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## PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-FIRST DAY — TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

The house met at 10:02 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 40).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Ashby; Aycock; Bell; Blanco; Bohac; Bonnen, D.; Bonnen, G.; Burkett; Burns; Burrows; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Clardy; Coleman; Collier; Cook; Craddick; Crownover; Dale; Darby; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Dukes; Dutton; Elkins; Faircloth; Fallon; Farias; Farney; Farrar; Fletcher; Flynn; Frank; Frullo; Galindo; Geren; Giddings; Goldman; Gonzales; González; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Hernandez; Herrero; Howard; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Israel; Kacal; Keffer; Keough; King, K.; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Klick; Koop; Krause; Kuempel; Landgraf; Larson; Laubenberg; Leach; Longoria; Lozano; Lucio; Márquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menéndez; Metcalf; Meyer; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, R.; Moody; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Murr; Naishtat; Nevárez; Oliveira; Otto; Paddie; Parker; Paul; Peña; Phelan; Pickett; Price; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Riddle; Rodriguez, E.; Rodriguez, J.; Romero; Rose; Sanford; Schaefer; Schofield; Shaheen; Sheets; Sheffield; Simmons; Simpson; Smith; Smithee; Spitzer; Springer; Stephenson; Stickland; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Turner, C.; Turner, E.S.; Turner, S.; VanDeaver; Villalba; Vo; Walle; White, J.; White, M.; Workman; Wray; Wu; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Gutierrez; Johnson; Phillips.

Absent — Rinaldi.

The speaker recognized Representative Ashby who introduced Dr. John Greene, senior pastor, Harmony Hill Baptist Church, Lufkin, who offered the invocation as follows:

Heavenly Father, I bow my head before your sovereignty in the knowledge that the powers that be in this great state are by your divine permission. I bless you and thank you for the great State of Texas, for our governor and lieutenant governor, and for each of these elected representatives. I ask today that you would providentially watch over the families of the men and women of the executive, judicial, and legislative branches who serve this great state and sovereignly draw each of them to yourself. I ask for wisdom beyond their years of experience as these servants of the people deal with the issues and challenges of protecting the people, the family unit, and the commerce of this great state. I

pray for resolve to withstand the onslaught of moral evil and the overreach of federal judges who ignore the will of the people of our great state. I ask you to give this house the courage to remove and refuse every law that lessens the value of the family, the honorableness of marriage, and the sanctity of life in the womb. I ask you to work in the lives of these gathered here, that when their work is finished, they will have honored their high office, upheld the dignity of leadership, and left behind a standard of good government that will outlive their earthly lives and bless this great state for decades to come. I ask all these favors and blessings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Johnson on motion of Alvarado.

Rinaldi on motion of Sheets.

(Romero in the chair)

### **CAPITOL PHYSICIAN**

The chair recognized Representative Israel who presented Dr. Georgeanne Freeman of Austin as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

### **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).

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Crownover who introduced representatives of the Texas Chapter of The Recording Academy.

### **HR 545 - ADOPTED (by Crownover)**

Representative Crownover moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 545**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 545**, Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Texas Grammy Music Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 545** was adopted.

On motion of Representative Lucio, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 545** as signers thereof.

**HCR 58 - ADOPTED**  
**(by D. Bonnen)**

Representative D. Bonnen moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 58**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HCR 58**, Commemorating the life of Charlie Brown.

**HCR 58** was adopted.

On motion of Representative S. Thompson, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 58** as signers thereof.

**HR 532 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Raymond)**

Representative Raymond moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 532**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 532**, Honoring J. Griffis Smith on the occasion of his exhibition at the Capitol Visitors Center and commending him for his three decades of exemplary service to the Texas Department of Transportation and Texas Highways.

**HR 532** was adopted.

On motion of Representative Aycock, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 532** as signers thereof.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST**

The chair recognized Representative Raymond who introduced J. Griffis Smith.

**HR 687 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Murr)**

Representative Murr moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 687**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 687**, Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Crockett County Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 687** was adopted.

**HR 648 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Raney)**

Representative Raney moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 648**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 648**, Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Washington County Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 648** was adopted.

**HR 401 - PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED**  
**(by Frullo and Burrows)**

The chair laid out the following previously adopted resolution:

**HR 401**, Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Lubbock Day at the State Capitol.

On motion of Representative Burrows, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 401** as signers thereof.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Frullo who introduced a delegation from Lubbock.

**HR 603 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Howard, Klick, and S. King)**

Representative Howard moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 603**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 603**, Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Nurse Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 603** was adopted.

On motion of Representatives S. King and Klick, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 603** as signers thereof.

(Márquez in the chair)

**HR 664 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Moody, Pickett, Márquez, González, and Blanco)**

Representative Moody moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 664**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 664**, In memory of Lawrence Tyler Francis.

**HR 664** was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representative Crownover, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 664** as signers thereof.

(Romero in the chair)

**HR 662 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Johnson)**

Representative Koop moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 662**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 662**, In memory of Dallas County Constable Cleophas R. Steele, Jr.

**HR 662** was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representatives Rose and Y. Davis, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 662** as signers thereof.

**HR 546 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Crownover)**

Representative Crownover moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 546**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 546**, Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Denton County Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 546** was adopted.

On motion of Representatives Springer and Shaheen, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 546** as signers thereof.

**HR 439 - PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED**  
**(by Ashby)**

The chair laid out the following previously adopted resolution:

**HR 439**, Recognizing the Texas Forestry Association on the occasion of its seedling giveaway.

**HR 464 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Simpson, Hughes, Paddie, Schaefer, and Clardy)**

Representative Simpson moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 464**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 464**, Recognizing February 24, 2015, as East Texas Coalition Day at the Capitol.

**HR 464** was adopted.

On motion of Representatives Schaefer and Hughes, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 464** as signers thereof.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Simpson who introduced a delegation from East Texas.

#### **HR 544 - ADOPTED (by R. Anderson)**

Representative R. Anderson moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 544**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 544**, Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Donor Day and commending the David Nicklas Organ Donor Awareness Foundation.

**HR 544** was adopted.

On motion of Representative Huberty, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 544** as signers thereof.

#### **HR 689 - ADOPTED (by Muñoz)**

Representative Muñoz 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**, Honoring Dr. Juan E. Mejia for his service to South Texas College.

**HR 689** was adopted.

On motion of Representative Schaefer, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 689** as signers thereof.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST**

The chair recognized Representative Muñoz who introduced Dr. Juan E. Mejia.

#### **HR 617 - ADOPTED (by McClendon)**

Representative Martinez Fischer moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 617**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 617**, Recognizing February 24, 2015, as VIVA San Antonio Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 617** was adopted.

On motion of Representative Larson, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 617** as signers thereof.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Martinez Fischer who introduced a delegation from San Antonio.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

House Administration, upon adjournment today, 3W.9, for a formal meeting, to consider the house policy and procedures manual.

### **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER**

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, Senate List No. 4).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Representatives Capriglione, Crownover, and Giddings moved that the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of Olivia Lynn Aldredge, Lawrence Tyler Francis of El Paso, and the Honorable Cleophas R. Steele, Jr., of Dallas.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 11:15 a.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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### **ADDENDUM**

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### **SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER**

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of the house by the speaker:

**Senate List No. 4**

**SCR 14**

### **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  
Tuesday, February 24, 2015 - 1

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:

**SCR 15** Lucio  
Commemorating the centennial of the King Ranch Main House.

**SCR 16** Lucio  
Recognizing the Brownsville Independent School District on its 100th anniversary.

Respectfully,  
Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate