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PROCEEDINGS

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## SEVENTH DAY

(Tuesday, January 29, 2013)

The Senate met at 10:04 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by Senator Eltife.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Birdwell, Campbell, Carona, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Hancock, Hegar, Hinojosa, Huffman, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Patrick, Paxton, Rodriguez, Seliger, Taylor, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Schwertner.

The Presiding Officer announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

Pastor K. Ray McDowell, First Church of the Nazarene, Orange, was introduced by Senator Nichols and offered the invocation as follows:

Father, I am grateful today that I have been given the privilege to pray publicly and according to Your word for those in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. You guide and govern everything with order and love. Please look upon this 83rd assembly of our State Senators and leaders and fill them with the spirit of Your wisdom. May their decisions indeed help to bring peace and well-being for all. Lord, give them insight to make choices that would strengthen and prosper our state, enhance the education and nurture of the young hearts and minds of our children, protect and care for those of all ages, especially those unable to do so for themselves. It is a foreboding responsibility. But with Your help they will be able to accomplish what is best for those who are dependent on them and in that fulfill Your will. God, please bless our Governor and his family. Bless our Lieutenant Governor and each one of these Senators and the ones they love. Please bless our beloved State of Texas and God bless America. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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

The motion prevailed without objection.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Tuesday, January 29, 2013 - 1

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:

**SCR 7** Whitmire Sponsor: Schaefer  
Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, and ending on Monday, January 28, 2013.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**PHYSICIANS OF THE DAY**

Senator Watson was recognized and presented Drs. John and Judith Egerton of Austin as the Physicians of the Day.

The Senate welcomed the Egertons and thanked them for their participation in the Physician of the Day program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 66**

Senator Lucio offered the following resolution:

**SR 66**, Recognizing January 29, 2013, as Brownsville Day at the State Capitol.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Lucio was recognized and introduced to the Senate Dr. Juliet V. Garcia, President, The University of Texas at Brownsville; Blanca Perez-Moreno, Board Member, Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation; Eduardo Campirano, Port Director and CEO, Port of Brownsville; David Betancourt, Treasurer, Cameron County; Fred Rusteberg, President, International Bank of Commerce - Brownsville; and a delegation of organizations from Cameron County.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 37**

Senator Zaffirini offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association and the association's president, Bob Weathers, on their successful annual planning of the celebration of Washington's Birthday in Laredo; and

WHEREAS, Every year, the citizens of Laredo celebrate the birthday of the Father of Our Country; the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association sponsors the celebration to pay tribute to the memory of George Washington and to his virtues and his patriotism; the 116th celebration will take place from January 24 through February 25, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Since its beginning as a two-day event in 1898, the Washington's Birthday Celebration gradually has evolved into a grand celebration entailing numerous events in the United States and in Mexico; spectators and participants enjoy marching bands and floats, spectacular fireworks displays, food, games, and entertainers from both sides of the border; and

WHEREAS, The yearly celebrations exemplify the spirit and enthusiasm of Laredoans and the pride they take in their city and country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association on their patriotism and their dedication and extend best wishes to them for a joyous 116th birthday celebration; and, be it further

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

**SR 37** was read and was adopted without objection.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Zaffirini was recognized and introduced to the Senate Bob Weathers, Tad Deutsch, Ana "Niti" Lamar Gutierrez Volpe, Emily Gonzalez, Isaac Garza, Isabella Gibson, Edward Maddox, Maria Resendez Rodriguez, Emilio Lerma Garza, and John Sharp, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**(President in Chair)**

**SENATE RESOLUTION 8**

Senator Watson offered the following resolution:

**SR 8**, Recognizing November of 2013 as Texas Philanthropy Month.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Watson was recognized and introduced to the Senate Adrienne Longenecker and members of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 60**

Senator Williams offered the following resolution:

**SR 60**, Recognizing January 29, 2013, as Leadership Southeast Texas Day at the State Capitol.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Williams was recognized and introduced to the Senate Donnie Meek, Newton City Administrator and Newton ISD Trustee; Merrick Moody, Chief Ranger, Big Thicket National Preserve, Kountze; Kellie Pugh, Lakeway Tire & Service, Jasper; and Tony Sims, Chambers County Treasurer, Anahuac.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**INTRODUCTION OF  
BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED**

The President 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.

**MOTION IN WRITING**

Senator Whitmire offered the following Motion In Writing:

Mr. President:

I move that a committee of five Members of the Senate be appointed by the President to escort the Governor and First Lady of Texas to the Joint Session for the State of the State Address today.

**WHITMIRE**

The Motion In Writing was read and was adopted without objection.

**ESCORT COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

The President announced the appointment of the following as a Committee to Escort the Governor and his wife to the Joint Session: Senators Williams, Chair; Fraser, Hinojosa, Nelson, and Whitmire.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 10:38 a.m. agreed to adjourn, in memory of Gaston Joseph "Joe" Wood, upon adjournment of the Joint Session and upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

**JOINT SESSION**

(To hear the State of the State Address by the Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas)

The President announced the time had arrived for the Joint Session pursuant to the provisions of **SCR 5**.

The President of the Senate and the Senators present, escorted by the Secretary of the Senate and the Sergeant-at-Arms, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives at 11:05 a.m.

The President was announced and, on invitation of the Speaker, occupied a seat at the Speaker's Rostrum.

The Senators were announced and were admitted and escorted to seats prepared for them along the aisle.

The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas, was announced by the Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives.

The Governor and his party were escorted to the Speaker's Rostrum by Senators Williams, Chair; Fraser, Hinojosa, Nelson, and Whitmire on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Creighton, Burkett, Scott Turner, Villalba, and Guillen on the part of the House.

The Honorable David Dewhurst, President of the Senate, called the Senate to order and announced a quorum of the Senate present.

The Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House of Representatives, called the House to order, announced a quorum of the House present, and stated the purpose of the Joint Session.

Speaker Straus acknowledged the presence of Rick and Anita Perry.

The President introduced His Excellency Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas, who addressed the Joint Session as follows:

Thank you. It is always an honor to speak in this historic Chamber.

I'd like to thank two quality leaders who have been dedicated partners in our ongoing mission to make an even better Texas, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst and Speaker Joe Straus.

Before we begin, I'd like to say a few words about the people who have made the biggest impact in my life, of course, beginning with my parents, Ray and Amelia Perry, who I've been fortunate enough to have with me every step of the way.

And, of course, the source of my strength and the love of my life, Anita Thigpen Perry.

Anita is an extraordinary wife, an exceptional mother, and an elegant First Lady of Texas, and I am honored to have her here today.

There are a lot of new faces in the room as session begins, but we should take a moment to remember two that are no longer with us.

Since the last session, we lost two important Members of the Legislature, Senator Mario Gallegos and Representative Ken Legler.

They were strong leaders and passionate advocates for the people they represented, and they are sorely missed.

My fellow Texans, Members of the judiciary and the Legislature, distinguished guests and friends, it is my pleasure to report that the state of our state is stronger than ever.

We led the nation out of recession and into recovery and remain the nation's prime destination for employers and job seekers alike.

In classrooms, on assembly lines, in laboratories, on farms, and in office buildings, hard-working Texans are today turning their dreams into realities.

Those dreams can be as fundamental as supporting their family and creating better opportunities for their children.

Or they can be as elaborate as launching a new business, harnessing creativity and new technology to create something the world has never seen before.

Big and small, dreams become reality in Texas.

As real as the success Texans are building, you in this Chamber have built the framework that makes it possible for them to succeed.

Texans have succeeded to the tune of more than half a million private sector jobs added over the last two years alone, a total of nearly 1.4 million created in the private sector over the last 10 years.

Now, there are those who insist our job creation stat doesn't mean much because they say we are only creating entry-level, low-paying jobs.

The truth is, we are creating all kinds of jobs—low paying, medium paying, and high paying.

We've created jobs in all three categories faster than the national rate over the last 10 years.

We need jobs of all sorts, full-time and part-time, long-term and temporary, for people of all backgrounds, career stages, and skill levels.

With rare exceptions, no one gets hired out of college as the CEO, but if you want to be a CEO someday, Texas is the right place to start.

Our job numbers are more than statistics; they're real stories about hard-working people.

Just three years ago, Lisa Pounds of Houston saw a need for healthier food choices for children and families, so she left her job as a corporate insurance broker and started her own business.

Today, Green Plate Kitchen is a thriving and growing company, employing nine people and supporting numerous contractors and customers.

Even companies that are well established see the value in choosing Texas.

Pactiv is a global leader in food packaging and has employed more than 1,000 Texans at three different locations, including 122 in Corsicana.

When it was time for the company to build a new, state-of-the-art facility, our state's economic climate, along with the famous Texan work ethic, made the decision a lot easier.

Today, they're building that facility in Corsicana, which means 200 more jobs, and Chairman Cook knows that means 200 more opportunities for people to better their lives and the lives of their families.

And just last June, Texas took another giant leap into commercial space as XCOR Aerospace, a leader in the privatized space race, brought its research and development center to Midland.

They're part of a growing Texas presence in this important market, which includes businesses like SpaceX and Blue Origin.

XCOR, Pactiv, and Green Plate Kitchen are reaching for the stars in their own way right here in Texas, and representatives with those companies are with us today.

Please join me as they stand to thank them for their contributions.

Multiply their stories by thousands and you understand why what we're doing in Texas is working and why it's so vitally important we stay on an upward trajectory.

You have realized a simple truth: Bureaucracy doesn't stimulate the economy, it gets in the way.

Texans succeed not because of bureaucracy, but because you, Dr. Allen, have ensured we have accountable, rigorous public schools.

Texans succeed because you, Chairwoman Zaffirini, have helped create a system of affordable, accessible higher education.

Texans succeed because you, Chairman Seliger, have given them the freedom to do more with the money they earn, and when private employers have more to spend, both the private and public sector benefit.

Texans succeed because you, Representative Lozano, have given employers the freedom to innovate and expand with consistent, predictable, and sensible regulation.

And Texans succeed because you, Representative Creighton and Senator Huffman, have let job creators know they won't be frivolously dragged into court and held hostage by individuals seeking to make a quick buck.

You have all opened the door and Texans have responded and thousands more are getting here as fast as they can.

For eight years in a row, Allied Van Lines has named Texas the nation's top moving destination.

We've made inroads in almost every industry sector from biotech and computer science to energy and finance.

Visionary companies like Facebook, Apple, and Electronic Arts have expanded here.

When these companies come to Texas, to your districts, they make a positive impact on your communities.

And even with a mass influx of job seekers realizing their dreams in Texas, our unemployment rate has consistently remained below the national rate.

Even with that growth in industry and population, we've maintained a strong commitment to the environment.

We lowered ozone levels by 23 percent between 2000-2011 and cut industrial NOx gas emissions by 60 percent over that span.

The tough decisions we faced last session tested our resolve and our dedication to the principles that brought us here.

In the end, we remained dedicated to those principles, holding the line on taxes, spending within our means, and making the tough decisions separating wants from needs.

The revenue estimate we got earlier this month confirms we made the right decisions at that time.

Our bank balance is healthy, our economy is growing, our future is limitless.

The people running some other states are actually pretty smart, and they see what we've been doing.

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, you all should be flattered.

In Florida, Governor Rick Scott has enacted very similar policies and is promoting many of the higher education reforms that are yielding promising results here.

In Louisiana, Governor Bobby Jindal has proposed doing away with his state's income tax, part of a move to make his state even more attractive to employers and those chasing their dreams.

And late last year, the State of Michigan became a right-to-work state.

Other states are following our lead and embracing the concept of vigorous competition.

They're aggressively courting major employers, fostering their high-tech sectors, and investing in their workforce.

In short, they want to beat us at our own game.

So here in Texas, we can't just maintain the status quo, we have to improve upon it.

We're in a position today to put our financial house in order, and it's time to do so.

We have an opportunity this session, an opportunity to true up our budget and move away from the budgetary techniques we've come to depend on all too often.

We need to pay now what is due now.

We should put in place a stronger constitutional limit on spending growth, ensuring it never grows more than the combined rate of inflation and population.

We need to make the franchise tax exemption for small businesses permanent.

We should continue to scrub the budget for any waste and redundancies, streamlining wherever possible.

We also need to do away with the practice of using dedicated funds and specific fees for anything other than the purpose for which they were intended.

If we don't need taxpayer money for that purpose, let's not collect it at all.

We've never bought into the notion that if you collect more, you need to spend more.

Today, I'm calling for a mechanism to be put in place so when we do bring in more than we need, we'll have the option of returning tax money directly to the people who paid it.

Currently, that's not something our constitution allows.

We need to fix that.

Also, while Texas is a low-tax state, let's make the burden on Texans even lower.

I know that's a goal Chairman Hilderbran has always worked towards.

In a legislative session where we can see billions still on the table after we've funded our services and met the needs of our ever-expanding population, I think providing tax relief of at least \$1.8 billion over this biennium is a good place to start.

As to how we provide that relief, there are plenty of good ideas, and that promises to be a very valuable conversation for us to engage in.

We want to hear more from the taxpayers themselves about how we run things in Austin.

My office, in fact, has built a website to get your feedback on tax cuts.

You can find it at my main site, [gov.texas.gov](http://gov.texas.gov).

While Washington, D.C., can sometimes seem entirely non-responsive and is increasing the tax burden on Americans, and other states are scrambling to grab every tax dollar they can, I'm proud that in Texas we're talking about the best way to give money back.

Our approach is even more important as Washington raises taxes and the costs of the Affordable Care Act begin to pile up.

We have made it clear Texas will not expand Medicaid under the ACA, as Chairwoman Kolkhorst can tell you.

We won't set up a state exchange, as Chairwoman Nelson can attest.

Texas will not drive millions more into an unsustainable system, and that stance has not changed an iota.

However, the costs of ACA will still fall on the backs of individuals and employers across the country, and it falls to us on the state level to do what we can to alleviate the federal burden as much as we can.

Time and again, we've seen that when people keep their money, they invest it wisely and selflessly in things important to them.

That's why Texas' cultural arts community, for example, is thriving even without unlimited amounts of federal and state money.

The Dallas Arts District and the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth, just to name a few, have each brought in major tourism dollars and enriched countless lives.

Our surging arts communities are yet another reason so many people and employers are choosing to come to Texas.

As our population expands and industries grow across our state, the demand is increasing upon the fundamental building blocks of our communities.

This session, we need to deal with our state's infrastructure needs.

We must particularly address our growing needs in water and transportation.

Doing that without breaking the budget will require creativity and some outside-the-box thinking.

I believe one answer lies within our Rainy Day Fund.

The Rainy Day Fund was created to ensure we had a sufficient amount in reserve in case of disaster and to ensure Texas maintains its strong credit rating.

Due to our economic success, the fund will soon hold nearly \$12 billion, significantly more than the amount we need to meet those obligations.

We need to maintain a strong Rainy Day Fund.

While we cannot, and will not, raid the fund to meet ongoing expenses, we also shouldn't accumulate billions more than necessary.

That's why I support a move to utilize \$3.7 billion from the Rainy Day Fund for a one-time investment in infrastructure programs.

In addition to the Rainy Day Fund investment, we should also end the diversion of State Highway Fund appropriations, which will mean another \$1.3 billion every biennium for road maintenance and construction.

What I am proposing will support critical water and transportation systems across our state, addresses our needs both short- and long-term, and ensures both water and traffic will continue to flow in Texas for generations to come.

None of us can deny the need for these improvements.

Water and roads add to the quality of life for all Texans—anyone stuck in traffic at rush hour in our cities can speak to that.

It also plays a major role in our continued economic development.

Whenever we're recruiting a business seeking to relocate or expand, a chief concern of theirs is ensuring there are adequate water, power, and transportation systems for their needs.

We've been the nation's top exporting state for 10 years now, and for us to continue that dominance requires a clear way to move goods from one place to another.

Our success also relies upon the continued excellence of the Texas workforce, and it falls to us to better prepare the next generation for the jobs available to them.

We've worked hard to improve our public education system over the past decade, and the results are encouraging.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, our graduation rates are at an all-time high, the third highest in the nation, which represents a significant turnaround from just a few short years ago.

Of course, we can't let up now.

I believe that the best way forward is the way that will provide the most opportunities for each child, something I know Senator Patrick supports.

Not every child learns for the same purpose, not every child thrives in the same settings and schools.

Limiting a child to just one opportunity does nothing more than limit that child's future.

The way forward must involve more public charter schools, which offer parents a tuition-free alternative to their neighborhood school.

These innovative public schools already serve more than 150,000 students across Texas, with more than 100,000 students on waiting lists.

It's also time to introduce scholarship programs that give students a choice, especially those who are locked into low-performing schools.

Of course, all that has to be done in a fashion that continues to encourage teachers and administrators in traditional schools to produce excellent students.

In addition to a choice of schools, we should also give students more flexibility in the courses they take in high school to prepare them for whatever their goals may be, without sacrificing our rigorous academic standards.

Anytime we talk about education, we have to remember that the focus has to be squarely on one specific special interest group: our students.

We cannot stop thinking of new ways to teach and inspire our children.

They're ready to learn and eager to use that education to improve their lives.

Over the last five years, the number of Texas students participating in college preparation tests has increased, a clear sign the young people in Texas understand the importance of a college education.

Most encouraging of all, those figures indicate a significant increase in participation among minority students.

Forty-two percent more African American students are now taking the SAT than were participating five years ago, and 65 percent more Hispanic students.

Along the same time frame, the rate of Hispanic students taking the ACT has doubled.

A short time ago, those same students might have felt like a college education wasn't for them and felt discouraged from trying.

These students are realizing their potential, and they're going to use that potential to change Texas and the world for that matter.

Of course, this means that we have to make sure that college is accessible and affordable.

Two years ago, I stood here and called upon our institutions of higher learning to develop plans for degrees that cost no more than \$10,000.

There were plenty of detractors at that time who insisted it couldn't be done.

However, that call inspired educators at colleges and universities across our state to step up to the plate.

Today, I'm proud to tell you that 13 Texas universities have announced plans for a \$10,000 degree.

Some of those innovators and educators are with us in this Chamber. Again, please join me in recognizing them as they stand.

The idea is spreading, too.

As I mentioned earlier, Florida is developing its own \$10,000 degree program, and even California—yes, that California—is taking a stab at making these programs commonplace.

These are promising developments, but we must do everything we can to continue making higher education an achievable dream for all Texans.

To that end, I've called for a four-year tuition freeze for incoming freshmen, and I know Chairman Branch has been working hard on this issue.

This will provide students and families cost certainty, as their tuition will be locked in at the rate they pay their first semester for the next four years.

This will also encourage them to graduate on time, which is a problem we simply can't ignore anymore.

Currently less than 30 percent of full-time students at our four-year institutions graduate in four years, and only 58 percent have their degree in six.

That's why we should tie at least a portion of state funding—I'm suggesting a minimum of 10 percent—based on the number of graduates.

We need to encourage these schools to get their students educated and ready to work as quickly as possible.

Texas employers need additional, qualified workers.

Of course, not all these jobs require a college degree.

Many require a technical certification, and those jobs are among those most in demand in our state.

Last fall, I announced an initiative that will bring industries and our technical and community colleges together to create a statewide model that will enable students to swiftly earn their technical certifications at an affordable cost.

Chairman Davis and Senator Birdwell will help lead the charge with legislation that will encourage and incentivize more fast track programs.

Under this framework, an individual will be able to attain certain certification in a high-demand industry, utilizing competency-based learning to allow students to gain credit for skills they have already mastered.

It's an innovative solution, the kind we need more of in the years to come.

It's the decisions made here that will determine what Texas will look like for the next 50 years.

As an example of what I mean, let's take a look at how dramatically and how quickly things are changing in South Texas.

We've committed to expanding and building roads, so businesses are finding it easier to transport goods.

We've helped nurture and grow a major Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen, as well as the Irma Rangel College of Pharmacy in Kingsville.

Today, the students of South Texas are able to stay closer to home to earn their college degrees.

This area of the state is critical to our state's future, and our investment in the children of South Texas will be returned a thousand-fold.

That's why I'm calling for the Legislature to pass by a two-thirds vote a bill necessary to give South Texas access to the Permanent University Fund.

The changes in South Texas—in fact, the changes across our state—remind us that we're living in a fast-moving world and that we'll need the contributions of everyone to keep up.

I'm proud that Texas is a place where anyone can make a difference, regardless of where you're from or how you might spell your last name.

During his second inaugural address, President Obama called on us all to work together and do our part to secure a brighter future for America.

Mr. President, Texas stands ready to do our part!

From our origins pioneering a rugged frontier, Texans have a long, proud tradition of working together—South Texas ranchers and DFW teachers, Bay Area shrimpers and West Texas farmers.

We are a diverse tapestry of cultures, faiths, and bloodlines, but we are bound by a common spirit and a common lineage that's remarkable for a state so big.

Not only will we all work together for the remaining 119 days of this session, we will work together every day in companies and in agencies across our state.

We will work together at places like TxDOT, led by El Paso's Ted Houghton, who oversees a team focused on building and maintaining our roads.

We will work together at the Department of Public Safety, led by Cindy Leon of Mission, with well-trained professionals who spend every day working to make Texans safer.

We will work together at the Texas Education Agency, led by Arlington's Michael Williams, who has one of the most important jobs in Texas, educating our children for the challenges of the future.

From these great Chambers to the Governor's office, to local offices in small towns across our state, we are all privileged to do our part to make a better Texas for all.

Texas is not merely strong but exceptional.

We are a testament to the power of freedom, to the entrepreneurial spirit unleashed from government interference.

We believe these ideals are sturdy enough and strong enough to advance any and all Texans, regardless of race, color, or creed.

We embrace a "can-do culture" for every citizen willing to work hard and pursue a dream.

Those ideals propel us forward as we stand as a national example that hard work can breed success regardless of one's station in life, that freedom is the best antidote to poverty, and that each individual deserves to inherit a state of equality and opportunity.

May the work we do in these hallowed halls preserve opportunity for every Texan.

Thank you, God bless you and, through you, may He continue to bless the Great State of Texas.

*(Note: Prepared text)*

The President acknowledged the presence of his wife, Patricia Dewhurst.

Speaker Straus at 11:45 a.m. stated the purpose for which the Joint Session was held having been completed, the House, pursuant to a previously adopted motion, would stand At Ease until the departure of its guests.

The President at 11:45 a.m. stated the purpose for which the Joint Session was held having been completed, the Senate, pursuant to a previously adopted motion, would stand adjourned, in memory of Gaston Joseph "Joe" Wood, pending the completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

### **INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF**

The interpretation of the proceedings of the Joint Session was provided by Billy Collins and Dan Flanigan.

### **SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

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

**SB 4** by Fraser

Relating to the administration and functions of the Texas Water Development Board.  
To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 101** by Patrick

Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations and the use of surplus state revenues.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 102** by Patrick

Relating to the rollback tax rate of a taxing unit other than a school district and to voter approval of a proposed tax rate that exceeds the rollback tax rate.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 103** by Patrick

Relating to the elimination of straight-party voting for judicial offices.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 104** by West

Relating to the reapportionment of congressional districts and the creation, function, and duties of the Texas Congressional Redistricting Commission.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 105** by West

Relating to the use of a wireless communication device or other portable electronic device to provide evidence of motor vehicle financial responsibility.  
To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 106** by West

Relating to a requirement that the Sunset Advisory Commission conduct a study and make recommendations regarding certain tax preferences that relate to ad valorem taxes and that are required or authorized by the state.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 107** by West

Relating to the disclosure by a court of criminal history record information that is the subject of an order of nondisclosure.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 108** by West

Relating to adverse possession of real property by a cotenant heir against other cotenant heirs.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

**SB 109** by West

Relating to the state low income housing plan and report developed by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 110** by West

Relating to eligibility to file for compensation by persons wrongfully imprisoned.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 111** by Lucio

Relating to the preservation of Texas Historical Use Buildings.

To Committee on Government Organization.

**SB 112** by Lucio

Relating to a requirement for and the contents of a declarations page required for certain standard insurance policy forms for residential property insurance.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 113** by Estes

Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 114** by Ellis

Relating to restrictions on the location and operation of concrete crushing facilities.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 115** by Williams

Relating to a school choice program for certain students with disabilities.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 116** by Hinojosa

Relating to the consideration of ownership interests of disabled veterans in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.

To Committee on Government Organization.

**SB 117** by Hinojosa

Relating to the right of a spouse to enter the marital residence accompanied by a peace officer under certain circumstances.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

**SB 118** by Hinojosa

Relating to prohibiting an employer from requiring or requesting access to the personal accounts of employees and job applicants through electronic communication devices; establishing an unlawful employment practice.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 119** by Rodríguez

Relating to the operation of special student recovery programs by certain school districts.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 120** by Rodríguez

Relating to the creation of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso as a component institution of the Texas Tech University System.

To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 121** by Rodríguez

Relating to prohibited retaliation against state or local public employees for reporting to certain persons violations of law.

To Committee on Open Government.

**SB 122** by Rodríguez

Relating to the removal from office of a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 123** by Rodríguez

Relating to the authority of the commissioner of education to issue subpoenas and conduct accreditation investigations.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 124** by Rodríguez

Relating to the punishment for the offense of tampering with certain governmental records based on certain reporting for school districts and open-enrollment charter schools.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 125** by Ellis

Relating to designated tuition.

To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 126** by Nelson

Relating to the creation of a mental health and substance abuse public reporting system.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 127** by Nelson

Relating to the creation of certain funding formulas and policies and to certain public health evaluations by the Department of State Health Services.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 128** by Nelson

Relating to criminal history record information concerning certain applicants and clients of the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 129** by Nelson

Relating to proper venue for filing an application for a protective order against family violence.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

**SB 130** by Nelson

Relating to representation by prosecuting attorneys in proceedings for protective orders against family violence and in certain other actions.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

**SB 131** by Nelson

Relating to the hours of sale and consumption of wine at a winery.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 132** by Nelson, Patrick

Relating to the contents and applicability of a school district's grading policy.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 133** by Nelson

Relating to the use of certain state property for community food gardens.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 134** by Nelson

Relating to health and physical education credits required for high school graduation.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 135** by Patrick

Relating to the use of a public school student's performance on an end-of-course assessment instrument in determining the student's final grade for the course.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 136** by Ellis

Relating to unit operations for oil, gas, or oil and gas production or carbon dioxide storage.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 137** by Rodríguez

Relating to the recall of members of school district boards of trustees.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 138** by Zaffirini

Relating to procedures for filing complaints with, and providing notice of certain violations to, the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 139** by Eltife

Relating to the designation of a segment of U.S. Highway 80 as the Sergeant Travis E. Watkins Memorial Highway.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 140** by Ellis, Carona

Relating to a periodic review and expiration dates of state and local tax preferences.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 141** by Huffman

Relating to the requirements for issuance of a license to practice orthotics and prosthetics.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 142** by West

Relating to zero-based budgeting for state agencies as a part of the sunset review process.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 143** by Nelson

Relating to programs designed to enhance medical education in this state.

To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 144** by Williams

Relating to the calculation of the ad valorem rollback tax rates of certain taxing units.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 145** by Williams

Relating to a credit or refund for diesel fuel taxes paid on diesel fuel used in this state by auxiliary power units or power take-off equipment.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 146** by Williams

Relating to access by a public institution of higher education to the criminal history record information of certain persons seeking to reside in on-campus housing.

To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 147** by Deuell

Relating to the amount of outstanding total liability of a mortgage guaranty insurer.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 148** by Williams, Nichols

Relating to certain legal advice or legal services rendered to public servants.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 149** by Nelson

Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 150** by Nelson

Relating to the cancer prevention and research fund.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 151** by Nelson, Huffman, Rodríguez, West  
Relating to the practice of dentistry, including the regulation of dental service organizations; providing an administrative penalty.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 152** by Nelson  
Relating to the protection and care of persons who are elderly or disabled or who are children.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 153** by Nelson  
Relating to the amounts of administrative penalties assessed or imposed against certain health facilities.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 154** by Patrick  
Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 155** by Patrick  
Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value for ad valorem tax purposes of commercial or industrial real property.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 156** by West  
Relating to achievement benchmarks in fiscal notes and to legislative review of those benchmarks.  
To Committee on Administration.

**SB 157** by Hegar  
Relating to the Parrie Haynes Trust.  
To Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

**SB 158** by Carona  
Relating to the average price below which a newspaper is exempt from the sales tax.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 159** by Carona  
Relating to the definition of an authorized emergency vehicle.  
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 160** by Huffman  
Relating to the identification of a person as an election poll watcher.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 161** by Patrick  
Relating to the computation of the franchise tax by certain taxable entities that rent or lease equipment.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 162** by Van de Putte

Relating to the occupational licensing of members of the military and spouses of members of the military.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

**SB 163** by Van de Putte

Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 164** by Van de Putte

Relating to the issuance to veterans of specially marked licenses to carry a concealed handgun and specially marked personal identification certificates.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

**SB 165** by Van de Putte

Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to officers of the United States armed forces who graduated from certain United States military academies.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 166** by Deuell

Relating to the use by certain health care providers of electronically readable information from a driver's license or personal identification certificate.

To Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

**SB 167** by Deuell

Relating to safety training for employees of certain contractors with a governmental entity.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 168** by Fraser

Relating to the election of members of the board of directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 169** by Hegar

Relating to ballot language for an election to approve and finance a municipal or county venue project.

To Committee on Economic Development.

**SB 170** by West

Relating to building code standards for new residential construction in the unincorporated area of a county.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 171** by West

Relating to the establishment of a workgroup to study the use by state agencies of a uniform application form following disasters.

To Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

**SB 172** by Carona

Relating to diagnosing the reading development and comprehension of public school kindergarten students.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 173** by Estes

Relating to prohibiting the use of radio frequency identification technology to transmit information regarding public school students.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 174** by Estes

Relating to the protection of stray bison.

To Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

**SB 175** by Estes

Relating to the allocation of the proceeds from taxes imposed on the sale, storage, or use of sporting goods.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 176** by Carona

Relating to the distribution of certain consultants' reports.

To Committee on Open Government.

**SB 177** by Nichols

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education and Research Center at Stephen F. Austin State University.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 178** by Davis

Relating to the disclosure on personal financial statements of certain contracts with governmental entities.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 179** by Paxton, Patrick

Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 180** by Van de Putte

Relating to the repurchase of real property from an entity with eminent domain authority.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 181** by Hegar

Relating to the use of a wireless communication device to provide evidence of motor vehicle financial responsibility.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 182** by Birdwell, Campbell, Deuell, Eltife, Estes, Hancock, Hegar, Nelson, Nichols, Patrick, Paxton, Schwertner, Taylor, Williams

Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of and certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 183** by Carona

Relating to certain inquiries made by the Texas Department of Insurance to insurers.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 184** by Carona

Relating to extending claim-handling deadlines after certain emergency declarations.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 185** by Deuell

Relating to information regarding the number of public school students with dyslexia.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 186** by Carona

Relating to the abatement of mosquitoes in stagnant water located on certain uninhabited residential property.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 187** by Huffman

Relating to the punishment for a capital felony committed by an individual younger than 18 years of age.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 188** by Huffman

Relating to interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications for law enforcement purposes.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 189** by Huffman

Relating to the eligibility of certain inmates convicted of injury to a child for release to mandatory supervision.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 190** by Huffman

Relating to the prescription and pharmaceutical substitution of biological products.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 191** by Birdwell, Nelson

Relating to requirements for cash withdrawals from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits accounts.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 192** by Carona

Relating to access to criminal history record information by the banking commissioner.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 193** by West

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property used to provide low-income and moderate-income housing.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 194** by West

Relating to ingress and egress access by emergency vehicles in certain new residential subdivisions.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 195** by Watson

Relating to the maintenance by the Legislative Budget Board of a searchable database containing certain budget information.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 196** by Watson

Relating to the Business Tax Advisory Committee.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 197** by Watson

Relating to procedures applicable to adoption of the public school curriculum by the State Board of Education.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 198** by Watson

Relating to restrictive covenants regulating drought-resistant landscaping or water-conserving turf.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 199** by Watson

Relating to the evaluation by applicants for permits for certain electric generating facilities of water-efficient cooling technologies.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 222** by Watson

Relating to the venue for prosecution of certain computer crimes.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 223** by Watson

Relating to designation of certain vehicles of the Texas Division of Emergency Management as authorized emergency vehicles.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 224** by Seliger

Relating to the availability of money from the economic stabilization fund to be used for the purposes of projects in the state water plan.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 225** by Seliger

Relating to curriculum and end-of-course assessment requirements for high school graduation.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 226** by Hegar

Relating to the operation of a golf cart or utility vehicle on a public highway in certain counties.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 227** by Williams

Relating to the dispensation of aesthetic pharmaceuticals by physicians.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 228** by Williams

Relating to the regulation of the practice of public accountancy.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 229** by Davis

Relating to an exception to the domicile requirement for issuance of a commercial driver's license for certain military personnel.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

**SB 230** by Carona

Relating to the applicability of state law governing funds transfers to certain remittance transfers.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 231** by Carona

Relating to the applicability of certain concealed handgun laws to certain associate judges.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 232** by Carona

Relating to use of the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry in connection with the regulatory authority of the consumer credit commissioner.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 233** by Patrick

Relating to the use of funds of certain municipal hospital authorities.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 235** by Fraser

Relating to the creation of regional authorities for water infrastructure projects.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 236** by Hinojosa

Relating to the hours of sale for liquor.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 237** by Van de Putte

Relating to the prohibition of employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

To Committee on Economic Development.

**SB 238** by Van de Putte

Relating to the awarding of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

**SB 239** by Van de Putte

Relating to combination resident hunting and fishing licenses for military personnel.  
To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 240** by Van de Putte

Relating to public school accountability and end-of-course assessment instruments.  
To Committee on Education.

**SB 241** by Carona

Relating to the authority of an electric customer to choose not to have a utility's advanced meter.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 242** by Carona

Relating to the eligibility requirements for certain occupational licenses issued to applicants with military experience.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

**SB 243** by Davis

Relating to the personal needs allowance for certain Medicaid recipients who are residents of long-term care facilities.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 244** by Carona

Relating to the administration, operation, supervision, and regulation of credit unions.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 245** by West

Relating to eligibility of children's advocacy centers for contracts to provide services for children and family members in child abuse and neglect cases.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 246** by West

Relating to the electronic submission of a request for an attorney general opinion.  
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

**SB 247** by Carona

Relating to the transfer of an ad valorem tax lien.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 248** by Davis

Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.

To Committee on Economic Development.

**SB 249** by Patrick

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of breach of computer security.  
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 250** by West

Relating to the requirements of using certain technology to conduct certain mental health hearings or proceedings.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

**SB 251** by West

Relating to an unsworn declaration made by an employee of a state agency or political subdivision in the performance of the employee's job duties.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

**SB 252** by West

Relating to certain procedures regarding an application for a writ of habeas corpus filed in a noncapital felony case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 253** by Deuell

Relating to newborn screening for congenital heart defects.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 254** by Deuell

Relating to the satisfaction of a condition of community supervision requiring performance of community service.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 255** by Deuell

Relating to the creation of a voluntary consumer-directed health plan for certain individuals eligible to participate in the group benefits program provided under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act and their qualified dependents.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 256** by Deuell

Relating to tracking career information for graduates of Texas medical schools.

To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 257** by Deuell

Relating to notice of inaccurate payment or nonpayment of certain claims under certain health benefit plans.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 258** by Deuell

Relating to the authority of a psychologist to delegate the provision of certain care to a person under the psychologist's supervision, including a person training to become a psychologist.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 259** by Carona

Relating to telecommunications services and markets.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 260** by Davis, Van de Putte

Relating to the absence of a student from school to visit with a parent or guardian who will be or has been deployed on military duty.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

**SB 261** by Hinojosa

Relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators in secondary education curriculum.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 262** by Huffman

Relating to the reporting of criminal disposition completeness percentage data.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 263** by Huffman

Relating to the designation of certain synthetic cannabinoids as controlled substances and controlled substance analogues under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 264** by Huffman

Relating to the addition of a synthetic hallucinogenic substance to Penalty Group 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 265** by Huffman

Relating to bond requirements for county officers and employees.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SCR 1** by Nelson

Designating April as Water Safety Month for a 10-year period beginning in 2013.

To Committee on Administration.

**SCR 2** by Ellis

Urging the United States Congress to propose and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution that overturns Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, establishing that the spending of money to influence elections shall not be construed as speech under the First Amendment, and clarifying that only natural persons are protected by constitutional rights.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SCR 3** by Lucio

Urging Congress to rename the Harlingen Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic at Harlingen.

To Committee on Administration.

**SCR 6** by Estes

Urging Congress to reimburse the State of Texas for bearing the financial burden of the federal government's responsibility to secure the Texas-Mexico international border during the 2012-2013 budget cycle.

To Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

**SJR 5** by Campbell

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the rights of individuals to choose or decline to choose to purchase health insurance coverage.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 6** by Ellis

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing immediate additional revenue for the state budget by creating the Texas Gaming Commission, authorizing and regulating the operation of casino games and slot machines by a limited number of licensed operators and certain Indian tribes, and authorizing a limited state video lottery system to be operated at horse and greyhound racetracks and on Indian tribal lands.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 7** by Ellis

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant one or more reprieves in a capital case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SJR 8** by Ellis

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for the Medicaid program to certain persons.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SJR 9** by Nichols

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or less of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year and to permit the voters of a county to establish a higher limitation not to exceed 110 percent on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead in the county.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 10** by Patrick

Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the limitation on the rate of growth in appropriations and the use of unencumbered surplus state revenues to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes, to reduce public school district property taxes, and to fund the state's rainy day fund.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 11** by Rodríguez

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing elections for the recall of independent school district trustees.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 12** by Ellis, Carona

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the periodic review of state and local tax preferences and providing an expiration date for certain tax preferences.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 13** by Eltife

Proposing a constitutional amendment limiting to two the number of consecutive terms for which a person may be elected or appointed to hold certain state offices.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 14** by Patrick

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of commercial or industrial real property for ad valorem tax purposes to 110 percent or more of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 15** by Patrick

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to set a lower limit on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 16** by Van de Putte

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 17** by Estes

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the appropriation of the net revenue received from the imposition of the state sales and use tax on sporting goods.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 18** by Carona

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend certain requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SJR 19** by Eltife

Proposing a constitutional amendment discontinuing the authority to issue bonded indebtedness on behalf of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

To Committee on Finance.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6**

On motion of Senator Estes, Senator Nichols will be shown as Co-author of **SCR 6**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19**

On motion of Senator Eltife, Senator Nichols will be shown as Co-author of **SJR 19**.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

**Memorial Resolution**

**SR 82** by Watson, In memory of Nancy Paxton Moody of Austin.

**Official Designation Resolution**

**SR 80** by Eltife, Recognizing February 11, 2013, as Association of Texas Professional Educators Day at the State Capitol.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 12:05 p.m. adjourned, in memory of Gaston Joseph "Joe" Wood, 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:

January 29, 2013

ADMINISTRATION — **SJR 21, SB 234**

**RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED**

January 28, 2013

**SR 22, SR 45, SR 46, SR 47, SR 48, SR 49, SR 50, SR 52, SR 54, SR 55, SR 57, SR 58, SR 59, SR 61, SR 62, SR 63, SR 64, SR 65, SR 67, SR 69, SR 70, SR 71, SR 72, SR 74, SR 75, SR 77, SR 78**