6 million babies. I know that's an uncomfortable truth. And I'm doing my very best to speak with compassion when I say this because what I understand to be true is that we are a pro-life state that has passed legislation that lines up with our biblical values that says life begins at conception. And that is why we protect the unborn in this state. And yet, we have the audacity as the Texas House to bring before us a resolution that honors a woman that perpetuates the murder of children.

Who will speak for the 63.6 million babies? We will. Who will stand in the gap? Because I get it. As a member, you're supposed to have a right. You're supposed to have a right to talk about those who have died in your district. Who's talking about the 63-plus million babies who have died? Who's speaking? And you're right. I am. I don't know who said it, but you're right. And I'm going to keep talking about it because the reality is that if we don't speak about them, they will be forgotten. And that is how society declines. Society declines because we refuse to say the uncomfortable things, and that is that we have traded the value of life in our culture across our country for the convenience of saying, "Oh, that's not a child." It is. It is a child. Not only does our Bible say that it's a child, but science tells us that it's a child.

And so today, we stand in solidarity. And I'm asking, if you are someone who believes in life in this chamber—I'm asking, will you vote no? Will you speak up for the 63.6 million babies who lost their lives? Will you speak up by voting no on this calendar? Because, members, it's very simple. A yes vote to this calendar today is to silence the voices of those who have no voice. It's to silence the voices of those who were murdered senselessly. Members, if you want to honor Jill Glover today, you will vote no, because there is no better way to honor the life of that incredible woman than to take down this calendar. And I'm expecting it. Republicans, I know you in this chamber. I know many of you. You have fought for the pro-life cause. This is the easiest vote you will take—to stand up and be a voice for those who have no voice today.

REPRESENTATIVE LITTLE: With great respect for my friend Representative Romero, I believe that tradition is too high a price to pay for my conscience. And I think you believe that too, don't you, Mr. Schatzline?

SCHATZLINE: Absolutely. Couldn't have said it better myself.

REPRESENTATIVE SHAHEEN: Mr. Schatzline, do you know how the memorial resolution works on the floor?

SCHATZLINE: I do. Essentially what will happen is we have the option to register a no vote, but that no vote—

SHAHEEN: Have you ever done that before?

SCHATZLINE: I have registered a no vote.

SHAHEEN: Okay, so what does it mean?

SCHATZLINE: It means when you register a no vote, you can put it in the journal, but it cannot actually kill the resolution.

SHAHEEN: We're not asking to kill the resolution. I'm asking you if there's a line item on the memorial resolution that you don't agree with—and you gave a really nice speech about the pro-life movement—

SCHATZLINE: I appreciate that.

SHAHEEN: By the way, this body ended abortion in the State of Texas.

SCHATZLINE: Well, I would venture to say—

SHAHEEN: Hold on, sir. I've not finished asking my question.

SCHATZLINE: —for every child that is still being aborted by the abortion pill today—

SHAHEEN: Can I ask my question?

SCHATZLINE: All the more reason why what we're doing matters.

SHAHEEN: Can I ask my question—

SCHATZLINE: You may.

SHAHEEN: —or are you afraid of something?

SCHATZLINE: Am I afraid of something?

SHAHEEN: So when a member registers—

SCHATZLINE: I'm afraid that babies are—

SHAHEEN: Can I ask my question? Can I ask my question? Yes or no? Do you still yield for my question, sir? Yes or no?

SCHATZLINE: I do. Please proceed.

SHAHEEN: Okay. So when somebody registers a no on the line item on that memorial resolution, they are voting against that line item. I would say, sir, since you reference the Bible, the Bible talks about not deceiving individuals. And I believe you are deceiving the public. You're trying to make people think that people—

SCHATZLINE: Mr. Shaheen, can I respond?

SHAHEEN: Sir, absolutely.

SCHATZLINE: I believe you are deceiving the public because what you know to be true, just as well as I do, is that even if you register a no vote on that resolution, that resolution still passes.

SHAHEEN: If it's put up to the will of the body, it depends on the vote.

SCHATZLINE: But is that correct?

SHAHEEN: But if an individual puts a "no" by that resolution, they are publicly stating they are against—

SCHATZLINE: But does the resolution still pass?

SHAHEEN: Sir, Sir, may I complete my question to you?

SCHATZLINE: Please complete it.

SHAHEEN: Is it not true that if you put a "no" by an item on the resolution, that member is saying no to that resolution?

SCHATZLINE: They're not voting, though.

SHAHEEN: Doesn't it say in the journal—like when you've registered noes before—doesn't it say in the journal that that member is saying no to that line item? Yes or no?

SCHATZLINE: It is not a vote because the resolution will still pass.

SHAHEEN: Sir, yes or no?

SCHATZLINE: No.

SHAHEEN: Does it say in the journal that when I'm going to put a no on the resolution—and many of the members are going to put a no on the Cecile Richards memorial—they are saying they are opposing that resolution? Yes or no?

SCHATZLINE: I will answer your question. The resolution will still pass if you do that, Mr. Shaheen. I would ask you to vote no.

SHAHEEN: Thank you, but that's not my question. Will it show in the journal? When you've put no in the journal before, what does it say? Does it not show in the journal that that member is saying no to that line item?

SCHATZLINE: The resolution still passes if you do that.

SHAHEEN: Sir, one more time. Here's my question.

SCHATZLINE: And I'll answer the same. I'll answer the same.

SHAHEEN: If you put no, does it not say in the journal that that member is registering a no?

SCHATZLINE: It is not a vote.

SHAHEEN: I'm not saying whether it passes or not.

SCHATZLINE: Well, I'm glad you acknowledge that.

SHAHEEN: In the journal, when you've done it before and you've put no by memorial resolutions, did it not show in the journal?

SCHATZLINE: I understand you want to register a no without voting no, but it does not actually kill the resolution.

SHAHEEN: Okay. Well, remember what the Bible says about lying. It's actually one of the Ten Commandments that's on—

SCHATZLINE: And I would encourage you to read that.

SHAHEEN: —on the grounds of the Capitol.

SCHATZLINE: I would encourage you to read that.

REPRESENTATIVE SLAWSON: Thank you, Representative. You're aware that a couple of sessions ago we had several pro-life bills in this chamber, correct?

SCHATZLINE: Yes, ma'am.

SLAWSON: And that we did, in fact, ban abortion in Texas, correct?

SCHATZLINE: I believe we banned many forms of abortion, but babies are still dying through the abortion pill.

SLAWSON: Was that before you were in the chamber?

SCHATZLINE: It was.

SLAWSON: I understand the difficulty of this particular resolutions calendar today, and I feel it personally, as many of you do. I also see on here—do you also see—that there is a resolution honoring Corey Comperatore, who was assassinated in Pennsylvania at the rally?

SCHATZLINE: I do, yes. And I humbly ask that he would resubmit that resolution because someone needs to speak for the unborn.

SLAWSON: And I don't disagree with resubmitting resolutions on here. You personally knew Ms. Glover, correct?

SCHATZLINE: Yes.

SLAWSON: I did not. Do I understand that you believe that it would honor her legacy to vote this calendar down today rather than have her and Ms. Richards on the same calendar?

SCHATZLINE: Absolutely. Yes, ma'am.

REPRESENTATIVE SCHOFIELD: Mr. Schatzline, we voted several dozen times in this chamber yesterday, did we not?

SCHATZLINE: We did.

SCHOFIELD: And when you pushed a button—turns out when I pushed a button to vote for **SB 2**, I didn't vote because it didn't register—but when you pressed the vote, it actually registered a vote, and if there were more nays than ayes, the measure would not pass. Is that correct?

SCHATZLINE: That's correct.

SCHOFIELD: When we enter a no in the journal, it doesn't have the same effect as an actual no vote, does it?

SCHATZLINE: Representative Schofield, that's exactly my point—is that it doesn't. It will not kill the resolution. Even if every republican registered a no, the resolution would still pass.

SCHOFIELD: And in fact, we were told that the journal clerk could not take enough no votes to defeat a resolution or the calendar. Is that not correct?

SCHATZLINE: That's correct.

SCHOFIELD: So while we're giving ourselves cover by voting no and we're telling our people back home we voted no, we didn't actually vote no when we do that, did we?

SCHATZLINE: That's correct.

SCHOFIELD: So people can do what they want to do and what their conscience dictates, but we're not actually voting no if we register a no.

SCHATZLINE: That's correct.

Pursuant to Rule 5, Section 28, of the House Rules, Representative Tinderholt requested an extension of speaking time on the motion to adopt.

The request was granted by (Record 298): 141 Yeas, 1 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; 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; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; 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.; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Shaheen.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Patterson(C).

Absent, Excused — Jones, V.; Morales Shaw.

Absent — Allen; Cole; Hickland; Pierson.

REPRESENTATIVE TINDERHOLT: I'd first like to say thank you to my peers for that vote. Allowing us to speak is important. Thank you. So registering a no vote is saying, if I had the opportunity to vote, I would have voted no. Is that correct?

SCHATZLINE: That's correct.

TINDERHOLT: But it's not a real vote of no. Pushing a button is a true recorded no vote. Is that correct?

SCHATZLINE: That's correct. And actually, that is the only vote that will have implications on the passage of the resolution.

TINDERHOLT: And so the only way to remove this egregious resolution or memorial or recognition is to—you know what? I would expect a little bit more respect from my peers. This is a pretty big topic. As a matter of fact, I talked to the author and went to her, and we talked very kindly about it. I'm disappointed in some of my peers in the way they're acting, but for some of them, it's not surprising. Here's the question: What we're doing is we're forcing a record vote to remove this so that we can honor the 60-plus million innocent, unborn, defenseless children that were murdered in the U.S. The organization that did it, she was in charge of. Is that correct?

SCHATZLINE: That's correct.

TINDERHOLT: You're forcing a record vote instead of a vote where you go on paper and you say, "If I could have voted, I would have voted no." But we're not really voting.

SCHATZLINE: That's correct. And I truly believe, Representative Tinderholt, we're going to be held accountable by the fact that what we said or refused to say in the face of this type of abhorrent evil.

TINDERHOLT: So you are telling the truth. We had someone up here come earlier and try to make it out like you're lying. I don't think you're lying. I want a record vote. That's why we're fighting so hard for this. I've been here 10 years. I've recorded no votes more times than I can count. But I wanted a formal vote—a formal vote—to take this down. My democrat peers are in the back chastising and playing silly games. You know what? It shows who some of them truly are. I want to vote on this, and I appreciate you doing this.

SCHATZLINE: Thank you.

TINDERHOLT: I want to push a button and say no.

SCHATZLINE: I want the same thing.

REPRESENTATIVE MONEY: Mr. Schatzline, I have a few questions in case some people in the gallery or in the chamber or watching at home don't understand who Cecile Richards was. Are you aware that Ms. Richards was the president of Planned Parenthood from 2006 to 2018?

SCHATZLINE: Yes, I'm aware.

MONEY: Mr. Schatzline, what is Planned Parenthood?

SCHATZLINE: Planned Parenthood is an organization that in many ways perpetuated the murdering of children.

MONEY: It was and probably still is America's largest abortion provider. Is that correct?

SCHATZLINE: That's correct.

MONEY: And are you aware that during Cecile Richards' tenure as president of Planned Parenthood, Planned Parenthood performed approximately 3,890,000 abortions nationwide, based on their own annual reports and the Guttmacher Institute estimates?

SCHATZLINE: I knew it was a large number. I was not aware of the exact number.

MONEY: Are you aware that during Cecile Richards' tenure as president of Planned Parenthood, between 837,000 and 890,000 abortions were performed in Texas, according to Texas DSHS and Guttmacher Institute data?

SCHATZLINE: I did not know it was that many, but that's heartbreaking, and really why we must vote this down.

MONEY: Are you aware that Ms. Richards came under fire in 2011 for claiming, I believe on *The Joy Behar Show*, that removing taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood would deny mammogram access to women, despite the fact that Planned Parenthood does not provide any mammograms?

SCHATZLINE: I was not aware of that.

MONEY: Do you remember in 2015, Planned Parenthood also came under fire for undercover videos that revealed it was illegally selling baby parts under Cecile Richards' leadership?

SCHATZLINE: I was aware of that. And I'm glad you brought it up, because I didn't mention it in my speech. But absolutely I was aware of that. It is evil. It is disgusting. It is vile. And that's why we must vote no.

MONEY: And it is criminal.

SCHATZLINE: It is criminal.

MONEY: Do you remember in 2016 when Texas officials, citing those undercover videos, accused Planned Parenthood's Texas affiliates of Medicaid fraud, alleging improper billing for abortion-related services? And are you aware that Richards, as the president at that time, was implicated in these oversight failures, possibly leading to the end of her 12-year tenure?

SCHATZLINE: Yes.

MONEY: Do you remember in 2017—after she had stepped down—when undercover video revealed that during her tenure as president, Planned Parenthood was pressuring women here in Texas to have abortions and denying them prenatal care?

SCHATZLINE: Yes.

MONEY: Now, I don't assume that just because she did all of these horrific things and was one of the nation's most vocal advocates for baby murder that there aren't other things in her life that she may have done that would be worthy of honor and recognition in this chamber, but are you aware of any of those things?

SCHATZLINE: The only things I'm aware of are the things that we've talked about thus far.

MONEY: And you were here earlier in the chamber when we were asking questions of the speaker, and he told us he has no power to take down this resolution, correct?

SCHATZLINE: Yes, the onus is solely on us to vote this down.

MONEY: And we also talked, I believe—

SCHATZLINE: Well, can I correct that? The onus is solely on us, or if the speaker or the chair would like to go ahead and remove it. So it can go either way, but we're going to vote this down. I hope.

MONEY: I believe what he said is that the speaker has no authority but that the chairman of Calendars could have done so. Is that correct?

SCHATZLINE: That's information I'm hearing right now.

MONEY: I'm sorry. Not the chairman of Calendars—that's my mistake—the chairman of Local and Consent Calendars.

SCHATZLINE: Understood.

MONEY: And that chairman is Jared Patterson, who is sitting on the dais behind you right now. Is that correct?

SCHATZLINE: Yes.

MONEY: And so he could have not brought this to committee, could have not voted it out of committee, and we wouldn't be dealing with this today. Is that correct?

SCHATZLINE: I would hope that he wouldn't, and I hope that it gets pulled before we even have to vote.

MONEY: I hope that he does as well.

LITTLE: Representative Schatzline, I don't think that any member of this body, democrat or republican, should be asked to drink a little bit of poison to their soul. If there is something in the calendar that is objectionable on any basis, no member of this house of representatives should be required to vote the entire calendar up or down—republican or democrat. And I feel that this vote does damage to my soul if I have to vote this up or down, regardless of registering a vote in the journal. Do you feel the same way?

SCHATZLINE: Representative Little, I couldn't agree with you more. I actually think it does more damage than we're talking about. I think it damages not just the soul, but it damages the reputation of Texas. It damages the value of life. It

damages the way that we view the unborn. It damages what we, as the State of Texas, allow to be codified into our law books or resolutions. That when we pass a resolution, what we're saying is that we agree or we celebrate this person, this life, this initiative—fill in the blank. We do not, as the State of Texas, want to celebrate what was done by Cecile Richards.

REPRESENTATIVE ANCHÍA: Representative Schatzline, you believe that abortion is murder, correct?

SCHATZLINE: Correct.

ANCHÍA: You've said that, I think, repeatedly. You believe it is the killing of an unborn child, correct?

SCHATZLINE: That's correct.

ANCHÍA: And you have been very critical of Planned Parenthood. I haven't heard you talk about women who have abortions. Are they murderers?

SCHATZLINE: I'm sorry. I couldn't hear you.

ANCHÍA: Are women who have abortions murderers?

SCHATZLINE: I think some of them, unwillingly, have committed murder.

ANCHÍA: Unwillingly. What if—

SCHATZLINE: Excuse me. I'm sorry. I think many of them, yes, have committed murder. And some of them, unknowingly, have been tricked and deceived into believing that that life wasn't a life.

ANCHÍA: Okay.

SCHATZLINE: Which is heartbreaking for me.

ANCHÍA: So for women who have volitionally had murder—

SCHATZLINE: But just for the record—

ANCHÍA: Sorry. Let me finish the question.

SCHATZLINE: Well, let's keep the conversation about the matters at hand.

ANCHÍA: These are the matters at hand because you've raised them.

SCHATZLINE: Great.

ANCHÍA: So if you believe that abortion is murder, then you believe that the women who have the requisite mens rea, who have gone intentionally to have murdered—have not been deceived. You believe they are murderers, correct?

SCHATZLINE: Right now, I'm opposing an amendment that would honor a woman who oversaw the murder—

REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Members, I'm going to do my best to remain calm, but it is hard for me to put into words how outraged I am about this amendment. And I think I speak on behalf of the millions of Texans who elected their government to do what their government has done—this body, the senate, the governor, the lieutenant governor. Texas is a pro-life state, and my colleagues who have spoken before me have done a fantastic job articulating the laws we

have passed that evidence the fact that Texas values life and is a pro-life state. But by putting this resolution to honor Planned Parenthood on today's calendar, this might represent one of the biggest betrayals of the voters of Texas that has ever occurred in this chamber. And I mean that. I mean it sincerely. The voters sent us to Texas to fight for the things that matter to them and to represent their values. Protecting innocent life might be one of the values that the voters of the State of Texas prioritize above all. But by putting this resolution to honor a Planned Parenthood president—not just the fact that we're doing it but when we are doing it—says something about our priorities of this chamber that does not reflect the priorities of our voters. This resolution today is being taken up before we have done the things that do matter to our voters. We have not yet taken up a single bill to even discuss the elimination of property taxes. We're putting Planned Parenthood ahead of that. By putting this resolution on our calendar today, we are putting honoring Planned Parenthood ahead of ending taxpayer-funded DEI. We are putting Planned Parenthood ahead of ending taxpayer-funded transgender ideology at our state agencies and our public universities.

I want to clarify something that was made—because there were some grotesque misrepresentations that happened on that microphone that need to be cleared up. There is only one way to vote for or against this resolution, and that's to push the little button on your desk. And so when this comes up, you only have one option. And let me be very clear. If you push the little green button that has the word yes under it—if you push the button yes—and your name on that board lights up green, you are honoring Planned Parenthood. And you are honoring the president of Planned Parenthood. And you are doing that irrespective of any notation that you make in the journal. Notations in the journal have nothing to do with your votes. They cannot change a vote.

There are some good things on today's calendar that will die if enough of us vote no, as we should all do. There are some things that I wanted to vote yes for, and I'm sure there are things you want to vote yes for. But I want to be very clear about when those things die today, as they should, the people responsible for them not passing are not those of us who want to protect the honor of the unborn and stop a resolution from honoring Planned Parenthood. The people responsible for good things on today's calendar not passing are the leadership of this body, and that is where you should affix your blame. And I'm going to just close by saying this is a disgrace to this body. This is a disgrace to this chamber. Speaker Burrows, shame on you for letting this happen. Chairman Patterson, shame on you.

REPRESENTATIVE FLORES: Are you aware that women like me—as a college student, after I graduated from college and worked at this Capitol and was earning very little money, I needed health services and appointments to make sure that I got my well-woman exams? And then Planned Parenthood offered sliding-scale medical services—not abortion services, just checks for women and any other medical issues that they might have and couldn't afford necessarily to go to the doctor. Are you aware of that?

HARRISON: Your personal story and testimony are both fascinating and compelling—

FLORES: I asked a question.

HARRISON: I'm going to answer it as respectfully as I possibly can. I'm trying to be respectful, given the subject matter that you just placed before the body. But with all the respect in the world, that has absolutely nothing to do with the motion that is before the body. The motion that is before the body is whether we take up and pass a resolution to honor a president of Planned Parenthood. That is the only thing that I am talking about today.

FLORES: Are you aware that we are honoring a person, not a title or an organization?

HARRISON: If you're asking—

FLORES: Cecile Richards actually was a labor organizer and helped people organize so that they could get fair wages in their work, and she did other good things as well in her life. We are not honoring her title or the organization. We are honoring Cecile Richards, who was a personal friend to many of us, and a person who lived a good life, was a mother, a friend, and also a labor organizer that we respect.

HARRISON: If you are asking if I'm aware that the president of Planned Parenthood, Cecile Richards, was a living, breathing human being, I am, of course, aware of that. But I am also aware of the untold babies who were also human beings that died at her hand and as a direct result of the actions and the work that her lifetime represents. And over my dead body will this body take the time and effort and energy and resources to honor her ahead of—something that our constituents don't want us to do at all, but certainly not ahead of doing the things that they sent us here to do. And if you read the caption in the calendar itself, the calendar that was set that we're voting on, it says that this is a resolution to honor. And the calendar describes it as, and I quote, "a former president of Planned Parenthood."

FLORES: Well, I'll ask one last question. As I said, as a young woman, I went to get well-woman exams at Planned Parenthood at affordable prices. And I know that there are countless other women who were not able to afford medical services and used Planned Parenthood clinics to make sure that they could detect cancer and other things life-threatening, things that Planned Parenthood helped them find and helped them with their medical issues. And so I just want to say that for all of what you have said, there are lots and lots—millions of women, probably, whose lives have been impacted by the medical services that they provided. So I just wanted to know if you were aware of that. But I know that there were other women like me who have utilized the services of Planned Parenthood, had nothing to do with abortion, and that they probably—their lives were positively impacted by that.

HARRISON: I believe I can speak for everybody standing up here that we want every woman to have the health care they need. That's got nothing to do with the motion before the body. We should not be honoring Planned Parenthood. And just in closing, guys, I want to be really clear, especially to my colleagues on my side of the aisle who were engaged in deception back there. If you push the yes button and your name lights up green, if you vote yes on this resolution, I want to say in the most unequivocal of all terms, you are voting to honor Planned Parenthood.

REPRESENTATIVE CANALES: Are you aware that by having spent the amount of time that you've spent up there, you've actually honored Cecile? Thank you.

HARRISON: One of the most nonsensical comments I've ever heard made on the floor of this body.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON: Zinetta Burney was from Third Ward. She got her GED. She went to TSU and became a lawyer. She made sure that folks got legal aid in Acres Homes. She was one of the first female African American judges. And when I was a baby prosecutor in Court 2, she was a retired visiting judge. When you're in the courthouse in criminal cases, things are tough, and they are raw. You see some of the worst facts ever. And sometimes, when I see some of the most challenging cases or defendants, I am reminded that my oath as a lawyer is to uphold the Constitution—to not go into the sewer to chase a really bad defendant, because it is more important to uphold the promise of the Constitution and our people in some of those toughest times. She taught me that. Jo, I didn't know I'd see her face today. I think about the oath that we took when we got here in January. I think about the doors that we knock on in the campaign. I think about the political rhetoric. I think about the Twitter wars. But I think about the oath that we took to serve all Texans.

One of the few things that we get to do that doesn't have anything to do with politics is a memorial resolution. Richard Raymond and Pat Curry are honoring Corey D. Comperatore of Sarver, Pennsylvania, as stated earlier today, a firefighter who died in the assassination attempt on Trump. Sheriff Louderback is honoring Sister Emilie Eilers of Victoria, a nun who started at Holy Cross School and over decades to St. Joseph High School. That makes me think about the nuns I knew at Mount Carmel High School, where I went to high school. Andy, you're honoring Jill Glover. I didn't know Jill Glover, but I know many of you do. And she's important to you. And that's what this list is. This list represents the diversity of Texans that we all represent and the fact that for a lot of us, they're friends.

It's a memorial calendar. It's a memorial calendar for the Texas House of Representatives. This should be and must be the least political thing we do today. I know that some of our colleagues have done everything they can to drag us down that ditch to make this about an issue, and it's not. It's about one of the most beautiful and simple things that we get to do when we took the oath of office, which is to represent every Texan in our district. Because we are not supposed to pick and choose between Texans. This morning, Scot asked us—as we enter into Easter weekend—would you die for me? For this 150, would you

die for me? This vote is about this body. This vote is truly about this institution. It's not about politics. I respect each and every person's politics. This is about the beauty of coming together and recognizing and acknowledging death and every Texan. Don't pick and choose. Pick to take this vote together to honor the entire calendar.

HOUSE AT EASE

At 11:55 a.m., the chair announced that the house would stand at ease.

The chair called the house to order at 12:56 p.m.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS CALENDAR (consideration continued)

The motion to adopt was withdrawn, effectively returning the memorial resolutions to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars.

(Speaker pro tempore in the chair)

LOCAL, CONSENT, AND RESOLUTIONS CALENDAR SECOND READING

The following bills and resolutions were contested and, pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14, of the House Rules, were withdrawn from the calendar and returned to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars:

HB 630 (by Vasut, et al.), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to certificates of title for certain outboard motors. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 420 (by K. Bell), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the meeting places for the board of directors of certain special districts. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 767 (by C. Bell), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the designation of the portion of State Highway 249 in Montgomery County as the Paul P. Mendes Memorial Parkway. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 1708 (by Landgraf), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 302 in Ector County as the Trooper Kevin Ramirez Vasquez Memorial Highway. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchiá, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 2842 (by Zwiener, Cole, Flores, Metcalf, and Vasut), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the control by lethal means of white-tailed deer in certain areas. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 11 members gave notice of their objection: Tinderholt, Money, Harrison, Toth, Hopper, Lowe, Olcott, Richardson, Little, Cain, and Schatzline.)

HB 1404 (by Harris), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the designation of County Road 1250 in Navarro County as part of the state highway system. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchiá, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, A. Davis, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 2457 (by Meyer and Frank), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 287 in Wilbarger County as the Molly Mullens Mile. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchiá, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 140 (by Noble), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the child and adult protective investigations advisory committee in the Department of Family and Protective Services. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchiá, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 333 (by M. González), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo to commission peace officers. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 11 members gave notice of their objection: Tinderholt, Money, Harrison, Toth, Hopper, Lowe, Olcott, Richardson, Little, Cain, and Schatzline.)

HB 227 (by Vasut, Barry, Bonnen, et al.), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the designation of a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 521 in Brazoria County as the Clarence "BB" Sasser Medal of Honor Highway. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 913 (by Frank), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to certain state hospital names and the management of state hospitals. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 201 (by M. Perez), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the financial crimes intelligence center. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 11 members gave notice of their objection: Tinderholt, Money, Harrison, Toth, Hopper, Lowe, Olcott, Richardson, Little, Cain, and Schatzline.)

HB 2198 (by K. Bell), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 34 in Kaufman County as the Officer Jacob Candanoza Memorial Highway. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 109 (by Rose and Leo Wilson), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to residential treatment facilities for certain juveniles. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 11 members gave notice of their objection: Tinderholt, Money, Harrison, Toth, Hopper, Lowe, Olcott, Richardson, Little, Cain, and Schatzline.)

HB 2763 (by Guillen), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the designation of a Texas Department of Transportation building in Starr County as the Eduardo "Eddie" Gracia, Jr., P.E., Area Engineer and Maintenance Facility. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 519 (by M. González), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to honey production operations and the harvesting and packaging of honey and honeycomb. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 11 members gave notice of their objection: Tinderholt, Money, Harrison, Toth, Hopper, Lowe, Olcott, Richardson, Little, Cain, and Schatzline.)

HB 1261 (by Cunningham), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the disposition of abandoned or unclaimed property seized by a peace officer. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, A. Davis, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 1135 (by Isaac, Bowers, Little, Smithee, and Cook), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to temporary vehicle tags and the offense of tampering with a governmental record. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 1318 (by Guillen), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide water or sewer service in an area incorporated or annexed by a municipality. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 2358 (by Noble), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to training required or offered by the Health and Human Services Commission for long-term care facility surveyors, personnel, and providers and ICF-IID program providers. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, A. Davis, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 2415 (by Cole and Bucy), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the designation of a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 969 in Travis County as the Senior Police Officer Lewis "Andy" Traylor Memorial Highway. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 11 members gave notice of their objection: Tinderholt, Money, Harrison, Toth, Hopper, Lowe, Olcott, Richardson, Little, Cain, and Schatzline.)

HB 2765 (by Guillen), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the Rural Economic Development and Investment Program and the Texas economic development fund. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 2735 (by Cunningham, Johnson, Frank, Simmons, Olcott, et al.), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a prohibition on e-cigarette advertising in certain locations. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 3307 (by Noble), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the continuing education required in order for a person to renew the person's agreement with the comptroller of public accounts to serve as an arbitrator in an appeal through binding arbitration of an appraisal review board order determining a protest. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, A. Davis, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 1373 (by Raymond and Villalobos), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the designation of a portion of Farm to Market Road 70 in Nueces County as the Los Robles Trail. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 11 members gave notice of their objection: Tinderholt, Money, Harrison, Toth, Hopper, Lowe, Olcott, Richardson, Little, Cain, and Schatzline.)

HB 694 (by Gervin-Hawkins and Lujan), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the notification of certain persons concerning certain events related to children in the managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 11 members gave notice of their objection: Tinderholt, Money, Harrison, Toth, Hopper, Lowe, Olcott, Richardson, Little, Cain, and Schatzline.)

HB 1242 (by Guillen), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 281 as the Ernesto Soliz Cantu Memorial Highway. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, A. Davis, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HB 272 (by M. Perez), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the prosecution of the offense of fraudulent use or possession of credit card or debit card information. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 11 members gave notice of their objection: Tinderholt, Money, Harrison, Toth, Hopper, Lowe, Olcott, Richardson, Little, Cain, and Schatzline.)

HB 1437 (by M. González), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the task force on pollinator health. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 11 members gave notice of their objection: Tinderholt, Money, Harrison, Toth, Hopper, Lowe, Olcott, Richardson, Little, Cain, and Schatzline.)

HB 1888 (by Metcalf), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to an exemption from boiler registration and inspection requirements for certain boilers in medical equipment and autoclaves. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HCR 78 (by Lujan and Harless), Designating September 16 as Lone Star Santas Charities Day for a 10-year period ending in 2035. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

HCR 12 (by Leo Wilson), Designating September as Deaf Awareness Month for a 10-year period ending in 2035. (Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14(3), of the House Rules, the following 35 members gave notice of their objection: Bhojani, Rosenthal, Flores, Turner, Anchía, Romero, Walle, Vo, Campos, Bernal, Y. Davis, Plesa, J. Garcia, Wu, Manuel, Reynolds, Bucy, Martinez Fischer, Howard, Bryant, Talarico, E. Morales, Ordaz, Johnson, Gámez, Rose, Goodwin, Meza, R. Lopez, Bowers, Zwiener, Lalani, Moody, J. Jones, and M. González.)

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Geren moved that the house adjourn until 1 p.m. today.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 12:57 p.m., adjourned until 1 p.m. today.

ADDENDUM

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages from the senate were today received by the house:

Message No. 1MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
SENATE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Thursday, April 17, 2025

The Honorable Speaker of the House
House Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:
LOCAL AND UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**SB 60** Zaffirini

Relating to the disposition by a public junior college library of certain library materials.

SB 226 West

Relating to establishing residency for children who are the subject of parental child safety placement agreements for purposes of admission into public schools.

SB 231 King

Relating to temporary emergency electric energy facilities.

SB 264 Perry

Relating to discontinuing group self-insurance coverage and dissolving the Texas self-insurance group guaranty fund and trust fund under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act.

SB 387 Zaffirini

Relating to bond requirements for certain judges.

SB 570 Bettencourt

Relating to an attendance policy adopted by public schools to prevent truancy.

SB 596 West

Relating to reporting certain information regarding the placement of children and suits filed by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

SB 651 West

Relating to the requirement that a veterans county service office report to the commissioners court or a designated county executive official.

SB 769 Menéndez

Relating to a report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding enrollment and success in higher education for students with disabilities.

SB 855 Sparks

Relating to the authority of certain medical consenters to assume financial responsibility for certain out-of-network medical care provided to children in foster care.

SB 863 Perry

Relating to water withdrawn from the Edwards Aquifer.

SB 991 Bettencourt

Relating to the inclusion of chronically absent and truant students as students at risk of dropping out of school and the collection and reporting of data regarding those students.

SB 1079 West

Relating to the authority of a county to dispose of sensitive media devices.

SB 1151 Blanco

Relating to an insurer's responsibility to review and audit a third-party administrator.

SB 1191 Creighton

Relating to the development of a standard method of computing a student's high school grade point average.

SB 1214 Perry

Relating to the operations and administration of the Concho County Hospital District.

SB 1243 Birdwell

Relating to the dissolution of a public utility agency.

SB 1247 Perry

Relating to consolidating certain nonresident hunting licenses.

SB 1314 Cook

Relating to a prohibition on certain e-cigarette products.

SB 1364 Nichols

Relating to the repeal of wheelbase and horsepower restrictions for the state's passenger vehicle fleet.

SB 1372 Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy"

Relating to access to the crime laboratory portal.

SB 1401 West

Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Profession Pipeline Program by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

SB 1409 Parker

Relating to health benefits offered by postsecondary educational institutions to students and their families.

SB 1504 Middleton

Relating to meetings of the board of directors of the Gulf Coast Authority.

SB 1522 Perry

Relating to the regulation of continuing care facilities.

SB 1625 Johnson

Relating to the reporting of certain security incidents by public water systems to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Department of Information Resources.

SB 1662 Zaffirini

Relating to notice provided to certain public drinking water supply systems before water quality testing.

SB 1663 Zaffirini

Relating to notification procedures concerning groundwater contamination.

SB 1728 Perry

Relating to the participation of certain juvenile justice entities in the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program.

SB 1759 Birdwell

Relating to the declaration of an oil or gas emergency by the Railroad Commission of Texas and the liability of a person for assistance, advice, or resources provided in relation to an oil or gas emergency.

SB 1762 Blanco

Relating to the authority of the Railroad Commission of Texas to designate certain persons as the operator of an orphaned oil or gas well.

SB 1804 Alvarado

Relating to restitution and compensation paid to victims of certain offenses for tattoo removal related to the offense.

SB 1818 Hancock

Relating to the issuance of a license or provisional license to certain military service members, military veterans, and military spouses to engage in a business or occupation in this state.

SB 1838 Zaffirini

Relating to the appointment of attorneys ad litem and the compensation of certain attorneys ad litem in suits affecting the parent-child relationship filed by a governmental entity.

SB 1839 Zaffirini

Relating to the delivery of records, including a will, in probate proceedings transferred to other courts.

SB 1851 Nichols

Relating to the penalty for noncompliance with certain audit requirements by a municipality.

SB 1855 Perry

Relating to requirements that certain plats for the subdivision of land include evidence of groundwater supply.

SB 1872 Perry

Relating to the expulsion of a public school student for engaging in conduct that constitutes certain offenses.

SB 1873 Perry

Relating to students enrolled in public schools subject to in-school or out-of-school suspension.

SB 1874 Perry

Relating to immunity from certain disciplinary proceedings against a professional employee of a school district for certain actions concerning public school discipline and law and order.

SB 1877 Schwertner

Relating to the authority of the Office of Public Utility Counsel to access certain data.

SB 1879 Schwertner

Relating to the transfer of certain state property from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to Walker County.

SB 1901 Huffman

Relating to the administration of the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Texas Opioid Abatement Trust Fund.

SB 1919 West

Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to settle certain claims.

SB 1921 West

Relating to a common characteristic or use project in a public improvement district in certain municipalities.

SB 1936 Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy"

Relating to the definition of an abuse unit for certain controlled substances under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

SB 1937 Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy"

Relating to the testing of evidence containing biological materials in capital cases.

SB 1968 Schwertner

Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain real estate professionals by the Texas Real Estate Commission.

SB 1977 Kolkhorst

Relating to the recovery and reimbursement of certain expenses by an electric utility or a water and sewer utility in a rate proceeding.

SB 2034 Paxton

Relating to the receivership of a single-source continuum contractor providing child welfare services.

SB 2053 Birdwell

Relating to creating the Governor's Medal of Service award to recognize service to the people of Texas.

SB 2066 Huffman

Relating to the repeal of the Texas Research Incentive Program.

SB 2077 Zaffirini

Relating to the qualifications of members of the board of directors of the Texas Mutual Insurance Company.

SB 2124 Zaffirini

Relating to publication of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee's annual report.

SB 2143 Perry

Relating to the authority of a county to commission certain individuals as peace officers and establish certain law enforcement agencies and to certification requirements for fire marshals.

SB 2166 Parker

Relating to testing of voting tabulation equipment.

SB 2180 Hagenbuch

Relating to requiring a certification for peace officers to conduct certain polygraph examinations.

SB 2204 Birdwell

Relating to the applicability of uniform grant and contract management standards to certain Texas Water Development Board programs.

SB 2231 Hinojosa, Adam

Relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to waive fees for admission applications submitted to public institutions of higher education during certain periods.

SB 2237 Bettencourt

Relating to severance pay for certain political subdivision employees.

SB 2243 West

Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to require that a vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer have a vehicle identification number inspection.

SB 2321 King

Relating to the regulation of emissions by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality during an event affecting electric demand or grid reliability.

SB 2569 Flores

Relating to the reporting requirement for certain law enforcement agencies regarding the agencies' use or operation of an unmanned aircraft.

SCR 37 Creighton

Recognizing the strategic importance of the Panama Canal to the economic strength of the United States and the State of Texas.

Respectfully,
Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

Message No. 2

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
SENATE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Thursday, April 17, 2025 - 2

The Honorable Speaker of the House
House Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

SB 22 Huffman
Relating to the Texas moving image industry incentive program and the establishment and funding of the Texas moving image industry incentive fund.

SB 30 Schwertner
Relating to recovery of damages in civil actions.

SB 33 Campbell
Relating to certain prohibited transactions and logistical support between a governmental entity and an abortion assistance entity or abortion provider for the procurement of an abortion or related services.

SB 37 Creighton
Relating to the governance of public institutions of higher education, including review of curriculum and certain degree and certificate programs, a faculty council or senate, training for members of the governing board, and the establishment of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Office of the Ombudsman; authorizing a civil penalty.

SB 75 Hall
Relating to the resilience of the electric grid and certain municipalities.

SB 505 Bettencourt
Relating to processes to address election irregularities; providing a civil penalty.

SB 552 Huffman
Relating to changing the eligibility of certain persons to receive community supervision, including deferred adjudication community supervision.

SB 626 Flores

Relating to inservice training on identifying abuse, neglect, and illegal, unprofessional, and unethical conduct in certain health care facilities.

SB 926 Hancock

Relating to certain practices of health benefit plan issuers to encourage the use of certain physicians and health care providers and rank physicians.

SB 964 Hughes

Relating to the appearance of a personal identification certificate or driver's license issued to a person who is not a citizen of the United States.

SB 1080 West

Relating to the revocation of an occupational license from certain license holders and the issuance of a provisional occupational license to certain applicants with criminal convictions.

SB 1099 Flores

Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for certain offenses committed by an illegal alien.

SB 1177 Alvarado

Relating to fire safety inspections at public and private schools.

SB 1506 Parker

Relating to the frequency with which the Board of Pardons and Paroles reconsiders inmates for release on parole.

SB 1577 Parker

Relating to the temporary sale of alcoholic beverages at certain racing facilities.

SB 1596 Hagenbuch

Relating to the prohibition of short-barrel firearms.

SB 1646 King

Relating to criminal conduct involving the theft or unauthorized possession of copper or brass and to the sale of copper or brass material to metal recycling entities; creating criminal offenses; providing an administrative penalty.

SB 1806 Sparks

Relating to the inspection, purchase, sale, possession, storage, transportation, and disposal of petroleum products, oil and gas equipment, and oil and gas waste; creating criminal offenses and increasing the punishment for an existing criminal offense.

SB 1927 Hinojosa, Adam

Relating to municipal regulation of the removal of an Ashe juniper tree.

SB 1962 Bettencourt

Relating to the assessment of public school students, public school accountability and actions, and proceedings challenging the operations of the public school system.

SB 2122 Zaffirini

Relating to imposition of application fees for certain permits and permit amendments for the disposal of oil and gas waste.

SB 2226 Nichols

Relating to requirements for loans or grants provided by the Texas Transportation Commission to aviation facilities located in economically disadvantaged counties.

SB 2361 Kolkhorst

Relating to the transfer of the University of Houston–Victoria to The Texas A&M University System.

SB 2420 Paxton

Relating to the regulation of platforms for the sale and distribution of software applications for mobile devices.

SB 2425 Nichols

Relating to the regulation of automated motor vehicles; creating a criminal offense.

SJR 39 Birdwell

Proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to override a veto of the governor following a regular session of the legislature.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

