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PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-THIRD DAY — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007

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

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 96).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson; Aycock; Bailey; Berman; Bohac; Bolton; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Cohen; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Corte; Crabb; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Delisi; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Eissler; Elkins; England; Escobar; Farabee; Farias; Farrar; Flores; Flynn; Frost; Gallego; Garcia; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Toureilles; Goolsby; Guillen; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harless; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hernandez; Herrero; Hilderbran; Hill; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Hughes; Isett; Jackson; Jones; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Latham; Laubenberg; Leibowitz; Lucio; Macias; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miles; Miller; Moreno; Morrison; Mowery; Murphy; Naishtat; Noriega; O'Day; Oliveira; Orr; Ortiz; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Phillips; Pickett; Pierson; Pitts; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Straus; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Thompson; Truitt; Van Arsdale; Vaught; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; West; Woolley; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Olivo.

Absent — Castro; Dunnam; Dutton; Eiland; Haggerty; McCall; Peña; Puente; Turner.

The invocation was offered by Monsignor Louis Pavlicek, St. Helen Catholic Church, Georgetown, as follows:

Heavenly Father, you create out of love. You have made us from the clay of the earth in your image and likeness. You have given us many gifts—the gift of life, freedom, faith, creativity, intelligence, and memory. You invite us to respond freely to that love by being good stewards of all creation. Your son, Jesus, shows us the way by word and example. We are to build up your kingdom here on earth. It is a kingdom of love, justice, truth, and peace. Enlighten us and strengthen us as we strive to make real that master plan. Help us to work together to create a culture of life where the natural law written in our hearts, and civil law which flows from reason, is in conformity with your moral law, O Lord, which comes to us from sacred scripture. At the time of our accountability, may we hear your

words, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Come, join me in the heavenly kingdom." We pray, now and always, in the name of your son Jesus, in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

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

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Hodge who presented Dr. John Richmond of Dallas and Dr. Shawn Riley of Austin as the "Doctors for the Day."

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Olivo on motion of Hodge.

COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Orr requested permission for the Committee on Land and Resource Management, Subcommittee on Eminent Domain, to meet while the house is in session, at 10:30 a.m. today, in E2.014, for a work session, to consider eminent domain issues.

Permission to meet was granted.

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).

RULES SUSPENDED

Representative Orr moved to suspend all necessary rules to allow the Committee on Land and Resource Management, Subcommittee on Eminent Domain, to consider eminent domain issues while the house is in session, at 10:30 a.m. today, in E2.014.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Land and Resource Management, Subcommittee on Eminent Domain, 10:30 a.m. today, E2.014, for a work session, to consider eminent domain issues.

FIVE DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED

Representative Madden moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Joint Select Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission to conduct organizational matters and to hear invited testimony tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in E1.036.

The motion prevailed.

HR 689 - ADOPTED
(by Callegari)

Representative Callegari moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 689**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 689, Recognizing March 7, 2007, as Texas Desalination Day at the State Capitol and encouraging continued investment in practical applications of desalination technology in the state.

HR 689 was adopted.

HR 565 - ADOPTED
(by Swinford)

Representative Swinford moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 565**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 565, Honoring Mariwyn Dye-Webb for her professional accomplishments and civic contributions.

HR 565 was read and was adopted.

(Eiland now present)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Swinford who introduced Mariwyn Dye-Webb and members of her family.

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

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

HR 686 - ADOPTED
(by Heflin)

Representative Heflin moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 686**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 686, Recognizing March 7, 2007, as Big Spring Area Day at the State Capitol.

HR 686 was read and was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Heflin who introduced a delegation from Big Spring.

**HR 263 - ADOPTED
(by Gallego)**

Representative T. King moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 263**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 263, Congratulating the Badland Texas Rangers on being named the primary reenactment group for the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco.

HR 263 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative West, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 263** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Flynn who introduced a delegation from Hunt County.

**HR 692 - ADOPTED
(by Flynn)**

Representative Flynn moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 692**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 692, Recognizing March 7, 2007, as Hunt County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 692 was read and was adopted.

(Woolley in the chair)

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The chair recognized Representatives Truitt and Hancock who introduced Nika Maples, Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year.

(Dutton now present)

**HR 607 - ADOPTED
(by Naishtat)**

Representative Naishtat moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 607**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 607, Honoring Jay Arnold on her retirement from Goodwill Industries of Central Texas.

(Hill in the chair)

HR 607 was read and was adopted.

(Turner now present)

HR 713 - ADOPTED

(by Ortiz, Garcia, Escobar, Herrero, and Gonzalez Toureilles)

Representative Ortiz moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 713**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 713, Recognizing March 7, 2007, as Coastal Bend Day at the State Capitol.

HR 713 was read and was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representatives Garcia, Ortiz, Gonzalez Toureilles, Herrero, and Escobar who introduced a delegation from the Coastal Bend region.

HR 711 - ADOPTED

(by Straus)

Representative Straus moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 711**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 711, Commending the Alamo Heights High School football team on winning the University Interscholastic League Class 4A Division I state championship title.

(Speaker in the chair)

HR 711 was read and was adopted.

(Castro now present)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Straus who introduced players and coaches of the Alamo Heights football team.

(W. Smith in the chair)

HR 702 - ADOPTED

(by Martinez)

Representative Martinez moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 702**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 702, Welcoming Leadership Mid Valley to the State Capitol.

HR 702 was read and was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Martinez who introduced members of Leadership Mid Valley.

HR 712 - ADOPTED (by Guillen)

Representative Gonzales moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 712**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 712, Recognizing March 8, 2007, as World Kidney Day at the State Capitol.

HR 712 was adopted.

HR 656 - ADOPTED (by D. Howard)

Representative Gonzales moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 656**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 656, Recognizing March 17, 2007, as Henry A. Wiley Day in honor of the destroyer's role and the gallantry of its crew in the Pacific during World War II.

HR 656 was adopted.

(Speaker in the chair)

HR 715 - ADOPTED (by Bonnen)

Representative Bonnen moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 715**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 715, In memory of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Christopher M. McCrackin of Liverpool.

HR 715 was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representative Noriega, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 715** as signers thereof.

HR 716 - ADOPTED
(by Bonnen)

Representative Bonnen moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 716**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 716, In memory of Army Specialist Robert Tipp, Jr., of Lake Jackson.

HR 716 was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representative Noriega, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 716** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Bonnen who introduced family members of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Christopher M. McCrackin and Army Specialist Robert Tipp, Jr., and members of Brazoria County Military Moms and Wives.

(Anderson in the chair)

COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Deshotel requested permission for the Committee on Economic Development to meet while the house is in session during bill referral, in E1.014, for a public hearing, to consider the posted agenda.

Permission to meet was granted.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Economic Development, during bill referral today, E1.014, for a public hearing, to consider the posted agenda.

COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Bailey requested permission for the Committee on Urban Affairs to meet while the house is in session during bill referral, in E1.026, for a public hearing, to consider previously posted bills.

Permission to meet was granted.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Urban Affairs, during bill referral today, E1.026, for a public hearing, to consider posted business.

FIVE DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED

Representative Chisum moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on Appropriations to consider budget matters.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Appropriations, 8 a.m. March 9, E1.030, for a public hearing, to consider LBB budget recommendations for the legislature in addition to previously posted items.

COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Delisi requested permission for the Committee on Public Health to meet while the house is in session during bill referral, in E2.036, to continue the previously posted public hearing.

Permission to meet was granted.

FIVE DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED

Representative Chisum moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on Appropriations to consider LBB budget recommendations and previously posted items.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following committee meetings were announced:

Appropriations, 8 a.m. March 8, E1.030, for a public hearing, to consider LBB budget recommendations for the legislature in addition to previously posted items.

Juvenile Justice and Family Issues, upon adjournment today, E2.026, for a public hearing, to consider posted business.

(Peña now present)

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Representative Bailey 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 U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Christopher M. McCrackin and Army Specialist Robert Tipp, Jr., who died in the line of duty.

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 No. 2.)

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 11:57 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 2611 (By Madden), Relating to the eligibility of certain inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for medically recommended intensive supervision.

To Corrections.

List No. 2

HB 2203 (By Kolkhorst), Relating to payments by the Texas Department of Transportation to an unsuccessful private entity that submits a proposal for a comprehensive development agreement.

To Transportation.

HB 2204 (By Harper-Brown), Relating to residential mortgage fraud; providing criminal penalties.

To Financial Institutions.

HB 2205 (By Zedler), Relating to designating English as the official language of this state.

To State Affairs.

HB 2206 (By Haggerty), Relating to the use of a card-minding device to play bingo.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2207 (By Gallego), Relating to the conveyance of certain residential real property encumbered by a lien.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2209 (By Rodriguez), Relating to the use of alternate forms of voting in certain elections.

To Elections.

HB 2210 (By Bolton), Relating to a requirement that a local law enforcement agency provide the victims of certain offenses with a copy of the incident report.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 2211 (By Murphy), Relating to licensing and regulation of automotive shops, automotive technicians, and automotive service writers, advisors, and estimators; providing penalties.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2212 (By Guillen), Relating to the authority to consolidate municipalities.

To Border and International Affairs.

HB 2213 (By Vo), Relating to the use and disclosure of social security numbers by institutions of higher education.

To Higher Education.

HB 2214 (By Turner), Relating to restitution and other assistance provided to victims of crime and to related claimants.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2215 (By Turner), Relating to the integration of the application and eligibility determination processes for the child health plan and children's Medicaid programs.

To Human Services.

HB 2216 (By Turner), Relating to the regulation of the sale of certain mobility motor vehicles equipped to transport a person with a disability.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2217 (By Eissler), Relating to grants for higher education and workforce readiness programs in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 2218 (By Hochberg), Relating to the vesting of architectural control committee authority in certain subdivisions.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2219 (By Solomons), Relating to service of process on financial institutions.

To Financial Institutions.

HB 2220 (By Isett), Relating to the school funding formulas study group.

To Public Education.

HB 2221 (By Flynn), Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to employees of the adjutant general's department.

To Transportation.

HB 2222 (By Heflin), Relating to the membership of the Food and Fibers Research Council.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 2223 (By Villarreal), Relating to the regulation of crisis pregnancy centers.

To State Affairs.

HB 2224 (By Coleman), Relating to eligibility for and the administration of the child health plan program; making an appropriation.

To Appropriations.

HB 2225 (By Giddings), Relating to student representation on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and certain coordinating board advisory committees.

To Higher Education.

HB 2226 (By Coleman), Relating to the creation of a Tex Sun solar energy system rebate program.

To Regulated Industries.

HB 2227 (By Heflin), Relating to emergency appropriations for costs associated with the special constitutional amendment election.

To Appropriations.

HB 2228 (By Swinford), Relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 2229 (By Swinford), Relating to a supplemental transportation allotment for certain school districts with substantial student travel costs for extracurricular activities.

To Public Education.

HB 2230 (By Swinford), Relating to a supplemental transportation allotment for certain school districts with substantial student travel costs for extracurricular activities.

To Public Education.

HB 2231 (By Corte), Relating to the authority of the Railroad Commission of Texas to file a lien on certain land adversely affected by past mining practices and reclaimed by the commission.

To Energy Resources.

HB 2232 (By Corte), Relating to the amount of an administrative penalty assessed by the Railroad Commission of Texas for a violation of the Texas Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act or a permit issued under that act.

To Energy Resources.

HB 2233 (By Corte), Relating to information technology security practices of state agencies.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2234 (By Zerwas), Relating to persons who may be ordered to take a blood sample from the body of a person who died as a result of a motor vehicle accident.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 2235 (By Guillen), Relating to the creation of a technology center grant program for rural counties.

To Border and International Affairs.

HB 2236 (By Eissler), Relating to the administration of certain assessment instruments in public schools; providing a criminal penalty.

To Public Education.

HB 2237 (By Eissler), Relating to high school success and college readiness in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 2238 (By Eissler), Relating to the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS).

To Public Education.

HB 2239 (By Deshotel), Relating to the adoption of a state scenic byways program.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 2240 (By Farabee), Relating to severance tax credits for qualifying low-producing wells.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2241 (By Kuempel), Relating to the work hours of and compensatory time and overtime pay for commissioned officers of the Department of Public Safety.

To Appropriations.

HB 2242 (By Branch), Relating to erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads.

To Transportation.

HB 2243 (By Branch), Relating to the prohibition of signs on certain roads.

To Transportation.

HB 2244 (By Turner), Relating to the ratio of correctional officers to prisoners in a county jail.

To Corrections.

HB 2245 (By Parker), Relating to the authority of the voters of a county to allow the owners of certain real property to require that county and any municipal ad valorem taxes be imposed on that real property on the basis of a five-year average of the property's value.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 2246 (By Parker), Relating to transferring to the property tax relief fund one-half of any unencumbered balance of general revenue at the end of a state fiscal biennium.

To Appropriations.

HB 2247 (By Van Arsdale), Relating to the cancellation of the voter registration of persons who are deceased or not citizens of the United States.

To Elections.

HB 2248 (By Van Arsdale), Relating to the ability of a governmental body under the public information law to request a redetermination from the attorney general on dismissal of litigation relating to the same issue.

To State Affairs.

HB 2249 (By Van Arsdale), Relating to a qualified privilege of a journalist not to testify.

To Judiciary.

HB 2250 (By Van Arsdale), Relating to the costs of holding certain joint elections.

To Elections.

HB 2251 (By Taylor), Relating to advertising by certain insurers.

To Insurance.

HB 2252 (By Taylor), Relating to disclosure of information about health care-related services or access to health care information provided to persons covered by health benefit plans.

To Insurance.

HB 2253 (By Alonzo), Relating to a personal identification device provided to residents of certain institutions and assisted living facilities.

To Human Services.

HB 2254 (By Alonzo), Relating to the procedures for registering to vote at the time of applying for a driver's license or personal identification card.

To Elections.

HB 2255 (By McReynolds), Relating to the ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of a disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2256 (By McReynolds), Relating to the requirements for uniform fair hearing rules for Medicaid services, including services that require prior authorization.

To Human Services.

HB 2257 (By Frost), Relating to the misuse of certain government documents and related instruments and to the prosecution of certain offenses involving that conduct.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2258 (By Frost), Relating to the authority of a private business to provide security services.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 2259 (By Hardcastle), Relating to the evidentiary use of certain judgments, orders, and docket sheets in a criminal case.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2260 (By Hardcastle), Relating to penalties for repeat and habitual felony offenders.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2261 (By Callegari), Relating to the definition of normal wear in a service contract.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2262 (By Eiland), Relating to indemnification provisions in construction contracts.

To Civil Practices.

HB 2263 (By Eiland), Relating to the confidentiality of home address information of certain judges.

To Elections.

HB 2264 (By Eiland), Relating to suits affecting the parent-child relationship, including proceedings for the establishment, modification, and enforcement of child support; providing a civil penalty.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 2265 (By Haggerty), Relating to the prizes awarded in a progressive bingo game.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2266 (By Haggerty), Relating to the distribution of certain alcoholic beverages.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2267 (By Solomons), Relating to the suspension of sentence and deferral of final disposition in certain misdemeanor cases.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2268 (By Murphy), Relating to certain acquisitions of real property by the Texas Department of Transportation for highway purposes.

To Transportation.

HB 2269 (By Bailey), Relating to entrance examination procedures for certain police officers under municipal civil service.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2270 (By Bailey), Relating to the deduction from a deputy sheriff's wages or salary in certain counties for payment of membership dues to an employee association.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2271 (By Bailey), Relating to financing statements and other records under the secured transactions law.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2272 (By McClendon), Relating to an additional filing fee for civil cases filed in Bexar County.

To Judiciary.

HB 2273 (By Rodriguez), Relating to tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their family members.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2274 (By Rodriguez), Relating to requiring counseling before closing certain high-risk loans.

To Financial Institutions.

HB 2275 (By Y. Davis), Relating to parental access to information concerning a child's coverage under a health benefit plan or status under certain state-funded health care programs.

To Public Health.

HB 2276 (By Chisum), Relating to financing tools for certain obligations for public improvements.

To County Affairs.

HB 2277 (By Chisum), Relating to delivery of certain unclaimed money to a rural scholarship fund.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2278 (By Deshotel), Relating to a nonsubstantive revision of statutes relating to business and commerce; including conforming amendments.

To Economic Development.

HB 2287 (By Turner), Relating to child protective services.

To Human Services.

HCR 136 (By Flynn), Designating the Ghostriders as the official Rodeo Drill Team of Texas.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HCR 137 (By Miller), Designating the Barnie McBee Memorial Cook-off in Comanche as the official North Central Texas Regional Championship Barbecue Cook-off.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HCR 139 (By Rodriguez), Designating May 1, 2007, as Silver Star Day in Texas in honor of wounded service members.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HCR 140 (By S. King), Honoring the history of the Buffalo Soldiers for their outstanding military service and contributions to the Lone Star State.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HJR 82 (By Parker), Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a county to allow county and any municipal ad valorem taxes to be imposed on certain real property on the basis of a five-year average taxable value.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HR 674 (By Delisi), In memory of Roy Edward Barfield of Rogers.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 675 (By Ortiz), Honoring the Texas Society Colonial Dames XVII Century on the occasion of the group's 69th annual state conference on March 8-10, 2007, in Corpus Christi.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 676 (By Truitt), Congratulating Steve Vinson on his receipt of the 2007 Texas Small Business Partnership Award and the Gold Award by the Texas Association of Partners in Education.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 677 (By Dutton), Honoring the League of Women Voters of the Houston Area on the 87th anniversary of the organization's founding.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 687 (By Zedler), In memory of Samuel J. West of Arlington.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 693 (By Miller), Honoring the 2007 Barbecue, Beans, and Blarney celebration being held in Dublin.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 694 (By R. Cook), Honoring Sidney and Mary Frey of Alleyton on their 60th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 695 (By Hughes), Honoring Carolyn Burns on the occasion of her retirement from Wood County Electric Cooperative.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 696 (By Hughes), Honoring Joe and Joyce Archer of Alba on their 50th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 697 (By Hughes), Honoring James Virgil and Mabel Galyean of Golden on their 60th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 698 (By Hughes), Honoring Dollie Howle of Quitman on her 100th birthday.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 703 (By Martinez), Extending sincere best wishes for the future to Weslaco resident Melody Michelle Swinnea, who remains in a coma after suffering an accident in November 2006.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 706 (By Raymond), Honoring the memory of Sabas Perez and commemorating the dedication of the new wing at the LISD Magnet for Engineering and Technology Education at Dr. Leo Gonzalez Cigarroa High School in his honor.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 707 (By Hopson), Honoring the city of Carthage for its contributions to country music.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 708 (By Woolley), Honoring Anna DeSanctis for winning a 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 709 (By Vaught), In memory of Christopher James Holt of Austin.

To Rules and Resolutions.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

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

Message No. 1

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

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 135 Patrick SPONSOR: Brimer
Commending Special Olympics Texas and welcoming its athletes to the Capitol.

SB 112 Carona
Relating to the confiscation of firearms and ammunition during a state of disaster.

SB 113 Van de Putte
Relating to the eligibility of certain foster care children to attend prekindergarten classes.

Respectfully,
Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

March 6

Judiciary - **HB 342, HB 585, HB 682, HB 1126, HB 1406, HJR 36**

Licensing and Administrative Procedures - **HB 815, HB 1180**

Public Health - **HB 92**

Urban Affairs - **HB 195, HB 618, HB 738, HB 1079, HB 1176, HB 1491**

ENGROSSED

March 6 - HB 8, HB 2061