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PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY — THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011

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 54).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Flynn; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harless; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kolkhorst; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Laubenberg; Lavender; Legler; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Reynolds; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, T.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Walle; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Driver; Oliveira; Smith, W.; Truitt.

Absent — Anchia.

The invocation was offered by Terry Pugh, pastor, First United Pentecostal Church, Odessa, as follows:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

I pray, O God, that your will and your purpose will be fulfilled in our nation. I pray that you will direct the decisions and the actions of those who are leaders of our country.

I pray, Father, that you would guide the men and women who have been elected to serve in leadership roles in the State of Texas. The leaders in this room are faced with difficult challenges and tough decisions. They are dealing with issues that do not have simple solutions. I ask that you will give the leaders in this room wisdom, so they will know what is best for Texas. Also give them the

courage to do what is best for Texas. Give to each of them the confidence to stand alone, the boldness to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of the powerless. I pray, Savior, that you will not only give them wisdom and courage, but I pray that you will bless them and their families. Keep your hand of protection upon them. Let the peace that passes all understanding rule in their hearts and in their homes.

O God of heaven, I pray that you will be with all of our soldiers. But be especially close to those who are stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the other hot spots around the world. Protect them from harm. Shield their minds from overwhelming fear, and let them find a shelter in your presence. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

The speaker recognized Representative Margo 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 legislative business:

Driver on motion of Brown.

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

Oliveira on motion of Deshotel.

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

W. Smith on motion of Brown.

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

Truitt on motion of Brown.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED

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

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Kleinschmidt who presented Dr. Steven Yount of Bastrop as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Yount and thanked him for his 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 the remainder of today because of important business in the district:

Lucio on motion of V. Gonzales.

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).

(Anchia now present)

**HR 516 - ADOPTED
(by Anchia and Sheets)**

Representative Anchia moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 516**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 516, Honoring Ambassador Ron Kirk for his service as United States trade representative.

HR 516 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Reynolds, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 516** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The speaker recognized Representative Anchia who introduced Ambassador Ron Kirk, who briefly addressed the house.

(Workman in the chair)

**HR 458 - ADOPTED
(by Cain)**

Representative Cain moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 458**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 458, Congratulating Earl and Evelyn Glenn of Sulphur Springs on their 70th wedding anniversary.

HR 458 was adopted.

**HR 472 - ADOPTED
(by Lavender)**

Representative S. Davis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 472**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 472, Honoring the Joseph "Jo Jo" Westmoreland Scholarship Fund BBQ in Hughes Springs.

HR 472 was adopted.

HR 591 - ADOPTED
(by Bonnen)

Representative Flynn moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 591**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 591, Commemorating the dedication of the John Dewey Municipal Justice Center in Lake Jackson.

HR 591 was adopted.

HR 555 - ADOPTED
(by Weber)

Representative Weber moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 555**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 555, Recognizing February 23, 2011, as Pearland Day at the State Capitol.

HR 555 was read and was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Weber who introduced a delegation from Pearland.

HR 449 - ADOPTED
(by D. Miller)

Representative D. Miller moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 449**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 449, Welcoming the AP U.S. politics and government class from the New Braunfels Christian Academy to the State Capitol.

HR 449 was read and was adopted.

HR 540 - ADOPTED
(by T. King, et al.)

Representative T. King moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 540**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 540, Commemorating the 2011 Fort Clark Days and the Lipan Apache Band of Texas Pow Wow.

HR 540 was adopted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

L. Gonzales on motion of Otto.

HR 592 - ADOPTED (by Hughes, et al.)

Representative Hughes moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 592**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 592, Recognizing February 24, 2011, as Responsible Pet Owners Alliance Day at the State Capitol.

HR 592 was read and was adopted.

FIVE-DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED

Representative Otto moved to suspend the five-day posting rule to allow the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Article III, to meet upon adjournment of the Committee on Appropriations meeting tomorrow in E1.030.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEES GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Pursuant to Rule 4, Section 9 of the House Rules, Representative Callegari requested permission for all committees and subcommittees to meet while the house is in session, during bill referral today, pursuant to their committee postings.

Permission to meet was granted.

(McClendon in the chair)

CONGRATULATORY AND MEMORIAL CALENDAR

The following congratulatory resolutions were laid before the house:

HCR 59 (by Berman), Designating February 28 to March 1, 2011, as East Texas Coalition Days at the State Capitol.

HR 18 was withdrawn.

HR 20 (by Flynn), Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the First State Bank of Ben Wheeler.

HR 21 (by Alonzo), Congratulating Reynaldo Lopez on being named Coach of the Year by NTSA-USA.

HR 28 (by Alonzo), Recognizing the 24th annual Grand Prairie Cinco de Mayo celebration.

HR 29 (by Alonzo), Recognizing the 25th annual Grand Prairie Cinco de Mayo celebration.

HR 30 (by Alonzo), Commemorating the 108th anniversary of Oak Cliff's annexation to Dallas.

HR 31 (by Alonzo), Commemorating the 109th anniversary of Oak Cliff's annexation to Dallas.

HR 34 (by Menendez), Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

HR 35 (by Hardcastle, et al.), Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

HR 36 (by Alonzo), Commemorating the 42nd anniversary of the 1969 Crystal City student walkout.

HR 37 (by Alonzo), Commemorating the 43rd anniversary of the 1969 Crystal City student walkout.

HR 40 (by Alonzo), Honoring the Dallas Association for Bilingual Education for its outstanding record of service to the community and congratulating its 2011 officers.

HR 41 (by Alonzo), Honoring the Dallas Association for Bilingual Education for its outstanding record of service to the community and congratulating its 2012 officers.

HR 42 (by Alonzo), Commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Dallas Mega March for American Values and Justice on April 9, 2011.

HR 43 (by Alonzo), Commemorating the sixth anniversary of the Dallas Mega March for American Values and Justice on April 9, 2012.

HR 46 (by Alonzo), Honoring participants in the University of North Texas Roberto R. Alonzo Bilingual/ESL Education Scholars Program for 2011.

HR 47 (by Alonzo), Honoring participants in the University of North Texas Roberto R. Alonzo Bilingual/ESL Education Scholars Program for 2012.

HR 49 (by Hochberg), Congratulating Rushan Gao of Houston on his achievements in and support of senior games competition.

HR 50 (by Craddick), Congratulating State Representative Beverly Woolley and Lynn Woolley on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 52 (by Craddick), Congratulating Sherman and Elaine Wright of Midland on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 53 (by Craddick), Congratulating Lester and Carole Headrick of Midland on their 45th wedding anniversary.

HR 54 (by Hilderbran), Congratulating Doyle and Doris Thomas of Kerrville on their 70th wedding anniversary.

HR 56 (by Hilderbran), Congratulating Mary and Howard Conoway of Kerrville on their 77th wedding anniversary.

HR 61 (by Hilderbran), Congratulating Noel and Frances Marie Bryant of Kerrville on their 71st wedding anniversary.

HR 67 (by Solomons), Congratulating Dr. Lee Oneacre on being named 2010 Dentist of the Year by the Dallas County Dental Society.

HR 76 (by Alonzo), Honoring the 2011 and former presidents of the Mexican American Democrats.

HR 77 (by Alonzo), Honoring the 2012 and former presidents of the Mexican American Democrats.

HR 78 (by Alonzo), Commemorating the 163rd anniversary of the date the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed, ending the Mexican War.

HR 79 (by Alonzo), Commemorating the 164th anniversary of the date the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed, ending the Mexican War.

HR 80 (by Alonzo), Commemorating Cinco de Mayo 2011.

HR 81 (by Alonzo), Commemorating Cinco de Mayo 2012.

HR 86 (by Alonzo), Commending members of the Texas Dental Association and Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation and recognizing the 2011 Texas Missions of Mercy.

HR 87 (by Alonzo), Commending members of the Texas Dental Association and Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation and recognizing the 2012 Texas Missions of Mercy.

HR 93 (by Craddick), Honoring George and Frances Ratliff of Midland on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 94 (by Craddick), Congratulating Ed and Nancy Billingsley of Lamesa on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 95 (by Craddick), Congratulating Billy and Sarah Edwards of O'Donnell on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 96 (by Craddick), Congratulating Wesley and Donna Teague of Lamesa on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 97 (by Craddick), Congratulating Joe and Sheila Matlock of Midland on their 45th wedding anniversary.

HR 98 (by Craddick), Honoring Carriel and Jannette Nipp on their 60th wedding anniversary.

HR 99 (by Christian), Commemorating the dedication of a Texas State Historical Marker at the First United Methodist Church of Buna.

HR 103 was withdrawn.

HR 106 (by Hilderbran), Congratulating Lyle and Colleen McGuffin of Kerrville on their 75th wedding anniversary.

HR 109 (by Hilderbran), Honoring Katie Bridges of Marble Falls for creating the Operation Cover a Friend initiative.

HR 112 (by McClendon), Congratulating Sebastian Lang-Lessing on being named music director of the San Antonio Symphony.

HR 113 (by Solomons), Congratulating Silas Nathaniel Huff on his selection as a U.S. Army band officer.

HR 114 (by Solomons), Congratulating the volleyball team of Hebron High School in Carrollton on winning the UIL 5A state championship.

HR 116 was previously adopted.

HR 119 was withdrawn.

HR 121 was withdrawn.

HR 122 was withdrawn.

HR 123 was withdrawn.

HR 124 was withdrawn.

HR 130 was withdrawn.

HR 132 was withdrawn.

HR 134 (by Button), Honoring Dover Elementary School in Richardson on being named a 2010 Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

HR 138 was withdrawn.

HR 152 (by Raymond), Honoring former Texas Longhorn Daniel "Colt" McCoy on his achievements as an athlete and volunteer.

HR 153 (by Flynn), Congratulating Larry and Linda Harper of Commerce on their 40th wedding anniversary.

HR 154 (by Flynn), Congratulating Tony and Linda Gavin of Caddo Mills on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 155 was previously adopted.

HR 166 (by Callegari), Commemorating the dedication of Stan C. Stanley Elementary School in Katy.

HR 167 (by Callegari), Congratulating David Roy Bull on his graduation from Mountain Vista High School.

HR 168 (by Callegari), Honoring the City of Katy on its receipt of a 2010 Governor's Community Achievement Award.

HR 170 (by Hughes), Congratulating Agnes Eve Pulk Farmer of Wood County on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

HR 173 (by Darby), Honoring Bill Tullos of Arden on being chosen as the recipient of the 2010 National Golden Spur Award.

HR 186 (by Craddick), Commending Carolyn Turner, former district clerk of Dawson County, for her 33 years of service to the county.

HR 191 (by Menendez), Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of VFW Lackland Memorial Post 9174.

HR 207 (by Raymond), Honoring Drew Brees for his outstanding achievements in football and for his charitable works.

HR 208 (by Raymond), Congratulating Ana Rodriguez on her selection as Miss Texas USA 2011.

HR 214 (by Sheffield), Congratulating Bob and Sue Stone of Temple on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 217 (by Kolkhorst), Congratulating Dorothy Morgan on her retirement as Washington County judge.

HR 220 (by Hochberg), Honoring the Azerbaijani residents of Houston.

HR 226 (by Callegari), Honoring Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston.

HR 227 (by Callegari), Recognizing the opening of Texas Children's Hospital West Campus in Katy.

HR 233 (by Hochberg), Honoring Briarmeadow Charter School in the Houston Independent School District on its selection as a 2010 Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

HR 234 (by Guillen), Honoring Ruperto Canales, Jr., of San Diego, Texas, for his many years of exemplary service as a coach and teacher.

HR 237 was withdrawn.

HR 246 (by Flynn), Congratulating Brigadier General Victor Ortiz on the occasion of his retirement from the Texas State Guard.

HR 247 (by Flynn), Congratulating Penny Smeltzer of Round Rock ISD on her receipt of the 2010 O'Donnell Texas AP Teacher Award.

HR 249 (by Marquez), Commemorating the opening of the new baseball and softball athletic fields at El Paso High School.

HR 250 (by Marquez), Congratulating Nandie Adams of Canutillo High School in El Paso on her outstanding play during the 2010-2011 basketball season.

HR 255 (by Sheffield), Congratulating Jim and Maxine Howell of Temple on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 256 (by Sheffield), Congratulating Robert and Alice Hoelscher of Red Ranger on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 257 (by Sheffield), Congratulating Roy and Iris Kneese of Belton on their 60th wedding anniversary.

HR 258 (by Schwertner), Honoring Nicholas Charles McAtee on becoming an Eagle Scout.

HR 259 (by Schwertner), Congratulating Kyle Westley Deal, Jr., on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

HR 260 (by Schwertner), Congratulating Jason Andrew Deal on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

HR 266 (by Riddle), Honoring Fred and Mary Jane Parrow of Spring on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 270 (by Flynn), Congratulating Orville and Becky Gentry of Greenville on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 271 (by Flynn), Congratulating Colonel Manuel Rodriguez on his promotion to brigadier general and his assignment as deputy commander, Army, Texas State Guard.

HR 272 (by Shelton), Congratulating the Texas Christian University football team on its undefeated 2010-2011 season.

HR 275 (by McClendon), Congratulating the Reverend Dr. Ronald and Sister Lillian R. Benson on their 30th pastoral anniversary with Bethany First Baptist Church in San Antonio.

HR 290 (by Orr), Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Clifton.

HR 291 (by Strama), Congratulating the Hendrickson High School Marching Band of Pflugerville on being named the 2010-2011 Grand Master Champion at the Fiesta Bowl Band Championship in Arizona.

HR 293 (by Craddick), Congratulating Melven and JoAn Lobstein of Sparenburg on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 298 (by Hardcastle), Recognizing March 24, 2011, as Wilbarger County and City of Vernon Day at the State Capitol.

HR 299 (by Hardcastle), Congratulating the Vernon College men's rodeo team on winning the 2010 national championship at the College National Finals Rodeo.

HR 302 (by Button, et al.), Recognizing Richardson Republican Women as its members visit the State Capitol for Texas Federation of Republican Women Day on March 3, 2011.

HR 303 (by Button, et al.), Honoring Dr. Carolyn Bukhair for her outstanding service in behalf of the Richardson Independent School District.

HR 305 (by Schwertner), Congratulating Jonathon Douglas Deal of Cameron on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

HR 307 (by Marquez), Commending Dr. Andres S. Enriquez for his service as 2010-2011 president of the El Paso County Medical Society.

HR 311 (by Anchia), Commending Sara Reidy of Dallas for her contributions as a community advocate.

HR 312 (by Workman), Congratulating the Regents School of Austin football team on winning the 2010 TAPPS Division III state championship.

HR 314 (by McClendon), Commemorating the 100th anniversary of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in San Antonio.

HR 315 (by McClendon), Congratulating retired U.S. Army Sergeant Major Turner N. McGarity on receiving the Veterans Braintrust Award from the Congressional Black Caucus.

HR 317 (by Flynn), Congratulating John and Charlotte Turner on their 40th wedding anniversary.

HR 319 (by Flynn), Honoring the Canton Autumn Stroll Barbecue Cook-off.

HR 320 (by L. Gonzales), Recognizing March 23, 2011, as Hutto Day at the State Capitol.

HR 321 (by Craddick), Honoring the late William D. Kleine for his posthumous induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame.

HR 322 (by Craddick), Congratulating Gerald and Nancy Parsons of Lamesa on their 60th wedding anniversary.

HR 323 (by Morrison), Congratulating Robby Burdge on being named the Victoria Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year for 2010.

HR 325 (by Christian), Honoring Malcolm Samuel Weaver of Center for his contributions to East Texas.

HR 327 (by Sheffield), Congratulating Bill and Marjorie Knight of Belton on their 60th wedding anniversary.

HR 328 (by Sheffield), Honoring Louis DeLaRosa, Jr., and Ophelia DeLaRosa of Temple on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 332 (by Aliseda, et al.), Recognizing February 10, 2011, as Jim Wells County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 338 (by C. Anderson), Recognizing February 9, 2011, as Waco Day at the State Capitol.

HR 344 (by McClendon), Congratulating Dr. Carl Johnson on his retirement as pastor of Greater Corinth Baptist Church in San Antonio.

HR 346 (by McClendon), Congratulating Mentoria Lewis Sherfield on her retirement from the San Antonio Independent School District.

HR 347 (by McClendon), Congratulating Joseph C. Walsh, Jr., on his retirement from Laurel Street Church of Christ in San Antonio.

HR 351 (by McClendon), Congratulating James Hudson on his retirement from VIA Metropolitan Transit in San Antonio.

HR 352 (by McClendon), Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in San Antonio.

HR 356 (by McClendon), Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the San Antonio Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.

The resolutions were adopted.

The following memorial resolutions were laid before the house:

HCR 32 (by Craddick), In memory of Lindley Paul Latham of Midland.

HCR 38 (by Eiland), Paying tribute to the life of Texas heroine Jane Herbert Wilkinson Long.

HCR 47 (by Guillen), In memory of U.S. Army Private First Class Ira Benjamin Laningham IV of Zapata.

HR 17 (by Raymond), In memory of former Laredo city councilman Joe A. Guerra.

HR 22 (by Alonzo), Paying tribute to the life of Irma Rangel and honoring the students of the Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School on the seventh anniversary of the opening of the school.

HR 23 (by Alonzo), Paying tribute to the life of Irma Rangel and honoring the students of the Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School on the eighth anniversary of the opening of the school.

HR 26 (by Alonzo), Honoring the life of Cesar Chavez and commemorating the 84th anniversary of his birth on March 31, 2011.

HR 27 (by Alonzo), Honoring the life of Cesar Chavez and commemorating the 85th anniversary of his birth on March 31, 2012.

HR 38 (by Alonzo), In memory of Tejano Legend Laura Canales of Kingsville on April 16, 2011, the sixth anniversary of her death.

HR 39 (by Alonzo), In memory of Tejano Legend Laura Canales of Kingsville on April 16, 2012, the seventh anniversary of her death.

HR 44 (by Alonzo), Honoring the life of Selena Quintanilla Perez on March 31, 2011, the 16th anniversary of her passing.

HR 45 (by Alonzo), Honoring the life of Selena Quintanilla Perez on March 31, 2012, the 17th anniversary of her passing.

HR 57 (by Hilderbran), In memory of Eleanor Dozier of Kerrville.

HR 58 (by Hilderbran), In memory of William H. Williams, Kerr County commissioner.

HR 59 (by Hilderbran), In memory of Mary Terry of Georgetown.

HR 60 (by Hilderbran), In memory of U.S. Marine Corporal Jacob Carl Leicht of Kerrville.

HR 62 (by Hilderbran), In memory of Allyn Paul Roussel of New Orleans, Louisiana.

HR 64 (by Hilderbran), In memory of longtime Kerrville resident Linda Lashley Trisch.

HR 65 (by Hilderbran), In memory of Jacquelynn Richardson Kyle of Pipe Creek.

HR 68 (by Hilderbran), In memory of John V. Spikes of Hunt.

HR 69 (by Hilderbran), In memory of Kenneth W. Arthur of Concan.

HR 70 (by Hilderbran), In memory of Elaine Hart Dortch of Longview.

HR 71 (by Hilderbran), In memory of Sharon Ann Dykes of Horseshoe Bay.

HR 72 (by Hilderbran), In memory of Edward Allen North of Kerrville.

HR 84 (by Alonzo), Honoring the life of Benito Juarez on March 21, 2011, the 205th anniversary of his birth.

HR 85 (by Alonzo), Honoring the life of Benito Juarez on March 21, 2012, the 206th anniversary of his birth.

HR 90 (by Alonzo), Paying tribute to the life of William C. Velasquez, founder of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, on June 15, 2011, the 23rd anniversary of his death.

HR 91 (by Alonzo), Paying tribute to the life of William C. Velasquez, founder of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, on June 15, 2012, the 24th anniversary of his death.

HR 105 (by Hilderbran), In memory of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Michael C. Murphrey.

HR 108 (by Hilderbran), In memory of U.S. Army Private First Class Benjamin Glen Chisholm.

HR 110 (by Hopson), In memory of Cecil Alvis Staples of Palestine.

HR 115 (by Woolley), In memory of U.S. Army Specialist Pedro Antonio Maldonado of Houston.

HR 135 was withdrawn.

HR 139 was withdrawn.

HR 142 (by Hunter), In memory of Dr. Billy Jim Blankenship of Corpus Christi.

HR 144 (by Patrick), In memory of Willie Belle Porter of Longview.

HR 146 (by Paxton), In memory of U.S. Army Private First Class Cody A. Board of McKinney.

HR 147 (by Giddings), Honoring the life of Dan S. Petty of Dallas.

HR 165 (by Callegari, et al.), In memory of Dr. Susan Diane Jackson.

HR 169 (by Hughes), In memory of Donald Keith Dubbs of Mineola.

HR 176 (by Naishtat), In memory of Susan Bright of Austin.

HR 187 (by Schwertner), In memory of Vernon Hunter of Cedar Park.

HR 188 (by Schwertner), In memory of Leonard Allen Reed of Cedar Park.

HR 190 (by Schwertner), In memory of U.S. Army Second Lieutenant Darryn Deen Andrews.

HR 196 (by Woolley), In memory of Steven Patrick Kanaly of Houston.

HR 197 (by P. King), In memory of U.S. Army Private First Class Austin Garrett Staggs.

HR 199 (by Schwertner), In memory of Michael Grant Cahill of Cameron.

HR 212 (by Harper-Brown), In memory of Otto William Biels, Jr., of Irving.

HR 215 (by Zedler), In memory of Jean May Keller of Arlington.

HR 223 (by Rodriguez), In memory of David "Lee" Walker of Dripping Springs.

HR 236 (by Callegari, et al.), In memory of Floyd A. Mechler, Jr., of Spring.

HR 240 was withdrawn.

HR 242 was withdrawn.

HR 244 (by Hilderbran), In memory of Robert R. Woodward of Kerrville.

HR 248 (by Marquez), In memory of Artemisa "Arte" Salinas of El Paso.

HR 265 was withdrawn.

HR 267 (by Callegari, et al.), In memory of Richard Dix Diehl of Dickinson.

HR 268 was withdrawn.

HR 273 (by McClendon), In memory of Juan Sergio Camacho of San Antonio.

HR 274 (by McClendon), In memory of Major Marcus Marion Davis, Jr., of San Antonio.

HR 276 (by McClendon), In memory of Dr. Lanier Byrd of San Antonio.

HR 277 (by McClendon), In memory of the Reverend Dr. Lawrence A. Crenshaw of San Antonio.

HR 278 (by McClendon), In memory of Albert Walter Coy of San Antonio.

HR 279 (by McClendon), In memory of Trina Bonds of San Antonio.

HR 280 (by McClendon), In memory of Dr. Dana Bryant Donatto.

HR 304 (by Button, et al.), In memory of Jennifer Yuyin Hwang of Humble.

HR 308 (by Marquez), In memory of Ray Gilbert of El Paso.

HR 309 (by Marquez), In memory of former state representative Anita Blair.

HR 329 (by Hilderbran), In memory of Silas B. Ragsdale, Jr., of Hunt.

HR 330 (by Hilderbran), In memory of Frances Gail Sears of Kerrville.

HR 345 (by McClendon), In memory of Albert W. McKnight of San Antonio.

HR 348 (by McClendon), In memory of Audrae Helen Adams of San Antonio.

HR 349 (by McClendon), In memory of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Christopher Shawn Baltazar, Jr., of San Antonio.

HR 350 (by McClendon), In memory of Dr. William Hicks Hadnott, Jr., of San Antonio.

HR 353 (by McClendon), In memory of Beverly Ann Johnson Dudley of San Antonio.

HR 354 (by McClendon), In memory of Minnie Christinia Jones of San Antonio.

HR 355 (by McClendon), In memory of Thea Williams-Douglas of San Antonio.

HR 357 (by McClendon), In memory of James Charles Fanner, Sr., of San Antonio.

HR 358 (by McClendon), In memory of Henrietta Eugene Roberts Stevenson of San Antonio.

HR 359 (by McClendon), In memory of Laura "Honey" Hunt Jones.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

(Speaker in the chair)

WILLIAM B. TRAVIS LETTER FROM THE ALAMO

The speaker announced that the original William B. Travis Appeal for Aid at the Alamo letter, provided by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, was on display on the speaker's podium in honor of its 175th anniversary.

The speaker recognized Representative Woolley who read the text of the letter as follows:

To the people of Texas and all Americans in the world, fellow citizens, and compatriots—I am besieged, by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna. I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man. The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken. I have answered the demand with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the walls. I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism, and everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country—victory or death.

William Barret Travis
Lt. Col. Comdt.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Cook on motion of Hunter.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Appropriations, Subcommittee on Article III, upon adjournment of the Committee on Appropriations meeting tomorrow, E1.030, for a public hearing, to consider house budget recommendations.

**ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE LOZANO
ON A MATTER OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

The chair recognized Representative Lozano who addressed the house on a matter of personal privilege, speaking as follows:

Fellow members of the Texas House of Representatives, it is with a heavy heart that I report the death of my only remaining grandparent—my maternal grandfather—at the age of 83, at 2 a.m. this morning, Lorenzo Huitron of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

He had a graduate degree in engineering. He worked with the Ferrocarriles de Mexico Pacific until his retirement from the railway as an engineer. He was a high school teacher and served as mayor of a suburb of Guadalajara. He and my grandmother raised 10 children, four boys and six girls. He named one of his daughters America, who graduated with a 4.0 GPA from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Among his other children, there is an assistant attorney general for the State of Jalisco, an author, an accountant, an administrator, and a businessman. He always emphasized the grand importance of education.

He first visited the Capitol here in Austin with me when I graduated from The University of Texas. He knew then of my desire to one day serve in this chamber. He was not a big and physically strong man, but he had an incredibly high IQ and he always told me to learn everything there is to know about something before I speak. As early as I can remember, even when I was 10 years old, our conversations centered on politics and economics. He last visited our Capitol a little over a month ago for our swearing-in ceremony. He sat just behind the rail on the south side of the Capitol, where he witnessed with his own eyes his grandson's oath of office to the Texas House of Representatives. He raised the best mother that the Lord could have given me and my five sisters. His values of hard work, persistence, and perseverance live on. Thank you, and I ask for a brief moment of silence.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Representative Guillen moved to print remarks by Representative Lozano.

The motion prevailed.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Representative Branch moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the house adjourn until 11:30 a.m. Monday, February 28 in memory of Lorenzo Huitron of Premont and in honor of the 175th anniversary of the William B. Travis Appeal for Aid at the Alamo letter.

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. 1.)

(Hochberg in the chair)

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 12:35 p.m., adjourned until 11:30 a.m. Monday, February 28.

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 253 (By Hilderbran), Relating to the protection of children by enforcing compulsory public school attendance requirements, ensuring reports of abuse or neglect, protecting children from abuse and neglect, ensuring that births are reported, and prosecuting the offense of bigamy; providing criminal penalties.

To Human Services.

HB 762 (By Lozano), Relating to establishing a pill splitting program to reduce health plan costs for certain public employees.

To Insurance.

HB 842 (By J. Davis), Relating to telemedicine medical services, telehealth services, and home telemonitoring services provided to certain Medicaid recipients.

To Public Health.

HB 843 (By Geren), Relating to the use of electronic means for the delivery of ad valorem tax bills to certain property owners and agents.

To Ways and Means.

HB 844 (By Geren), Relating to the sale or lease of property by certain municipalities owning land near the shoreline of certain lakes.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 845 (By Murphy), Relating to the computation of public high school grade point averages.

To Public Education.

HB 846 (By Aycock), Relating to the civil liability of a political party on primary election day.

To Elections.

HB 847 (By Aycock), Relating to the date for a political party's precinct conventions.

To Elections.

HB 848 (By Guillen), Relating to an agreement authorizing certain persons to make decisions regarding a child during an investigation of child abuse or neglect.

To Human Services.

HB 849 (By S. Miller), Relating to notice of an application for a permit to dispose of oil and gas waste in a commercial disposal well; creating an offense.

To Natural Resources.

HB 850 (By Craddick), Relating to the Rankin County Hospital District.

To County Affairs.

HB 851 (By S. Miller), Relating to the Hamilton County Hospital District.

To County Affairs.

HB 852 (By Dutton), Relating to abolishing the death penalty.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 853 (By Dutton), Relating to the penalty for certain offenders for possession of a small amount of certain controlled substances.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 854 (By Dutton), Relating to access to certain law enforcement, corrections, and prosecutorial records under the public information law.

To State Affairs.

HB 855 (By Dutton), Relating to the extent of a defendant's criminal responsibility for the conduct of a coconspirator in certain felony cases.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 856 (By Dutton), Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and other entities regarding water and sewer utilities.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 857 (By Hughes), Relating to exempting certain judicial officers from certain requirements for obtaining or renewing a concealed handgun license and to the authority of certain judicial officers to carry certain weapons.

To Homeland Security and Public Safety.

HB 858 (By Gonzalez), Relating to the authority of the El Paso County Hospital District to employ and commission peace officers.

To County Affairs.

HB 859 (By Hunter), Relating to the educational scope of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi.

To Higher Education.

HB 860 (By Patrick), Relating to the categories of performance for which a public school campus may receive a distinction designation.

To Public Education.

HB 861 (By Patrick), Relating to membership of the state continuing advisory committee for special education services.

To Public Education.

HB 862 (By Patrick), Relating to placing the State Board of Education and the State Board for Educator Certification under periodic review by the Sunset Advisory Commission.

To Public Education.

HB 863 (By Christian), Relating to the creation of the Timber Springs Municipal Management District; providing authority to impose a tax, levy an assessment, and issue bonds.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 864 (By Fletcher), Relating to the punishment for the offense of evading arrest or detention.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 865 (By Creighton), Relating to the composition and use of money in the rural water assistance fund.

To Natural Resources.

HB 866 (By Flynn), Relating to tuition assistance for members of the Texas State Guard.

To Higher Education.

HB 867 (By Darby), Relating to the eligibility of a person convicted of certain sex offenses for jury-recommended community supervision.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 868 (By Huberty), Relating to the calculation of the rollback tax rate of a taxing unit other than a school district.

To Ways and Means.

HB 869 (By Creighton), Relating to the franchise tax and alternative revenue sources and spending priorities for this state.

To Ways and Means.

HB 870 (By Y. Davis), Relating to creating an offense for the trapping of wild deer by a deer breeder and to the civil and criminal consequences of engaging in certain conduct associated with deer breeding; providing penalties.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 871 (By Y. Davis), Relating to indigent health care services provided by a county.

To County Affairs.

HB 872 (By Y. Davis), Relating to the right of a person exempt from registration as a property tax consultant who files a protest with the appraisal review board on behalf of a property owner to receive notices from the board regarding the property subject to the protest.

To Ways and Means.

HB 873 (By Y. Davis), Relating to the deadline for filing a suit to compel an appraisal review board to change an appraisal roll.

To Ways and Means.

HB 874 (By C. Howard), Relating to the provision of information by tax officials related to ad valorem tax rates.

To Ways and Means.

HB 875 (By C. Howard), Relating to the identification of certain defendants as foreign nationals who were not lawfully admitted to the United States or whose lawful status has expired and to their release on bail.

To State Affairs.

HB 876 (By C. Howard), Relating to the filing of personal financial disclosure statements by municipal officers and candidates, members of the boards of trustees of school districts, and directors of sports and community venue districts.

To Elections.

HB 877 (By C. Howard), Relating to the definition of controlling interest for purposes of the franchise tax.

To Ways and Means.

HB 878 (By C. Howard), Relating to the participation of governmental entities and other employers in a federal work authorization verification program; establishing an unlawful employment practice.

To State Affairs.

HB 879 (By C. Howard), Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes.

To Ways and Means.

HB 880 (By Alonzo), Relating to making an appropriation to the Texas Department of Transportation for a streetcar line in Dallas.

To Appropriations.

HB 881 (By Alonzo), Relating to abolishing the State Board of Education and transferring the functions of the board to the Texas Education Agency and the commissioner of education.

To Public Education.

HB 882 (By Alvarado), Relating to the creation of an offense prohibiting certain transactions involving caffeinated malt beverages.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 883 (By Alvarado), Relating to minimum efficiency standards for certain products; providing a civil penalty.

To Energy Resources.

HB 884 (By D. Howard), Relating to a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for state and local governmental entities in certain employment lawsuits filed by nurses.

To Public Health.

HB 885 (By Rodriguez), Relating to the operation and movement of a vehicle when certain traffic-control signals do not display an indication.

To Transportation.

HB 886 (By W. Smith), Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 528; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

HB 887 (By Geren), Relating to registration of a motor vehicle alleged to have been involved in a violation detected by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

To Transportation.

HB 888 (By Guillen), Relating to considering ownership interests of disabled veterans in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.

To State Affairs.

HB 889 (By Lewis), Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of a real property interest in oil or gas in place.

To Ways and Means.

HB 890 (By C. Howard), Relating to the registration and compulsory inspection of certain street rods and custom vehicles.

To Transportation.

HB 891 (By C. Howard), Relating to the computation of cost of goods sold for purposes of the franchise tax by certain affiliated taxable entities.

To Ways and Means.

HB 892 (By C. Howard), Relating to the creation of the offense of unlawful transport of an illegal alien.

To State Affairs.

HB 893 (By C. Howard), Relating to the meetings of certain property owners' associations.

To Business and Industry.

HB 894 (By C. Howard), Relating to the composition of the board of directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority.

To Natural Resources.

HB 895 (By C. Howard), Relating to certain project powers and duties of the Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 7.

To Natural Resources.

HB 896 (By C. Howard), Relating to auxiliary members of an appraisal review board.

To Ways and Means.

HB 897 (By C. Howard), Relating to restrictions on the automatic renewal of contracts.

To Business and Industry.

HB 898 (By C. Howard), Relating to certain requirements relating to the issuance of a marriage license or the recording of a declaration of informal marriage and to the maintenance of marriage and divorce indexes by the bureau of vital statistics.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 899 (By Gutierrez), Relating to the use of certain professional titles by licensed specialists in school psychology.

To Public Health.

HB 901 (By Thompson), Relating to spousal maintenance.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 902 (By Thompson), Relating to consideration of a bidder's principal place of business in awarding certain municipal contracts.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 903 (By Thompson), Relating to the payment of certain costs and expenses of a juvenile case manager.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 904 (By Thompson), Relating to court costs imposed on conviction and deposited to the municipal court building security fund.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 905 (By Thompson), Relating to the admissibility of certain hearsay statements of a child in hearings on an application for a protective order.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 906 (By Thompson), Relating to appointments made in and the appeal of certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 907 (By Thompson), Relating to the duration of a protective order against family violence.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 908 (By Thompson), Relating to the division of community property on dissolution of marriage.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 909 (By Thompson), Relating to the termination of the parent-child relationship and the duty to pay child support in circumstances involving mistaken paternity.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 910 (By Thompson), Relating to gestational agreements.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 911 (By Berman), Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in this state.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 912 (By Dutton), Relating to the foreclosure of certain liens on real property.

To Business and Industry.

HB 913 (By Dutton), Relating to the automatic expunction of criminal records.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 914 (By Hancock), Relating to the applicability of certain laws to open-enrollment charter schools.

To Public Education.

HB 915 (By Christian), Relating to the authority of advanced practice registered nurses to make medical diagnoses and to prescribe and order prescription drugs and devices.

To Public Health.

HB 916 (By Allen), Relating to corporal punishment in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 917 (By Allen), Relating to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

HB 918 (By Allen), Relating to permit application requirements for solid waste facilities.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 919 (By Allen), Relating to monitoring, permitting, and reducing emissions of certain air contaminants and pollutants.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 920 (By Allen), Relating to educational involvement agreements setting forth the respective responsibilities of students, parents, teachers, and principals in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 921 (By Lewis), Relating to the reimbursement of certain medical, dental, or health-related services as a condition of community supervision and to the revocation of community supervision for failure to make certain payments.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 922 (By Riddle), Relating to the penalty for theft of an automated teller machine.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 923 (By Frullo), Relating to the board of hospital managers of the Lubbock County Hospital District.

To County Affairs.

HB 924 (By Bonnen), Relating to the eligibility of certain Texas Rangers for burial in the state cemetery.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 925 (By Bonnen), Relating to credit in the Texas Municipal Retirement System for certain service as a reserve police officer.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

HB 926 (By Harper-Brown), Relating to the use of information from the internal verification system of the Department of Public Safety for voter registration purposes.

To Elections.

HB 927 (By Harper-Brown), Relating to the punishment for the offense of indecent exposure.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 928 (By Harper-Brown), Relating to requiring the use of an ignition interlock device on conviction of certain intoxication offenses.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 929 (By Darby), Relating to the execution docket and other records of certain court clerks.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 930 (By Darby), Relating to the requirements for an application for a tax warrant authorizing the seizure of personal property for the payment of ad valorem taxes.

To Ways and Means.

HB 932 (By Paxton), Relating to the franchise tax liability of certain taxable entities.

To Ways and Means.

HB 933 (By T. Smith), Relating to the imposition and use of certain court costs for breath alcohol testing programs.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 934 (By T. Smith), Relating to an administrative fee for defendants required by a court to perform community service in lieu of serving a term of confinement in county jail.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 935 (By Phillips), Relating to the protection of water quality in certain bodies of water.

To Natural Resources.

HB 936 (By Harless), Relating to the establishment, operation, and funding of open-enrollment charter schools.

To Public Education.

HB 937 (By Harless), Relating to the issuance and renewal of a real estate inspector license.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 938 (By Smithee), Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for women veterans.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 939 (By Gonzalez), Relating to the amount of the fee paid by a defendant for certain services performed by a peace officer.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 940 (By Dukes), Relating to persons subject to prosecution for improper relationship between educator and student.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 941 (By Dukes), Relating to use of compensatory education allotment funding to provide assistance with child care to students at risk of dropping out of school.

To Public Education.

HB 942 (By Dukes), Relating to an exemption for school districts from security for court costs and appeal bond.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 943 (By Dukes), Relating to reporting requirements concerning missing persons, including missing children in the managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

To Human Services.

HB 944 (By Dukes), Relating to membership and duties of local school health advisory councils.

To Public Health.

HB 945 (By Dukes), Relating to the establishment of an interagency council for addressing disproportionality.

To Human Services.

HB 946 (By Guillen), Relating to the identification of courses included in the common course numbering system to be offered by and the transferability of those courses among public institutions of higher education.

To Higher Education.

HB 947 (By Lozano), Relating to a pilot program to expand access to career and technical education partnerships in rural areas.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 948 (By Lozano), Relating to the creation of a county court at law in Willacy County.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 949 (By Lozano), Relating to consumer goods and services covered under the Texas Telemarketing Disclosure and Privacy Act.

To Business and Industry.

HB 950 (By Lozano), Relating to eligibility for and the establishment of service credit in the Employees Retirement System of Texas for military service.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

HB 1752 (By Larson), Relating to the appointment of a conservator for and authorizing the dissolution of the Bexar Metropolitan Water District.

To Natural Resources.

HCR 70 (By Coleman), Recognizing February 28, 2011, as Texas Southern University Day at the State Capitol.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HCR 175 (By Branch), Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HJR 79 (By C. Howard), Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or more of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year.

To Ways and Means.

HJR 96 (By Alonzo), Proposing a constitutional amendment abolishing the State Board of Education and transferring the board's constitutional functions to the Texas Education Agency.

To Public Education.

HJR 100 (By Creighton), Applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

To Select State Sovereignty.

HR 550 (By Schwertner), Congratulating Blake A. Vanier on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 551 (By Rodriguez), Welcoming visitors from YMCAs across Texas to the State Capitol on February 23, 2011.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 552 (By Kolkhorst), In memory of John Henry Fuchs, Jr., of Huntsville.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 556 (By Weber), Recognizing March 8, 2011, as Brazoria County Day at the State Capitol.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 558 (By Hamilton), Recognizing February 28 to March 1, 2011, as Golden Triangle Days at the State Capitol.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 559 (By Straus), Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Caring for Children Foundation of Texas and commending all those associated with that organization.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 560 (By Martinez), Recognizing Dr. Audrey Jones for her contributions to the medical profession and her service to the Texas Legislature as Physician of the Day for February 23, 2011.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 561 (By Martinez), Recognizing March 9, 2011, as Mid-Valley Day at the State Capitol.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 562 (By Giddings), Honoring the volunteer service organization The Links, Incorporated, and its members from the Western Area.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 563 (By Hopson), Congratulating the Carthage High School football team for winning its third consecutive UIL 3A Division 2 state championship.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 564 (By Kuempel), Congratulating the football team of Byron P. Steele II High School in Cibolo on winning the UIL 5A Division II state championship.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 565 (By S. King), In memory of Officer Rodney Holder of the Abilene Police Department.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 566 (By Perry), Congratulating the Idalou High School football team on winning the 2010 UIL 2A Division 2 state championship.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 568 (By Phillips), In memory of Gregory Scott Coleman of Austin.

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
Thursday, February 24, 2011

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:

SJR 1 Ogden

Urging the Congress of the United States to propose and submit to the states for ratification a federal balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States and, in the event that Congress does not submit such an amendment on or before December 31, 2011, applying to Congress to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to that constitution to provide, in the absence of a national emergency and on a two-thirds vote of Congress, for a federal balanced budget and requesting that the legislatures of each of the several states that compose the United States apply to Congress to call a convention to propose such an amendment.

Respectfully,
Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate