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PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTEENTH DAY — TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2005

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

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 26).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen, A.; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson; Bailey; Baxter; Berman; Blake; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Campbell; Casteel; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Corte; Crabb; Crownover; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Dawson; Delisi; Denny; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Edwards; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Escobar; Farrar; Flores; Flynn; Frost; Gallego; Gattis; Geren; Gonzales; Gonzalez Tourelles; Goodman; Goolsby; Griggs; Grusendorf; Guillen; Hamilton; Hamric; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hegar; Herrero; Hilderbran; Hill; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hope; Hopson; Howard; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Jackson; Jones, D.; Jones, J.; Keel; Keffer, B.; Keffer, J.; King, P.; King, T.; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Laney; Laubenberg; Leibowitz; Luna; Madden; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miller; Moreno, J.; Moreno, P.; Morrison; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Noriega, M.; Orr; Otto; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Raymond; Reyna; Riddle; Rodriguez; Rose; Seaman; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solis; Solomons; Strama; Straus; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Thompson; Truitt; Turner; Uresti; Van Arsdale; Veasey; Vo; West; Wong; Woolley; Zedler.

Absent, Excused — Oliveira; Olivo.

Absent — Allen, R.; Dunnam; Farabee; Giddings; Haggerty; Hughes; Ritter; Villarreal.

The invocation was offered by Dr. Ben Smith, pastor, Lakeland Baptist Church, Lewisville, as follows:

Almighty God "who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth" (Isaiah 51:13). Release us from our image of you laden with human abilities and limitations. Expand our vision to capture the true perspective of who you are.

God, you hung the stars in space, fashioned the earth's towering mountains and mighty oceans, and determined the destiny of nations, "Nothing is too difficult for you" (Jeremiah 32:17). You know when a sparrow falls to the ground. You are the Lord of the infinite and the infinitesimal. "Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales" (Isaiah 40:15, 17).

You are familiar with all our ways. Lord, you are involved in our lives that you reassure us, "The very hairs on your head are all numbered" (Matthew 10:30). You are the one who knows us best and loves us most. You are the owner. You control every circumstance, and you have promised to meet our needs. What we possess, O God, you own. You are the sovereign, living God who controls all events.

Bless the legislators of this session. Give them patience, wisdom, and courage. Give those who labor under the burden of education reform unusual insight into the problem. Give each one wisdom to protect the sanctity of life and marriage. Grant understanding of the technologies that both challenge us and threaten us. Give this legislature the boldness to protect all children while guarding the civil liberties of everyone. Grant health, peace, and fulfillment to those who serve us all in this chamber. Bless every thought and action to your glory. Amen.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Oliveira on motion of F. Brown.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Edwards who presented Dr. David W. Bauer of Houston as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

(Farabee, Giddings, and Ritter now present)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Madden on motion of Riddle.

HCR 51 - READ (by West and Craddick)

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

HCR 51, Designating February 15 as Midland-Odessa Day at the State Capitol.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of family business:

Alonzo on motion of Farabee.

**HR 316 - ADOPTED
(by Delisi)**

Representative Delisi moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 316**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 316, Recognizing Fort Hood and its vital role to the welfare of the citizens of the greater Fort Hood area and honoring the soldiers from the base who have been deployed as part of the global war on terror.

HR 316 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Corte, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 316** as signers thereof.

(Haggerty now present)

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The speaker recognized Representative Delisi who introduced Major General James Simmons, commanding general of Fort Hood.

**HCR 50 - ADOPTED
(by Hilderbran)**

Representative Hilderbran moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 50**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 50, Honoring Leadership Kerr County on its 20th anniversary.

HCR 50 was read and was adopted.

**HR 359 - ADOPTED
(by Eiland)**

Representative Eiland moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 359**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 359, Recognizing February 15, 2005, as Chambers County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 359 was adopted.

HR 213 - ADOPTED
(by McClendon)

Representative McClendon moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 213**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 213, Welcoming Maya Angelou to Texas and honoring her for her remarkable literary achievements.

HR 213 was adopted.

HR 203 - ADOPTED
(by Thompson)

Representative Thompson moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 203**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 203, Recognizing February 15th as Susan B. Anthony Day in Texas.

(Kolkhorst in the chair)

HR 203 was adopted.

(Hughes now present)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Smithee on motion of Mowery.

HR 182 - ADOPTED
(by Denny, Solomons, and Crownover)

Representative Denny moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 182**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 182, Recognizing Denton County Day at the Capitol.

(Speaker in the chair)

HR 182 was read and was adopted.

(Villarreal now present)

HR 74 - ADOPTED
(by Kolkhorst)

Representative Kolkhorst moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 74**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 74, Honoring head football coach Ron Randleman on his retirement from Sam Houston State University.

HR 74 was adopted.

**HR 75 - ADOPTED
(by Kolkhorst)**

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

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 75, Honoring the Sam Houston State University football team for an outstanding 2004 season.

HR 75 was adopted.

**HR 191 - ADOPTED
(by Kolkhorst)**

Representative Kolkhorst moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 191**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 191, Recognizing February 15, 2005, as Walker County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 191 was adopted.

**HR 267 - ADOPTED
(by Hilderbran)**

Representative Hilderbran moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 267**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 267, Recognizing February 15, 2005, as Concho County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 267 was read and was adopted.

**HR 242 - ADOPTED
(by Deshotel)**

Representative Deshotel moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 242**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 242, Recognizing February 13-15, 2005, as Jefferson County Days at the State Capitol.

HR 242 was read and was adopted.

HR 266 - ADOPTED
(by Deshotel)

Representative Deshotel moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 266**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 266, Congratulating Dr. W. Sam Monroe of Port Arthur on being selected as Man of the Year by Quota International of Southeast Texas.

HR 266 was adopted.

(Uresti in the chair)

HR 313 - ADOPTED
(by Luna)

Representative Luna moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 313**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 313, Recognizing Texans Care For Children and Children's Advocacy Day on February 16, 2005.

HR 313 was adopted.

HR 360 - ADOPTED
(by Riddle)

Representative Riddle moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 360**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 360, Honoring the members of Harvest Christian Schools in Houston on their visit to the State Capitol.

HR 360 was adopted.

On motion of Representatives Berman and Hope, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 360** as signers thereof.

HR 191 - MOTION TO ADD NAMES

On motion of Representative Hope, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 191** as signers thereof.

HR 285 - ADOPTED
(by Rodriguez)

Representative Rodriguez moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 285**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 285, Recognizing the 60th birthday of the Honorable Elliott Naishtat.

HR 285 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Hochberg, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 285** as signers thereof.

HCR 68 - ADOPTED
(by J. Davis)

Representative Taylor moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 68**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 68, Congratulating the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on their many accomplishments.

HCR 68 was adopted.

HR 276 - ADOPTED
(by Burnam)

Representative Burnam moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 276**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 276, Honoring Anita Chapa of El Paso on her 99th birthday.

HR 276 was read and was adopted.

**PROVIDING FOR A CONGRATULATORY
AND MEMORIAL CALENDAR**

Representative Edwards moved to set a congratulatory and memorial calendar for 10 a.m. Thursday, February 17.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Edwards requested permission for the Committee on Rules and Resolutions to meet while the house is in session.

(Martinez in the chair)

Permission to meet was granted.

FIVE DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED

Representative Hochberg moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on Public Education, Subcommittee on Technical Formula Issues, to meet upon adjournment of the Public Education Committee meeting today.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following committee meetings were announced:

Public Education, Subcommittee on Technical Formula Issues, upon adjournment of the Public Education Committee meeting today, E2.036, for a public hearing, to consider technical formula issues.

Rules and Resolutions, during bill referral today, speaker's conference room, 2W.25, for a formal meeting, to consider the calendar.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Representative Miller moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of James Rice of Hico.

The motion prevailed.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List Nos. 1 and 2.)

(Gonzalez Toureilles in the chair)

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 11:29 a.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

List No. 1

HB 1014 (By Dutton), Relating to investigations and other procedures with respect to allegations of child abuse or neglect.

To Human Services.

HB 1016 (By Hamilton), Relating to reducing certain burdens imposed on classroom teachers and other school district employees.

To Public Education.

HB 1017 (By Laney), Relating to the powers and duties of the Lockney General Hospital District.

To County Affairs.

HB 1018 (By M. Noriega), Relating to the amount of liability insurance required to be maintained on certain school buses owned by a motor carrier.

To Insurance.

HB 1019 (By Coleman), Relating to the rates of tuition charged to students of institutions of higher education.

To Higher Education.

HB 1020 (By Hamilton), Relating to the regulation of certain fire protection sprinkler system journeymen and apprentices.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 1021 (By Giddings), Relating to the right of first refusal in certain real estate transactions.

To Business and Industry.

HB 1022 (By Guillen), Relating to the amount of a late charge or reinstatement fee under a rental-purchase agreement.

To State Affairs.

HB 1023 (By Denny), Relating to the length of a ballot proposition.

To Elections.

HB 1024 (By Farrar), Relating to contact between a public school student who assaults another student and the student victim.

To Public Education.

HB 1026 (By Nixon), Relating to the resolution of certain contract claims against the state.

To State Affairs.

HB 1027 (By Alonzo), Relating to a program to assist certain persons to become certified to teach in bilingual education programs and to teach in public schools with a shortage of certified bilingual education teachers.

To Public Education.

HB 1029 (By Rodriguez), Relating to approval procedures of institutional review boards for certain clinical trials.

To Public Health.

HB 1030 (By Taylor), Relating to availability of preferred providers.
To Insurance.

HB 1031 (By Taylor, et al.), Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston for National Biocontainment Laboratory facilities and infrastructure.

To Higher Education.

HB 1032 (By Giddings), Relating to the prosecution of the offense of fraudulent use or possession of identifying information and to assistance to victims of that offense.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1034 (By Rose), Relating to notification provided by certain health care professionals to students and parents or guardians of students who participate in extracurricular sports activities sponsored or sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League.

To Public Education.

HB 1035 (By Rose), Relating to certain fees and costs that may be collected from a surety.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1036 (By Rose), Relating to conflicts of interest of policy board members of metropolitan planning organizations; providing a criminal penalty.

To Transportation.

HB 1037 (By Isett), Relating to the prosecution of the offense of unlawfully carrying a handgun, illegal knife, or club.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 1038 (By Isett), Relating to certain reduced fees for a license to carry a concealed handgun.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 1039 (By Keel and Rose), Relating to an exemption from tuition and fees at institutions of higher education for peace officers and police cadets enrolled in certain law enforcement programs.

To Higher Education.

HB 1041 (By Gattis), Relating to vacancies on municipal utility district boards.

To Natural Resources.

HB 1042 (By Chavez), Relating to the regulation of real estate seller-financers; providing a penalty.

To Financial Institutions.

HB 1043 (By Baxter), Relating to the procedures for adoption of an ad valorem tax rate by a taxing unit other than a school district.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1044 (By Eiland), Relating to exceptions for certain overweight vehicles.

To Transportation.

HB 1045 (By Goolsby), Relating to amendments to the Texas Timeshare Act.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 1046 (By Branch), Relating to the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.

To Higher Education.

HB 1047 (By Chisum), Relating to the offense of failing to certify compliance of an underground storage tank before accepting delivery of the regulated substance to be stored in the tank.

To Natural Resources.

HB 1048 (By Chisum), Relating to the forfeiture of contraband used or intended to be used in the commission of certain criminal offenses.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1049 (By Flynn), Relating to interest rate ceilings on certain commercial loans.

To Financial Institutions.

HB 1050 (By Krusee), Relating to the sale of certain used trucks.

To Transportation.

HB 1051 (By McReynolds), Relating to the amount of the ad valorem tax exemptions to which veterans with certain disability ratings are entitled.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1052 (By Guillen), Relating to the creation of an offense for family violence committed in the presence of a child.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1053 (By Hope), Relating to the location of municipal solid waste landfills.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 1054 (By Hope), Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 100; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

HB 1055 (By Hope), Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 101; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

HB 1056 (By Goodman), Relating to municipal notice provisions relating to substandard buildings.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 1057 (By Corte), Relating to Texas Building and Procurement Commission requirements for certain purchases by the Veterans' Land Board.
To State Affairs.

HB 1058 (By Pickett), Relating to high school diplomas for certain veterans.
To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 1059 (By Naishtat), Relating to certain findings required for the issuance of a protective order against family violence.
To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 1060 (By Naishtat), Relating to exempting certain persons in transitional living programs from the payment of tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education.
To Higher Education.

HB 1061 (By Naishtat), Relating to penalties and sanctions imposed on recipients of financial assistance.
To Human Services.

HB 1062 (By Naishtat), Relating to the availability of judges and magistrates for proceedings related to chemically dependent persons.
To Judiciary.

HB 1063 (By Oliveira), Relating to a fee to support the wellness, recreational, and fitness complex at The University of Texas at Brownsville.
To Higher Education.

List No. 2

HR 200 (By F. Brown), Recognizing February 16, 2005, as Texas Association of Second Harvest Food Banks Day at the State Capitol.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 202 (By Chavez), Honoring Mona Loper of El Paso for her contributions to the sport of bowling.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 204 (By Crownover), Congratulating Jim Swan of Sanger on his induction into the Retriever Hall of Fame.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 205 (By Blake), Welcoming the Student Government Association and the SFA Alumni Association of Stephen F. Austin State University to the Capitol on February 16 and 17, 2005.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 206 (By Quintanilla), In memory of Alicia Montes of San Elizario.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 207 (By Corte), Honoring Susie Ransleben Villarreal of San Antonio on her retirement from the Texas Department of Transportation.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 208 (By Quintanilla), In memory of Manuel Trejo of El Paso.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 209 (By Quintanilla), In memory of Katherine Guerra of San Elizario.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 210 (By Martinez Fischer), Congratulating Cecilia Casarez of San Antonio on earning a Bank of America Foundation Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Local Hero award.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 211 (By Martinez Fischer), Congratulating the congregation of West End Baptist Church of San Antonio on the church's centennial.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 214 (By Hodge), Honoring Wendy Rohne of Dallas on her many contributions to her community.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 215 (By Goodman, Zedler, and Grusendorf), Honoring the City of Arlington.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 216 (By Casteel), Honoring the life of Marine Lance Corporal Tony Leigh Hernandez of Canyon Lake.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 217 (By Farabee), Honoring Dawn and Jim Haddox on the birth of their baby boy and recognizing Kenneth Alexander Haddox as an Honorary Texan.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 219 (By Peña and Gonzales), In memory of Benito G. Rodriguez of Edinburg.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 220 (By Baxter), Honoring Dr. Rodolfo Alamia for being named by the American Diabetes Association-Capital Area as its 2005 Patient Advocate.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 221 (By Raymond), In memory of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez of Laredo.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 222 (By Raymond), Honoring Pete Astudillo.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 223 (By Geren), Honoring A. Dwain Mayfield on the occasion of his retirement from Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company in Fort Worth.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 225 (By P. King), Recognizing March 1, 2005, as Parker County Day at the State Capitol.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 226 (By Goolsby), In memory of Edmund Reynolds Wood of Dallas.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 227 (By Goolsby), Honoring Senior Corporal Lance Crawford on being named the Dallas Police Association's 2004 Cops' Cop.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 229 (By Dawson), Congratulating Renee McGuire on being named 2004 Citizen of the Year by the Pearland Chamber of Commerce.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 230 (By Dawson), Congratulating Gary Bucek on earning the Chairman's Award from the Pearland Chamber of Commerce.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 231 (By Dawson), Congratulating the Pearland Independent School District on being named 2004 Member of the Year by the Pearland Chamber of Commerce.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 232 (By Dawson), Congratulating A & A Cleaning Services on earning the 2004 Business of the Year Award from the Pearland Chamber of Commerce.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 233 (By Dawson), Congratulating Steve Friedman on being named 2004 Ambassador of the Year by the Pearland Chamber of Commerce.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 234 (By Hamilton), Honoring Lola Burgess on her retirement as executive vice president of the Silsbee Chamber of Commerce.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 237 (By Gonzalez Toureilles), Recognizing February 22, 2005, as Goliad County Day at the State Capitol.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 238 (By Gonzalez Toureilles), Honoring Emily Shane of Beeville on her selection to the Texas Music Educators Association Women's All-State Choir for 2005.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 239 (By Gonzalez Toureilles), Congratulating Eric Latcham of A. C. Jones High School in Beeville for being named to the All-State Academic Football Team by the Texas High School Coaches Association.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 240 (By Crownover), Honoring Tom Harpool for his contributions to the Denton community.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 241 (By Bonnen), Honoring Joseph Hughes Snow on being presented the Angleton Chamber of Commerce Pioneer Award.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 243 (By Blake), Recognizing Nacogdoches County Days at the Capitol on February 16 and 17, 2005.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 245 (By Bohac), In memory of Ralph Edward Smith, Sr., of Houston.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 248 (By Peña, Gonzales, and Escobar), Congratulating Edinburg fire chief Shawn Michael Snider on his election as fourth vice president of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 250 (By Peña, Gonzales, and Escobar), Honoring Dr. Blandina Cardenas on her selection as president of The University of Texas-Pan American.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 253 (By W. Smith and Taylor), Honoring the life of William Frank Crocker of Galveston County.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 254 (By Hill), Honoring the 50th anniversary of the Richardson Police Department.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 256 (By Raymond), Honoring Los Pepitos Schoolhouse of Laredo, its current staff and leader, Rosalinda Gonzalez, and the memory of its founder, Maria de Socorro Ruiz Gonzalez.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 258 (By Hunter), Recognizing February 16, 2005 as Texas Midwest Day at the State Capitol.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 259 (By Martinez Fischer), Congratulating the San Antonio Police Department's SWAT team for winning first place at the 2004 World SWAT Challenge.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 260 (By Martinez Fischer), Congratulating Olympic gold medalist Darold Williamson of San Antonio.

To Rules and Resolutions.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

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

Message No. 1

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Monday, February 14, 2005

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:

HCR 64 Dunnam SPONSOR: Averitt
In memory of Mayor Mae J. Jackson of Waco.

SCR 4 Whitmire
Granting permission to the Texas DeMolay Association to use the chambers of the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives.

Respectfully,
Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate