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PROCEEDINGS

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## THIRTEENTH DAY

(Tuesday, February 13, 2007)

The Senate met at 11:12 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Averitt, Brimer, Carona, Deuell, Duncan, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Harris, Hegar, Hinojosa, Jackson, Janek, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Ogden, Patrick, Seliger, Shapleigh, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, Wentworth, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Ellis, Gallegos, Shapiro.

The President announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

Bill Wallace, Chambers County Commissioner, Mont Belvieu, offered the invocation as follows:

Lord, we thank You for today, O Lord. Lord, we thank You for the privilege of serving You once again. We pray guidance and direction on each and every person here today. Lord, we pray a special blessing on this body of government, and we pray that each and every decision made this day will be from the heart and soul and will be in agreement with Your word. Lord, we thank You for the great men and women of our military who are on foreign lands today, and we pray today that a hedge of protection be extended by Your hand to them today and forever. We pray that we as a people of the great State of Texas and the United States of America may never take our freedom of speech and actions for granted. And we thank the great men and women of the military, present and past, and especially for those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives, that the long and hard road to freedom may be carried on for many more years in this great land of ours. And, Lord, we thank You for each and every person who has traveled here today to this place of Texas government, and we pray a special blessing for their well-being and a very special blessing for the great people of Chambers County and the great people of the United States of America, the land of the free and the home of the brave. We ask this prayer in Your son's name. Amen.

Senator Whitmire moved that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday be dispensed with and the Journal be approved as printed.

The motion prevailed without objection.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senator Ellis was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senator Gallegos was granted leave of absence for today on account of illness.

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senator Shapiro was granted leave of absence for today on account of a death in the family.

#### CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 31

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senator Estes will be shown as Co-author of **SB 31**.

#### CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 49

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senators Duncan and Shapleigh will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 49**.

#### CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 54

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Lucio will be shown as Co-author of **SB 54**.

#### CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 65

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Watson will be shown as Co-author of **SB 65**.

#### CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 105

On motion of Senator West, Senator Hegar will be shown as Co-author of **SB 105**.

#### CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 113

On motion of Senator Van de Putte, Senators Uresti and Zaffirini will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 113**.

#### CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 127

On motion of Senator Shapleigh, Senator Duncan will be shown as Co-author of **SB 127**.

#### CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 216

On motion of Senator Fraser, Senator Hegar will be shown as Co-author of **SB 216**.

#### CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 247

On motion of Senator Ellis, Senator Harris will be shown as Co-author of **SB 247**.

#### CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 252

On motion of Senator Estes, Senators Eltife, Seliger, and Whitmire will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 252**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 286**

On motion of Senator Watson, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 286**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 338**

On motion of Senator Van de Putte, Senator Lucio will be shown as Co-author of **SB 338**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 368**

On motion of Senator Ellis, Senators Shapleigh, Van de Putte, and Zaffirini will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 368**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 438**

On motion of Senator Hegar, Senators Averitt, Brimer, Carona, Deuell, Eltife, Harris, Jackson, Nelson, Patrick, Wentworth, and Williams will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 438**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 485**

On motion of Senator Fraser, Senator West will be shown as Co-author of **SB 485**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 495**

On motion of Senator Van de Putte, Senator Watson will be shown as Co-author of **SB 495**.

**CO-AUTHOR WITHDRAWN**

Senator Shapleigh requested that his name be withdrawn as Co-author of **SB 50**.

The request was granted.

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

February 13, 2007

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:**

**HCR 57**, Designating February 2007 as Black History Month in Texas.

**HCR 58**, Honoring the Texas Police Chiefs Association for 50 years of service.

**HCR 68**, Honoring Chris Kyker of Abilene for her many years of service in behalf of the citizens of Texas.

**HCR 76**, Recognizing Monsignor Larry J. Droll on his 60th birthday.

**HCR 79**, In memory of Bishop Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr., of Dallas.

**HCR 80**, In memory of Powell W. Peek, county judge of Red River County.

**HCR 88**, Recognizing the Commemorative Air Force on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

**HCR 89**, Designating February 13, 2007, as Midland-Odessa Day at the State Capitol.

**SCR 18**, Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, and ending on Monday, February 12, 2007.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

#### **PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY**

Senator Wentworth was recognized and presented Dr. Mitchell Finnie of San Antonio as the Physician of the Day.

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

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION 210**

Senator Lucio offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the representatives of Amigos Del Valle, Incorporated, who are celebrating Senior Day at the State Capitol on February 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Amigos Del Valle, Incorporated, is a consortium of county and city governmental entities working to provide nutrition, transportation, and housing services to the senior citizens of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties and helping them to live healthy, productive, and self-sufficient lives; and

WHEREAS, Texas' senior citizens have devoted their lives to making this state a better place in which to live, work, and raise families; it is fitting that they are accorded the services they need and the opportunities and esteem they so richly deserve; and

WHEREAS, Amigos Del Valle began offering services to seniors in 1975 with a budget of \$375,000; thousands of senior citizens have used its services to maintain their health and live their lives with dignity; by 2005, the agency's annual budget had increased to approximately \$7 million; and

WHEREAS, Amigos Del Valle provides its wide range of services and activities for seniors through an established network of employees and more than 500 volunteers and through 32 senior centers, nine senior multifamily rental housing projects, and a central kitchen facility; and

WHEREAS, The agency has been honored for its outstanding services from such organizations as the National Council of La Raza, the Southwest Society on Aging, and *Hispanic Business Magazine*; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend all those involved with Amigos Del Valle, Incorporated, for its good work and extend a warm welcome to its representatives on Senior Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this occasion.

**SR 210** was read and was adopted without objection.

#### **GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Lucio was recognized and introduced to the Senate Amigos Del Valle 2006 King and Queen Luis Gonzalez and Blanca Loya; Amigos Del Valle, Incorporated, Vice-president Emilio Vera, Jr.; Executive Director Jose E. Garza; and Board Member Fred Longoria; accompanied by representatives of Amigos Del Valle, Incorporated.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

#### **GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Zaffirini was recognized and introduced to the Senate Daniel Miller and Trace Anthony Popham, serving today as Honorary Senate Pages.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

February 13, 2007

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:

**HCR 86**, Recognizing February 13, 2007, as Red and Black Day at the State Capitol.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

#### **GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Averitt was recognized and introduced to the Senate representatives of Leadership Midlothian, class of 2006 and 2007.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 89**

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

**HCR 89**, Designating February 13, 2007, as Midland-Odessa Day at the State Capitol.

SELIGER

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Seliger and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of the resolution except as follows:

Absent-excused: Ellis, Gallegos, Shapiro.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Seliger was recognized and introduced to the Senate Dr. W. David Watts, President, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin; Dr. Greg Williams, President, Odessa College; Kirk Edwards, Chair, Odessa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Fred M. "Mickey" Jones and Dan Hollmann, attorneys; Allen Pruitt, Chair, and Susie Hitchcock-Hall, Past Chair, Midland Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; and Midland Chamber of Commerce Board Members, Russell Meyers, Chan Price, and Chris Pruitt; accompanied by a delegation of citizens from Midland and Odessa.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**RESOLUTIONS SIGNED**

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled resolutions in the presence of the Senate: **HCR 33**, **HCR 55**, **HCR 69**.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 193**

Senator Van de Putte offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join citizens across the state in recognizing February 13, 2007, as Kidney Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Texas Renal Coalition, Kidney Day at the State Capitol brings public attention to the problems of kidney patients and informs the Texas Legislature about the public policy concerns and needs of kidney patients; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Renal Coalition leads in the advancement of education, prevention, and advocacy for those who have or are at risk of chronic kidney disease and acts as a clearinghouse for information related to legislative issues; and

WHEREAS, The coalition helps monitor health policies for dialysis and transplant patients and offers educational programs to improve public awareness about kidney disease; the organization has initiated a program called "Decrease the Increase" to raise awareness of kidney diseases; and

WHEREAS, Kidney organizations, dedicated volunteers, and health care professionals across the state work together to ensure the best care for kidney patients, and they are truly deserving of recognition for their commitment and dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby proclaim February 13, 2007, Kidney Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the kidney patients and the kidney health care advocates visiting Austin today; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Renal Coalition as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

**SR 193** was read and was adopted without objection.

#### **GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Van de Putte was recognized and introduced to the Senate representatives of the Texas Renal Coalition and Kidney Day at the State Capitol.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

#### **GUEST PRESENTED**

Senator West was recognized and introduced to the Senate Erwin Thompson, photojournalist with *The Dallas Morning News*.

The Senate welcomed its guest.

#### **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 86**

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

**HCR 86**, Recognizing February 13, 2007, as Red and Black Day at the State Capitol.

DUNCAN

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Duncan and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of the resolution except as follows:

Absent-excused: Ellis, Gallegos, Shapiro.

#### **GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Duncan was recognized and introduced to the Senate representatives of the Texas Tech Alumni Association on the occasion of Red and Black Day at the State Capitol.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 202**

Senator Williams offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes great pleasure in joining the citizens of Chambers County in celebrating Chambers County Day at the State Capitol on February 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Chambers County includes Anahuac, the county seat, and the communities of Beach City, Cove, Double Bayou, Hankamer, Mont Belvieu, Oak Island, Old River-Winfree, Smith Point, Stowell, and Winnie; and

WHEREAS, Countless tourists are drawn to the many attractions and festivals offered by Chambers County; Texas Gatorfest promotes one of the largest commodities in the area, the alligator, and the Texas Rice Festival celebrates the completion of the rice harvest and a job well done; and

WHEREAS, Visitors are also drawn by activities such as antique shopping, bird-watching, fishing, golfing, hunting, and automobile racing and by the area's history and research facilities and parks; and

WHEREAS, Contributing to the county's economy, in addition to tourism, are the petroleum industry, chemical plants, agribusiness, fish and oyster processing, and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Chambers County are justifiably proud of their achievements, for this noteworthy region and its citizens have played a significant role in the development of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby declare February 13, 2007, Chambers County Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the fine citizens who have traveled to Austin to celebrate this occasion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the people of Chambers County as a memento of this special occasion.

**SR 202** was read and was adopted without objection.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Williams was recognized and introduced to the Senate officials from Chambers County: County Judge Jimmy Sylvia, County Commissioner Precinct 1 Mark Huddleston, County Commissioner Precinct 2 Judy Edmonds, County Commissioner Precinct 3 Gary Nelson, and County Commissioner Precinct 4 Bill Wallace, accompanied by a delegation of citizens from Chambers County and students from Mont Belvieu.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Hegar was recognized and introduced to the Senate students from Columbus High School, accompanied by their teachers and sponsors.

The Senate welcomed its guests.



**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Averitt, joined by Senators Brimer and Harris, was recognized and introduced to the Senate students from Southwestern Adventist University in Keene and Texas Christian University and Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, who are recipients of Tuition Equalization Grants.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator West was recognized and introduced to the Senate a group of senior citizens from Dallas County representing The Senior Source and the Hutchins Senior Center, which includes his aunt, Marie Young.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Uresti was recognized and introduced to the Senate citizens from Air Force Villages I and II, representing Senior Day at the Capitol.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 58**

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

**HCR 58**, Honoring the Texas Police Chiefs Association for 50 years of service.

DUNCAN

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Duncan and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of the resolution except as follows:

Absent-excused: Ellis, Gallegos, Shapiro.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Duncan was recognized and introduced to the Senate representatives of the Texas Police Chiefs Association: Chief Wiley Alexander and his daughter, Linda Novak; Chief J. T. Alley and his daughters, Tori Harrison and Billie McMinn; Chief Claude Jones; Chief Jerry Neal; and Chief Randall Freeman.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following Messages from the Governor were read and were referred to the Committee on Nominations:

Austin, Texas  
February 9, 2007

TO THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:

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

To be a member of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles for a term to expire February 1, 2013:

Conrith W. Davis  
Sugar Land, Texas

(Mr. Davis is being reappointed)

As Judge of the 434th Judicial District Court, Fort Bend County, pursuant to SB 1189, 79th Legislature, Regular Session, for a term until the next General Election and until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified:

James H. Shoemake  
Missouri City, Texas

To be a member of the Texas Physician Assistant Board for a term to expire February 1, 2011:

Richard R. Rahr, Ed.D.  
Texas City, Texas

(Dr. Rahr is replacing Al Bendeck of Lubbock whose term expired)

To be members of the State Board for Educator Certification for terms to expire February 1, 2013:

Jill Jolynn Harrison Druesedow  
Haskell, Texas

(replacing Adele Quintana of Benbrook whose term expired)

Homer Dean Treviño  
Waco, Texas

(replacing Troy Simmons, D.D.S., of Longview whose term expired)

To be a member of the Crime Stoppers Advisory Council for a term to expire September 1, 2008:

Emerson Frederick Lane, Jr.  
Victoria, Texas

(Mr. Lane is replacing Tina Alexander Sellers of Lufkin who resigned)

To be a member of the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority for a term to expire February 1, 2013:

Richard L. Watson  
Spicewood, Texas

(Mr. Watson is replacing Borris Miles of Houston who resigned)

To be members of the On-site Wastewater Treatment Research Council for terms to expire September 1, 2008:

Janet R. Boone  
North Zulch, Texas

(replacing Timothy Taylor of Nacogdoches whose term expired)

Janet Dee Meyers  
Aubrey, Texas

(Ms. Meyers is being reappointed)

To be a member of the One Call Board for a term to expire August 31, 2009:

Christopher J. Rourk  
Dallas, Texas

(Mr. Rourk is replacing Dexter Keyes of Killeen whose term expired)

To be members of the Governing Board of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired for terms to expire as indicated:

To Expire January 31, 2011:

Robert K. Peters  
Tyler, Texas

(replacing Mary Sue Welch of Dallas whose term expired)

Caroline Kupstas Daley  
Kingwood, Texas

(replacing Toby Galindo of San Angelo whose term expired)

Deborah Louder  
San Angelo, Texas

(reappointment)

To Expire January 31, 2013:

Michelle DeAnn Goodwin  
Ft. Worth, Texas

(replacing Janet Ardoyno of Abilene who resigned)

To be a member of the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities for a term to expire January 31, 2013:

James Michael Daugherty  
Irving, Texas

(Mr. Daugherty is replacing Kevin Karnes of Dallas whose term expired)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Rick Perry  
Governor

Austin, Texas  
February 12, 2007

TO THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:

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

To be District Attorney of the 29th Judicial District, Palo Pinto County, for a term until the next General Election and until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified:

Michael Kent Burns  
Mineral Wells, Texas

(Mr. Burns is replacing Tim Ford who resigned)

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/Rick Perry  
Governor

### **MESSAGE FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

The following Message from the Attorney General was read and was referred to the Committee on Nominations:

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS  
GREG ABBOTT

February 9, 2007

TO THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTIETH TEXAS LEGISLATURE

The Office of the Attorney General of Texas has made the following appointment which requires the advice and consent of the Senate:

To the School Land Board of Texas:

Mr. David Herrmann  
San Antonio, Texas

Appointments to the School Land Board by the Attorney General are governed by Section 32.012(a)(3) of the Texas Natural Resources Code. In February 2005, I appointed Mr. Herrmann for a two-year term that will expire on August 31, 2007.

The advice, consent, and confirmation of the Senate is requested for this appointment.

Sincerely,  
/s/Greg Abbott  
Attorney General of Texas

### **MESSAGE FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

The following Message from the Supreme Court of Texas was read and was referred to the Committee on Nominations:

THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

February 6, 2007

Dear Governor Dewhurst:

Since adjournment of the 79th Texas Legislature, the Supreme Court of Texas has made the following appointment to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, which requires the advice and consent of the Senate:

The Honorable Sid L. Harle

Judge, 226th Judicial District Court, Bexar County

Judge Harle was appointed on November 30, 2005. Judge Harle succeeds Judge Kathleen Olivares. Judge Harle was appointed to a term of six years which will expire on November 19, 2011.

The court has also made the following appointment to the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas, also requiring the advice and consent of the Senate:

Mr. Ira Craig Hester, Austin

Mr. Hester was appointed on October 19, 2005, to a term of four years which will expire on August 31, 2009.

Finally, the Court has made the following appointments to the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas, all of which require the advice and consent of the Senate:

Dr. Lloyd Garland, Lubbock

Ms. Sandy Stewart, Tyler

Mr. Rodolfo Garcia, Marfa

Mr. Bill Burch, Arlington

Dr. Garland was appointed on June 1, 2005, to a term of two years which will expire in June 2007. Dr. Garland succeeds Mr. John F. Landgraf, whose term had expired.

Ms. Stewart was appointed on June 1, 2005, to a term of three years which will expire in June 2008. Ms. Stewart succeeds Linda R. Butter, whose term had expired.

Mr. Garcia was appointed on June 6, 2005, to a term of three years which will expire in June 2008. Mr. Garcia succeeds Ms. Patricia J. Williams, whose term had expired.

Mr. Burch was appointed on September 22, 2006, to serve out the unexpired term of Mr. Lance R. Byrd, which will expire in June 2007.

The Supreme Court of Texas requests the consent and confirmation of the Senate for each of these appointments.

Sincerely,

/s/Wallace B. Jefferson

Chief Justice

### **GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Lucio was recognized and introduced to the Senate Harlingen City Manager Craig Lonon, Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce President and Chief Executive Officer Marie McDermott, Harlingen Transportation Committee Chair Alan Johnson, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Chair Bob Shepard, Harlingen Mayor Rick Rodriguez, and former Mayor Randy Whittington, accompanied by a delegation of citizens from Harlingen.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS EXTENDED**

The President, on behalf of the Senate, extended birthday greetings to Senator Zaffirini.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

**Memorial Resolutions**

- SR 199** by Averitt and Carona, In memory of Gregg A. Cooke of Dallas.
- SR 203** by Williams, In memory of Donald Ray Massengale, Sr.
- SR 209** by Wentworth, In memory of Dorothy Dowell Bryan.
- SR 211** by Lucio, In memory of Anita R. Magallanes.
- SR 212** by Lucio, In memory of San Juana "Janie" Lucio.
- SR 213** by Lucio, In memory of Lydia Champion Wimer of Brownsville.
- SR 214** by Lucio, In memory of David Roland "Buddy" Garcia of Brownsville.
- SR 218** by Lucio, In memory of Richard Garcia of Brownsville.
- SR 231** by Estes, In memory of David H. Brune.

**Congratulatory Resolutions**

- SR 198** by Harris and Shapiro, Congratulating the Coppell Middle School North Cougar Band for being named the 2006-2007 Texas State Honor Band by the Texas Music Educators Association.
- SR 200** by Uresti, Recognizing First State Bank of Uvalde on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.
- SR 204** by Watson, Recognizing Carolyn Lee and George Kenneth Crocker on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary.
- SR 215** by Lucio, Recognizing Timoteo and Guadalupe Vasquez on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.
- SR 216** by Lucio, Recognizing Michael Scott Ford for his accomplishments as head football coach of Los Fresnos High School.
- SR 217** by Lucio, Recognizing Ronnie Gillman for his achievements in bowling.
- SR 219** by Lucio, Congratulating Steven Kelly for being selected for one of the National Honor Roll Outstanding American Teachers Awards for 2005-2006.
- SR 222** by Hinojosa, Commending the members of the Edinburg High School Mariachi group for their contributions to the musical heritage of our state.
- SR 223** by Hinojosa, Congratulating Laura Danielle Gonzalez for being named Miss Edinburg 2007.
- SR 224** by Van de Putte, Joining Saint Mary's University School of Law and participants in the Minority Pre-Law Student Symposium in honoring Demetrio Rodriguez.

**HCR 68** (Fraser), Honoring Chris Kyker of Abilene for her many years of service in behalf of the citizens of Texas.

**HCR 71** (Uresti), Recognizing the 100th anniversary of First State Bank of Uvalde.

**HCR 76** (Seliger), Recognizing Monsignor Larry J. Droll on his 60th birthday.

**HCR 88** (Seliger), Recognizing the Commemorative Air Force on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

#### **Official Designation Resolutions**

**SR 188** by Nelson and Harris, Declaring February 13, 2007, as Senior Day at the Capitol.

**SR 197** by Hinojosa, Recognizing February 8, 2007, as Edinburg Day at the State Capitol.

**SR 201** by Duncan, Recognizing February 13, 2007, as Red and Black Day at the State Capitol.

**SR 208** by Zaffirini, Recognizing February 12, 2007, as El Cenizo Day at the State Capitol.

**SR 229** by Lucio and Hinojosa, Recognizing February 13, 2007, as PSJA Day at the Capitol.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 11:59 a.m. adjourned, in honor of Senator Zaffirini's birthday, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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#### **APPENDIX**

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#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

February 13, 2007

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — **SB 30, SB 33, CSSB 36, CSSB 138, SB 139, SB 140, SB 143, CSSB 198, SB 199, SB 204**

TRANSPORTATION AND HOMELAND SECURITY — **SB 60, CSSB 112, CSSB 132, CSSB 153, SB 255, CSSB 295**

JURISPRUDENCE — **CSSB 159, SB 178, SB 192, CSSB 271**

#### **SENT TO SECRETARY OF STATE**

February 8, 2007

**SCR 14**

