

SENATE JOURNAL

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE — REGULAR SESSION

AUSTIN, TEXAS

PROCEEDINGS

TWELFTH DAY

(Tuesday, February 17, 2009)

The Senate met at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by President Pro Tempore Duncan.

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

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

The Most Reverend Raymundo J. Peña, Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Brownsville, offered the invocation as follows:

God of all nations, father of the human family, we give You thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in the State of Texas. We ask for Your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good. We lift up all our elected leaders and public servants. We pray especially for the Members of this august body, the Senators of the State of Texas. Heal us, the citizens of our state, from our differences and unite us with a common purpose. Bestow upon our Senators the gift of dedication and commitment to achieve liberty and justice for all the residents of Texas and especially the most vulnerable in our midst, so that together we may all praise Your name and give You glory, thanksgiving, and praise all the days of our lives. Amen.

Senator Whitmire moved that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, February 11, 2009, be dispensed with and the Journal be approved as printed.

The motion prevailed without objection.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 43

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Uresti will be shown as Co-author of **SB 43**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 105

On motion of Senator Hinojosa, Senators Averitt, Carona, Hegar, and Huffman will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 105**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 145

On motion of Senator Ellis, Senator Davis will be shown as Co-author of **SB 145**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 170

On motion of Senator Ellis, Senator Ogden will be shown as Co-author of **SB 170**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 263

On motion of Senator Carona, Senator Zaffirini will be shown as Co-author of **SB 263**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 296

On motion of Senator West, Senator Hegar will be shown as Co-author of **SB 296**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 317

On motion of Senator Wentworth, Senator Patrick will be shown as Co-author of **SB 317**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 327

On motion of Senator Van de Putte, Senator Uresti will be shown as Co-author of **SB 327**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 482

On motion of Senator Ellis, Senators Hinojosa and Van de Putte will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 482**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 553

On motion of Senator Lucio, Senator Hegar will be shown as Co-author of **SB 553**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 639

On motion of Senator Lucio, Senator Davis will be shown as Co-author of **SB 639**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 643

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senator Davis will be shown as Co-author of **SB 643**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 728

On motion of Senator Carona, Senator Davis will be shown as Co-author of **SB 728**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 730

On motion of Senator Hegar, Senator Eltife will be shown as Co-author of **SB 730**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 767

On motion of Senator West, Senator Watson will be shown as Co-author of **SB 767**.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Seliger was recognized and introduced to the Senate Ector County Judge Susan Redford; Jimmy Cox, Vice-president of Legislative Affairs, Odessa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Vicky Hailey, Midland City Councilmember; and Tommy Hudson, Midland Deputy City Manager.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Fraser was recognized and presented Dr. Jeffrey Edwards of Stephenville as the Physician of the Day.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

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

February 12, 2009
Austin, Texas

TO THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:

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

To be members of The University of Texas System Board of Regents for terms to expire as indicated:

To expire February 1, 2011:

Robert Steven Hicks

Austin, Texas

(replacing Robert Rowling of Dallas who resigned)

To expire February 1, 2015:

William Eugene "Gene" Powell

San Antonio, Texas

(replacing H. Scott Caven, Jr., of Houston whose term expired)

Robert Lee Stillwell

Houston, Texas

(replacing John Barnhill of Brenham whose term expired)

James R. Huffines

Austin, Texas

(Mr. Huffines is being reappointed)

To be a member of the State Pension Review Board for a term to expire January 31, 2013:

Andrew Winston Cable
Wimberley, Texas

(Mr. Cable is replacing Roy Casanova of San Antonio whose term expired)

To be members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles for terms to expire February 1, 2015:

Shanda Gillaspie Perkins
Burleson, Texas

(replacing Jose Aliseda of Beeville whose term expired)

Rissie L. Owens
Huntsville, Texas

(Ms. Owens is being reappointed)

Juanita M. Gonzalez
Round Rock, Texas

(Ms. Gonzalez is being reappointed)

To be a member of the Telecommunications Planning and Oversight Council for a term to expire August 31, 2009:

Dennis M. Donelson
San Antonio, Texas

(Mr. Donelson is replacing Robert Frost of Georgetown whose term expired)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Rick Perry
Governor

SENATE RESOLUTION 234

Senator West offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Board members from the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies at Southern Methodist University are gathering at the State Capitol on February 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Offering intellectual discourse, lively debate, and thought-provoking research, the Tower Center supports teaching and research programs in international studies and national security policy; the center reaches out to the greater community through its sponsorship of conferences, seminars, and public lectures by world leaders; and

WHEREAS, The program was named in honor of former three-term United States Senator John Goodwin Tower, the first elected Republican to hold a United States Senate seat from Texas since Reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, Reaching students from middle school through postdoctoral studies, the center places a special emphasis on undergraduate teaching and works to encourage students' interest in public service; enabling scholars to pursue research in such topics as domestic and foreign policy and the global economy, the program contributes to informed debate on the public policy challenges that confront our nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, Those accomplished men and women who study politics and international affairs at the Tower Center are engaged in the vital issues of our day, and it is indeed appropriate to honor the center and the future leaders of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize February 17, 2009, as John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies Day at the State Capitol and extend to the center's visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a memorable stay in Austin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this special day.

SR 234 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator West was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation from Dallas representing the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

February 17, 2009

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 10, Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

HCR 40, In memory of Kenneth Helm of Sumner.

HCR 41, In memory of Garry Don Stuckey of Paris, Texas.

HCR 46, Honoring the Commemorative Air Force, based in Midland, for its inspiring educational programs and for its crucial efforts to preserve the military aviation history of the United States.

SCR 14, Honoring Olympic gymnastics champion Nastia Liukin of Parker.

SCR 16, Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, and ending on Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

SENATE RESOLUTION 227

Senator Lucio offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in welcoming the visiting delegation from Catholic Charities and salutes the members of the organization for their many good works over the years; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities is present in more than 20 locations in Texas; Catholic Charities extends to persons of all races, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds faith-based and tangible assistance, with the goal of helping them reach self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Among the many programs and services provided by Catholic Charities and Parish Social Ministry programs are adoption, basic personal-living needs, counseling, disaster response, education and enrichment, housing, food banks, and health, refugee, immigration, and social support; in 2008 alone the organization aided more than 400,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, As a part of the Catholic Church's mission to respect the dignity of all people, Catholic Criminal Justice Ministers serve as chaplains in jails and prisons throughout the state of Texas, working to assist in the rehabilitation of the convicted and the reintegration of ex-offenders into society; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its Catholic Charities and Criminal Justice Ministry programs, Catholic Social Action Ministry is a continuing advocate of social justice and seeks to empower communities through action and education with the guiding principle of ensuring basic human dignity for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend a warm welcome to the members of the Catholic Charity and Justice delegation on the occasion of their visit to the State Capitol and commend all those associated with the organization for their ongoing efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of others; and, be it further

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

SR 227 was read and was adopted without objection.

SENATE RESOLUTION 228

Senator Lucio offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to the Most Reverend Raymundo J. Peña, Bishop of the Diocese of Brownsville, on the grand occasion of his 75th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Well known for his warmth and generosity of spirit, this distinguished clergyman has devoted his time and energy unselfishly to the people of his diocese since 1995; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Peña was born February 19, 1934; he was ordained to the priesthood on May 25, 1957, in Corpus Christi, and he has served his church with wisdom and humility in various positions through the years, including auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of San Antonio and bishop of the Diocese of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, In May, 1995, Pope John Paul II asked Bishop Peña to move to the Diocese of Brownsville, containing one of the largest and fastest-growing Catholic populations in the United States; on August 7, 1995, Bishop Raymundo J. Peña was installed as the fifth bishop of Brownsville; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished scholar and theologian, he has ministered faithfully to the temporal and spiritual needs of innumerable people; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Peña is a beloved and respected member of his community, and he is noted for his courage, his compassion, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize the Most Reverend Raymundo J. Peña, Bishop of the Diocese of Brownsville, as a treasured citizen of our state and extend to him best wishes for a joyful 75th birthday; and, be it further

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

SR 228 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Lucio, joined by Senator Zaffirini, was recognized and introduced to the Senate Steve Saldana, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities of San Antonio; Linda McKamie, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi; accompanied by Sister Norma Pimentel and Bishop Raymundo Peña, who offered the invocation today and is celebrating his 75th birthday.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 215

Senator Wentworth offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate is pleased to recognize February 17, 2009, as Viva San Antonio Day at the State Capitol and welcome the visiting delegation from the Alamo City; and

WHEREAS, The history of San Antonio can be traced back to 1691, when a group of Spanish explorers and missionaries came upon a river and named it San Antonio, in honor of St. Anthony, whose feast day was being celebrated; and

WHEREAS, The city was founded in 1718 by Father Antonio Olivares; he established Mission San Antonio de Valero, which would become etched in the annals of history in 1836 as the Alamo, the site where 189 brave individuals held the mission for 13 days against an army of some 4,000 Mexican soldiers; and

WHEREAS, The cry "Remember the Alamo" became the rallying point of the Texas Revolution; today, the Alamo is a shrine and museum and is widely recognized as the cradle of Texas liberty; and

WHEREAS, San Antonio became formally incorporated in 1837, when the fledgling Republic of Texas granted the city a charter; the city has since retained its sense of history and tradition while carefully blending in cosmopolitan progress; it has served and continues to serve as a crossroads and a meeting place, where the rich sounds and flavors of Native Americans, Old Mexico, Germans, the Wild West, African Americans, and the Deep South mingle and merge; and

WHEREAS, The city has a proud military heritage; great military figures like Pershing, Stillwell, Krueger, LeMay, Chennault, and Eisenhower served at San Antonio military institutions, including Fort Sam Houston, the headquarters for the Fifth U.S. Army and the home of the U.S. Army Medical Command and the Brooke Army Medical Center; in addition, San Antonio is the site of Lackland Air Force Base, the largest training wing in the U.S. Air Force, and Brooks City-Base, an innovative master-planned research and technology center; and

WHEREAS, Recent years have brought remarkable economic development to San Antonio as its skilled workforce, excellent institutions of public and higher education, and quality of life have attracted some important corporate business and industry to the city; and

WHEREAS, Millions of visitors a year delight in the discovery of San Antonio; in addition to the Alamo, highlights include La Villita, San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio Missions Trail, and the famed Paseo del Rio, better known as "The Riverwalk"; among the other attractions that make San Antonio one of the top tourist destinations in the country are Sea World San Antonio and the Six Flags Fiesta Texas theme park as well as the PGA Tour Valero Texas Open, the Alamo Bowl, and the four-time world champion San Antonio Spurs; and

WHEREAS, In April 2009, the city will once again celebrate Fiesta San Antonio, the biggest 10-day party in the state; first held 118 years ago, the event was founded by a group of ladies who decorated horse-drawn carriages for a parade in front of the Alamo and battled with flower blossoms instead of bullets to honor the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto; and

WHEREAS, San Antonio is truly one of the treasures of the Lone Star State, and Viva San Antonio Day provides a welcome opportunity to honor the city and its many fine residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby recognize February 17, 2009, as Viva San Antonio Day at the State Capitol and extend to the members of the visiting delegation best wishes for a memorable visit.

WENTWORTH
URESTI
VAN DE PUTTE
ZAFFIRINI

SR 215 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Wentworth was recognized and introduced to the Senate Richard Perez, President, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce; Ramiro Cavazos, President, San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff; and Carri Baker Wells, Chair-elect, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

(Senator Eltife in Chair)

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 19

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Texas Renal Coalition in recognizing February 17, 2009, as Kidney Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Renal Coalition is a leader in the prevention and mitigation of the risks, effects, and burdens of chronic kidney diseases; the coalition forms partnerships with state agencies and volunteer groups to support victims and to educate the public about the disease; and

WHEREAS, The coalition monitors health policies for dialysis and transplant patients, offers educational programs to improve public awareness about the disease, and acts as a clearinghouse for information related to legislative issues; and

WHEREAS, The coalition is a participant on the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force and works with the Texas Department of State Health Services and other organizations to educate health care professionals about the advantages of early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of chronic kidney disease and end stage renal disease; and

WHEREAS, Across the state, members of the Texas Renal Coalition, volunteers, physicians, trained health care providers, organizational partners, patients, and family members are doing an outstanding job in their efforts to provide the best care for kidney patients and those at risk for kidney disease, and they all deserve recognition for their dedication and valuable services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby proclaim February 17, 2009, as Kidney Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to kidney patients and kidney health care providers and advocates who are visiting Austin today; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the Texas Renal Coalition to commemorate Kidney Day at the State Capitol.

DUNCAN

SCR 19 was read.

On motion of Senator Duncan, 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.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Duncan was recognized and introduced to the Senate representatives of the Texas Renal Coalition: Rita Littlefield, President; Dale Matthews, Vice-president of Corporate Affairs; and Kristin Butler.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Van de Putte was recognized and introduced to the Senate representatives of the Women's Leadership Council of the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 242

Senator Zaffirini offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins concerned citizens from across Texas to commemorate Prekindergarten Day at the State Capitol on February 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Children who attend prekindergarten enter school better prepared socially, emotionally, and intellectually; prekindergarten programs have been shown to have a positive impact on high school graduation rates, promoting a culture of learning and a standard for educational achievement; and

WHEREAS, In addition, prekindergarten programs build a foundation for students in reading, math, science, and technology that will help pave the way for future success; and

WHEREAS, Access to high-quality prekindergarten allows parents to work without incurring the expense of child care, thereby enabling individuals to contribute their skills to the Texas workforce and to increase their financial stability; and

WHEREAS, Supporters of the expansion of prekindergarten programs recognize that children need a nurturing, structured environment early on to develop the study skills and work habits that are essential to a successful academic career and to greater opportunity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize February 17, 2009, as Prekindergarten Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this special occasion.

SR 242 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Zaffirini was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation representing Prekindergarten Day at the State Capitol.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 231

Senator Uresti offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Brewster County and Texans across the state in celebrating February 17, 2009, as Brewster County Legislative Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The largest county in Texas, Brewster County is located in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas and is home to Big Bend National Park, the largest park in the state; and

WHEREAS, The first Europeans to explore the area were members of Spanish expeditions in the 16th century; the rugged, mountainous terrain of the area discouraged settlement until after the Civil War, when the development of the cattle industry and the arrival of the railroads, along with the presence of the United States Army, made the area safe and profitable for settlers; and

WHEREAS, The discovery of mercury in the late 19th century touched off a mining boom in the county, and by 1905, the Chisos Mining Company was supplying 20 percent of the nation's mercury; the burgeoning cattle industry, along with mercury mining, formed the backbone of the area's economy for many years; and

WHEREAS, Today, Brewster County serves as a prime tourist destination, with Big Bend National Park drawing more than 250,000 visitors annually; the World Championship Chili Cookoff in Terlingua brings chili cooks from around the state and nation to participate; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Brewster County are rightly proud of the county's rich history and its many contributions to our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of Brewster County and extend to the county's delegation a sincere welcome to Austin for Brewster County Legislative Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

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

SR 231 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Uresti was recognized and introduced to the Senate J. Travis Roberts, Jr., Chair, Brewster County Historical Commission; Ron Sanders, Chair, Brewster County Tourism Council, and Forever Resorts executive; Brewster County Judge Val Clark Beard; and Judge Jerry Sotello.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 212

Senator Harris offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the residents of Mansfield, the Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Mansfield on the occasion of Mansfield Day at the State Capitol, which is being celebrated February 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Located in the southeast corner of Tarrant County in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Mansfield is one of the fastest-growing cities in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Home to major employers such as Mouser Electronics, a Wal-Mart Supercenter, Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, LyondellBasell, and Siméus Foods, the City of Mansfield enjoys a lower cost of living than most major metropolitan areas, and it is one of the safest communities in the region; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mansfield has benefited from the expertise of outstanding civic leadership, whose prudent fiscal management has led to financial stability and an outstanding bond rating; the Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce, which represents more than 700 local businesses, has played an important role in the financial health of the region; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mansfield is blessed with an outstanding educational system, with the Mansfield Independent School District being one of the fastest-growing districts in the nation; four district campuses have been recognized as exemplary by the Texas Education Agency, and Mansfield High School was selected as a National Model High School by the International Center for Leadership in Education; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Mansfield are justifiably proud of their hometown, which has contributed greatly to the economic and cultural fabric of our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of Mansfield and the Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce on their many contributions to our state and extend to them a sincere welcome to Austin for Mansfield Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

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

HARRIS
AVERITT
DAVIS

SR 212 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Harris, joined by Senator Davis, was recognized and introduced to the Senate Debbie Koennecke, President, Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce; David Cook, Mayor, City of Mansfield; Vernon Newsom, Superintendent, Mansfield Independent School District; and Tom Eastman, President, Discover Historic Mansfield, Incorporated.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Averitt was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation of citizens from Ennis.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 210

Senator Deuell offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Rockwall County are gathering in Austin on February 17, 2009, to celebrate Rockwall County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Situated on the gently rolling Blackland Prairie of North Texas, the region was originally inhabited by the Caddo and Cherokee; the first European resident, John O. Heath, settled on the East Fork of the Trinity River in 1846; Rockwall County was established in 1873, taking its name from an underground rock formation discovered by farmers who were digging a well; and

WHEREAS, An important center for cotton production for many years, Rockwall County today boasts a population of nearly 70,000 people who enjoy being in close proximity to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex while savoring the relaxed and comfortable way of life in the county's many thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, The City of Rowlett, on the shore of Lake Ray Hubbard, is emerging as an important regional center and will be the site of the intersection of the eastern extension of the President George Bush Turnpike and the new Blue Line Extension of DART Commuter Rail; another prosperous lakeside city is Heath, which

has recently revised and adopted a comprehensive plan that reaffirms its commitment to service, orderly growth, transportation, development, and the preservation of the time-honored values cherished by its residents; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, voters in the City of Fate passed a home rule charter by an overwhelming majority; this development promises to make that community an even more important component of the county's economy; positive change and preparation for the years ahead are also taking place in the City of McLendon-Chisholm; this is the newest city in Rockwall County but was formed from two of the oldest area communities, McLendon and Chisholm, both of which date back to the mid-1800s; and

WHEREAS, Rockwall, which is being designated as a Main Street City in 2009, is a fast-growing suburban community that continues its dedication to preserving its heritage and its pleasant, family-friendly atmosphere; as part of that effort, the city's Historic Preservation Advisory Board has worked with residents and civic leaders to develop a preservation plan for the Old Town Rockwall Historic District, which will help the district to remain the vibrant heart of the city; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Royse City are also making it a priority to carry forth the small-town way of life that has long characterized their community; designated as a Main Street City in 2008, the town has established a Heritage Committee and ordinance and design guidelines in order to revitalize the historical district, and it also benefits from a strong chamber of commerce that supports local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Rockwall County, citizens have done an outstanding job of maintaining long-cherished hometown values and an inspiring sense of community even as they look forward to the opportunities of the future, and their ongoing success in these endeavors has made the county an exceptional place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby recognize February 17, 2009, as Rockwall County Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those residents here today best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable visit.

SR 210 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Deuell was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation of citizens from Rockwall County.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 218

Senator Shapleigh offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Tammi Mackeben, who has been named the American School Counselor Association's 2008 School Counselor of the Year; and

WHEREAS, A counselor at Ernesto Serna School in the Socorro Independent School District, Mrs. Mackeben was chosen for this prestigious award based on her dedication to her work and the success of the Comprehensive Developmental Guidance and Counseling program instituted at the school; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding program has received multiple CREST Awards from the Texas School Counselor Association and the RAMP Award from the American School Counselor Association; it is designed to help every student at the school prepare for a successful life after school; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mackeben has further served her profession as middle school vice president of the Texas School Counselor Association, and she is part of a nationwide team working with the College Board to study and improve principal-counselor relationships; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to helping students thrive during some of the most critical years of their lives, Mrs. Mackeben is truly deserving of recognition for her commitment and for her many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Tammi Mackeben on her tireless advocacy for children and extend congratulations to her on being named the 2008 School Counselor of the Year by the American School Counselor Association; and, be it further

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

SR 218 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Shapleigh was recognized and introduced to the Senate Tammi Mackeben of El Paso, American School Counselor of the Year, accompanied by Jane Johns, Diane Aguirre, and Juanita Gandara, fellow counselors.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Hegar was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation of citizens representing Leadership Fayetteville.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 223

Senator Van de Putte offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dreams Fulfilled Through Music and to welcome members of the Alamo Angels and representatives of the Mosaic Ringers in honor of their upcoming fifth annual performance in the rotunda of the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Dreams Fulfilled Through Music is a registered nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to the encouragement of personal accomplishments, social growth, and self-esteem of persons with special needs through adaptive music education and performance opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Alamo Angels and the Mosaic Ringers celebrate life by sharing their talents throughout South Texas and our nation; they perform for the men and women of our armed forces, for the elderly and disabled in retirement and nursing homes, and for numerous civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Alamo Angels and the Mosaic Ringers annually provide special musical entertainment at the rotunda of the State Capitol of Texas for legislators and staff, Austin residents, and Capitol visitors; and

WHEREAS, The Alamo Angels will serve the State of Texas in 2009 as goodwill ambassadors to our veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, during their competition at the 71st annual American Accordionists' National Convention; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize the Alamo Angels and the Mosaic Ringers as ambassadors of goodwill and encourage all Texans to appreciate the special talents of these young musicians and wish them well as they represent our state in Memphis, Tennessee, and throughout the State of Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Dreams Fulfilled Through Music, the Alamo Angels, and the Mosaic Ringers.

SR 223 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Van de Putte was recognized and introduced to the Senate members of the Alamo Angels and Mosaic Ringers representing Dreams Fulfilled Through Music.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 63

Senator Deuell offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of the Town of Sunnyvale in celebrating February 17, 2009, as Sunnyvale Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Located 15 miles east of downtown Dallas, Sunnyvale is situated on 10,384 acres of rolling plains and offers the amenities of city life and the charm of country life; and

WHEREAS, The town is bordered on the north and west by the suburbs of Mesquite and Garland, where fine restaurants, shops, and entertainment establishments abound; it also borders the sprawling, pastoral land of Kaufman County and the serene waters of Lake Ray Hubbard; and

WHEREAS, Lake Ray Hubbard, a 22,745-acre reservoir, forms a natural boundary to the east, and recreational activities on the lake include sailing and bass fishing; recreational facilities in the town include parks, tennis courts, and a hike and bike trail; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Sunnyvale is a vital community, and its residents look forward to a bright future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of the Town of Sunnyvale for their contributions to our state and extend to them best wishes for an enjoyable Sunnyvale Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the citizens of the Town of Sunnyvale as a memento of this occasion.

SR 63 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Deuell was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation of citizens from Sunnyvale.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Duncan was recognized and introduced to the Senate Texas Tech Student Government Association President Lee Bobbitt, Angelo State Student Government Association President Steve Jackson, Texas Tech University Alumni Association Board President Barbara McKenzie, Texas Tech University Alumni Association immediate Past-president C. Rex Isom, and Angelo State University Alumni Association Board President Kyle Box.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

February 17, 2009

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 33, Welcoming Leadership Kerr County to the State Capitol.

HCR 48, Recognizing February 17, 2009, as Texas Tech University System Day at the State Capitol.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

(President Pro Tempore Duncan in Chair)

SENATE RESOLUTION 214

Senator Harris offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the City of Irving and the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce in recognizing February 17, 2009, as Irving Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Strategically located in the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Irving maintains the spirit of a small town while offering residents and businesses an unparalleled quality of life; it is also the site of the lush parkways and vibrant communities of Valley Ranch, home of the famed Dallas Cowboys; and

WHEREAS, Other Irving amenities include the National Scouting Museum, the official museum of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Irving Arts Center, which boasts two theaters, an outdoor sculpture garden, and 12 resident arts groups and hosts more than 20 art exhibits annually and various touring performances; Irving is also the site of the annual HP Byron Nelson Golf Championship, which serves as a venue for business networking and entertaining; and

WHEREAS, Irving is the location of the global headquarters of Fortune 500 companies ExxonMobil, Kimberly-Clark, Commercial Metals, and Fluor Corporation and is home to 8,000 companies, including more than 50 Fortune 500 corporations; it is also the site of the headquarters of such Fortune 1000 companies as Flowserve, Michael's Stores, Pioneer Natural Resources, and Zale Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Many foreign-owned businesses have benefited from Irving's strong corporate environment, and companies with headquarters scattered throughout the world, in such countries as Belgium, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Finland, Germany, and Japan, have opened offices in the Greater Irving area; the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, one of the world's busiest airports, provides easy global access to Irving for international business relationships; and

WHEREAS, Empowering corporations to reach their greatest potential has become the goal of the Irving area; as the bustling business center of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Irving has earned a Double Triple A bond rating, the highest financial ranking a city can achieve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce for helping the City of Irving become a business-friendly place as well as a people-friendly place and extend best wishes to them for a successful and celebratory Irving Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the City of Irving as a memento of this special day.

HARRIS
SHAPIRO

SR 214 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Harris, joined by Senator Shapiro, was recognized and introduced to the Senate Mayor Herbert Gears, Mayor Pro Tem Rick Stopfer, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Joe Philipp, and Councilmembers Beth Van Duyne and Rose Cannaday representing the City of Irving and the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 37

Senator Ogden offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, one of the nation's oldest law enforcement organizations, are gathering in Austin on February 17, 2009, to participate in Sheriffs' Association of Texas Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Constitution created the office of sheriff in each county of the state; legislation requires that a sheriff conserve peace and enforce the criminal laws of the state; moreover, the sheriff is responsible for the county jail, bail bonds, civil process, and the security of the courts; in some smaller counties, the sheriff may also act as the tax collector; and

WHEREAS, The first meeting of this esteemed association took place on August 14, 1874; association members adopted their preamble, calling for sheriffs to assist one another in the execution of laws, in the discharge of their duties against criminals, and in the protection of the citizens in their respective counties and throughout the state; the group has continued to follow the dictates of this mission; and

WHEREAS, The office of sheriff is one of the oldest forms of law enforcement; sheriffs in our state's 254 counties are elected to four-year terms, and each sheriff is a member of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas; in addition, more than 2,500 individuals are active members of the group, and more than 45,000 individuals are associate members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize February 17, 2009, as Sheriffs' Association of Texas Day at the Capitol and commend the members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas for their many contributions to our state; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

SR 37 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Ogden was recognized and introduced to the Senate Nacogdoches County Sheriff Thomas Kerss, Acting President and First Vice-president, Sheriffs' Association of Texas; Brazos County Sheriff Chris Kirk, immediate Past President, Sheriffs' Association of Texas; and Steve Westbrook, Executive Director, Sheriffs' Association of Texas; accompanied by a delegation of sheriffs.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

February 17, 2009

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 42, Welcoming the League City Chamber of Commerce and its legislative committee on their visit to the State Capitol.

HCR 43, In memory of Hoyle R. Barr of Paris.

HCR 44, In memory of Frances Virginia Reeves Lowrey of Paris.

HCR 45, In memory of Tyler Nicole Henderson of Detroit, Texas.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

SENATE RESOLUTION 114

Senator Shapleigh offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize February 17 and 18, 2009, as El Paso Days at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Located in the westernmost tip of the state, the City of El Paso combines a modern metropolis with the charm born of its Spanish origins; the area was named El Paso by the Spanish conquistador Don Juan de Onate because of the shallow place in the river where the colonists crossed en route to Santa Fe, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroads in 1881 ushered in an era of prosperity, and El Paso became a flourishing frontier community that has developed into a significant industrial, commercial, and transportation city; and

WHEREAS, Today, semitrailers, trains, and planes transport manufactured goods through the border cities at the Pass, just as Spanish traders did in the 16th century when they guided ox-drawn carts along the Camino Real from Mexico City to Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, With a population of nearly three-quarters of a million people, El Paso is the state's sixth-largest city and the nation's 22nd-largest; the largest American city on the 2,000-mile United States-Mexico border, it lies across the Rio Grande from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico's fifth-largest city, which has a population of over a million people; and

WHEREAS, Nearby Fort Bliss, which celebrated its 160th anniversary in 2008, is immersed in the biggest transformation in its history; its population is projected to increase 300 percent by 2012, and \$5 billion is being invested in construction for new, top-of-the-line facilities for the incoming personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, El Paso is a vibrant, bilingual community, and many of its residents are fluent in Spanish; its residents enjoy a thriving fine arts community, exemplary educational institutions, and many cultural and historical resources and museums; and

WHEREAS, El Paso Days at the State Capitol provide an opportunity for friends and families to honor El Paso and its rich heritage, which today is enjoyed by residents and vacationers of all ages; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize February 17 and 18, 2009, as El Paso Days at the State Capitol and join the citizens of this historical and vibrant region in paying tribute to this wonderful city; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this special occasion.

SR 114 was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Monday, February 2, 2009.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Shapleigh was recognized and introduced to the Senate El Paso Mayor John Cook, El Paso County Commissioners Veronica Escobar and Willie Gandara, Jr., Colonel Ed Manning, and El Paso County Attorney Jose Rodriguez.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED

President Pro Tempore Duncan announced that the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading would be postponed until the end of today's session.

There was no objection.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 42

The President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Members of the League City Chamber of Commerce and its legislative committee are visiting the State Capitol on February 17, 2009, and their visit provides a fitting opportunity to recognize the achievements of these outstanding civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, With close proximity to Houston, League City residents enjoy the best of both rural and urban life; the region boasts outstanding schools and access to a host of recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The League City Chamber of Commerce has greatly benefited the city through economic and community development programs, and it is working successfully to promote growth and advancement in the area; in addition to supporting a host of local organizations, the group offers a number of programs and services, including an annual Fall Business Expo, information resources, and a task force to address future development of the historic district and waterfront areas; and

WHEREAS, This notable organization has also established a legislative committee in an effort to express the needs of League City businesses and residents to Texas legislators; and

WHEREAS, The League City Chamber of Commerce has been a driving force in fostering enhanced educational opportunities, infrastructure improvements, leadership development, and job creation, and its positive vision for the future is significantly enhancing the quality of life for League City residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby welcome the League City Chamber of Commerce and its legislative committee to the State Capitol and commend all those associated with the group for their dedicated service to their community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the chamber of commerce as an expression of high regard from the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

JACKSON

HCR 42 was read.

On motion of Senator Jackson, 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.

RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

The President Pro Tempore announced the signing of the following enrolled resolutions in the presence of the Senate: **HCR 31, HCR 37, HCR 38.**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 20

The President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article III, Texas Constitution, provides that neither house of the legislature may adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the other house; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas, That each house grant the other permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, and ending on Monday, February 23, 2009.

WHITMIRE

SCR 20 was read.

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 12:28 p.m. agreed to adjourn, in memory of Frank Alvarado, father of State Representative Carol Alvarado, upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

SB 351 by Shapleigh

Relating to payment of certain emergency room physicians for services provided to enrollees of managed care health benefit plans; providing an administrative penalty. To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 352 by Shapleigh

Relating to a prohibition of trans fatty acids in meals provided to students by school districts.

To Committee on Education.

SB 353 by Shapleigh

Relating to nonpayment of hospitals under the state Medicaid program for certain preventable adverse conditions.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 354 by Estes

Relating to transactions involving residential mortgage foreclosures; providing a penalty.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 355 by Van de Putte

Relating to use of the money from the Texas Enterprise Fund to benefit small businesses.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 356 by Carona

Relating to the frequency and content of school bus emergency evacuation training.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 357 by Patrick

Relating to a prohibition against the knowing employment of persons not lawfully present in the United States and the suspension of licenses held by certain employers for the knowing employment of those persons.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 358 by Patrick

Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 359 by Patrick

Relating to punishment for the offense of theft committed in certain evacuated or disaster areas.

To Subcommittee on Flooding and Evacuations.

SB 360 by Patrick, Jackson

Relating to exempting certain hurricane preparation supplies from the sales tax for a limited period.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 361 by Patrick

Relating to the requirement that water and sewer service providers ensure operations during an extended power outage.

To Subcommittee on Flooding and Evacuations.

SB 362 by Fraser, Estes

Relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification.
To Committee of the Whole Senate.

SB 363 by Fraser

Relating to the procedures for registering to vote and accepting a voter at a polling place.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 364 by Carona

Relating to the punishment for certain offenses committed against a public servant by a member of a criminal street gang.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 365 by Carona

Relating to the suspension of sentence and deferral of final disposition in certain misdemeanor cases.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 366 by Carona

Relating to the imposition of consecutive sentencing for offenses committed by a member of a criminal street gang.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 367 by Carona

Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for certain criminal offenses involving the use of a false or fictitious identity or identifying documents.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 368 by Carona

Relating to the denial, suspension, or revocation of a motor vehicle inspection station certificate or an inspector certificate.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 369 by Carona

Relating to information contained in an intelligence database used to investigate and prosecute offenses committed by criminal street gangs.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 370 by Carona

Relating to the penalty for engaging in gambling promotion or keeping a gambling place.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 371 by Carona

Relating to certain civil consequences of engaging in organized crime.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 372 by Estes

Relating to the sale by the Brazos River Authority of certain residential and commercial lots in the immediate vicinity of Possum Kingdom Lake to leaseholders of those lots.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 373 by Shapleigh

Relating to administrative costs paid by health benefit plan issuers.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 374 by Carona

Relating to the power of a county to enforce compliance with speed limits by an automated traffic control system.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 375 by Carona

Relating to the release of motor vehicle accident report information.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 376 by Carona

Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Department of Transportation related to county traffic officers.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 377 by Van de Putte

Relating to eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits based on the claimant's availability to do part-time work.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 378 by Van de Putte

Relating to the designated doctor's examination under the workers' compensation system.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 379 by Carona

Relating to an annual report by the Border Security Council regarding criminal street gangs and gang-related crime.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 380 by Van de Putte

Relating to a loan program to encourage the use of cleaner hydrogen fuel; providing for the issuance of bonds.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 381 by Van de Putte

Relating to the authority of physicians to delegate to certain pharmacists the implementation and modification of a patient's drug therapy.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 382 by Van de Putte, Zaffirini

Relating to a competitive grant program to fund promotion of early literacy programs in certain communities in this state.

To Committee on Education.

SB 383 by Carona

Relating to the allocation to the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund of a portion of the revenue from the motor vehicle sales and use tax.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 384 by Carona

Relating to the promotion of toll projects by the Texas Department of Transportation.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 385 by Carona

Relating to the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 386 by Carona

Relating to the administrative fine and the late payment fee for a violation of a parking rule applicable to the Capitol Complex.

To Committee on Administration.

SB 387 by Carona

Relating to certain procedures for forwarding a warrant of arrest or a complaint in a criminal case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 388 by Carona

Relating to the creation of the law enforcement integrity unit in the Department of Public Safety.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 389 by Patrick

Relating to the definition of a police vehicle for the purposes of certain traffic laws.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 390 by Patrick

Relating to confidentiality of certain information under the public information law and in local tax appraisal records regarding federal law enforcement officers.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 391 by Patrick

Relating to certain election practices and procedures.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 392 by Patrick

Relating to the elimination of straight-party voting for judicial offices.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 393 by Patrick

Relating to the treatment for school finance purposes of school district optional residence homestead ad valorem tax exemptions.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 394 by Lucio

Relating to the appointment of an attorney for a workers' compensation claimant in certain proceedings initiated by a workers' compensation insurance carrier.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 395 by Lucio

Relating to creation of the Early Childhood Health and Nutrition Interagency Council.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 396 by Gallegos

Relating to the factors the Public Utility Commission of Texas must consider in determining an electric utility's rate of return.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 397 by Carona

Relating to methods of payment for reimbursement of jury service expenses.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 398 by Seliger

Relating to professional staff salaries paid by certain school districts.

To Committee on Education.

SB 399 by Seliger

Relating to abolishing the office of inspector of hides and animals.

To Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

SB 400 by Seliger

Relating to an electronic course pilot program in the Amarillo Independent School District.

To Committee on Education.

SB 401 by Seliger

Relating to eligibility for the small and mid-sized district adjustment under the public school finance system.

To Committee on Education.

SB 402 by Eltife

Relating to the authority of the voters of a municipality or a county to adopt a one-quarter cent sales and use tax in the municipality or county to provide property tax relief.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 403 by Jackson

Relating to the regulation of solar energy panels by a property owners' association.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 404 by Carona

Relating to the authority of certain toll project entities to enter into a comprehensive development agreement.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 405 by Shapiro

Relating to compensation for the use of the public transportation system of a regional transportation authority.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 406 by Shapiro

Relating to the exclusion of certain witnesses during a criminal proceeding.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 407 by Shapiro

Relating to the appointment of part-time magistrates to hear truancy cases in certain counties.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 408 by Carona

Relating to appeals from small claims courts.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 409 by Carona

Relating to fees charged by a justice of the peace for certain documents in a criminal case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 410 by Carona

Relating to the statute of limitations for misdemeanors.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 411 by Carona

Relating to a restitution lien for the state to secure fines or costs in a misdemeanor case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 412 by Carona

Relating to the placement of a defendant on deferred disposition in a justice or municipal court.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 413 by Carona

Relating to the prosecution of a Class C misdemeanor offense for which the defendant does not appear.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 414 by Carona

Relating to conducting by electronic means a hearing to determine a defendant's ability to discharge certain fines and court costs.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 415 by Carona

Relating to the court in which certain persons charged with misdemeanors punishable by fine only may be arraigned.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 416 by Carona

Relating to additional court costs for certain traffic offenses that occur in a municipality.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 417 by Carona

Relating to the purchase of a retired firearm from the Parks and Wildlife Department by a game warden.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 418 by Carona

Relating to requiring law enforcement agencies to compile and maintain certain information in a criminal street gang intelligence database.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 419 by Carona

Relating to the evidence required for the release of a motor vehicle after impoundment of the vehicle for failure to maintain evidence of financial responsibility.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 420 by Carona

Relating to the performance evaluation criteria for judges employed by a municipality.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 421 by Van de Putte, Harris

Relating to the fund for veterans' assistance and the creation of a lottery game to benefit the fund.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 422 by Carona

Relating to criminal offenses applicable to gambling and gambling devices.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 423 by Carona

Relating to the conditions of community supervision to be imposed on a defendant who is a member of a criminal street gang.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 424 by Van de Putte

Relating to the establishment and implementation of a school-based influenza vaccination pilot program.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 425 by Shapleigh

Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to develop and use an operations manual for maintaining certain environmental conditions inside certain confinement facilities.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 426 by Shapleigh

Relating to the electronic filing of documents for capital cases in the court of criminal appeals.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 427 by Shapiro

Relating to energy demand and incentives for distributed renewable generation.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 428 by West

Relating to the requirement that retail electric providers give notice to customers before permanently ceasing to operate.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 429 by West

Relating to the operation of property owners' associations.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 430 by West

Relating to higher education facilities as authorized projects in a public improvement district.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 431 by Wentworth

Relating to the enforcement of unpaid child support.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 432 by Wentworth

Relating to liability for failure to comply with a child support lien, court order, or notice of levy.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 433 by Carona

Relating to certain treatment by a physical therapist.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 434 by Wentworth

Relating to the establishment and operation of a motor-bus-only lane pilot program in certain counties.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 435 by Ellis

Relating to a statewide goal for electric energy generation during peak load periods from renewable energy technologies.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 436 by Ellis

Relating to a statewide goal for electric energy generation to meet base load demands from renewable energy technologies.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 437 by Ellis

Relating to energy efficient products; providing a civil penalty.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 438 by Ellis

Relating to the date on which certain voters may be removed from a county's voter registration list and related requirements.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 439 by Ellis

Relating to a mortgage servicer's notice of sale to a debtor and the debtor's subsequent notice to tenant.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 440 by Ellis

Relating to transferring the statutorily assigned functions and activities of the State Board of Education to the Texas Education Agency.

To Committee on Education.

SB 441 by Ellis

Relating to requiring certain service stations to be capable of operating with alternative electrical power and to have an alternative electrical generator.

To Subcommittee on Flooding and Evacuations.

SB 442 by Lucio

Relating to the receipt of death benefits in the workers' compensation system.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 443 by Wentworth

Relating to the appraisal of inventory consisting of residential real property.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 444 by Wentworth

Relating to mandatory sales price disclosure in real property sales; providing a civil penalty.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 445 by Wentworth

Relating to juror questions and juror note-taking during civil trials.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 446 by Wentworth

Relating to the use of certain court costs in a criminal case for municipal programs enhancing public safety and security.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 447 by Wentworth

Relating to the award of certain municipal contracts.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 448 by Carona

Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to mitigate adverse environmental impacts resulting from the construction, improvement, or maintenance of state highways or state highway facilities.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 449 by Carona

Relating to the penalty group classification of certain controlled substances.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 450 by Patrick

Relating to prohibiting the investment of retirement system funds in certain private business entities doing business in Iran.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 451 by Van de Putte

Relating to staff development requirements in public schools.
To Committee on Education.

SB 452 by Van de Putte

Relating to transfer of a student of limited English proficiency out of a public school bilingual education or special language program.
To Committee on Education.

SB 453 by West

Relating to the provision of competitive grants to fund programs for certain public school students assigned to disciplinary alternative education programs or in-school suspension.
To Committee on Education.

SB 454 by Shapiro

Relating to measures to increase the affordability of textbooks used for courses at public institutions of higher education; authorizing a penalty.
To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 455 by Shapiro

Relating to the regulation of the practice of dental assistants, including the delegation of certain dental acts.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 456 by Gallegos

Relating to the regulation of toxic hotspots under the Texas Clean Air Act.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 457 by Gallegos

Relating to penalty assessment for violations of the Texas Clean Air Act committed by major sources.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 458 by Gallegos

Relating to allowing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to impose more stringent conditions for existing air quality permits to avoid a condition of air pollution.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 459 by Gallegos

Relating to disclosure by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of information related to emissions events.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 460 by Gallegos

Relating to access to information regarding a firefighter or police officer under the municipal civil service law.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 461 by Gallegos

Relating to eligibility to take the entrance examination for a beginning position in the fire department.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 462 by Gallegos

Relating to the repeal of the partial tax exemption for certain beer.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 463 by Gallegos

Relating to the issuance of license plates by the Texas Department of Transportation to support disaster relief.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 464 by Zaffirini

Relating to reconstituting the system benefit fund as a trust fund and to uses of the fund.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 465 by Zaffirini

Relating to the title of the members of the board of an emergency services district.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 466 by Zaffirini

Relating to excluding a child from the immunization registry.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 467 by Zaffirini

Relating to the use of certain aviation and air transportation-related sales and use tax proceeds for aviation facilities development.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 468 by West

Relating to requiring retail merchants to disclose certain merchandise return policies.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 469 by Carona, Hinojosa, Shapleigh, Uresti, Van de Putte

Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans and to the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled based on disability rating.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 470 by Carona

Relating to training and continuing education for licensed electrical apprentices.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 471 by Carona

Relating to claims for excess proceeds of a tax sale of real property.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 472 by Estes, Van de Putte

Relating to notice required before and period to vacate after foreclosure sale of real property.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 473 by Estes

Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at the University of North Texas.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 474 by Estes

Relating to the comptroller's electronic funds transfer system and the use of electronic paycards.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 475 by Wentworth

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by certain organizations engaged primarily in performing charitable functions.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 476 by Nelson

Relating to staffing, overtime, and other employment protections for nurses.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 477 by Wentworth

Relating to eligibility for assignment as a visiting judge.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 478 by Carona

Relating to certain personal information contained in a decree of dissolution of a marriage or an order in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 479 by Carona

Relating to requiring the Department of State Health Services to implement a provider choice system.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 480 by Carona

Relating to the authority of the Texas Transportation Commission to enter into a covenant for environmental remediation of real property owned by the Texas Department of Transportation.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 481 by Carona

Relating to safety regulations for certain contract carriers.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 482 by Ellis, Shapiro

Relating to the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 484 by Deuell

Relating to the practice of psychological associates.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 485 by Deuell

Relating to medical loss ratios of health benefit plan issuers.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 486 by Deuell

Relating to a person's eligibility for community supervision on conviction of intoxication manslaughter.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 487 by West

Relating to restrictions on the prices of certain consumer goods and services during an abnormal disruption of the market.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 488 by Ellis, Carona

Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle in the vicinity of a vulnerable road user; providing penalties.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 489 by Deuell

Relating to the establishment of a peace officer employment opportunity Internet website by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 490 by West

Relating to money paid into the registry of a court in certain counties.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 491 by West, Hinojosa, Shapleigh

Relating to consideration of family violence in the risk assessment for international parental abduction of a child.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 492 by Nelson

Relating to the prohibition on certification of sex offenders as emergency medical services personnel.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 493 by Nelson

Relating to benefits and services for children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 494 by Nelson

Relating to making an appropriation to the Department of State Health Services to be used in connection with the reporting of health care-associated infections at certain health care facilities and the creation of an advisory panel.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 495 by Hinojosa

Relating to creating a recognition day in honor of Dr. Hector P. Garcia.

To Committee on Administration.

SB 496 by Wentworth

Relating to certain unlawful acts involving state money or property and actions by the state and private persons to prosecute those acts; providing a civil penalty.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 497 by Wentworth

Relating to compensation paid to certain judges and justices.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 498 by Wentworth

Relating to the release of a criminal defendant on partial bail and to the procedures governing a cash bond.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 499 by Lucio

Relating to birth records of adopted children.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 500 by Shapiro

Relating to the powers, duties, and financing of cultural education facilities finance corporations.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 501 by Carona

Relating to the civil consequences of certain convictions on a person who holds a commercial driver's license and of certain adjudications on the driver's license or permit of a child.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 502 by Carona

Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to enter into funding agreements to expedite an agency's environmental review duties related to transportation projects.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 503 by Eltife

Relating to the required public notice of the name of each finalist for the position of superintendent of a public school district.

To Committee on Education.

SB 504 by Ogden

Relating to the use of land on the main campus of Texas A&M University in College Station.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 505 by Ogden

Relating to authorizing the designation of an area adjacent to a state highway project as a transportation finance zone and requiring that the revenue from the state sales and use taxes imposed in the zone be used to pay obligations issued in connection with the project.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 506 by Carona

Relating to the operation and movement of motorcycles during periods of traffic congestion.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 507 by Eltife

Relating to filing a wage claim.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 508 by Eltife

Relating to the consideration of the location of a bidder's principal place of business for certain municipal contracts.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 509 by Carona

Relating to the reporting of proposed publicity expenditures by state agencies to certain legislative committees.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 510 by Eltife

Relating to licensing of certain residents of a state as escrow officers.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 511 by Eltife

Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district composed of Smith County.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 512 by Carona

Relating to authorizing the Texas Department of Public Safety to establish a driver record monitoring pilot program and enter into contracts for the periodic reporting of certain information in the department's driver's license files; providing penalties.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 513 by Ellis

Relating to placing the State Board of Education under periodic review by the Sunset Advisory Commission.

To Committee on Education.

SB 514 by Uresti

Relating to providing an oversight mechanism for the Bexar Metropolitan Water District, including enforcement authority.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 515 by Ellis

Relating to health education curriculum and instruction in public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 516 by Harris

Relating to the filing of an affidavit stating that a plaintiff is not a vexatious litigant.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 517 by Harris

Relating to the application of the child support guidelines in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 518 by Harris

Relating to providing access to certain information relating to the discretionary transfer of a child from a juvenile court to a criminal court.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 519 by Harris

Relating to the termination of the parent-child relationship and the duty to pay child support in circumstances involving mistaken paternity.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 520 by Harris

Relating to the requirement that certain applicants for a vehicle dealer general distinguishing number complete a dealer education course.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 521 by Averitt

Relating to the Texas Department of Transportation's memorial sign program.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 522 by Averitt

Relating to the use of personal leave by a public school employee.

To Committee on Education.

SB 523 by Averitt

Relating to the practice of veterinarians in certain mercantile establishments.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 524 by Duncan

Relating to the grounds for removal of a member of the board of directors of the Lynn County Hospital District.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 525 by Nelson

Relating to certain qualified alien physicians practicing medicine in this state.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 526 by Nelson

Relating to grants for federally qualified health centers.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 527 by Nelson

Relating to certain mammography systems that fail certification standards.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 528 by Nelson

Relating to the penalties prescribed for committing prostitution within a certain distance of certain designated places.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 529 by Nelson

Relating to the sale and use of certain alcoholic beverages manufactured by holders of a winery permit.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 530 by Patrick

Relating to the disposition of cash in possession of a deceased pauper.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 531 by Patrick

Relating to the billing coordination system for claims submitted for payment from the Medicaid program.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 532 by Patrick

Relating to a physician's delegation of prescriptive authority to physician assistants or advanced practice nurses.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 533 by Duncan

Relating to eminent domain, including certain limitations, procedures, and standards relating to the use of eminent domain.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 534 by Shapleigh

Relating to the El Paso County Hospital District.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 535 by Van de Putte

Relating to use of certain factors in underwriting and rating a personal automobile insurance policy.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 536 by Van de Putte

Relating to the regulation of the practice of dental hygiene.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 537 by Carona

Relating to the emergency installation and use of a device to intercept wire, oral, or electronic communications.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 538 by Estes

Relating to the amount of wine certain wineries may sell directly to consumers.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 539 by Estes

Relating to the funding of certain activities of the General Land Office pertaining to the management of coastal public land.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 540 by Estes

Relating to notice of an application for a permit to dispose of oil and gas waste in a disposal well.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 541 by Watson

Relating to incentives for Texas renewable energy jobs and manufacturing.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 542 by Watson

Relating to the use of money from the Texas emerging technology fund for the research and development of clean energy.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 543 by Carona

Relating to certain notice requirements regarding possessory liens on certain motor vehicles, motorboats, vessels, or outboard motors; providing a criminal penalty.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 544 by Ellis

Relating to the elimination of smoking in all workplaces and public places; providing penalties.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 545 by Fraser

Relating to the creation of a distributed solar generation incentive program.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 546 by Fraser

Relating to the state goal for energy efficiency.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 547 by Eltife

Relating to transition to competition in the Southwestern Electric Power Company service area.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 548 by Zaffirini

Relating to public school accountability for bilingual education and English as a second language and other special language programs.
To Committee on Education.

SB 549 by Carona

Relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety to obtain and use criminal history record information for certain departmental authorizations.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 550 by Carona

Relating to the designation of the office of the governor as the lead agency for border security.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolutions

SR 178 by Shapleigh, In memory of Ofelia L. Grenier of El Paso.

SR 198 by Lucio, In memory of Charles Francis "Chuck" Weekley of San Benito.

SR 199 by Watson, In memory of Lane Alton Zivley of Pflugerville.

SR 200 by Watson, In memory of Myrtle Harborth "Schatzi" Guinn of Austin.

SR 201 by Watson, In memory of Louie W. White of Austin.

SR 204 by Hegar, In memory of Royce Hopkins.

SR 216 by Lucio, In memory of Douglas Alan Brooks.

SR 226 by Lucio, In memory of Betty Rusteberg Stevenson of Rancho Viejo.

SR 238 by Hinojosa, In memory of Ricardo Almendarez, Sr., of Falfurrias.

SR 239 by Hinojosa, In memory of Herlinda Mendiola Flores of Alice.

Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions

SCR 17 by Fraser, Recognizing First Baptist Church in Blanco on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

SR 179 by Shapleigh, Congratulating Sandra Braham for receiving the Adelante Con Ganas Award.

SR 197 by Lucio, Commending Frank Yturria of Brownsville for his efforts to preserve the native wild cats of Texas.

SR 207 by Nelson, Recognizing SafeHaven of Tarrant County on the occasion of its Legacy of Men Breakfast.

SR 209 by Ellis, Recognizing the Lambda Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

SR 213 by Lucio, Recognizing the Mid-Valley Campus of South Texas College on the occasion of the college's 15th anniversary.

SR 222 by Nelson, Recognizing the Northwest Metroport Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

SR 225 by Lucio, Recognizing Michael T. Puckett on the occasion of his retirement as executive director of Charro Days, Incorporated.

SR 230 by Uresti, Recognizing the City of Fort Stockton on the occasion of its sesquicentennial anniversary.

SR 232 by Deuell, Recognizing Larry Allen of Mesquite on the occasion of his retirement from the Mesquite Police Department.

SR 236 by Deuell, Recognizing Hal L. Fowler on the occasion of his retirement from the Fannin County Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

SR 237 by Hinojosa, Recognizing Leadership Corpus Christi for its contributions to the Corpus Christi community.

SR 240 by Hinojosa, Recognizing Jorge H. Salinas of Elsa on the occasion of his retirement from the Hidalgo County Housing Authority.

SR 241 by Ellis, Recognizing Lula Mae Webb of Houston on the occasion of her 70th birthday.

HCR 33 (Fraser), Welcoming Leadership Kerr County to the State Capitol.

HCR 39 (Hinojosa), Commending Edinburg Mayor Joe Ochoa for his years of service.

Official Designation Resolutions

SR 203 by Hegar, Recognizing February 19, 2009, as Austin County Day at the State Capitol.

SR 217 by Duncan, Recognizing February 17, 2009, as Texas Tech University System Day at the Texas Capitol.

SR 219 by Hegar, Recognizing February 24, 2009, as Washington County Day at the State Capitol.

SR 220 by Hegar, Recognizing February 26, 2009, as Aransas County Day at the State Capitol.

SR 235 by West, Recognizing February 17, 2009, as Dallas Assembly Day at the State Capitol.

HCR 48 (Duncan), Recognizing February 17, 2009, as Texas Tech University System Day at the State Capitol.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 12:55 p.m. adjourned, in memory of Frank Alvarado, father of State Representative Carol Alvarado, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

February 11, 2009

SR 145, SR 152, SR 161, SR 165, SR 166, SR 170, SR 171, SR 180, SR 181, SR 182, SR 183, SR 184, SR 185, SR 186, SR 187, SR 188, SR 189, SR 190, SR 191, SR 192, SR 193, SR 194, SR 195, SR 202