

THIRD DAY

(CONTINUED)

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006

PROCEEDINGS

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 11:18 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

SENATOR ANNOUNCED PRESENT

Senator Hinojosa, who had previously been recorded as "Absent-excused," was announced "Present."

Dr. Charles R. Wade, Executive Director, Baptist General Convention of Texas, offered the invocation as follows:

Our Father, You are in heaven, but we are not yet. So in the meanwhile, may we be like trees planted by streams of water which give fruit in season and whose leaves, even, do not wither away. For that to be so, the psalmist reminds us, we must not walk in the counsel of the wicked or sit in the seat of mockers. We find genuine delight in doing the will of God, and we give careful thought to the way that is Your way. We give thanks today for the life of a man who lived among us like that. He lent the weight of his powerful convictions and integrity to move debate and decision-making forward. He helped us all to do right and give a care for the least among us by the force of the facts, common sense, and ethical values which he pressed upon us. You know, O Lord, that Phil Strickland prayed for these men and women. And he not only prayed they would have both divine wisdom and moral courage, he prayed for their families, for their well-being, and for their faith. O Lord, bless them in their work this day and every day. We end our prayer with the words of Jesus: "Let Your will be done on Earth as it is done in heaven," which surely must mean at the very least that we will use the power and influence of our lives to bless and teach all the children of Texas. In His name, I pray. Amen.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 14

On motion of Senator Duncan, Senators Seliger and Van de Putte will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 14**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 20

On motion of Senator Barrientos, Senator Van de Putte will be shown as Co-author of **SB 20**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

On motion of Senator Janek, Senator Williams will be shown as Co-author of **SJR 8**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 3

On motion of Senator Ogden, Senator Averitt will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 3**.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

Senator Nelson offered the following resolution:

SR 65, In memory of Phil Strickland.

The resolution was read.

Senator Nelson was recognized and introduced to the Senate the widow of Phil Strickland, Carolyn Strickland; representatives of the Baptist General Convention of Texas: Dr. Charles Wade, Executive Director; Michael Bell, President; Steve Vernon, 1st Vice-president; and Dan Wooldridge, 2nd Vice-president; accompanied by Phil Strickland's mother, Sybil Strickland, family members, and friends.

The Senate welcomed its guests and extended its sympathy.

On motion of Senator Nelson, **SR 65** was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In honor of the memory of Phil Strickland, the text of the resolution is printed at the end of today's *Senate Journal*.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Hinojosa was recognized and introduced to the Senate students from Moody High School and Miller High School in Corpus Christi, accompanied by their sponsors.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The President announced to the Senate that Senator Armbrister is the proud new grandfather of Hayden Christopher Hnath.

The Senate extended its congratulations.

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Shapiro was recognized and presented Dr. Christopher Lawrence of McKinney as the Physician of the Day.

The Senate welcomed Dr. Lawrence and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

SENATE RESOLUTION 85

Senator Lucio offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Shaken Baby Alliance for its outstanding work in calling attention to the particular form of abusive head trauma known as Shaken Baby Syndrome and to join the alliance in promoting April as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, Head trauma is a leading cause of death and disability among infants and children; Shaken Baby Syndrome occurs when a caregiver violently shakes or slams a child, usually to stop the child from crying; and

WHEREAS, Shaken Baby Syndrome often causes permanent, irreparable brain damage or death to an infant; the whiplash motion caused by violent shaking results in the tearing and bleeding of delicate veins, causing pressure that destroys brain tissue; and

WHEREAS, Estimates show that as many as 50 percent of teenage and adult caregivers do not know that shaking a baby is dangerous and can be fatal; it is the aim of the Shaken Baby Alliance to share this vital information with everyone who cares for children; and

WHEREAS, The threefold mission of the Shaken Baby Alliance consists of support for victims' families, prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome through education, and justice for the innocent victims; and

WHEREAS, The most effective solution for ending Shaken Baby Syndrome is prevention, and Child Abuse Prevention Month offers the opportunity to educate the public regarding the dangers of this serious problem; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the Shaken Baby Alliance during Child Abuse Prevention Month for its exceptional efforts to stop Shaken Baby Syndrome and extend best wishes to members of the alliance for success in the fight against Shaken Baby Syndrome; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the alliance as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

SR 85 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Van de Putte was recognized and introduced to the Senate Clyde Compton and James Duncan, students from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio, accompanied by their teachers, Martha Reyes Aguirre, Connie Baker, and Dustin Domingue.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 71

Senator Hinojosa offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pride in recognizing the organizers of the 47th Annual League of United Latin American Citizens Council Number One Feria de las Flores and the Feria's participants on the occasion of their visit to the State Capitol on April 27, 2006; and

WHEREAS, This is the 47th year that the Council Number One has sponsored the Feria de las Flores; the council is noted for its efforts to raise money for scholarships for qualified college-bound students; through the generosity of South Texas businesses, the council has given more than \$1 million in scholarship money to the winners of the Feria; and

WHEREAS, The Feria de las Flores is a celebration of the heritage of Mexican American citizens and includes dance, music, and dress typical of the different regions south of the border; the participants compete in the categories of dance routine, costume, poise, personality, beauty, and on-stage questioning; and

WHEREAS, The first Feria de las Flores was created and organized by Joe Flores in 1959, and Abby Piña was crowned the first Feria de las Flores Queen; this year the contestants are Jacqueline Castellanos, Lisa Marie Castillo, Mirna Flores, Imelda Perales, Amber Vasquez, and Amy Velasquez; the 2005 Feria de las Flores Queen is Teresa Sanchez; and

WHEREAS, Council Number One's Feria de las Flores is an exemplary competition that provides educational opportunities for the young people of South Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the League of United Latin American Citizens Council Number One on its humanitarian endeavors and extend a warm welcome to the participants and organizers of the 47th Annual Feria de las Flores; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

SR 71 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Hinojosa was recognized and introduced to the Senate the organizers of the 47th Annual League of United Latin American Citizens Council Number One Feria de las Flores and the 2005 Feria de las Flores Queen, Teresa Sanchez.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator West was recognized and introduced to the Senate a group of sixth-grade students from Harrell Budd Elementary School in Dallas.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following Message from the Governor submitting nominations was read and was referred to the Committee on Nominations:

Austin, Texas
April 26, 2006

TO THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, THIRD CALLED SPECIAL SESSION:

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointments:

A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS, TEXAS

Ida Clement "Weisie" Steen - San Antonio

Appointment Date: October 28, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

ACCOUNTANCY, TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC

Gregory Lee "Greg" Bailes - Bee Cave

Appointment Date: September 7, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

John W. "Jay" Dunbar - El Paso

Appointment Date: September 7, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

James Calvin Flagg - College Station

Appointment Date: September 12, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2009

Dorothy M. Fowler - Corpus Christi

Appointment Date: September 7, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

Paula Martina Mendoza - Houston

Appointment Date: September 7, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

James W. "Jim" Pollard - Canadian

Appointment Date: September 7, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS, TEXAS STATE BOARD OF

Chung-Hwei Chernly - Hurst

Appointment Date: October 19, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

Donald Ray Counts, M.D. - Austin

Appointment Date: October 19, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2009

Pedro V. "Pete" Garcia, Jr. - Frisco

Appointment Date: April 7, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2009

Meng-Sheng "Linda" Lin, L.Ac. - Plano

Appointment Date: April 7, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2007

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, CHIEF

Shelia Bailey Taylor - Austin

Appointment Date: August 29, 2005

Expiration Date: May 15, 2006

AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
TEXAS STATE

Jesse A. Coffey - Denton

Appointment Date: December 1, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES COUNCIL

Sharon Swift Butterworth - El Paso

Appointment Date: August 23, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

John A. Cuellar - Dallas

Appointment Date: August 23, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Jean L. Freeman, Ph.D. - Galveston

Appointment Date: August 23, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Nancy L. Lund - Texarkana

Appointment Date: August 23, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

AGRICULTURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TEXAS

Ruben O. Bosquez - McAllen

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: January 1, 2007

Darwin Dallas "Dal" DeWees - San Angelo

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: January 1, 2007

Sydney Michael Golden - Lake Jackson

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: January 1, 2008

Susan Kay Kennedy - Nacogdoches

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: January 1, 2007

APPRAISER LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION BOARD, TEXAS

William A. Faulk, Jr. - Brownsville

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2007

Larry D. Kokel - Walburg

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2007

James Boyd Ratliff - Garland

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2007

Shirley J. Ward - Alpine

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2008

ARTS, TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE

Patty A. Bryant - Amarillo

Appointment Date: October 5, 2005

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

David C. Garza - Brownsville

Appointment Date: October 5, 2005

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

Billye Proctor Shaw - Abilene

Appointment Date: October 5, 2005

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

Polly Sowell - Austin

Appointment Date: October 5, 2005

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

Norma Helm Webb - Midland

Appointment Date: October 5, 2005

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

ASSISTIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES COUNCIL

David Coco - Austin

Appointment Date: August 29, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Timothy J. Flannery - Seabrook

Appointment Date: August 29, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Lance L. Goetz, M.D. - Dallas

Appointment Date: August 29, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Connie Hughes - Idalou

Appointment Date: August 29, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

Joseph Muniz - Harlingen

Appointment Date: August 29, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

Diane Marie Novy, Ph.D. - Sugar Land

Appointment Date: August 29, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Robert K. Peters III, Ph.D. - Tyler

Appointment Date: August 29, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Robin Riccardi - Spring

Appointment Date: August 29, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

Richard Earl Tankerson - The Woodlands

Appointment Date: August 29, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

ATHLETIC TRAINERS, ADVISORY BOARD OF

David R. Schmidt, M.D. - San Antonio

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2007

David J. Weir - College Station

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2009

AUTISM AND PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS,
TEXAS COUNCIL ON

Margaret Hasse Cowen - San Antonio

Appointment Date: November 15, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Richard E. Garnett, Ph.D. - Fort Worth

Appointment Date: November 15, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Donna Nelson Geiger - Austin

Appointment Date: November 15, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Anna Penn Hundley - Dallas

Appointment Date: November 15, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Opal Irvin - Dime Box

Appointment Date: November 15, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Frank Christian McCamant - Austin

Appointment Date: November 15, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Manuel Macedonio Vela - Harlingen

Appointment Date: December 19, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Carlos Luis Garcia - Brownsville

Appointment Date: January 20, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Jason Hartgraves - Frisco

Appointment Date: January 20, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

Cindy Ramos-Davidson - El Paso

Appointment Date: January 20, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND STROKE, COUNCIL ON

Carolyn Hutchinson - Harlingen

Appointment Date: March 8, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

Sheila M. Tello - Corpus Christi

Appointment Date: March 8, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS, TEXAS BOARD OF

Kenneth Mack Perkins, D.C. - Conroe

Appointment Date: September 13, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Kathleen S. Summers, D.C. - Andrews

Appointment Date: September 13, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Kenya S. Woodruff, D.C. - Plano

Appointment Date: September 13, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

COASTAL COORDINATION COUNCIL

Robert Elliott Jones - Corpus Christi

Appointment Date: February 1, 2006

Expiration Date: May 31, 2006

James R. Matz - Harlingen

Appointment Date: February 1, 2006

Expiration Date: May 31, 2007

Victor Ray Pierson - Jamaica Beach

Appointment Date: February 1, 2006

Expiration Date: May 31, 2006

John Lee Sullivan - Galveston

Appointment Date: February 1, 2006

Expiration Date: May 31, 2007

COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY, UPPER

Winfrey Leroy Brown - Christoval

Appointment Date: December 6, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Fred R. Campbell - Paint Rock

Appointment Date: December 6, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

Ralph Edward Hoelscher - Miles

Appointment Date: December 6, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Hope Wilson Huffman - San Angelo
Appointment Date: December 6, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

John Nikolauk - Eldorado
Appointment Date: December 6, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Jeffie Harmon Roberts - Robert Lee
Appointment Date: December 6, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Hyman Dale Sauer - Eldorado
Appointment Date: December 6, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Dorris Sonnenberg - Bronte
Appointment Date: December 6, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

CREDIT UNION COMMISSION
Dale E. Kimble - Denton
Appointment Date: January 6, 2006
Expiration Date: February 15, 2007

CRIME STOPPERS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Nelda L. Garcia - Ben Bolt
Appointment Date: March 13, 2006
Expiration Date: September 1, 2008

Melvin Ray Joyner, Jr. - Wichita Falls
Appointment Date: April 7, 2006
Expiration Date: September 1, 2008

Tina Alexander Sellers - Lufkin
Appointment Date: March 13, 2006
Expiration Date: September 1, 2008

Dorothy Jon Flores Spinks - Round Mountain
Appointment Date: March 13, 2006
Expiration Date: September 1, 2009

Brian Thomas - Amarillo
Appointment Date: March 13, 2006
Expiration Date: September 1, 2009

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, TEXAS BOARD OF
Charles Lewis Jackson - Houston
Appointment Date: November 3, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Tom Mechler - Claude
Appointment Date: November 3, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Leopoldo R. Vasquez III - Houston
Appointment Date: November 3, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

DEAF, GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE
Jean F. Andrews, Ph.D. - Beaumont
Appointment Date: December 12, 2005
Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

Shalia H. Cowan, Ed.D. - Dripping Springs
Appointment Date: December 12, 2005
Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

Connie F. Sefcik-Kennedy - Austin
Appointment Date: March 21, 2006
Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

Angie Wolf - Austin
Appointment Date: December 12, 2005
Expiration Date: January 31, 2009

DENTAL EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF
Tamela L. Gough, D.D.S., M.S. - McKinney
Appointment Date: September 7, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Georgiana M. Matz - Harlingen
Appointment Date: September 7, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Ann G. Pauli - El Paso
Appointment Date: November 2, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

William Lindsay Purifoy - Fort Worth
Appointment Date: September 7, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Russell H. Schlattman II - Houston
Appointment Date: September 7, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 70TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ECTOR COUNTY
Robert Newton "Bobby" Bland IV - Odessa
Appointment Date: April 17, 2006
Expiration Date:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LUBBOCK COUNTY CRIMINAL
Matthew Dane Powell - Lubbock
Appointment Date: December 21, 2005
Expiration Date:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TEXAS

Paul Foster - El Paso

Appointment Date: September 20, 2005

Expiration Date:

Kerry Hall - Austin

Appointment Date: March 13, 2006

Expiration Date:

Alfred B. "Al" Jones, Jr. - Corpus Christi

Appointment Date: November 2, 2005

Expiration Date:

Nicholas T. Serafy, Jr. - Brownsville

Appointment Date: September 20, 2005

Expiration Date:

David Gordon Wallace - Sugar Land

Appointment Date: November 2, 2005

Expiration Date:

EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS HIGHER

Joe B. Hinton - Crawford

Appointment Date: January 20, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

Elaine Mendoza - San Antonio

Appointment Date: January 20, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

Lyn Bracewell Phillips - Bastrop

Appointment Date: September 30, 2005

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

A. W. "Whit" Riter III - Tyler

Appointment Date: September 1, 2005

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

ENGINEERS, TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL

Elsie Allen - Fort Worth

Appointment Date: December 30, 2005

Expiration Date: September 26, 2007

George Kemble Bennett, Ph.D. - College Station

Appointment Date: April 14, 2006

Expiration Date: September 26, 2011

James Alan "Jim" Greer - Roanoke

Appointment Date: April 14, 2006

Expiration Date: September 26, 2009

Daniel O. Wong, Ph.D. - Sugar Land

Appointment Date: February 10, 2006

Expiration Date: September 26, 2007

FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COUNCIL

Theodore Paul Furukawa, Ph.D. - San Antonio

Appointment Date: March 17, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Mamie Salazar-Harper - El Paso

Appointment Date: March 17, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Cristina "Ommy" Strauch - San Antonio

Appointment Date: March 17, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

FARM AND RANCH LANDS CONSERVATION COUNCIL, TEXAS

Thomas R. Kelsey - Houston

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Bob McCan - Victoria

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Glen David Webb - Abilene

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

R. Neal Wilkins, Ph.D. - College Station

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

FINANCE COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Mike Bradford - Midland

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2012

Johnny Lewis "John" Snider - Center

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2012

FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION, TEXAS

Samuel E. Bassett - Austin

Appointment Date: January 20, 2006

Expiration Date: September 1, 2007

Debbie Lynn Benningfield - Hockley

Appointment Date: January 18, 2006

Expiration Date: September 1, 2007

Alan L. Levy - Fort Worth

Appointment Date: January 18, 2006

Expiration Date: September 1, 2007

Sridhar Natarajan - Lubbock

Appointment Date: February 10, 2006

Expiration Date: September 1, 2007

GROWTH FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TEXAS

Robert J. Ellis - Austin

Appointment Date: September 8, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

GUADALUPE RIVER AUTHORITY, UPPER

Lana M. Edwards - Hunt

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Mike Boyd McKenzie - Kerrville

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Karol A. Schreiner - Hunt

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

GUARANTEED STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION, TEXAS

Yvonne Batts - Tuscola

Appointment Date: November 2, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

Frank Houston "Skip" Landis - College Station

Appointment Date: November 2, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL

Kathleen Angel - Austin

Appointment Date: December 7, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Mi Yun "Maryann" Choi, M.D., M.P.H. - Georgetown

Appointment Date: December 7, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Fernando M. Trevino - Southlake

Appointment Date: December 7, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

Robert A. Valadez - San Antonio

Appointment Date: December 7, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION, EXECUTIVE
COMMISSIONER OF

Albert Hawkins III - Austin

Appointment Date: August 22, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL, STATE

Graciela A. Cigarroa - San Antonio

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Jaime A. Davidson, M.D. - Dallas

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Jacinto P. Juarez, Ph.D. - Laredo

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

James G. Springfield - Harlingen

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

HEARING INSTRUMENTS, STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE
FITTING AND DISPENSING OF

Kenneth Banks Haesly - Houston

Appointment Date: January 31, 2006

Expiration Date: December 31, 2011

Audrey M. McDonald - Georgetown

Appointment Date: January 31, 2006

Expiration Date: December 31, 2011

Melissa Kay Rodriguez - El Paso

Appointment Date: January 31, 2006

Expiration Date: December 31, 2011

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF

Dionicio Vidal "Sonny" Flores - Houston

Appointment Date: March 7, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2009

INFORMATION RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Debra McCartt - Amarillo

Appointment Date: January 31, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

INJURED EMPLOYEE PUBLIC COUNSEL

Norman W. Darwin - Weatherford

Appointment Date: December 8, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF

Brian Glenn Flood - Austin

Appointment Date: February 24, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

INSURANCE, COMMISSIONER OF

Michael Scott Geeslin - Austin

Appointment Date: June 7, 2005
Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

JUDGE, 138TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, CAMERON AND WILLACY COUNTIES
J. Rolando Olvera, Jr. - Brownsville
Appointment Date: September 13, 2005
Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 160TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DALLAS COUNTY
Nancy A. Thomas - Dallas
Appointment Date: January 6, 2006
Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 161ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ECTOR COUNTY
Johnnie W. "John W" Smith - Odessa
Appointment Date: February 21, 2006
Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 173RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HENDERSON COUNTY
Willis Daniel "Dan" Moore - Athens
Appointment Date: June 15, 2005
Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 183RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HARRIS COUNTY
Angela Vanessa Velasquez - Houston
Appointment Date: October 5, 2005
Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 257TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HARRIS COUNTY
Judy Lynn Warne - Spring
Appointment Date: November 15, 2005
Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 279TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, JEFFERSON COUNTY
Rickey N. "Rick" Williams - Nederland
Appointment Date: January 6, 2006
Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 283RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DALLAS COUNTY
Becky Gregory - Dallas
Appointment Date: December 20, 2005
Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 315TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HARRIS COUNTY
Michael H. "Mike" Schneider, Jr. - Houston
Appointment Date: April 17, 2006
Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 408TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, BEXAR COUNTY
Richard Edward Price - San Antonio
Appointment Date: August 22, 2005
Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 412TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BRAZORIA COUNTY

W. Edwin Denman - Lake Jackson

Appointment Date: October 19, 2005

Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 414TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MCLENNAN COUNTY

Vicki Lynn Menard - Crawford

Appointment Date: September 30, 2005

Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 424TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, BLANCO, BURNET, LLANO, AND SAN SABA COUNTIES

Daniel H. Mills - Johnson City

Appointment Date: September 27, 2005

Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 428TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HAYS COUNTY

William R. "Bill" Henry - San Marcos

Appointment Date: September 28, 2005

Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 72ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, CROSBY AND LUBBOCK COUNTIES

Ruben Gonzales Reyes - Lubbock

Appointment Date: March 10, 2006

Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 92ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HIDALGO COUNTY

Horacio Pena, Jr. - Mission

Appointment Date: June 15, 2005

Expiration Date:

JUDGE, 99TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, LUBBOCK COUNTY

William Charles Sowder - Shallowater

Appointment Date: August 22, 2005

Expiration Date:

JUDGE, CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT SEVEN, DALLAS COUNTY

Livia Liu - Dallas

Appointment Date: September 27, 2005

Expiration Date:

JUDGE, CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT SIX, DALLAS COUNTY

Daniel Patrick Clancy - Dallas

Appointment Date: September 27, 2005

Expiration Date:

JUDGE, PRESIDING, ADMINISTRATIVE JUDICIAL REGION, 8TH

Roger Jeffrey "Jeff" Walker - Arlington

Appointment Date: November 15, 2005

Expiration Date: November 30, 2009

JUDICIAL CONDUCT, STATE COMMISSION ON

Ann Appling Bradford - Midland

Appointment Date: September 28, 2005

Expiration Date: November 19, 2009

JUSTICE, 11TH COURT OF APPEALS, EASTLAND COUNTY

Rick Gene Strange - Midland

Appointment Date: September 27, 2005

Expiration Date:

JUSTICE, 11TH COURT OF APPEALS, EASTLAND COUNTY, CHIEF

Jim R. Wright - Eastland

Appointment Date: September 27, 2005

Expiration Date:

JUSTICE, 3RD COURT OF APPEALS, TRAVIS COUNTY

G. Alan Waldrop - Austin

Appointment Date: August 22, 2005

Expiration Date:

JUSTICE, 7TH COURT OF APPEALS, RANDALL COUNTY

Mackey K. Hancock - Lubbock

Appointment Date: June 15, 2005

Expiration Date:

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Don R. Willett - Austin

Appointment Date: August 23, 2005

Expiration Date:

JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION, TEXAS

Rene Ordonez - El Paso

Appointment Date: January 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

Ray West - Brownwood

Appointment Date: January 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

Lea R. Wright - Amarillo

Appointment Date: January 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

LAND SURVEYING, TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL

Nedra J. Foster - Silsbee

Appointment Date: January 20, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2009

Paul P. Kwan - Houston

Appointment Date: January 20, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

Anthony Trevino, Jr. - Laredo

Appointment Date: January 20, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

Douglas William Turner - League City

Appointment Date: January 20, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION,
COMMISSION ON

Allan D. Cain - Carthage

Appointment Date: September 28, 2005

Expiration Date: August 30, 2011

Charles R. Hall - Midland

Appointment Date: September 28, 2005

Expiration Date: August 30, 2011

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION, TEXAS STATE

Sharon T. Carr - El Paso

Appointment Date: November 28, 2005

Expiration Date: September 28, 2011

Sally Ann Reynolds - Rockport

Appointment Date: February 10, 2006

Expiration Date: September 28, 2011

LICENSING AND REGULATION, TEXAS COMMISSION OF

Mike Arismendez, Jr. - Shallowater

Appointment Date: September 7, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

Lewis J. Benavides - Oak Point

Appointment Date: November 2, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Lilian Norman-Keeney - Taylor Lake Village

Appointment Date: August 22, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

MANUFACTURED HOUSING BOARD

Carlos Z. Amaral - Plano

Appointment Date: November 2, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2007

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, TEXAS STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF

Michael R. Puhl - McKinney

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

MEDICAL BOARD, TEXAS

Lawrence LaZelle Anderson, M.D. - Tyler

Appointment Date: August 22, 2005

Expiration Date: April 13, 2011

Julie K. Attebury - Amarillo

Appointment Date: September 8, 2005

Expiration Date: April 13, 2011

Jose Manuel Benavides, M.D. - San Antonio

Appointment Date: August 22, 2005

Expiration Date: April 13, 2011

David Eduardo Garza - Laredo

Appointment Date: August 22, 2005

Expiration Date: April 13, 2011

Manuel G. Guajardo, M.D. - Brownsville

Appointment Date: November 30, 2005

Expiration Date: April 13, 2009

Charles E. Oswalt III, M.D. - Waco

Appointment Date: March 30, 2006

Expiration Date: April 13, 2007

Paulette Barker "Tessa" Southard - Alice

Appointment Date: August 22, 2005

Expiration Date: April 13, 2011

MILITARY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION, TEXAS

Alvin W. Jones - College Station

Appointment Date: January 13, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

James P. Maloney - El Paso

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Samuel Loyd Neal, Jr. - Corpus Christi

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Paul F. Paine - Fort Worth

Appointment Date: January 13, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

Eugene N. Tulich - Spring

Appointment Date: January 13, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TEXAS

Patricia Hernandez - Plainview

Appointment Date: August 22, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Roel Rodriguez - Harlingen

Appointment Date: August 22, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TEXAS

Richard Cooper - Lubbock

Appointment Date: September 12, 2005

Expiration Date: July 1, 2011

Jacob M. Monty - Houston

Appointment Date: September 12, 2005

Expiration Date: July 1, 2011

NUECES RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Yale Leland Kerby - Uvalde

Appointment Date: June 20, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Lindsey Alfred Koenig - Orange Grove

Appointment Date: June 20, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

James Richard Marmion III - Carrizo Springs

Appointment Date: June 20, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Rolando B. Pablos - San Antonio

Appointment Date: June 20, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

Betty A. "Ann" Peden - Hondo

Appointment Date: June 20, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

Fidel R. Rul, Jr. - Alice

Appointment Date: June 20, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

Sandra A. Cararas - McAllen

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: September 1, 2007

Sockaligam "Sam" Kannappan - Houston

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: September 1, 2007

Sarah E. Kirksey - Beaumont

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: September 1, 2007

Kosse Kyle Maykus - Southlake

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: September 1, 2007

Brian Lawrence Padden - Austin

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: September 1, 2007

A. John Yoggerst - San Antonio

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: September 1, 2007

OPTOMETRY BOARD, TEXAS

Carolyn R. Carman-Merrifield - Mansfield

Appointment Date: February 15, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

John Coble, O.D. - Rockwall

Appointment Date: February 15, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS, TEXAS BOARD OF

Rebecca Hill Brou - Rockport

Appointment Date: August 23, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Roy D. McCoy - Round Rock

Appointment Date: August 23, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

Miguel Mojica - Coppel

Appointment Date: August 23, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

PARDONS AND PAROLES, BOARD OF

Conrith W. Davis - Sugar Land

Appointment Date: April 7, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

Mark Bivins - Amarillo

Appointment Date: September 28, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

Margaret K. Bentley - DeSoto

Appointment Date: January 30, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

Dwight M. Deter - El Paso

Appointment Date: January 30, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Michael Allen Mitchell, D.O. - Henrietta

Appointment Date: January 30, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Timothy Webb - Houston

Appointment Date: January 30, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

Pamela Welch - Mount Vernon

Appointment Date: January 30, 2006

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

PRESERVATION BOARD, STATE

Jocelyn Levi Straus - San Antonio

Appointment Date: August 22, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Julie Caruthers Parsley - Austin

Appointment Date: September 1, 2005

Expiration Date: September 1, 2011

PURCHASING FROM PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, TEXAS COUNCIL ON

Chuck Brewton - San Antonio

Appointment Date: October 5, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

Scott D. Burford - Austin

Appointment Date: October 5, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

Robert K. Peters, Ph.D. - Tyler

Appointment Date: January 6, 2006

Expiration Date: January 31, 2007

Margaret Morgan "Meg" Pfluger, C.P.A. - Lubbock

Appointment Date: October 5, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

RETIREMENT SYSTEM, TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT

H. C. "Chuck" Cazalas - Corpus Christi

Appointment Date: January 20, 2006

Expiration Date: December 31, 2011

Lisa A. Hembry - Dallas

Appointment Date: January 20, 2006

Expiration Date: December 31, 2011

Gerald "Buddy" Winn - Bryan

Appointment Date: January 20, 2006

Expiration Date: December 31, 2011

RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION

Patrick Gordon - El Paso

Appointment Date: January 18, 2006

Expiration Date: June 9, 2007

RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

Glenn D. Wilde - Lyford

Appointment Date: June 20, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2009

SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS

Stanley N. Mathews - Orange

Appointment Date: December 1, 2005

Expiration Date: July 6, 2011

SABINE RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

Frank Edward Parker - Center

Appointment Date: December 21, 2005

Expiration Date: July 12, 2010

SCHOOL LAND BOARD

Todd F. Barth - Houston

Appointment Date: January 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 29, 2007

SEED AND PLANT BOARD, STATE

Aubrey James Allison, Ph.D. - Buchanan Dam

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: October 6, 2007

Kelly A. Book - Bastrop

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: October 6, 2006

Mark A. Hussey - Bryan

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: October 6, 2007

Ellen B. Peffley - Lubbock

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: October 6, 2007

SMALL BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TEXAS

Richard Craig "Rick" Rhodes - Austin

Appointment Date: September 20, 2005

Expiration Date:

SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS, TEXAS STATE BOARD OF

Kimberly Hernandez - El Paso

Appointment Date: October 27, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Dorinda N. Noble, Ph.D. - Kyle

Appointment Date: October 27, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

Larry D. Jacobs - Montgomery

Appointment Date: June 20, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2006

Joe L. Ward - Telephone

Appointment Date: June 20, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

Richard B. Boyer - The Colony

Appointment Date: August 24, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

James A. Thompson - Sugar Land

Appointment Date: August 24, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

Melvin R. White - Pflugerville

Appointment Date: August 24, 2005

Expiration Date: January 31, 2011

TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

James H. Lee - Houston

Appointment Date: March 7, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2007

Philip M. Mullins - Austin

Appointment Date: October 24, 2005

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

Linus D. Wright - Dallas

Appointment Date: October 24, 2005

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

David Diaz - Corpus Christi

Appointment Date: November 3, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Earnest Gibson III - Houston

Appointment Date: November 3, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

William E. King - Kemah

Appointment Date: November 3, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

Ken Luce - Dallas

Appointment Date: November 28, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

Robert Greg Wilkinson - Dallas

Appointment Date: September 28, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

UNDERGROUND FACILITY NOTIFICATION CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TEXAS

Leopoldo P. Cervantes - San Antonio

Appointment Date: March 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2006

John Dao - Houston

Appointment Date: March 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2008

Deborah Ellison Farris - Dallas

Appointment Date: March 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2008

Steven Landon - Colleyville

Appointment Date: March 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2008

Virginio Ortega - Lubbock

Appointment Date: March 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2008

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

Welcome Wade Wilson, Sr. - Houston

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

Jim P. Wise - Kingwood

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS BOARD OF REGENTS

Charles D. Mitchell, M.D. - Dallas

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: May 22, 2011

Alfredo Silva - San Antonio

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: May 22, 2011

Claude Daniel "Dan" Smith, Jr. - Plano

Appointment Date: March 20, 2006

Expiration Date: May 22, 2011

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS, THE

Colleen McHugh - Corpus Christi

Appointment Date: October 11, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2011

VETERANS' LAND BOARD

Alan L. Johnson - Harlingen

Appointment Date: March 3, 2006

Expiration Date: December 29, 2008

VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF

Janie Allen Carpenter, D.V.M. - Garland

Appointment Date: March 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 26, 2011

Cynthia S. Diaz - San Antonio

Appointment Date: March 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 26, 2011

David Wayne Heflin - Mission

Appointment Date: March 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 26, 2011

WORKERS' COMPENSATION, COMMISSIONER OF

Albert Betts, Jr. - Austin

Appointment Date: September 1, 2005

Expiration Date: February 1, 2007

YOUTH COMMISSION, TEXAS

Juan Sanchez Munoz - Lubbock

Appointment Date: April 13, 2006

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Rick Perry

Governor

SENATE RESOLUTION 60

Senator Wentworth offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate takes great pride in joining the Texas Association of Counties in recognizing April 26, 2006, as County Government Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The week of April 23-29, 2006, is being observed by the National Association of Counties as National County Government Week to provide the nation's citizens with an opportunity to honor the many contributions made by county governments; and

WHEREAS, The oldest form of local government in the United States, county government addresses many critical issues, including environmental protection, indigent health care, special assistance for the elderly, job training, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated individuals who serve our state's 254 counties as elected or appointed officials not only work diligently to meet the needs of citizens without placing an undue burden on taxpayers but also commit themselves to finding solutions to problems that will benefit all Texans; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Association of Counties encourages citizens across the state to observe National County Government Week by learning more about this vital form of local government and the many ways in which it serves the public; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 79th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the county officials of this state for their countless contributions to Texas and welcome members of the Texas Association of Counties to the State Capitol.

SR 60 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Wentworth was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation representing the Texas Association of Counties celebrating County Government Day at the State Capitol.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

The following bills and resolution were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

SB 24 by Eltife, Ellis

Relating to the salary and benefits of certain employees of public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 25 by Van de Putte, Shapleigh, Zaffirini

Relating to the eligibility of children of certain military personnel for free prekindergarten classes.

To Committee on Education.

SB 26 by Shapleigh

Relating to a franchise tax credit for certain corporations developing ISO (International Organization for Standardization) 25,000 manufacturing protocols.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 27 by Shapleigh

Relating to exemptions from the sales tax.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 28 by Shapleigh

Relating to franchise tax credits for certain economic development activities.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 29 by Shapleigh

Relating to additional funding to school districts for classroom teacher salaries.

To Committee on Education.

SB 30 by Shapleigh

Relating to national certification of public school teachers.

To Committee on Education.

SB 31 by Shapleigh

Relating to the provision of a preference in governmental purchasing decisions for vendors that provide health benefits to employees.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 32 by Eltife

Relating to the authority of school districts to enter into property tax abatement agreements in connection with closed or realigned military facilities.

To Committee on Finance.

SCR 3 by Janek, Jackson

Requesting the Texas Department of Transportation to designate the new causeway bridge connecting Galveston Island and the Texas mainland as the Purple Heart Memorial Bridge.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SENATE RULE 11.13 SUSPENDED
(Consideration of Bills in Committees)

On motion of Senator Fraser and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.13 was suspended to grant the Committee on Business and Commerce permission to meet while the Senate was in session today.

SENATE RULE 11.13 SUSPENDED
(Consideration of Bills in Committees)

On motion of Senator Ellis and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.13 was suspended to grant the Committee on Government Organization permission to meet while the Senate was in session today.

SENATE RULE 11.13 SUSPENDED
(Consideration of Bills in Committees)

On motion of Senator Estes and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.13 was suspended to grant all committees permission to meet while the Senate was in session today.

MOTION TO RECESS

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 12:08 p.m. agreed to recess, in memory of Phil Strickland, pending receipt of Messages from the House, Committee Reports, and upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2006.

AT EASE

The President at 12:09 p.m. announced the Senate would stand At Ease subject to the call of the Chair.

IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The President at 4:54 p.m. called the Senate to order as In Legislative Session.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

April 27, 2006

The Honorable President of the Senate
Senate Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. President:

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has taken the following action:

THE HOUSE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

HB 5, Relating to increases in the taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products.

HCR 14, Honoring D. H. Abernathy on his retirement as mayor of Pittsburg.

HCR 19, Designating Giddings and Lee County as the official Festival Capital of Texas.

HCR 21, Honoring the Distinguished Graduates of La Marque High School of 2006.

HCR 22, Welcoming director Melissa Reyna and the young men and women of the Cantare Community Youth Choir to the State Capitol.

HCR 23, Honoring Hector Trevino on the occasion of his retirement from the U.S. Border Patrol.

HCR 25, In memory of legendary Texas songwriter Cindy Walker of Mexia.

HCR 27, Honoring SKC James A. Spiller of Austin on his retirement from the U.S. Navy Reserve.

SCR 2, In memory of Eleanor Goode Brune.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

HOUSE BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill received from the House was read first time and referred to the committee indicated:

HB 5 to Committee on Finance.

MOTION TO RECESS

Pursuant to the previously adopted motion to recess, the Senate at 4:55 p.m. again agreed to recess, in memory of Phil Strickland, pending receipt of Messages from the House, Committee Reports, and upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2006.

AT EASE

The President at 4:55 p.m. announced the Senate would stand At Ease subject to the call of the Chair.

(Friday, April 28, 2006)

IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The President at 4:53 p.m. called the Senate to order as In Legislative Session.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was introduced, read first time, and referred to the committee indicated:

SB 6 by Ogden

Relating to certain tax legislation enacted by the 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session. To Committee on Finance.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolutions

SR 62 by Van de Putte, In memory of Stephen Joseph Perez of San Antonio.

SR 70 by Zaffirini, In memory of Betty Eloise Ford Goodman of Laredo.

SR 72 by Duncan, In memory of Johnny J. Peralez, Jr.

SR 73 by Duncan, In memory of Benjamin Thomas Britt.

SR 74 by Duncan, In memory of the life of Jose Alfredo Velez of Lubbock.

SR 75 by Duncan, In memory of the life of Elias Torrez III.

SR 76 by Duncan, In memory of the life of Israel Garza of Lubbock.

SR 77 by Duncan, In memory of Rick Salas, Jr.

SR 78 by Duncan, In memory of the life of Clayton Welch Henson of Stanton and Midland.

SR 79 by Barrientos, In memory of Coralia Cuellar Schotz of Austin.

SR 81 by Barrientos, In memory of Michael Bernard Wright of Austin.

SR 94 by Van de Putte, In memory of Tomas A. "Tony" Travieso, Jr., of San Antonio.

Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 61 by Williams, Recognizing Robert Krienke on the occasion of his retirement.

SR 63 by Whitmire, Commending Phillip Buttery Bacot for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 66 by Lindsay, Commending Grady Meloy of Spring for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 67 by Lindsay, Commending Scott Michael Randolph for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 68 by Lindsay, Commending Timothy Earl Long for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 69 by Lindsay, Commending Kyle Douglas Page of Cypress for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 80 by Barrientos, Commending Goeffrey Miller for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 82 by Barrientos, Recognizing Carmen Castillo-Adams on the occasion of her retirement.

SR 83 by Barrientos, Congratulating the recipients of the 2006 Best of Texas CIS Awards.

SR 84 by Deuell, Commending the Terrell Independent School District Head Start program for 40 years of service to the children of Terrell.

SR 86 by Lucio, Recognizing Jose G. Zárate of Brownsville for his contributions to his community.

SR 87 by Lindsay, Recognizing Ray and Barbara Ingram on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

SR 88 by Lindsay, Commending Zachary Michael Adams of Spring for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 89 by Lindsay, Commending Joseph V. Thompson of Houston for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 90 by Lindsay, Commending Phillip Simmons for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 91 by Lindsay, Commending Russell Jones for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 92 by Lindsay, Commending Alexander Gaul for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 93 by Lindsay, Commending John Rives McClellan of The Woodlands for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 95 by Madla, Recognizing Rufus Winfield Johnson on the occasion of his 95th birthday.

SR 96 by Armbrister, Congratulating the 2005-2006 cheerleading squad of Victoria Memorial High School in Victoria for winning a national championship.

Official Designation Resolutions

SR 57 by Averitt, Recognizing May 10, 2006, as Texas Environmental Excellence Awards Day at the State Capitol.

SR 58 by Harris, Recognizing May, 2006, as Elder Abuse Prevention Month.

SR 64 by West, Recognizing April 28, 2006, as Child Abuse Prevention Day in Dallas.

HCR 17 (Zaffirini), Designating April 2006 as Child Safety Month in Texas.

HCR 20 (Nelson), Declaring May 6, 2006, Janie Casey Day in Keller.

Legislative Policy Resolution

SR 59 by Wentworth, Ellis, and Staples, Granting permission to the YMCA Youth and Government Program to use the Chamber of the Texas Senate, auditorium, and committee rooms in the State Capitol, John H. Reagan Building, and other Capitol Complex facilities on February 1-4, 2007, and January 31-February 3, 2008.

RECESS

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 4:54 p.m. recessed, in memory of Phil Strickland, until 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2006.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee reports were received by the Secretary of the Senate in the order listed:

April 29, 2006

FINANCE — **HB 3, CSHB 4, CSHB 2**

**In Memory
of
Phil Strickland
Senate Resolution 65**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Phil Strickland, who died February 11, 2006, at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, Born October 17, 1941, Phil Strickland grew up in Abilene; he graduated from The University of Texas at Austin and The University of Texas School of Law and also studied at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Phil was a strong advocate for the historic Baptist traditions of religious liberty and separation of church and state; he believed his responsibilities as a leader included speaking to fellow Texas Baptists about the issues of applied Christianity, such as poverty, racism, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Phil served on the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas for 38 years; he was the state's first registered lobbyist for a religious denomination and was a legendary champion of children and the poor; and

WHEREAS, A man of deep faith and compassion, Phil spoke with courage and grace on behalf of the less fortunate in our society, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by his family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Phil Strickland: his wife, Carolyn; his daughters, Delaine Mueller and Shannon Holman; his mother, Sybil Strickland; and his four grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Phil Strickland.

NELSON