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PROCEEDINGS

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SIXTH DAY

(Tuesday, February 3, 2015)

The Senate met at 11:05 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Bettencourt, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Garcia, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffines, Huffman, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Perry, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, L. Taylor, V. Taylor, Uresti, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Birdwell, Van de Putte.

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

The Reverend Amy Meyer, First Presbyterian Church, Elgin, offered the invocation as follows:

Gracious and loving God, You have ruled at all the councils and meetings of every time and place. We thank You for being here with us now and for the opportunity to make and revise laws for the betterment of our society. God, You know that we live in a world of violence and pain. Horrific crimes dominate the headlines, children are living in hunger and poverty, and care for the Earth, Your creation, is met with indifference. But we do not believe that there is ever a time when there is no hope or when things cannot be changed. I ask that You be present with the people in this room today. Be with them in the most challenging aspects of their work and bless them with a crazy amount of energy, help them to operate with an absurd amount of intelligence, and give them an insane amount of creativity so that they can truly make a difference. In the face of scrutiny, give them courage. When confronted with harassment, give them strength. And when they feel as though nothing they do matters, give them hope. As they go about their work today, help them to respect their neighbors whose views differ, so that without anger they may work out issues that divide us. And help them not to flinch away from the hard topics and tough decisions but to serve truly well and to do it with all the gifts that You have given them, the greatest of which is love. This we pray in the name of all that we hold to be holy. 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.

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

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

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senator Van de Putte was granted leave of absence for today on account of family business.

### **RESOLUTIONS SIGNED**

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled resolutions in the presence of the Senate: **HCR 44, HCR 48.**

### **PHYSICIAN 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 their grandsons, Trevor and Simon, and thanked them for their participation in the Physician of the Day program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

### **SENATE RESOLUTION 67**

Senator Nelson offered the following resolution:

**SR 67**, Welcoming members of the Texas Medical Association to the Capitol.

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

### **GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Nelson was recognized and introduced to the Senate members of the Texas Medical Association.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

### **GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Nichols was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Leadership Southeast Texas delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

### **GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Zaffirini, joined by Senator Seliger, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation of students from Coastal Bend College at the Beeville, Alice, Kingsville, and Pleasanton campuses.

Senator Zaffirini also recognized families of victims of crashes caused by distracted driving, joined by members of the Smart Driving Club at Johnson High School.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 68**

Senator Uresti offered the following resolution:

**SR 68**, Commending Big Bend Telephone Company for its contributions to the community.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Uresti was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Big Bend Telephone Company delegation: President and CEO Justin Haynes, General Manager Russell "Rusty" Moore, and Controller Lauren Sanders.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Kolkhorst was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Waller County delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Hinojosa, joined by Senator Lucio, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation from Del Mar College, South Texas College, and Coastal Bend College.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator L. Taylor, joined by Senator Schwertner, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Nichols, joined by Senator Hall, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Cedar Creek Lake delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 199**

On motion of Senator Perry, Senator Eltife will be shown as Co-author of **SB 199**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 233**

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senator Burton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 233**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 308**

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senator Ellis will be shown as Co-author of **SB 308**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 326**

On motion of Senator Estes, Senator Burton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 326**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 342**

On motion of Senator Huffines, Senator Burton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 342**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 346**

On motion of Senator Estes, Senators Bettencourt, Campbell, Creighton, Eltife, Hall, Nelson, and Perry will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 346**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 353**

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senators Eltife, Hinojosa, and Uresti will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 353**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 5**

On motion of Senator Estes, Senator Burton will be shown as Co-author of **SCR 5**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11**

On motion of Senator Perry, Senator Schwertner will be shown as Co-author of **SJR 11**.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

**Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions**

**SR 88** by West, Celebrating the 91st anniversary of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

**SR 89** by Schwertner, Recognizing Rick Rhoades, recipient of a 2014 University Interscholastic League Sponsor Excellence Award.

**SR 90** by Schwertner, Recognizing Noah Andrei Duke for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

**SR 92** by Lucio, Recognizing Romana Barreda on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

**SR 93** by Nichols and Hall, Welcoming residents of Cedar Creek Lake area of Henderson County on the occasion of Cedar Creek Lake Day.

**Official Designation Resolutions**

**SR 84** by Nichols and Creighton, Recognizing Leadership Southeast Texas Day on February 3, 2015.

**SR 86** by Nelson and Estes, Recognizing February 23 and 24, 2015, as Denton County Days.

**SR 91** by Nelson, Recognizing February 23, 2015, as Association of Texas Professional Educators Day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 11:38 a.m. adjourned until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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**APPENDIX**

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**RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED**

February 2, 2015

**SR 70, SR 71, SR 72, SR 73, SR 74, SR 75, SR 77, SR 78, SR 79, SR 80, SR 81, SR 82, SR 83, SR 85**

