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PROCEEDINGS

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**FIFTIETH DAY**

(Monday, May 31, 2021)

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

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Buckingham, Campbell, Creighton, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Menéndez, Miles, Nelson, Nichols, Paxton, Perry, Powell, Schwertner, Seliger, Springer, Taylor, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

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

Pastor Ed Newton, Community Bible Church, San Antonio, offered the invocation as follows:

We thank You, God, for mercy and grace that is new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness. We thank You, God, for the freedom that has afforded our democracy by the men and women of our armed forces who willing and graciously and currently defend our borders. And on this Memorial Day, we solemnly remember those who have laid down their lives paying the highest price for our liberties because a strong, convictional belief of honor, duty, country. We come before You today claiming Your promises that if we seek You first, desire Your wisdom, that You'll bestow it freely and abundantly. And based upon this promise, I ask that You would pour out Your blessing of guidance, wisdom, instruction, and unity over our Texas Senate. I pray that You would use our Senators as bridge builders, healing agents, thought leaders, world changers to bring about a better today and better tomorrow. I ask, heavenly Father, that You would give courage, strength, fortitude, resilience, steadfastness, endurance, grit, and tenacity to my brothers and sisters as they seek to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You, their God. So, everlasting Father, prince of peace, in which the government rests upon Your shoulders, would You bless them and their families, keep them, make Your face shine upon them, and be gracious to them, and give them peace, today, tomorrow, and forever. In Jesus' name. 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.

### **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE AD INTERIM EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**

The President announced that the time had arrived for the election of President Pro Tempore Ad Interim of the 87th Legislature.

Senator Nelson placed in nomination the name of Senator Donna Campbell for the office of President Pro Tempore Ad Interim of the 87th Legislature.

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senator Campbell was elected President Pro Tempore Ad Interim.

The President declared that the Honorable Donna Campbell had been duly elected President Pro Tempore Ad Interim of the 87th Legislature by acclamation.

The President appointed the following Committee to Escort Senator Campbell and her daughters, Ashley, Amanda, Audrey, and Anna Beth to the President's Rostrum: Senators Buckingham, Hinojosa, Alvarado, Kolkhorst, Nichols, and Schwertner joined by six state troopers.

Senator Campbell and her party were then escorted to the President's Rostrum by the committee.

### **OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED**

The President administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to Senator Campbell as follows:

I, Donna Campbell, do solemnly swear, that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of President Pro Tempore Ad Interim of the Senate of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this state, so help me God.

### **ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE AD INTERIM**

President Pro Tempore Ad Interim Donna Campbell addressed the Senate as follows:

Well, thank all of you. I thank all of you. Lieutenant Governor Patrick, the friends who nominated me, Senators Nelson, Zaffirini, Taylor, and Dean of the Senate Whitmire. Thank you for your wonderful words. Some surprising but all so welcomed and thank you. Thank you to my Escort Committee, Senator, Senators Hinojosa, Nichols, Schwertner, Kolkhorst, Alvarado, and Buckingham and to all of my esteemed colleagues. I am humbled at the honor that you've bestowed on me today. I'm joined by my family, my four beautiful daughters, Audrey, Amanda, Ashley, Anna Beth. I have five grandchildren here, because I go by Gram, four of whom are with me today, Ryan, Dale, Clara, and Jodi. I also have my brother Dennis and his wife, Kimberly. Well, my political life started about age 52, 2008. I was concerned with the path that healthcare was going and thought the federal government was getting into our lives too much. I asked my county chair what could I do to help. She said, Run for Congress. I said, Sure. I'd never

run for anything ever, not even in high school. So, with a three-year-old in tow, I ran for Congress. Came close, lost, figured it was a marathon, I'd be doing it again, but then there was redistricting. So, afterwards some called and asked if I would run for Senate. My answer was, Sure. I was outspent but not outworked. The election results in the end did not surprise me; the surprise came when I got here. I had been elected to a body of friends who quickly became my Senate family and that still amazes me. I went from not knowing much about Texas government to now being part of the most revered government body in the greatest state in the nation. We are guardians of the state, the great State of Texas. This is God's country, which reminds me, during COVID season someone saw God, said, What are you doing here? And He said, Well, I'm working from home. I'm working from home? God's working from, okay, Texas is our home, and how appropriate that today is Memorial Day. Lieutenant Governor, thank you for having the confidence in me to assign me Chair of Veteran Affairs and Border Security. That is the most honorable position that you could give me in a committee. Thank you for that. This is Memorial Day and we are the land of the free and the home of the brave because of those, our veterans and our active military standing guard today around the world protecting us. But freedom is not free. Freedom should be a way of life. The freedom to pursue dreams unencumbered by government. But freedom must be protected and sometimes that costs lives. Memorial Day gives us that opportunity to remember those who have died for our country. Our policies should defend the rule of law that protects the liberties afforded us by our military now and for those who came before. We, the Senate, we are tasked with the responsibility to protect liberties from one person up to 30 million, but we rise to that challenge and we lead the greatest State of Texas. We lead by legislation and we lead by our examples. This body is special, every one of you are special, you're special to me. Because of who you are and the position that you hold, you also choose to lead, and leadership focuses on victory over challenges. And while there are many different types of leaders, servant leaders always place the good of others before themselves. And as my pastor said recently, If serving is beneath you, then leading is beyond you. God holds us in a position of responsibility for the ways in which we serve people. Are we facing challenges? Sure. Sure. Challenges like Texas has seen before. The very fabric of our nation is being torn apart. The truths and the foundational beliefs that have held us together are under attack. Our world is topsy-turvy. What is wrong is espoused to be right and what is right is espoused to be wrong. There is evil in this world, but we are not alone in the battle against evil. God is with us and while we cannot legislate morality, we can, we can root our policy in righteousness. Belief in God is the foundation of faith, and that's the source of peace, and if you don't believe in God, know that God believes in you. On an individual note, as we sine die, you may each have your own challenges but you will rise to the challenge. You know the biggest obstacle to rising up is doubt. And if you spell it out, doubt is o-u, and I would say, oh you of little faith. Don't

doubt. Believe in God and let that belief guide you. Have no doubt. And then you will not just survive, but you will thrive every day. All days are good. We wake up, God gives us life, every day is good. Some may be a little better than others but every day is good. You've heard it before that on our worst day, that can be our best opportunity. It depends on how we look at it. And there are dark moments. But I say, never doubt in the dark what you learned in the light. That phrase came from Adrian Rogers, a pastor who passed away years ago. But never doubt in the dark what you learned in the light. Think on joy, on love, on hope, and every day when you get out of bed and put your feet on the floor, thank God, be thankful. So, when your feet hit the floor, let the first thought be a thankful thought. Trials are only for a season, and where we are now was only for a session. But we will continue, we will continue to lead from home, well except maybe during special session. Right? Galatians 6:9 says, Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap that harvest if we don't give up. We are chosen leaders of this great State of Texas at a time of great challenges. Who knows but that we came into our position, our position of leadership, for a time such as this. I believe my first race was training for a greater cause, to be here, to join this great body, this great family. We together, we will keep Texas strong. And why do we have to keep Texas strong? Because, folks, we don't have another Texas to move to. Right? God bless you all, God bless our veterans. God bless our military. God bless Texas. Thank you for the honor you've given me.

### MOTION IN WRITING

Senator Schwertner offered the following Motion In Writing:

Mr. President:

I move that all the remarks made during the Senate proceedings for election of the President Pro Tempore Ad Interim be reduced to writing and placed in the journal.

SCHWERTNER

The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

**President:** Members, if you would take your seats. The next order of business is the election of the President Pro Tem for the interim. The Chair recognizes Senator Nelson.

**Senator Nelson:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to nominate Senator Donna Campbell as President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate. As outlined in the Texas Constitution, the President Pro Tem is one of the most honored positions. The third in line to be Governor. When the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor are out of state, the President Pro Tem acts as Governor, and when that occurs no one will work harder on behalf of the people of this state than Senator Donna Campbell. In 2010, I met Senator Campbell and at that time, Members, she was running for Congress. She was backstage in the green room, and she was wearing boxing gloves. I'm not kidding. And I knew right away that though she might be small in stature, she can pack a punch. A few years later when she ran for Senate District 25, which includes parts of

San Antonio and Austin, she won handily and continues to serve District 25 today. And I know that if an emergency should ever arise, Dr. Donna Campbell would act swiftly and lead effectively as President Pro Tem. Senator Campbell has a tireless work ethic. She graduated nursing school and earned her master's degree at Texas Woman's University. She previously practiced intensive care unit nursing and currently works as an emergency room physician. Dr. Campbell often works long hours in the emergency room and then runs over here to work on behalf of her constituents. And let me tell you, Dr. Campbell, Senator Campbell does a lot. She serves on Finance, State Affairs, Business and Commerce, and, of course, Health and Human Services and is Chair of the Veteran Affairs and Border Security. She does an incredible job fighting for the needs of veterans and their families. She recognizes the livelihood of military families shouldn't be restricted by red tape. She passed the military spouses act to help those stationed in Texas join our workforce at a faster rate. Senator Campbell is a champion for veteran-owned businesses, and she authored the veterans franchise tax exemption bill. She also expanded the College Credit for Heroes Act, which has helped 25,000 veterans and military service members turn their military training into college credit hours. And everyone knows that Senator Campbell has her fingers on the pulse when it comes to national security. This year she carried a bill to protect our critical infrastructure from aggressor nations. There is so much to admire about Senator Campbell. Did you know she climbed Mount Kilimanjaro? She isn't afraid to speak her mind. She is a woman of great faith. In fact, it was her faith that led her to her baby girl, and I know they don't like to be called babies when they're 15 years old. But it led her to adopt a baby girl, Anna. Senator Campbell looks back on January 15th, 2006, as one of the most surprising and happiest days of her life. She was unexpectedly called into work that day, after which she went to the nursery to meet with another doctor. And Dr. Campbell heard a nurse talking about a baby who was up for adoption. And that's how she became Anna's mom. Dr. Campbell believes the birth surrounding Anna was divinely orchestrated. The baby's birth mother had no prior plans to go to Dr. Campbell's hospital that day. She was just driving on the Interstate, went into premature labor, and so she pulled into the closest hospital, which happened to be where Dr. Campbell worked, and Anna was born at 12:30. Dr. Campbell was in the nursery within five minutes and on that day, and she wasn't even supposed to be on duty. God is good. In addition to Anna, Senator Campbell has three other adopted daughters. They are all four sitting right over there. Ladies, if you just wave at us, I'm going to introduce you. Audrey and Amanda and Ashley, who now have children of their own by the way, and Anna, hold up your hands. We see Anna quite often. Senator Campbell is the proud grandmother of Everett and Ryan and Dale and Clara and Jodi, and she's got a whole great extended family over there, and we're so happy to have them here today to celebrate Senator Dr. Campbell with us. Senator Campbell has such a big heart. For an entire month at a time, she used to volunteer with the Christian Eye Ministry in the West African nation of Ghana. There she performed hundreds of eye surgeries. I can personally testify that it doesn't matter what continent Senator Campbell's on, she is a doctor through and through. I don't know if you all remember right out on the steps when, I think it was Governor Abbott's inauguration. We were, I was sitting down there and the military guys in the white jackets were there, and Donna Campbell was

sitting right by me, and one of the guys started to go like this, he started swaying, and she leapt from there, up there, and caught that guy as he was going down. I mean it was a superwoman kind of event. We saw this session, Senator Creighton started to go out, and Donna Campbell was right there as he needed help. And I guarantee every Member on this floor has stories that they could tell. Whether she's in scrubs or heels, Dr. Campbell is always ready to serve. She has traits that we look for in a servant, honesty, integrity, and a sense of duty. She is a dear friend and, Mr. President, I am honored to nominate Senator Campbell to serve as President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate.

**President:** Thank you, Senator Nelson. Chair recognize Senator Zaffirini to second the nomination.

**Senator Zaffirini:** Thank you, Mr. President. It is my pleasure and honor to rise to second the nomination of one of my very favorite members of the Texas Senate, Senator-Doctor Donna Campbell, to serve as our President Pro Tempore Ad Interim. In his beautiful poem, "Ulysses," Tennyson wrote so long ago, "How dull it is to pause, to make an end. To rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use! As thou' to breathe were life." He could have been writing about our honoree, for as a senator, doctor, and mother, Donna Campbell never pauses, never makes an end, certainly never would rust unburnished, and absolutely always shines in use, whether as a senator, a doctor, or a mother. Her mission in life is to help others, to make a difference—to shine in use—and that is why we are all so delighted to honor her today. The key to her success is her belief that "The blessing of perseverance is success." Donna Sue Burrows learned that lesson at an early age, watching her beloved mother's persistence in transforming herself from a high school dropout and factory worker to a registered nurse—just as she transformed herself from a nurse to a doctor. She also persevered by rising like a phoenix from the ashes of a failed Congressional campaign to become the first Republican to defeat an incumbent senator in the primary. She remembers campaigning in her favorite yellow dress until the last minute on election night in 2012 and being told at a watch party she was in third place. A woman of faith who trusts in the Lord, she went on stage, took the microphone, went down on her knees, and saw and heard the instant silence when she said, "God, I'm in 3rd place. I've done everything I can, and I don't want to be in third. Thank you. Amen." Thirty minutes later the incumbent called her and said, "Well, it's just you and me in the runoff." She responded, "You mean I haven't beaten you yet?" (She soon did.) Senator Campbell has been a rising star in the Texas Senate, proving her stature as a member of the Lieutenant Governor's A-Team and focusing on her priorities, veterans and pro-life. Her reputation as having an "iron fist in a velvet glove" is based partly on her legendary terseness and firmness while passing bills. Earlier this session she stopped one of the Senate's most capable interrogators with a simple statement: "I'll be happy to discuss that with you later." When the questioner tried to continue, she repeated, "*I said, I'll be happy to discuss that later.*" (End of discussion!) I'm confident, however, that her most enjoyable moment in the Texas Senate was when Matthew McConaughey visited us and she "accidentally" (or so she says) fell into his arms. (I don't know anyone who thinks that was an accident.) We all marvel when we witness this the stamina of this fireball of energy who looks perfectly fresh when she joins us at the Senate after a 24- or 72-hour shift at an emergency room, but her profound

humility is equally impressive. It was absolutely impossible to get information from her for this nomination. When I asked her, "What are your three greatest accomplishments?" She answered, "Let me get back to you about that." Then I asked, "What are your three favorite bills?" She answered, "Let me think about that." So I asked her, "What three things would you like me to say about you?" She answered, "I never thought about that in my whole life." Determined to get a straight answer—any answer—from her, I asked, "How do you like your eggs?" She said, "in a cake." Two weeks later came up to my desk and said, "I promised to tell you something really interesting about myself that no one knows: I like to watch 'Touched by an Angel' while eating Blue Bell Dutch Chocolate Ice Cream." She didn't bother to tell me, by the way, that Starbucks in New Braunfels has a special 9-step coffee named in her honor—"The Donna." (Venti, Café Mocha, 1 shot decaf, whole milk, 190 degrees, stirred, with Whip, no foam) Clearly annoyed by my persistent questioning, a few days ago she came up to me and said, "I thought of a question you didn't ask me." I got my pen ready to write, and she said, "You didn't ask me my blood type." Above all, Senator-Doctor Campbell is a woman of utmost faith who often tells herself and others, "Let it go. Let God take care of it." She thanks God for her blessings by helping others in His name—such as by performing hundreds of eye surgeries through Christian Eye Ministry in the West African nation of Ghana, by taking into her home 13 persons who sought refuge from Hurricane Ike in 2008, or speaking at the funeral of a veteran who had no family. Her faith and family always come first, though she describes herself as a "helicopter mom who sometimes crashes," noting that the Lord works in mysterious ways as He brought her fourth adopted daughter into her life—beautiful Anna, who taught her the importance of early education, the beauty of bilingualism and biculturalism, and the richness of cross-cultural diversity. It's no wonder that Senator Campbell has been honored with countless awards for her courage, her leadership, her service, and her character. What's more, she truly is a beloved member of this body, as exemplified not only by all of us wearing her favorite color, yellow, in her honor today, but also by the words senators use to describe her—excellent, elegant, exemplary, energetic, dedicated, genuine, tireless, unique; admired, respected, liked, and loved.... The list goes on. Indeed, she is as richly blessed as she is a blessing in our lives, and there is absolutely no doubt that, to quote Tennyson anew, she will continue "to shine in use" and not "to rust unburnished" when the governor and lieutenant governor are out-of-state during the interim and she assumes new duties as Governor Campbell. Mr. President and Members, it truly is a pleasure to second the nomination of Senator-Doctor Donna Campbell to be our President Pro Tempore Ad Interim.

*(Note: Prepared text)*

**President:** Thank you, Senator, Senator Zaffirini. Senator Taylor, you're recognized.

**Senator Taylor:** Well, thank you, Mr. President. I must say I'm not sure I should thank you for putting me behind Senator Nelson and Senator Zaffirini, but I must say my experience with Senator Campbell has been pretty amazing. I, like Senator Nelson, first met her in her congressional run. And we just met briefly, but I just remember this spark of energy and then hearing about her campaign. I mean, really thought she was going to win that thing. But then two years later, we get elected

together to come into the Senate. I think we had a class, what, six or seven folks, and she was the new one. But she drew that number one ball, if you remember, for seniority, and we were all kind of shocked, but then she later became number one in our hearts as we got to know her and got to spend time with her, working with her. It truly has been a great privilege to enjoy a growing and strong friendship from the very beginning. We ended up sitting next to each other on committees, and then she ended up being on a committee that I was chairing for three sessions, and now I'm on her committee that she's chairing. We've always sat, for like four sessions, always within one desk of each other. So, we just had all these times of, you know, those really great times we have at middle of the night and sit around and visit. We've had all those times to share and visit and share some candy from the drawers up front. She's very generous with sharing that. But I, you know, the strengths that she brings to this job and this role, I mean, you already know that she's smart. Right? She's a medical doctor, she's done so many things, but she also has a very, her smile brings everybody warmth. I mean, and she uses it all the time. You rarely see Donna Campbell without a smile. She also has a very smart, quick wit. But she, the thing she's done for the Senate is she has very high standards. And she doesn't mind sharing them with you. That's behavior and language, and I won't call up anybody name, but Senator Whitmire might come to mind. We were just talking about in the back before we came out here, the first time he met her, he ran into her, and I think he said something that she didn't think was the right thing to say, and she corrected him right off the bat. And they've been dear friends ever since. I must say I've seen her, you know, get on to people for certain things, and then they're, she's getting on to them and at the end of it they like her even more, the way she does it with that smile and all. We've actually talked about that over here among our deskmates. But no question, hard worker, she works just as hard as anybody on this floor and then we go home to get some rest; she goes and does a overnight shift in the ER, and has done that over and over and over through the years. And I just can't imagine the stamina and the work ethic to keep doing that. Her heart is also as big as Texas and you all know that. We've all felt that in our conversations and in our discussions on what's good for Texas. She has the best in store and in mind for our state and is doing everything she can to make that happen. Donna can also be a little intense sometimes. Do y'all recognize this? It's coming. Right? She's getting ready to tell you what she thinks with no bones, nothing held back, but once again, at the end of it you like her even more but she does speak the truth. She keeps our standards up, and I must say she came in here, she was very green. She'd not served in government before, she'd been a medical doctor. Like she said, she was at the end of a stretcher one day and then she's in the Senate the next, you know. But she has mastered this role. She has proven her leadership for the great State of Texas, and with that it's my honor to second the nomination for the Texas Senate President Pro Tempore, our yellow rose of the Senate, Senator Donna Campbell.

**President:** Thank you, Senator Taylor. Senator Whitmire, we all will be listening with interest, because for those of you who are here in the gallery and family they have a special bond and a special relationship. We might call it the odd couple among the Senators. Senator Whitmire.



**Senator Whitmire:** Well, we weren't going to talk about it in public. But I'm excited for this day because, one, I know what it's like to be the President Pro Tempore and to share it with your family, your friends, your district, your pastor. So, I was excited for Senator Campbell. But I was also excited because it gives me the opportunity, publicly, to express my friendship and admiration for Dr. Campbell, one of our colleagues. You know one of the pleasures of having been the longest serving Senator, I've had the pleasure of watching a lot of Members come and go. And I can look around this floor and remember when each of you got here. And to watch a Member arrive, Governor Patrick, and see how green they were and idealistic, and we're going to solve all the world's problems. They brought their unique life experiences and talents and qualifications to this body and then watch them use it, as each of you have done. I mean, I could someday go through our membership, and I have a special relationship with each and every one of you as I know you have with other colleagues. But Donna Campbell arrived, seems like yesterday, but she had beaten a good friend of mine. You know you do become friends with Members. So, I was not sure I was going to like her. But, Larry, you're absolutely right, the smile, the genuineness, and her willingness to learn, become the Member that she is today is really a pleasure, Senator Nelson, as you know, because you've witnessed the same thing I have. I could give many illustrations of my opportunity to work, become close to Dr. Campbell, but the one, Dr. Campbell, that stands out in my mind, she wanted to learn more about the prison system, the healthcare aspects, said can I visit a prison with you, and I said, Of course. So, she was working in Houston at the time, so I said, Let's go to Beaumont to the Stiles Unit, tough unit. When she got off one morning at six, we took off at eight, two-hour drive, talked my ear off. I know most of her life experiences, how we bond with one another. And so, we got there, began the tour, went through cell blocks, and then I asked to see their drug treatment program. They had 40 inmates going through some courses. So, Dr. Campbell and I went into the classroom. They asked me to speak, I knew the counselor, so I talked to them about their opportunity to turn their lives around, it did my job. No one really could figure out what this role of the lady with me was. The inmates sure didn't know. So, it was only appropriate that I yielded to her and, Members, started counseling them, talking to them about the opportunity for a second chance. And I'll digress for a moment, when I had an amendment on inmates having a second chance, who do you think was the first person I went to for support? She spoke like a firecracker going off, and I knew right then she was the real deal, she would become a leader among leaders, and it's just continued. So, we came back to Houston, became family friends, she and Anna have come to Houston and gone to an Astros game, and I cherish that friendship, which will be lifelong. Now, let me quickly mention the role that she is so effectively playing on the Senate. After first responders, or equally with first responders I should state, are our military. Led that committee, and the Lieutenant Governor gets the credit for knowing that she would be the appropriate effective chair of that committee because her family's military background and her healthcare experience. She's done a splendid job and raised the profile of that committee and our programs. So, that's a huge achievement. On a personal basis, I know what makes her such an outstanding Senator and mother is her faith in God. Because she will tell you without any question, God placed her in this position. In fact, when she ran for reelection a couple of years ago, she had several

primary opponents. I was concerned. I didn't want her to be in a runoff. So, she won without a runoff and I called her, may have heard this story, but it's worth repeating. I said, Congratulations, you really beat everybody without a runoff. And she said, No, God did that. God reelected me. And I said, Well, Dr. Campbell, the only question I have is the same God that reelected you, reelected me? You said, Well, it just shows God has a sense of humor. That is an all-time favorite of mine. I will close by saying, Donna, your faith in God, your family, your country, your state is displayed every day. Thank you. I've never heard you say a bad word about anyone. You have made me a better Senator, a better person, I don't use any of my excitable terms that I used before you got here. And I'm looking forward to your service here, our friendship, and I can't wait until you're Governor for the Day. Governor Campbell sounds good. I'm not sure, will I want it to be just for one day, but it, it'll be exciting. With that, I'm proud to second the nomination for Donna Campbell to be our President Pro Tempore. Thank you.

**President:** Thank you, Senator Whitmire. Before I come back to you, Senator Nelson, to close, just want to make a couple of brief remarks. First of all, your greatest accomplishment will be cleaning up his act in the Senate, so I just want to let you know. She is remarkable in everything she does and everything that's been said. Last year she said, I'd like to be on Senate Business and Commerce. And everyone wants to be on Business and Commerce, and, of course, her background as a doctor and other things she's done. I said, Are you ready to take on that challenge? And so, I put her on Business and Commerce. Course she did a fabulous job, but we all know around this room that you came in when the storm, like all of us, having to learn as much as we could about everything we knew about ERCOT and the PUC and the, and the operations of how we provide energy to Texas. And you have now mastered that. You've become a teacher on that issue, just, it's really remarkable of how you have shown again your willingness to work hard and how smart you are, which we all know, and everything that everyone has said is, it's just absolutely true. You've heard of *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*; she's the unbeatable Donna Campbell. Anybody that's thinking about running against her at any time, save your money and save your time, because God will be sure she wins. I'll tell you my favorite story about her. Some of you have heard it before. She treats everyone the same that she meets, doesn't matter who they are, a stranger on the street, an infant in a hospital that she adopted, or the President of the United States. So, President Trump came in to San Antonio a few years ago. They often invite the local Senator to be on the tarmac, so I was with her and often on the tarmac and I said, Here's how it's going to work, Donna. You'll greet him and as soon as that's over, you need to run to get in the motorcade because they leave in a hurry and you could be left behind. I don't know if he'll invite you into the limousine, I don't know who will be in there. I was on the list but she was not on the list. Just, because that's there's only room for three people besides the President, maybe four if you squeeze them in. And so, when he came down the steps, I cannot imitate you exactly, but it was, Hi, Mr. President. She immediately captured his attention. There were military people in line, other elected officials. He focused in on her bright yellow dress, you had on that day, and I could just see he was captivated by her smile and her warmth and her greeting. And so, as we walked to the limousine, I'm getting ready to get in the car and the President says

to me, as she's running down to the motorcade to get in her vehicle, Shouldn't she come with us? And I said, Mr. President, it's your car. He said, Well, tell her to come back here. So, we waved her back and she got in the limousine and the President sitting facing and there's another seat next to him and then there's a bench seat facing him. And I was there with her and she dominated the conversation, took over, he, you could tell he, tell that he enjoyed it. And at the end as we got to the hotel, she said, Mr. President, could I have a picture? And he said, Of course, so she jumped over next to him and handed me the camera. There was not a photographer in there, so I took this photograph and we were just arriving at the hotel, and as we took the photograph, the Secret Service opened the doors and the dome light came on. And the President said, Shut those doors, shut those doors, I want a good picture with her. And I took a picture and he said, Let me see it. So, I handed him my phone, Take another one. We took four photographs before he had one that he liked, and it's in your office, I believe. Many of your family has seen it. It's an incredible photograph. And then we got out of the limousine and we go into the lunch line and there's an area where people take photographs who've been big supporters and then the general audience. And she was going to her seat, and he said, Where's she going? Said, Well, she's going— Tell her to come on, get over here, get over here, and, of course, she was not on this list, and when the President says get over here, that takes care of it. And you just captured the President that day. He says, and I guess it was the next time, he was here a lot, you know, during his time, and the next trip or the trip after that he said, How's that Senator in yellow doing? How's she doing? I said, She's doing just fine. So, it's been a privilege to have you here in the Senate. You'll be a great Senator, President Pro Tem, and you'll be great filling in Governor when the Governor is out of the state and I'm out of the state. And that occurs on occasion. And you may not have become Governor of Oklahoma, but you are going to be in various days, Governor of the State of Texas. What a great honor for you and for us. Senator Nelson to close.

**Senator Nelson:** Thank you, Mr. President. Great story, and it is my great privilege and honor to move that we elect Senator Donna Campbell for President Pro Tempore Ad Interim of the Senate.

### **PRESENTATION OF GAVEL**

The President presented an honorary gavel to President Pro Tempore Ad Interim Donna Campbell.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Monday, May 31, 2021 - 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:**

**HCR 114** Shaheen

Instructing the enrolling clerk of the house of representatives to make a correction in H.B. No. 1322.

**HCR 116** Sanford

Instructing the enrolling clerk of the house to make corrections in H.B. No. 4627.

**HCR 117** Huberty

Instructing the enrolling clerk of the house of representatives to make corrections in H.B. No. 1525.

**HCR 118** Leach

Instructing the enrolling clerk of the house of representatives to make corrections in H.B. No. 3774.

**HCR 119** Vasut

Instructing the enrolling clerk of the house to make corrections in H.B. No. 1987.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 60**

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1281 has been adopted by the senate and the house of representatives and is being prepared for enrollment; and

WHEREAS, The bill contains technical errors that should be corrected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas, That the enrolling clerk of the senate be instructed to make the following correction to the enrolled version of S.B. No. 1281:

In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 39.159(a), Utilities Code, strike "bi-annual" and substitute "biennial".

HANCOCK

**SCR 60** was read.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 59**

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 968 has been adopted by the senate and the house of representatives and is being prepared for enrollment; and

WHEREAS, The bill contains technical errors that should be corrected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas, That the enrolling clerk of the senate be instructed to make the following corrections to the enrolled version of Senate Bill No. 968:

(1) In the SECTION of the bill amending the heading to Subtitle D, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, immediately after "DISASTERS", insert "AND EMERGENCIES".

(2) In the SECTION of the bill amending the heading to Chapter 81, Health and Safety Code, immediately after "DISASTERS", insert "; PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES".

(3) Strike the recital to the SECTION of the bill amending Section 81.003(7), Health and Safety Code, and substitute the following:

SECTION \_\_\_\_ . Section 81.003, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (7) and adding Subdivision (7-a) to read as follows:

(4) In the SECTION of the bill amending Section 81.003, Health and Safety Code, immediately after amended Section 81.003(7), Health and Safety Code, insert the following:

(7-a) "Public health emergency" means a determination by the commissioner, evidenced in an emergency order issued by the commissioner, that there exists an immediate threat from a communicable disease, health condition, or chemical, biological, radiological, or electromagnetic exposure that:

(A) potentially poses a risk of death or severe illness or harm to the public; and

(B) potentially creates a substantial risk of harmful exposure to the public.

(5) In the SECTION of the bill adding Sections 81.0813, 81.0814, and 81.0815, Health and Safety Code, in the heading to added Section 81.0813, Health and Safety Code, between "DISASTER" and the underlined period, insert "OR ORDER PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY".

(6) In the SECTION of the bill adding Sections 81.0813, 81.0814, and 81.0815, Health and Safety Code, in added Section 81.0813(a), Health and Safety Code, in the first sentence of that subsection, between "disaster" and "if", insert "or order a statewide or regional public health emergency".

(7) In the SECTION of the bill adding Sections 81.0813, 81.0814, and 81.0815, Health and Safety Code, in added Section 81.0813, Health and Safety Code, strike Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of that section and substitute the following:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a public health disaster or public health emergency continues until the governor or commissioner terminates the disaster or emergency on a finding that:

(1) the threat or danger has passed; or

(2) the disaster or emergency has been managed to the extent emergency conditions no longer exist.

(c) A public health disaster or public health emergency expires on the 30th day after the date the disaster or emergency is declared or ordered by the commissioner. A public health disaster may only be renewed by the legislature or by the commissioner

with the approval of a designated legislative oversight board that has been granted authority under a statute enacted by the legislature to approve the renewal of a public health disaster declaration. Each renewal period may not exceed 30 days.

(d) A declaration or order issued under this section must include:

- (1) a description of the nature of the disaster or emergency;
- (2) a designation of the area threatened by the disaster or emergency;
- (3) a description of the condition that created the disaster or emergency; and
- (4) if applicable:
  - (A) the reason for renewing the disaster or emergency; or
  - (B) the reason for terminating the disaster or emergency.

(e) A declaration or order issued under this section must be disseminated promptly by means intended to bring its contents to the public's attention. A statewide or regional declaration or order shall be filed promptly with the office of the governor and the secretary of state. A regional declaration or order shall be filed with the county clerk or municipal secretary in each area to which it applies, unless the circumstances attendant on the disaster or emergency prevent or impede the filing.

(8) In the SECTION of the bill adding Sections 81.0813, 81.0814, and 81.0815, Health and Safety Code, in added Section 81.0814, Health and Safety Code, between "disaster" and the underlined comma, insert "or ordering a public health emergency".

(9) Strike the SECTION of the bill repealing Sections 81.082(d) and (e), Health and Safety Code, and substitute the following:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 81.082(e), Health and Safety Code, is repealed.

KOLKHORST

**SCR 59** was read.

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

### SENATE RESOLUTION 515

Senator Campbell offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, For well over a century, Americans have set aside Memorial Day as a time to honor those members of the military forces who have given their lives in service to the United States; and

WHEREAS, This observance was introduced after the Civil War as a means of paying tribute to those who had died on both sides of the conflict; originally called Decoration Day for the practice of adorning the graves of soldiers with flowers once a year, the holiday became a day to honor all of the country's fallen and became known as Memorial Day; although it was celebrated on May 30 for a number of decades, it has been observed on the final Monday in May since the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, In communities across the nation, veterans and their fellow citizens gather in cemeteries and other public places to pay tribute to the armed forces personnel who died protecting our liberty; "Taps," the haunting bugle call customarily performed at military funerals and memorials since the Civil War, is played during these ceremonies, and in accordance with tradition, the United States flag is lowered to half staff early in the day before being raised again at noon; and

WHEREAS, The most well-known observance of Memorial Day occurs in Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where the remains of unidentified Americans from World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War are interred; the president of the United States, accompanied by honor guards from all branches of the armed services, traditionally lays a wreath at the tomb, and a bugler offers a final salute by playing "Taps"; and

WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the peace and stability of our nation, and it is a privilege to join with citizens across the country in paying homage to the courage, commitment, and patriotism of the nation's military personnel; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby recognize Memorial Day 2021 in solemn commemoration and in honor of those who have died in service to our nation.

CAMPBELL	HINOJOSA	PERRY
ALVARADO	HUFFMAN	POWELL
BETTENCOURT	HUGHES	SCHWERTNER
BIRDWELL	JOHNSON	SELIGER
BLANCO	KOLKHORST	SPRINGER
BUCKINGHAM	LUCIO	TAYLOR
CREIGHTON	MENÉNDEZ	WEST
ECKHARDT	MILES	WHITMIRE
GUTIERREZ	NELSON	ZAFFIRINI
HALL	NICHOLS	
HANCOCK	PAXTON	

**SR 515** was read.

On motion of Senator Campbell, the resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

### REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

On motion of Senator Campbell and by unanimous consent, the remarks regarding **SR 515** were ordered reduced to writing and printed in the *Senate Journal* as follows:

**President:** Senator Campbell, on your resolution.

**Senator Campbell:** Thank you, Mr. President and Members. Today is Memorial Day and it's the day our nation sets aside each year, as Patsy said, to honor those who have died in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day is to honor those who have served. And Armed Forces Day is for those who are still serving. But Memorial Day, the day most important of the three, is the day for those who, as President Lincoln said, gave their last full measure of devotion. On this Memorial Day, a truly sacred day, when we stop to remember all those who did give the last full measure of devotion, they are not forgotten. May God always bless their memory and comfort their loved ones. With that, there may be some others. Thank you, Mr. President.

**President:** Thank you. Senator Hinojosa, you're recognized.

**Senator Hinojosa:** Thank you, Mr. President and Members. And thank you, Senator Campbell, for this resolution. I think every Memorial Day is a very special day where we honor and remember all the American soldiers throughout the history of our great nation who paid with their lives, the ultimate sacrifice, to protect our freedom, to protect our liberty, and protect our families. If we go back to the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Iraq, Afghanistan, it's always an American soldier who is ready to stand up and fight and answer the call, honor, duty, country. And as we enjoy our lives every day, whether it's attending church with our families, we must remember that there was a person, an American soldier who gave their life so we could have our life. So, we debate issues here on the Senate floor, we may be very intense and get emotional about it and sometimes get angry about it, but at the end of the day, we have that right only because there were Americans, Americans. And those Americans are Anglos, Hispanics, African American, Asians, because at the end of the day, we're all Americans. And when we talk about the American soldier, remember who the American soldier is. American soldiers, they're us, our friends, our neighbors, our daughters, our sons, our fathers, and mothers. And the majority of soldiers who have been killed throughout our nation's history are young, people in their 20s, at the peak of their lives, that understand when we're at war, they will answer. They will answer the call and give their lives so that we can enjoy our freedom. And you know, I know we've had different debates here about history, about this great nation of ours, but if you look at who serves, who served, and I gave the experience in Vietnam where I served with soldiers from all over this great nation, from New York, from Kentucky, Alabama, West Texas, Nebraska, Hispanics, African Americans, Asians, Filipinos. But we had one thing in common, we're all Americans. We're all willing to fight and die for each other and willing to fight and die for our country. And that is very special, that we have people that are willing to stand up for our principles, the foundation of what made this country what it is today. And I go back to my three high school friends who got killed in Vietnam, Leonel Buentello, Jesus Martinez, Walter Langford. And then, we had Freddy Gonzalez, who was in a different high school, who earned a Medal of Honor. But it goes throughout history, of all the men and women that have stood up and fought for us. So, it's important that we continue honoring and remembering all the men and women who have died for our country because as we speak today, there are still men and women dying throughout this world defending our principles, defend our family, and defending our liberty. And there are evil people in this world. There are evil nations in this world that will not stop, will continue to try to damage and hurt, and destroy our nation. So, we have to keep on pushing and making sure that we're ready, and just like we have in history, our men and women have stood up to defend us, but we have to also be ready to do that now. And I'll end by this, sometimes we take our freedom for granted. But our freedom is not free, it's paid with the blood and lives of Americans, our American sons and daughters. God bless America. Hooah.

**President:** Thank you, Senator Hinojosa, and for your service. Thank you for your service. Senator Lucio, you're recognized.

**Senator Lucio:** Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you, Senator Hinojosa, for setting the stage for the rest of us on this floor who feel just like our President Pro Tempore, Senator Campbell, the passion that all of us have. A few years ago, I was



invited to speak in an off-session year in Pharr, Texas, and that's one of the biggest honors that we as Senators can get, or Representatives, can be asked to speak at a Memorial Day gathering. As a matter of fact, today, all over America there will be assemblies and gatherings, people taking time to celebrate the greatness of our nation, the greatness that has happened to this nation because of the men and women who have sacrificed themselves, representing and giving up their lives for it. Memorial Day, though, is even more than those that died in combat, it's about the men and women who are coming back, helping shape their communities, and then along the way we lose them. Our fathers, especially I remember mine, who served during World War II, and he was one of the old guys that volunteered, Senator Schwertner, he was 25 years old. The rest of the guys in his platoon were 17, 18, and 19 years of age. But he felt a calling because of how he felt, he was so patriotic. In the early 1990s, I had an opportunity to go to the Philippines, and when I got there, I told this group of veterans who were, who had invited me in Pharr, Texas, I was speaking to them that day, I said when I got there I got into a cab right away, I told him, I gave him the address where I wanted to go, Senator Nichols. So, he was rushing me over there for a meeting, and all of a sudden I looked out to the right and I saw thousands of white crosses, Chairman Nelson, thousands on a field, spread out. And I told him, slow down, and I finally got around the turn and I saw it said, on top it said, United States military cemetery. And, of course, I thought to myself, must have been our forefathers who fought during World War II, our neighbors, our fathers, brothers, and cousins that didn't make it back, who fought in the Philippines. And they were, it was an American cemetery, thousands of crosses. And I told him to stop, to wait for me. I got down, I started walking through the field, and these beautiful crosses had the name of the state and the last name of the soldier. That's all it had. And as I started reading, it was all the states in the country. I counted so many, and so many names of different ethnicity. But the most important thing I told those veterans there, as I moved around, those crosses kind of came together and those crosses became like one, symmetrically lined up. I saw one cross, but I step left and I step right and they were many crosses. And what I thought to myself was all these young men who lost their lives in the Philippines during World War II were buried there. Who were they? They were there not as Democrats or Republicans or Hispanic or African Americans, Asians, Italian Americans, et cetera. They were there as an American soldier representing this country. And we can learn from that. That's so important today for us to understand how we got to this point and the greatness of our country. And I thought to myself, and I wept, you know me, I'm an, I'm one that gets emotional. I wept because I thought about those kids, those young men, I call them kids now at my age. I thought about them, and I said they never got a chance to return home. They had the same uniform on, an American uniform, but they never got a chance to return to their homeland to see their families, to see their sweethearts, to marry their high school sweethearts or whoever was waiting for them. And for others that might have been married before they left, they never got home to a pregnant wife that was left behind. They never got the joy of seeing their son grow up to become the President of this Chamber, possibly, if that had been the case. I felt so sorry for those young men buried there in this cemetery. But they represented America, they represented what was the best in America. Senator Miles, they were one body, one American soldier.

And that's what Memorial Day means to me. It meant that in my case I was so fortunate because my dad left a child, my older sister, to go volunteer to fight in North Africa. But God brought him back, Senator Campbell, brought him back. And nine more kids came after that. So, we thank God today, we thank God for our country, we thank God for all of you here. And we thank God for the plan that He has given each one of us, our families, our neighbors. And we need to continue to find the way to always make sure we understand that we have a major responsibility to one another to love, to understand, to care for one another because this is America. This is the greatest country in the world, and we thank God for it. Thank you, Members. Thank you, Mr. President.

**President:** Thank you, Senator Lucio. Senator Hall.

**Senator Hall:** Thank you, Mr. President. You know, it's just such an honor to be with this body on days like this, all the other days, too, but particularly the attention that we give to honoring our veterans, because if it wasn't for them, we could not be here, we would not be here. It's an honor to serve on the veterans committee with Senator Campbell, and the things that we've done as we honor Texans annually with the Medal of Honor. This time I had the honor of chairing that committee. Tough decision, because we're presented with so many people that did so many things, because of what they sacrificed. And it is something I'm familiar with. I'm honored to have served in the Air Force, was not a combat veteran like some of the others here. But I grew up in an environment and a family right in, starting in the middle of World War II, raised by a disabled veteran, had his brother, my uncle, jumped into Sicily and into Italy, was shot, captured, spent about three and a half years in a POW camp. I knew what that did to a veteran coming home. He didn't have the benefit of what we have today. Another uncle had jumped into Corregidor, he came home without being wounded, but his wounds were on the inside. Had a cousin, star baseball player at the University of Florida, couldn't wait to join the Marine Corps, Senator Hinojosa, Force Recon, three tours in Vietnam, three Bronze Stars, three Purple Hearts. Never quite the same when he came back, but he was willing, he was ready to go again. My sister graduated as a nurse from the University of Florida, spent a year in a MASH unit on the frontlines in Tuy Hòa in Vietnam. It wasn't until just a few years ago that she could even talk about what she saw or what she did while she was over there, and that was after having spent two years in Walter Reed, patching up our troops who came home. So, in conversations with them, I've seen through their eyes. Also a son, two tours, one in Afghanistan, one in Iraq. Fortunately, he came back, but a lot didn't. But the main thing is we're here because of them. And we have the greatest country, the greatest military in the world. You know, Winston Churchill was once asked when did he think, that he realized that they were going to win the war. He said, December 7th, 1941, because that's when the Americans were going to join the war, and he knew then that they would win. And that's what we continue to do. And so, for what we do here in Texas, and particularly to honor our veterans, is truly a blessing to be a part of that. And I thank all of you who have helped do that and the moves that we've made to help our veterans here that no other state is doing. Texas actually, truly leads the nation in honoring the men and women who have sacrificed so much. And I think it's just an honor to be part of a body that recognizes that. So, thank you.

**President:** Thank you, Senator Hall. It reminds us that even though World War II was almost 80 years ago, depending on the beginning of it and the end of it, many of us on this floor at our age have a direct connection to it through fathers and uncles and cousins. It's a part of our lives as well. Senator Powell, you're recognized.

**Senator Powell:** Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you, Senator Campbell, for bringing this beautiful resolution today. I'm always hesitant to talk about this, to rise to visit about personal experiences. But on this particular day, in this particular year and era, I think it's important for us to realize that we are fighting for our very fragile democracy every single day. And I want to talk just a second, I won't keep you very long, but I want to tell a story. I was born into a Gold Star family, and it, you know, back then we didn't really talk about being a Gold Star family. We, as a matter of fact, I thought that my grandparents and my mother did a wonderful job to try and overcome the tragedy of having lost their only son, my mother's only brother, only sibling, who went missing in action at the Chosin Reservoir in Korea during the Korean War. Charles Lee Hogan was an uncle I never got to know. And he went, he went to war as a 17-year-old boy who had so admired my father's service in World War II, and he never came home to my grandparents. When my mother died, we opened a box that held a bunch of old letters that were tied in a ribbon and they were marked return to sender. And my brother and sister and I sat down and opened those letters one by one. And at the very top of these letters that were marked return to sender was the last letter that Charles Lee Hogan wrote home to his family. And he, in that letter, he said I can't wait to come home from this war, and we'll buy a farm and we'll all live together and we'll farm that land forever. And after that letter and, you know, he would make comments about be sure to buy Mother a watch for Christmas and I want Donna to have a new dress. And, you know, the personal things that a young fellow writes home to his family. And below that were a stack of letters marked return to sender, they were letters that my mother had written, that my grandmother had written, that my grandfather had written to Charles when they were so desperate to try and make sure that he was still alive and he was coming home. And, of course, I've told you the end to that story, he never came home. There were a number of things that we found in that box, one of them was a receipt of the \$10,000 of insurance money that we finally pieced back together and realized that my grandparents had put together with some of their own resources to buy that farm that Charles had always wanted where we grew up. You know, as an adult, I finally understood the sadness of my grandparents after I read those letters. I understood what it felt to not be able to believe that your son was really never coming home. And I tell you this story today because Charles Lee Hogan was one of thousands of people over the course of time who have fought so hard to preserve our freedoms, to preserve our democracy and our dignity. And the work we do here pales in comparison to that final sacrifice. So, today I want to remember all the young men and women who don't come home from battles, and whose loved ones miss them for a lifetime. And I pray for the return of the remains of those soldiers who haven't come home from war. We attend Department of Defense briefings every three or four years as they still search for bodies of American soldiers from the Chosin Reservoir. And I go ahead and share this message with you today in the hopes that you will understand the pain that families feel and the gift, the precious gift of a 17-year-old's life who gave it all in a

frozen battle to keep America safe, to preserve our dignity, to preserve our freedom, and to preserve this great nation that we live in. So, I'll end my message today with that thought, with that prayer, and thanks as we, God bless America and we, God bless the great State of Texas.

**President:** Thank you, Senator Powell, for a very moving speech. I'm going to go to Senator Birdwell to close on this before going to Dr. Campbell. So, I don't want to speak after him, I just want to tell you a very short story. Senator Lucio, when I went to Normandy, and I've been there a couple of times, and walked through that cemetery, I looked for, we were given a flag to put on a Texas grave. And I found this marker, there were many, many, thousands there, and I found that and I realized today we take for granted that we know where our loved ones might be buried. We have the wherewithal today, even as a middle class family, to be able to get a ticket, maybe to fly somewhere to see where your son or daughter was buried. But those who lost their loved ones from World War II particularly, and even Korea, those parents or brothers and sisters didn't have the wherewithal to fly halfway around the world to see where their son was buried, didn't know, knew nothing about it, they just didn't come home. And so, I took a photograph of that cross and that flag and I wrote down that name. And when we came back, I decided to try to find that family. Of course, it would be 60 years later, his parents obviously would not be alive, maybe not a brother or sister. But we were able to, through social media, to actually find a relative to send that photograph, and we were able to get in touch. So, if you are ever visiting one of our national cemeteries honoring our military somewhere in the world and you see someone from Texas, it's a very good chance that some relative who now may be in their 50s or 60s, 70s, who remember them, would like to know the closure of that story. So, you might want to do that. It was, it just struck me, people never knew where their sons were buried, just on a hilltop somewhere in a country somewhere. Senator Birdwell, for you.

**Senator Birdwell:** Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Campbell, for bringing the resolution, and thank you to the Members that have spoken before me. I want to remind us of what we're doing here today. And I think the 18th century philosopher John Stuart Mill's quote is most appropriate with what we're recognizing, particularly for our vets that have worn the uniform. Mr. Mill writes, war is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feelings which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than him. We are here to honor those better men and their exertions of 245 years of our nation. Last year, in fact it's something of a light story, Governor, last year I went to Arlington National Cemetery to inter a friend of mine, Colonel John Hall, and I missed a hearing and the Governor called me the next day to ask me why did I miss a hearing on the judicial selection committee, or commission. And similar to the teacher that's asking you why did you have an unexcused absence, I told the Governor I was rendering final honors to my friend and colleague Colonel John Hall at Arlington National Cemetery. And unlike Governor Patrick, he was silent for about 30 to 45 seconds, and he wasn't silent because of the, simply being absent for a funeral. But it was his silence that recognized the heft and

the rigor of what it means to be qualified to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. President Reagan would say it well, heroes come when they're needed, great men step forward when courage seems in short supply. Americans are not average, but average Americans do great things. At Arlington, when the final "Taps" is played and the chaplain reads the standard prayer, eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. President Reagan in 1982 made an observation at the Memorial Day services at Arlington, he said, Unlike other national anthems, ours concludes with a question, O say does that star-spangled banner wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave? And the best way to never forget is for we the living to answer that question with being worthy of the sacrifice of those that are interred, both here in the United States, underneath the seas of, around the world, and in cemeteries from Mexico City to the Meuse-Argonne or to wherever those cemeteries are located. This has been a great day to recognize our new President Pro Tem, recognize the accomplishments of this session, but first and foremost today when we woke up, it is the day to honor those better men that made and kept us free. Thank you, Mr. President.

**President:** Thank you, Senator Birdwell, Senator Hall, Senator Lucio, Senator Hinojosa, Senator Powell, again, for all of your heartfelt remarks. Senator Campbell, to close on the resolution.

**Senator Campbell:** Mr. President, thank you very much. Members, thank you for speaking. And I know they speak for all of us. In our heart we remember the fallen veterans, our fallen soldiers on Memorial Day. With that, I would request that the remarks be reduced to writing and recorded in the Journal. And with that, I move adoption of SR 515.

**President:** Any objection to the remarks being in the Journal? Hearing none, Members, please rise. And the resolution on Memorial Day is adopted. Thank you, Senator Campbell.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Senator Whitmire acknowledged the Senators who served in the United States Armed Forces and thanked them for their service: Senators Birdwell, Blanco, Hall, and Hinojosa.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 519

Senator West offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to a beloved and highly regarded longtime staff member, Sylvia Camarillo, who is retiring after almost 5 years of loyal service in the office of Senator Royce West and over 35 years working in the public sector; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Camarillo joined the staff of Senator West on November 15, 2016, and she is now retiring from her position as the legislative executive assistant in his office; in that capacity, Mrs. Camarillo has long held a reputation for carrying out her duties in a flawless manner and for always demonstrating an eagerness to help in whatever way possible; and

WHEREAS, She has also been noted for her cheerful disposition, her warmth, and her graciousness and for managing her responsibilities with enthusiasm and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the office of Senator West, Mrs. Camarillo worked for former Senator Rodney Ellis, former Senator Gonzalo Barrientos, Governor George Bush, Governor Ann Richards, the Travis County Sheriff's department, and Travis County Human Resources; over the course of her lengthy career in public service, she has had an impact on the successful administration of numerous matters, and her diligence and dedication to her work have made her an important asset to each office in which she has served; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Camarillo has been active for many years in community affairs and has served as a precinct chair and attended many county and state conventions; she also served as executive director of the Travis County Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, She is a devoted wife to her husband, Jimmy, and a loving daughter to her mother, Rachael, who lives with her and her family, and she looks forward to spending more time with them upon her retirement; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary Senate employee, Mrs. Camarillo has been an invaluable team member in the office of Senator West, where her high standards and commitment to excellence have long been appreciated; she is beloved and respected by her co-workers and legislative colleagues, and her presence in the Texas Capitol will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby commend Sylvia Camarillo on her exceptional career and on her loyal service as an employee in the office of Senator Royce West and extend to her best wishes for the retirement years ahead; 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 519** was read and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

### **GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator West, joined by Senator Eckhardt, was recognized and introduced to the Senate Sylvia Camarillo accompanied by family members and friends: Rachael Villanueva, James Byrne, Brian Gardinas, Shirley Ray, Billy Ray, Charles Camarillo, Irma Yanda, Gloria Aleman, and Rachelle Smith.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Monday, May 31, 2021 - 2

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 59** Kolkhorst Sponsor: Klick  
Instructing the enrolling clerk of the senate to make corrections in S.B. No. 968.

**SCR 60** Hancock Sponsor: King, Phil  
Instructing the enrolling clerk of the senate to make corrections in SB 1281.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

### RECESS

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 12:46 p.m. recessed until 2:00 p.m. today.

### AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 2:15 p.m. and was called to order by President Pro Tempore Birdwell.

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 116

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

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 4627 has been adopted by the house of representatives and the senate and is being prepared for enrollment; and

WHEREAS, The bill contains technical errors that should be corrected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas, That the enrolling clerk of the house of representatives be instructed to make the following correction:

In the SECTION of the bill adding Section 7913A.0202(b)(1), Special District Local Laws Code, strike "Section 8080.0103" and substitute "Section 7913A.0103".

SPRINGER

**HCR 116** was read.

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

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 118

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

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 3774 has been adopted by the house of representatives and the senate and is being prepared for enrollment; and

WHEREAS, The bill contains technical errors that should be corrected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas, That the enrolling clerk of the house of representatives be instructed to make the following corrections to the enrolled version of House Bill No. 3774:

(1) In SECTION 1.01(a) of the bill (page 1, line 7), between "(a)" and "Section 24.129(b)", insert "Effective January 1, 2022,".

(2) In SECTION 1.01(b) of the bill (page 1, line 11), between "(b)" and "Subchapter C", insert "Effective January 1, 2022,".

HUFFMAN

**HCR 118** was read.

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

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 117

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

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1525 has been adopted by the house of representatives and the senate and is being prepared for enrollment; and

WHEREAS, The bill contains technical errors that should be corrected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas, That the enrolling clerk of the house of representatives be instructed to make the following corrections:

(1) In SECTION 7 of the bill, in added Section 28.004(e-1)(2)(A), Education Code (page 6, lines 20 and 21), strike "at which an opportunity for public comment is provided,".

(2) In SECTION 7 of the bill, in added Section 28.004(e-1)(2)(B), Education Code (page 6, lines 24 and 25), strike "at which an opportunity for public comment is provided".

(3) In SECTION 48(a) of the bill, repealing provisions of the Education Code:

(A) immediately following the semicolon (page 62, line 20), insert "and"; and

(B) strike Subdivision (5) (page 62, line 21), and renumber subsequent subdivisions accordingly.

TAYLOR

**HCR 117** was read.

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

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 119

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

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1987 has been adopted by the house of representatives and the senate and is being prepared for enrollment; and

WHEREAS, The bill contains technical errors that should be corrected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas, That the enrolling clerk of the house of representatives be instructed to make the following correction to the enrolled version of House Bill No. 1987:



In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 161.005(a-1)(3), Election Code, strike "other than a chair or vice chair," and substitute "a chair, or a vice chair".

TAYLOR

**HCR 119** was read.

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

#### **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 114**

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

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1322 has been adopted by the house of representatives and the senate and is being prepared for enrollment; and

WHEREAS, The bill contains a technical error that should be corrected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas, That the enrolling clerk of the house of representatives be instructed to make the following correction to the enrolled version of House Bill No. 1322:

In SECTION 3 of the bill, providing for an effective date (page 1, line 19), strike "2021" and substitute "2023".

ZAFFIRINI

**HCR 114** was read.

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

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION 403**

Senator Bettencourt offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Jake Kolkhorst has distinguished himself through his exceptional play as a member of the Brenham High School baseball team, earning a number of notable accolades for his superb performance; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Brenham High, Mr. Kolkhorst played an integral role in the Cubs' success during the 2021 season, helping the team finish as the runner-up in the district standings and advance to the 5A playoffs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kolkhorst has excelled in a number of positions for the Brenham ball club; best known for his skills on the pitching mound, he has emerged as a hard-throwing right-hander whose fastball has been clocked at 92 miles per hour; he has also played catcher, center field, and right field over the course of his high school career; and

WHEREAS, Admired by the entire Cubs sports community, this skilled athlete has garnered two of the team's top accolades for 2021; his teammates voted him the recipient of the Most Valuable Player Award, and he has also received the KWHI/John Brieden Star of the Game Award, which is chosen by the station's baseball broadcasters and members of the school's coaching staff; in addition, his impressive efforts throughout the season have been recognized with the prestigious District 19-5A MVP award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kolkhorst's accomplishments on the diamond garnered the interest of college recruiters, and he has committed to play for the Texas Christian University baseball team; a star performer in academics as well, he is a member of the National Honor Society and will graduate magna cum laude with the Class of 2021; in all his endeavors, he benefits from the support of his parents, Jim Kolkhorst and Senator Lois Kolkhorst, and his sister, Lois Kate Kolkhorst; and

WHEREAS, During his time wearing the No. 6 uniform for the Brenham Cubs, Jake Kolkhorst has become a source of pride to his school and community, and he may reflect with great satisfaction on a job well done as he looks ahead to further success in collegiate athletics; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby congratulate Jake Kolkhorst on his achievements as a member of the Brenham High School baseball team and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

BETTENCOURT

**SR 403** was read.

On motion of Senator Perry and by unanimous consent, the names of the Lieutenant Governor and Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, the resolution was adopted without objection.

#### **GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Bettencourt was recognized and introduced to the Senate Jake Kolkhorst, son of Senator Kolkhorst, joined by his father, Jimmy Kolkhorst.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**(President in Chair)**

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION 568**

Senator Eckhardt offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Howie Richey, who is retiring from the Engrossing and Enrolling Department and bringing to a close many years of exceptional service to the Texas Senate; and

WHEREAS, A beloved and highly regarded staff member, Howie was first hired by the E & E Department in 1975 as a temporary session employee; during a career that has spanned more than four decades, he has been an indispensable asset to the Senate in his positions as proofreader, proofing team leader, proofreading supervisor, and legal editor; in each of the positions in which he has served, he has been noted for his sharp eye for detail, strong work ethic, and unflappable demeanor in the face of challenging deadlines; and

WHEREAS, Howie has played an integral role in the production of countless proclamations, resolutions, and bills during 17 regular sessions and many special sessions; he has witnessed sweeping changes in public policy and in office technology, and he was among those longtime staff members who transitioned into the new office at the Capitol Extension after its completion; and

WHEREAS, Howie is known for his keen interest in state government and its processes and for his fierce loyalty to his colleagues who serve at the Senate; throughout his employment, he has given generously of his time to plan office events, and he has been a key participant in such groups as the Senate Spoon Band and the Senate choir; and

WHEREAS, Admired for his positive attitude and friendly nature and famous for his quirky yet classy fashion sense, Howie Richey is a treasured member of the Texas Senate family, and his presence in the Engrossing and Enrolling Department will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby commend Howie Richey on his successful career and his valuable contributions to the Texas Senate and extend to him sincere best wishes in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

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

**SR 568** was read and was adopted without objection.

#### **GUEST PRESENTED**

Senator Eckhardt was recognized and introduced to the Senate Howie Richey.

The Senate welcomed its guest.

#### **AT EASE**

The President at 2:43 p.m. announced the Senate would stand At Ease subject to the call of the Chair.

#### **IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

President Pro Tempore Birdwell at 2:59 p.m. called the Senate to order as In Legislative Session.

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION 553**

Senator Hughes offered the following resolution:

**SR 553**, Recognizing Jack Hetzel for receiving his high school diploma at the age of 99.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

#### **MOTION IN WRITING**

Senator Whitmire offered the following Motion In Writing:

Mr. President:

I move that a committee of seven members of the Senate be appointed by the President to notify the Governor that the Senate has completed its legislative duties and is preparing to adjourn Sine Die.

WHITMIRE

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

Accordingly, the President appointed the following Committee to Notify the Governor: Senators Nelson, Chair; Alvarado, Huffman, Hughes, Schwertner, Taylor, and West.

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION 422**

Senator Lucio offered the following resolution:

**SR 422**, In memory of Joe A. Rodriguez.

The resolution was again read.

**SR 422** was previously adopted on Monday, May 17, 2021.

In honor of the memory of Joe A. Rodriguez, the text of the resolution is printed at the end of today's *Senate Journal*.

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION 517**

Senator Miles offered the following resolution:

**SR 517**, In memory of Keith Watson Wade.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Miles, **SR 517** was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In honor of the memory of Keith Watson Wade, the text of the resolution is printed at the end of today's *Senate Journal*.

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION 500**

Senator Eckhardt offered the following resolution:

**SR 500**, In memory of Jacob McAdams Ehlinger.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Eckhardt, **SR 500** was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In honor of the memory of Jacob McAdams Ehlinger, the text of the resolution is printed at the end of today's *Senate Journal*.

#### **PRESENTATION OF GAVEL**

The President presented an honorary gavel to Senator Birdwell on his last day of office as President Pro Tempore.

#### **SENATE RULE 8.02 SUSPENDED (Referral to Committee)**

On motion of Senator Hughes and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 8.02 was suspended to take up for consideration **SR 464** at this time.

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION 464**

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Lone Star State has always been a steadfast supporter of the historic alliance between the United States and the democratic nation of Israel; and

WHEREAS, In early May 2021, long-standing tensions in Jerusalem boiled over, and clashes broke out at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound between Israeli police and Palestinian protesters; the mayhem quickly escalated into the worst spate of violence in the city since 2014, when the kidnapping and killing of three Israeli teenagers by Hamas members led to a seven-week conflict and scores of deaths in Israel; and

WHEREAS, Hamas, an Islamist militant group sworn to Israel's destruction and designated as a terrorist group, began firing long-range rockets from Gaza toward Jerusalem on May 10, 2021; Israel responded by bombing targets in Gaza, and because Hamas employs civilians as human shields, more than 200 Palestinian lives were lost; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of 11 days, Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and other militant groups launched more than 4,000 rockets at Israel, killing 12 people, mostly civilians; Hamas fired at nonmilitary targets, and the death toll would doubtless have been much higher, but for the Iron Dome, Israel's short-range air defense system, a tactical and technological marvel that has received substantial support from the United States; and

WHEREAS, A cease-fire mediated by Egypt began at 7 p.m. EST May 20, 2021, but the history of Israeli-Palestinian hostilities is littered with agreements that have yet to resolve underlying disputes; and

WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the preservation of democracies around the world, Texas has ever been a staunch ally of Israel and an opponent of its enemies and of terrorism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby express support for the democratic nation of Israel and its right to defend itself and condemn the provocative attacks against Israel by Palestinian militants.

HUGHES

**SR 464** was read and adopted without objection.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 567**  
**(Caucus Report)**

Senator Whitmire offered the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. CAUCUS REPORT. At a caucus held on May 31, 2021, and attended by 31 members of the senate, the caucus made the recommendations for the operation of the senate contained in this resolution.

SECTION 2. EMPLOYEES. (a) The lieutenant governor may employ the employees necessary for the operation of the office of the lieutenant governor from the closing of this session and until the convening of the next session. The lieutenant governor and the secretary of the senate shall be furnished postage, telegraph, telephone, express, and all other expenses incident to their respective offices.

(b) The secretary of the senate is the chief executive administrator and shall be retained during the interval between adjournment of this session and the convening of the next session of the legislature. The secretary of the senate may employ the

employees necessary for the operation of the senate and to perform duties as may be required in connection with the business of the state from the closing of this session and until the convening of the next session.

(c) Each senator may employ secretarial and other office staff for the senator's office.

(d) The chairman of the administration committee is authorized to retain a sufficient number of staff employees to conclude the work of the enrolling clerk, calendar clerk, journal clerk, and sergeant-at-arms. The administration committee shall establish the salaries for the senate staff.

SECTION 3. SENATE OFFICERS. (a) The following elected officers of the 87th Legislature shall serve for the interval between adjournment of this session and the convening of the next session of the legislature:

- (1) Secretary of the Senate—Patsy Spaw;
- (2) Calendar Clerk—Tracy Ortiz;
- (3) Doorkeeper—Austin Osborn;
- (4) Enrolling Clerk—Patience Worrel;
- (5) Journal Clerk—Lourdes Litchfield; and
- (6) Sergeant-at-Arms—Rick DeLeon.

(b) All employees and elected officers of the senate shall operate under the direct supervision of the secretary of the senate during the interim.

(c) Officers named in this section serve at the will of the senate.

SECTION 4. PARLIAMENTARIAN AND ASSISTANT PARLIAMENTARIAN. The parliamentarian, Karina Davis, and the assistant parliamentarian, Colby Beuck, are named by the lieutenant governor and are officers of the senate. They shall serve for the interval between adjournment of this session and the convening of the next session of the legislature.

SECTION 5. DUTIES OF CHAIRMAN OF ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. (a) The chairman of the administration committee shall place the senate chamber in order and purchase supplies and make all necessary repairs and improvements between the adjournment of this session and the convening of the next session of the legislature.

(b) The chairman shall make an inventory of all furniture and fixtures in the senate chamber and in the private offices of the members, as well as of the supplies and equipment on hand in the purchasing and supply department, and shall close the books for the Regular Session of the 87th Legislature.

(c) The chairman shall not acquire any equipment on a rental/purchase plan unless the equipment is placed on the senate inventory at the termination of the plan.

(d) The chairman shall examine records and accounts payable out of the contingent expense fund as necessary to approve all claims and accounts against the senate, and no claim or account shall be paid without the consent and approval of the chairman.

(e) The chairman and any member of the administration committee shall be entitled to receive actual and necessary expenses incurred during the interim.

(f) In addition to the duties of the administration committee expressly imposed by this resolution, the committee shall take actions necessary to ensure that the administrative operations of the senate comply with applicable law and are conducted effectively and efficiently.

SECTION 6. JOURNAL. (a) The secretary of the senate shall have 225 volumes of the Senate Journal of the Regular Session of the 87th Legislature printed. Two hundred and twenty-five copies shall be bound in buckram and delivered to the secretary of the senate who shall forward one volume to each member of the senate, the lieutenant governor, and each member of the house of representatives on request.

(b) The printing of the journals shall be done in accordance with the provisions of this resolution under the supervision of the chairman of the administration committee. The chairman shall refuse to receive or receipt for the journals until corrected and published in accordance with the preexisting law as finally approved by the chairman of the administration committee. When the accounts have been certified by the chairman of the administration committee, the accounts shall be paid out of the contingent expense fund of the 87th Legislature.

SECTION 7. PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND EXPENSES. (a) Salaries and expenses authorized by this resolution shall be paid out of the per diem and contingent expense fund of the 87th Legislature as provided by this section.

(b) The senate shall request the comptroller of public accounts to issue general revenue warrants for:

(1) payment of the employees of the lieutenant governor's office, the lieutenant governor, members of the senate, employees of the senate committees, and employees of the senate, except as provided by Subchapter H, Chapter 660, Government Code, upon presentation of the payroll account signed by the chairman of the administration committee and the secretary of the senate; and

(2) the payment of materials, supplies, and expenses of the senate, including travel expenses for members and employees, upon vouchers signed by the chairman of the administration committee and the secretary of the senate.

SECTION 8. EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT AND PER DIEM. (a) In furtherance of the legislative duties and responsibilities of the senate, the administration committee shall charge to the individual member's office budget:

(1) the reimbursement of all actual expenses incurred by the member when traveling in performance of legislative duties and responsibilities or incident to those duties; and

(2) the payment of all other reasonable and necessary expenses for the operation of the office of the individual senator during any period the legislature is not in session. Expenditures for these services by the administration committee are authorized as an expense of the senate and shall not be restricted to Austin but may be incurred in individual senatorial districts. Such expenses shall be paid from funds appropriated for the use of the senate on vouchers approved by the chairman of the administration committee and the secretary of the senate in accordance with regulations governing such expenditures.

(b) Each senator shall be permitted a payroll of \$43,000 per month to employ secretarial and other office staff and for intrastate travel expenses for staff employees. This payroll amount accrues on the first day of the month and may not be expended

prior to the month in which it accrues, but any unexpended portion for a month may be carried forward from month to month until the end of the fiscal year. An unexpended amount remaining at the end of each fiscal year, not to exceed \$12,000, may be carried forward to the next fiscal year. Other expenses, including travel expenses or other reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the furtherance and performance of legislative duties or in operation of the member's office or incident thereto, shall be provided in addition to the maximum salary authorized.

(c) The secretary of the senate may order reimbursement for legislative expenses consistent with this resolution and the establishment by the Texas Ethics Commission of per diem rates.

(d) Any member of the senate and the lieutenant governor are eligible to receive such reimbursement on application of the member or the lieutenant governor to the secretary of the senate.

(e) On the application of a member of the senate or the lieutenant governor, the applicant shall be entitled to reimbursement for legislative expenses for each legislative day.

(f) For purposes of this section, a legislative day includes each day of a regular or special session of the legislature, including any day the legislature is not in session for a period of four consecutive days or less, and all days the legislature is not in session if the senator or lieutenant governor attends a meeting of a joint, special, or legislative committee as evidenced by the official record of the body, and each day, limited to 12 days per month for non-chairs or 16 days per month for chairs and the lieutenant governor, the senator or the lieutenant governor, including those living within a 50-mile radius, is otherwise engaged in legislative business as evidenced by claims submitted to the chairman of the administration committee.

**SECTION 9. MEMBER'S EMPLOYEE LEAVE POLICY.** (a) An employee of a senator accrues vacation leave, compensatory leave, or sick leave in accordance with policies adopted by the senator consistent with the requirements of this section.

(b) An employee may accrue vacation leave, compensatory leave, or sick leave only if the employee files a monthly time record with the senate human resources office. Time records are due not later than the 10th day of the following month.

(c) Compensatory time must be used not later than the last day of the 12th month following the month in which the time was accrued.

(d) An employee is not entitled to compensation for accrued but unused compensatory time.

**SECTION 10. DESIGNATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS.** (a) The lieutenant governor may appoint any member of the senate, the secretary of the senate, or any other senate employee to attend meetings of the National Conference of State Legislatures and other similar meetings. Necessary and actual expenses are authorized upon the approval of the chairman of the administration committee and the secretary of the senate.

(b) The lieutenant governor may designate a member of the senate to represent the senate at ceremonies and ceremonial functions. The necessary expenses of the senator and necessary staff for this purpose shall be paid pursuant to a budget approved by the administration committee.



SECTION 11. MEETINGS DURING INTERIM. (a) Each of the standing committees and subcommittees of the senate of the 87th Legislature may continue to meet at such times and places during the interim as determined by such committees and subcommittees and to hold hearings, recommend legislation, and perform research on matters directed either by resolution, the lieutenant governor, or as determined by majority vote of each committee.

(b) Each continuing committee and subcommittee shall continue to function under the rules adopted during the legislative session where applicable.

(c) Expenses for the operation of these committees and subcommittees shall be paid pursuant to a budget prepared by each committee and approved by the administration committee.

(d) The operating expenses of these committees shall be paid from the contingent expense fund of the senate, and committee members shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in carrying out the duties of the committees.

SECTION 12. SENATE OFFICES. Members not returning for the 88th Legislature shall vacate their senate offices by December 1, 2022.

SECTION 13. FURNISHING OF INFORMATION BY SENATE EMPLOYEE. An employee of the senate may not furnish any information to any person, firm, or corporation other than general information pertaining to the senate and routinely furnished to the public.

SECTION 14. OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT. An employee of the senate may not be employed by and receive compensation from any other person, firm, or corporation during the employee's senate employment without the permission of the employee's senate employer.

SECTION 15. REMOVAL OF SENATE PROPERTY. The secretary of the senate is specifically directed not to permit the removal of any of the property of the senate from the senate chamber or the rooms of the senate except as authorized by the chairman of the administration committee.

**SR 567** was read and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

### **GOVERNOR NOTIFIED**

The Committee to Notify the Governor that the Senate had completed its legislative duties and was ready to adjourn sine die appeared at the Bar of the Senate and Senator Nelson notified the President and the Members that the committee had performed its duty.

### **BENEDICTION**

Senator Whitmire offered the benediction as follows:

Our heavenly Father, we thank You for allowing us to gather. We pray that You will be with our first responders, our military men and women across the globe. And in this day of remembrance, we thank You for the sacrifice of so many military members and their families that gave the ultimate price of liberty. I hope that when we adjourn, Father, You will protect us in our travels, remind us of our duties as public servants to remember those who are less fortunate than us, and bring us safely back when we are called. Father, I close with Your words in Matthew 11:28-30.

God says, Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Amen.

### **RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

#### **Memorial Resolutions**

**SR 570** by Eckhardt, In memory of Rex H. White Jr.

**SR 571** by Menéndez, Campbell, Gutierrez, and Zaffirini, In memory of Daniel A. San Miguel.

**SR 572** by Menéndez, In memory of Saryah Lee'Anna Perez.

#### **Congratulatory Resolutions**

**SR 569** by Eckhardt, Recognizing Loretta Aranda on the occasion of her retirement.

**SR 573** by Menéndez, Campbell, Gutierrez, and Zaffirini, Recognizing San Antonio College for receiving the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN SINE DIE**

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, at 3:49 p.m. agreed to adjourn sine die, in memory of Joe A. Rodriguez, Keith Watson Wade, Jacob McAdams Ehlinger, former State Representative Jerry J. Beauchamp, and Charles Lee Hogan, pending the completion of administrative duties and the receipt of messages from the House.

### **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED**

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled bills and resolutions in the presence of the Senate after the captions had been read:

**SB 1** (Signed subject to Art. III, Sec. 49-a, Texas Constitution), **SB 2**, **SB 3**, **SB 15**, **SB 22**, **SB 23**, **SB 41**, **SB 49**, **SB 64**, **SB 111**, **SB 204**, **SB 248**, **SB 281**, **SB 288**, **SB 295**, **SB 321**, **SB 383**, **SB 452**, **SB 462**, **SB 500**, **SB 572**, **SB 601**, **SB 604**, **SB 626**, **SB 696**, **SB 703**, **SB 705**, **SB 713**, **SB 766**, **SB 794**, **SB 799**, **SB 800**, **SB 855**, **SB 910**, **SB 966**, **SB 967**, **SB 968**, **SB 969**, **SB 970**, **SB 984**, **SB 1065**, **SB 1071**, **SB 1109**, **SB 1123**, **SB 1138**, **SB 1160**, **SB 1164**, **SB 1232**, **SB 1267**, **SB 1281**, **SB 1308**, **SB 1315**, **SB 1356**, **SB 1365**, **SB 1397**, **SB 1438**, **SB 1495**, **SB 1588**, **SB 1648**, **SB 1704**, **SB 1716**, **SB 1827**, **SB 1831**, **SB 1921**, **SB 1936**, **SB 2038**, **SB 2050**, **SB 2116**, **SB 2124**, **SB 2154**, **SB 2181**, **SB 2185**, **SB 2230**, **SCR 55**, **SCR 57**, **SCR 58**, **SCR 59**, **SCR 60**.

**HB 700**, **HB 1520**, **HB 2064**, **HB 2352**, **HB 2497**, **HB 2519**, **HB 2607**, **HB 2721**, **HB 2730**, **HB 2850**, **HB 2857**, **HB 2896**, **HB 2911**, **HB 2924**, **HB 2950**, **HB 2951**, **HB 3009**, **HB 3026**, **HB 3115**, **HB 3121**, **HB 3131**, **HB 3135**, **HB 3140**, **HB 3157**, **HB 3203**, **HB 3217**, **HB 3257**, **HB 3261**, **HB 3271**, **HB 3286**, **HB 3324**, **HB 3433**, **HB 3436**, **HB 3512**, **HB 3530**, **HB 3597**, **HB 3617**, **HB 3630**, **HB 4580**, **HB 4606**, **HB 4612**, **HB 4615**, **HB 4626**, **HB 4662**, **HB 4663**, **HB 4666**, **HB 4667**, **HB 4669**, **HCR 62**, **HCR 84**, **HJR 99**.

HB 572, HB 686, HB 769, HB 900, HB 1281, HB 1493, HB 1540, HB 1560, HB 1758, HB 1869, HB 1929, HB 2315, HB 2462, HB 2483, HB 2658, HB 3282, HB 3459, HB 3476, HB 3578, HB 3607, HB 3648, HB 3720, HB 3752, HB 3898, HB 3924, HB 3973, HB 4018, HB 4110, HB 4124, HB 4294, HB 4374, HB 4584, HB 4628, HB 4638, HCR 108, HCR 109, HCR 110, HCR 111, HCR 112.

HB 525, HB 3107, HB 3374, HB 3379, HB 3388, HB 3415, HB 3452, HB 3521, HB 3571, HB 3584, HB 3643, HB 3665, HB 3712, HB 3767, HB 3807, HB 3821, HB 3853, HB 3927, HB 3932, HB 3938, HB 3961, HB 3979, HB 4056, HB 4103, HB 4293, HB 4344, HB 4346, HB 4368, HB 4472, HB 4509, HB 4544, HB 4545, HB 4555, HB 4590, HB 4604, HB 4609, HB 4611, HB 4614, HB 4616, HB 4634, HB 4635, HB 4641, HB 4642, HB 4645, HB 4646, HB 4649, HB 4650, HB 4651, HB 4652, HB 4654, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4665, HCR 54, HCR 89, HCR 107.

HB 29, HB 72, HB 222, HB 246, HB 295, HB 385, HB 465, HB 547, HB 619, HB 692, HB 707, HB 750, HB 787, HB 872, HB 885, HB 954, HB 981, HB 988, HB 1115, HB 1164, HB 1172, HB 1193, HB 1239, HB 1240, HB 1247, HB 1321, HB 1371, HB 1423, HB 1456, HB 1518, HB 1526, HB 1554, HB 1564, HB 1578, HB 1681, HB 1706, HB 1802, HB 1935, HB 2086, HB 2757, HB 2831, HB 3897, HCR 24, HCR 46, HCR 51.

HB 5, HB 79, HB 133, HB 721, HB 757, HB 1027, HB 1154, HB 1252, HB 1301, HB 1315, HB 1410, HB 1480, HB 1505, HB 1535, HB 1558, HB 1659, HB 1664, HB 1698, HB 1849, HB 1863, HB 1919, HB 1925, HB 1966, HB 2025, HB 2063, HB 2073, HB 2116, HB 2168, HB 2201, HB 2205, HB 2211, HB 2219, HB 2235, HB 2237, HB 2256, HB 2283, HB 2287, HB 2357, HB 2365, HB 2382, HB 2448, HB 2521, HB 2535, HB 2595, HB 2610, HB 2633, HB 2667, HB 2681, HB 2706, HB 2803, HB 2807, HB 2835, HCR 29.

HB 1322, HB 1525, HB 1900, HB 1987, HB 3774, HB 4492, HB 4627, HCR 114, HCR 116, HCR 117, HCR 118, HCR 119.

### ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

The President announced that the hour for final adjournment of the Regular Session of the 87th Legislature had arrived and, in accordance with a previously adopted motion, declared the Regular Session of the 87th Legislature adjourned sine die, in memory of Joe A. Rodriguez, Keith Watson Wade, Jacob McAdams Ehlinger, former State Representative Jerry J. Beauchamp, and Charles Lee Hogan, at 5:54 p.m.

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## APPENDIX

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### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

May 30, 2021

SR 540, SR 542, SR 543, SR 545, SR 546, SR 548, SR 550, SR 551, SR 552, SR 554, SR 555, SR 556, SR 557, SR 558, SR 559, SR 560, SR 561, SR 562, SR 564, SR 565, SR 566

May 31, 2021

**SB 1, SB 2, SB 3, SB 15, SB 22, SB 23, SB 41, SB 49, SB 64, SB 111, SB 204, SB 248, SB 281, SB 288, SB 295, SB 321, SB 383, SB 452, SB 462, SB 500, SB 572, SB 601, SB 604, SB 626, SB 696, SB 703, SB 705, SB 713, SB 766, SB 794, SB 799, SB 800, SB 855, SB 910, SB 966, SB 967, SB 968, SB 969, SB 970, SB 984, SB 1065, SB 1071, SB 1109, SB 1123, SB 1138, SB 1160, SB 1164, SB 1232, SB 1267, SB 1281, SB 1308, SB 1315, SB 1356, SB 1365, SB 1397, SB 1438, SB 1495, SB 1588, SB 1648, SB 1704, SB 1716, SB 1827, SB 1831, SB 1921, SB 1936, SB 2038, SB 2050, SB 2116, SB 2124, SB 2154, SB 2181, SB 2185, SB 2230, SCR 55, SCR 57, SCR 58, SCR 59, SCR 60, SR 403, SR 464, SR 500, SR 515, SR 517, SR 519, SR 553, SR 567, SR 568, SR 569, SR 570, SR 571, SR 572, SR 573**

**SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

May 31, 2021

**SB 581**

**FILED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF GOVERNOR**

May 31, 2021

**SB 1615**

**SENT TO COMPTROLLER**

June 1, 2021

**SB 1**

**SENT TO SECRETARY OF STATE**

June 1, 2021

**SJR 19**

**SENT TO GOVERNOR**

June 1, 2021

**SB 2, SB 3, SB 6, SB 13, SB 15, SB 19, SB 20, SB 22, SB 23, SB 24, SB 25, SB 30, SB 36, SB 41, SB 49, SB 63, SB 64, SB 69, SB 111, SB 112, SB 165, SB 204, SB 219, SB 225, SB 248, SB 279, SB 281, SB 282, SB 288, SB 295, SB 312, SB 313, SB 318, SB 321, SB 331, SB 334, SB 348, SB 369, SB 383, SB 398, SB 415, SB 424, SB 437, SB 445, SB 452, SB 456, SB 462, SB 464, SB 475, SB 477, SB 500, SB 504, SB 572, SB 576, SB 598, SB 601, SB 604, SB 611, SB 615, SB 617, SB 623, SB 626, SB 640, SB 642, SB 696, SB 703, SB 705, SB 713, SB 746, SB 766, SB 768, SB 790, SB 794, SB 799, SB 800, SB 801, SB 827, SB 841, SB 855, SB 860, SB 910, SB 916, SB 959, SB 966, SB 967, SB 968, SB 969, SB 970, SB 984, SB 1019, SB 1047, SB 1061, SB 1065, SB 1071, SB 1088, SB 1090, SB 1094, SB 1095, SB 1102, SB 1109, SB 1117, SB 1123, SB 1125, SB 1132, SB 1137, SB 1138, SB 1155, SB 1160, SB 1164, SB 1167, SB 1191, SB 1208, SB 1227, SB 1232, SB 1244, SB 1267, SB 1281, SB 1296,**

**SB 1308, SB 1315, SB 1336, SB 1351, SB 1353, SB 1356, SB 1357, SB 1365, SB 1385, SB 1397, SB 1421, SB 1438, SB 1441, SB 1458, SB 1465, SB 1480, SB 1495, SB 1531, SB 1541, SB 1575, SB 1578, SB 1580, SB 1588, SB 1590, SB 1648, SB 1668, SB 1679, SB 1692, SB 1696, SB 1704, SB 1716, SB 1761, SB 1772, SB 1808, SB 1817, SB 1827, SB 1831, SB 1854, SB 1856, SB 1876, SB 1888, SB 1895, SB 1896, SB 1900, SB 1911, SB 1917, SB 1919, SB 1921, SB 1923, SB 1936, SB 1949, SB 1984, SB 1990, SB 1997, SB 2013, SB 2016, SB 2038, SB 2049, SB 2050, SB 2054, SB 2066, SB 2081, SB 2116, SB 2124, SB 2154, SB 2166, SB 2181, SB 2185, SB 2188, SB 2193, SB 2212, SB 2222, SB 2230, SB 2243, SCR 21, SCR 31, SCR 50, SCR 54, SCR 55, SCR 56, SCR 57, SCR 58, SCR 59, SCR 60**

**SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

June 1, 2021

**SB 23**

**SENT TO COMPTROLLER**

June 2, 2021

**SB 1605**

**SENT TO GOVERNOR**

June 2, 2021

**SB 1605**

**SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

June 3, 2021

**SB 40, SB 58**

June 4, 2021

**SB 184, SB 197, SB 280, SB 284, SB 454, SB 510, SB 586, SB 695, SB 702, SB 707, SB 787, SB 791, SB 795, SB 905, SB 911, SB 937, SB 997, SB 1028**

June 7, 2021

**SB 59, SB 89, SB 186, SB 220, SB 231, SB 244, SB 263, SB 271, SB 296, SB 297, SB 338, SB 387, SB 480, SB 516, SB 672, SB 742, SB 764, SB 782, SB 798, SB 818, SB 851, SB 873, SB 874, SB 903, SB 918, SB 1072, SB 1129, SB 1134, SB 1136, SB 1165, SB 1168, SB 1177, SB 1185, SB 1202, SB 1245, SB 1257, SB 1258, SB 1269, SB 1270, SB 1323, SB 1359, SB 1371, SB 1414, SB 1444, SB 1449, SB 1524, SB 1525, SB 1534, SB 1550, SB 1585, SB 1655, SB 1677, SB 1727, SB 1801, SB 1814, SB 1815, SB 1821, SB 1829, SB 2008, SB 2062, SB 2099, SCR 3, SCR 41, SCR 51**

**FILED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF GOVERNOR**June 7, 2021**SB 2183****SENT TO GOVERNOR**June 8, 2021**SB 1****SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**June 8, 2021**SB 2, SB 3, SB 877, SB 900, SB 901, SB 904, SB 906, SB 1059, SB 1063, SB 1103, SB 1113, SB 1116, SB 1336, SB 1418, SB 1490, SB 1642, SB 1941, SB 1955, SCR 22, SCR 52, SCR 53**June 14, 2021**SB 6, SB 13, SB 19, SB 22, SB 25, SB 30, SB 48, SB 56, SB 63, SB 64, SB 69, SB 73, SB 111, SB 112, SB 123, SB 149, SB 153, SB 160, SB 165, SB 168, SB 181, SB 198, SB 199, SB 202, SB 204, SB 225, SB 226, SB 239, SB 279, SB 282, SB 286, SB 288, SB 289, SB 291, SB 295, SB 313, SB 318, SB 331, SB 334, SB 348, SB 369, SB 374, SB 383, SB 398, SB 415, SB 424, SB 445, SB 452, SB 456, SB 462, SB 464, SB 475, SB 476, SB 477, SB 483, SB 500, SB 507, SB 550, SB 572, SB 576, SB 598, SB 600, SB 604, SB 611, SB 615, SB 617, SB 626, SB 640, SB 642, SB 709, SB 746, SB 760, SB 763, SB 768, SB 776, SB 790, SB 801, SB 804, SB 809, SB 827, SB 841, SB 860, SB 876, SB 916, SB 959, SB 993, SB 1019, SB 1047, SB 1061, SB 1088, SB 1094, SB 1095, SB 1102, SB 1117, SB 1125, SB 1132, SB 1155, SB 1191, SB 1208, SB 1227, SB 1244, SB 1351, SB 1353, SB 1357, SB 1385, SB 1421, SB 1474, SB 1531, SB 1575, SB 1668, SB 1696, SB 1856, SB 1895, SB 1896, SB 1907, SB 1911, SB 1942, SB 1997, SB 2046, SCR 31, SCR 50, SCR 54, SCR 56****FILED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF GOVERNOR**June 14, 2021**SB 41, SB 504, SB 630, SB 1090, SB 1167****SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**June 16, 2021**SB 4, SB 24, SB 50, SB 62, SB 109, SB 219, SB 224, SB 335, SB 403, SB 437, SB 481, SB 484, SB 560, SB 623, SB 678, SB 703, SB 705, SB 713, SB 741, SB 793, SB 794, SB 797, SB 799, SB 800, SB 907, SB 910, SB 938, SB 957, SB 966, SB 967, SB 968, SB 969, SB 970, SB 984, SB 1065, SB 1071, SB 1111, SB 1123, SB 1138, SB 1160, SB 1164, SB 1179, SB 1232, SB 1281, SB 1296, SB 1315, SB 1341, SB 1356, SB 1387, SB 1397, SB 1427, SB 1438, SB 1582, SB 1602, SB 1697, SB 1764, SB 1780, SB 2016, SB 2158, SCR 12, SCR 29**

**FILED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF GOVERNOR**June 16, 2021**SB 696, SB 1679, SB 1827, SB 1990, SB 2166, SB 2193****SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**June 18, 2021**SB 1 (Line item veto), SB 15, SB 20, SB 49, SB 157, SB 179, SB 312, SB 321, SB 601, SB 766, SB 783, SB 855, SB 1055, SB 1056, SB 1137, SB 1267, SB 1365, SB 1441, SB 1465, SB 1480, SB 1495, SB 1578, SB 1580, SB 1588, SB 1590, SB 1605, SB 1648, SB 1692, SB 1704, SB 1716, SB 1761, SB 1808, SB 1817, SB 1831, SB 1854, SB 1876, SB 1888, SB 1900, SB 1917, SB 1919, SB 1921, SB 1936, SB 1949, SB 1984, SB 2013, SB 2038, SB 2049, SB 2050, SB 2054, SB 2066, SB 2081, SB 2116, SB 2124, SB 2154, SB 2181, SB 2188, SB 2212, SB 2222, SB 2230, SB 2243, SCR 21, SCR 55, SCR 57, SCR 58, SCR 59, SCR 60****FILED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF GOVERNOR**June 18, 2021**SB 113, SB 248, SB 1308, SB 1541, SB 1923, SB 2185****VETOED BY GOVERNOR**June 18, 2021**SB 1 (Line item veto), SB 36, SB 237, SB 281, SB 474, SB 1109, SB 1458, SB 1772****VETO PROCLAMATIONS**

The following Veto Proclamations by the Governor were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State:

PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Senate Bill No. 1, the General Appropriations Act, having been duly certified by the Comptroller of Public Accounts pursuant to Article III, Section 49a of the Texas Constitution, has been presented to me for action.

I am proud to sign a budget that does not grow government in an amount greater than the increase in population and inflation while also making targeted investments in areas such as public education, foster care, law enforcement, border security, pension solvency, and broadband access.

However, I hereby object to and veto the following items from Senate Bill No. 1, and include a statement of my objections to each of those items.

**Article X – The Legislature**

Senate

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: <del>SENATE</del>	<del>\$34,422,614</del>	<del>\$37,291,165</del>

3. Unexpended Balances. ~~Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the Senate are appropriated to the Senate for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.~~

~~Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2022, from appropriations made to the Senate are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.~~

House of Representatives

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: <del>HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</del>	<del>\$43,098,410</del>	<del>\$48,600,335</del>

3. Unexpended Balances. ~~Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the House of Representatives are appropriated to the House of Representatives for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.~~

~~Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2022, from appropriations made to the House of Representatives are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.~~

Legislative Budget Board

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: <del>LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD</del>	<del>\$13,178,999</del>	<del>\$13,178,998</del>

2. Unexpended Balance. ~~Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the Legislative Budget Board are appropriated to the Legislative Budget Board for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.~~

~~Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2022, from appropriations made to the Legislative Budget Board are appropriated to the Legislative Budget Board for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.~~

Legislative Council

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: <del>LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</del>	<del>\$40,205,883</del>	<del>\$43,556,374</del>

2. Unexpended Balances. ~~Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the Legislative Council are appropriated to the Legislative Council for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.~~

~~Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2022, from appropriations made to the Legislative Council are appropriated to the Legislative Council for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.~~



Commission on Uniform State Laws

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: <del>COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS</del>	<del>\$143,958</del>	<del>\$143,958</del>

~~2. Unexpended Balances. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the Commission on Uniform State Laws are appropriated to the Commission on Uniform State Laws for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.~~

~~Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2022, from appropriations made to the Commission on Uniform State Laws are appropriated to the Commission on Uniform State Laws for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.~~

Sunset Advisory Commission

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: <del>SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION</del>	<del>\$2,268,722</del>	<del>\$2,268,722</del>

~~1. Unexpended Balances. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the Sunset Advisory Commission are appropriated to the Sunset Advisory Commission for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.~~

~~Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2022, from appropriations made to the Sunset Advisory Commission are appropriated to the Sunset Advisory Commission for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.~~

~~2. Appropriation to Sunset Advisory Commission Account. The money that an entity is required by law to pay to the Sunset Advisory Commission to cover the costs the commission incurs in performing a review of the entity is appropriated to the commission for maintaining the operations of the commission.~~

State Auditor's Office

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: <del>STATE AUDITOR</del>	<del>\$21,802,403</del>	<del>\$21,802,402</del>

~~2. Appropriation of Appropriated Receipts. All funds reimbursed to the State Auditor's Office (SAO) by governmental entities for the provision of services are appropriated to the SAO during the fiscal year in which they are received and shall be used as provided by Government Code, Chapter 321.~~

~~3. Unexpended Balances. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the State Auditor's Office (SAO) from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the SAO for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.~~

~~Any unobligated and unexpended balance remaining as of August 31, 2022, from appropriations made to the SAO from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the SAO for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.~~

Legislative Reference Library

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: <del>LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY</del>	<del>\$1,735,750</del>	<del>\$1,735,750</del>

2. Unexpended Balances. ~~Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the Legislative Reference Library from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.~~

~~Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2022, from appropriations made to the Legislative Reference Library from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.~~

*Texans don't run from a legislative fight, and they don't walk away from unfinished business. Funding should not be provided for those who quit their job early, leaving their state with unfinished business and exposing taxpayers to higher costs for an additional legislative session. I therefore object to and disapprove of these appropriations.*

I have signed Senate Bill No. 1 together with this proclamation, stating my objections in accordance with Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution.

Since the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing this bill and these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 18th day of June, 2021.

(Seal)

/s/Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

/s/Jose A. Esparza  
Deputy Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 36 as passed by the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Hazing on campus is a serious problem that deserves serious attention, which is why I signed Senate Bill 38 into law last session. This session's Senate Bill 36 was a worthy effort to further clarify the anti-hazing statute, until the House sponsor added an unnecessary provision that would simply grow government by creating yet another new task force. It is important to ensure that students receive mental-health services, and Texas's existing agencies and institutions can already study the issues that would be addressed by this vast new bureaucratic entity. Unfortunately, the Senate author's good idea to clean up a statute has been undercut by the House sponsor.

Since the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 18th day of June, 2021.

(Seal)

/s/Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

/s/Jose A. Esparza  
Deputy Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 237 as passed by the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Senate Bill 237 would add criminal trespass to the list of offenses for which law enforcement can "cite and release" instead of arrest an intruder. I appreciate the good intentions of the bill's author and supporters, but it would allow (and tempt) agencies to categorically mandate cite-and-release for this crime, taking away an important tool for officers to keep Texans safe. It would have a particularly troubling impact in the City of Austin, where local voters recently condemned the City's self-inflicted homelessness crisis, because businesses and homeowners count on criminal-trespass arrests to protect themselves and their guests from homeless people who refuse to leave their property. It would also contravene the State's goal of maintaining law and order in communities along the border.

Since the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 18th day of June, 2021.

(Seal)

/s/Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

/s/Jose A. Esparza  
Deputy Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

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Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 281 as passed by the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

The author of Senate Bill 281 is to be commended for aiming to bring accountability to the criminal justice system by addressing the use of investigative hypnosis. But the House sponsor's late amendment to the bill would dramatically expand its scope in an unacceptable way. The sponsor added language so that for any person who has undergone investigative hypnosis, all statements that person makes "after" the hypnosis—even ones made long "after" the hypnosis session and unrelated to that session—are barred from being admitted into evidence in any criminal trial. The House sponsor's amendment would grant lifetime immunity, for everyone who undergoes this type of hypnosis, from having any subsequent statements used in a criminal trial.

Since the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 18th day of June, 2021.

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Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

/s/Jose A. Esparza  
Deputy Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION  
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

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Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 474 as passed by the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Texans love their dogs, so it is no surprise that our statutes already protect them by outlawing true animal cruelty. Yet Senate Bill 474 would compel every dog owner, on pain of criminal penalties, to monitor things like the tailoring of the dog's collar, the time the dog spends in the bed of a truck, and the ratio of tether-to-dog length, as measured from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail. Texas is no place for this kind of micro-managing and over-criminalization.

Since the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 18th day of June, 2021.

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Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

/s/Jose A. Esparza  
Deputy Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 1109 as passed by the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Senate Bill 1109 would require every school district to provide instruction to middle school and high school students regarding the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence. These are important subjects and I respect the Senate author's good intentions, but the bill fails to recognize the right of parents to opt their children out of the instruction. I

have vetoed similar legislation before on this ground, because we must safeguard parental rights regarding this type of instruction. I look forward to working with the Legislature on a narrower approach.

Since the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 18th day of June, 2021.

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/s/Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

/s/Jose A. Esparza  
Deputy Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 1458 as passed by the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Senate Bill 1458's goal of having model forms for protective orders, orders for emergency protection, and temporary ex parte orders is a sound one, but this is already allowed. The Office of Court Administration can, and is encouraged to, create model forms to help achieve the commendable goals behind Senate Bill 1458. But the bill would go further and impose categorical mandates that courts use standardized forms, without addressing what happens if a court deviates from the prescribed form and without allowing flexibility for unique cases. I vetoed similar legislation last session because, without appropriate safeguards, mandating the use of standardized forms in criminal cases sets a trap for courts whose orders may be challenged as void for deviating from the form and creates loopholes for opportunistic litigants to pursue needless challenges. I appreciate the good intentions of the bill author and sponsor in aiming to protect the victims of horrible crimes like family violence and sexual assault, but the mandatory use of standardized forms can inadvertently cause more problems that may detract from the effort to help victims.

Since the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 18th day of June, 2021.

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/s/Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

/s/Jose A. Esparza  
Deputy Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION  
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 1772 as passed by the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Senate Bill 1772 offered a program that was totally voluntary. Voluntary laws are not needed to drive public behavior.

Since the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 18th day of June, 2021.

(Seal)

/s/Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

/s/Jose A. Esparza  
Deputy Secretary of State

**In Memory**  
**of**  
**Joe A. Rodriguez**  
**Senate Resolution 422**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Joe A. Rodriguez, a beloved resident of Brownsville, who died at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, A native of Edinburg, Joe "Coach" Rodriguez was born on March 19, 1936; he developed a love of sports at a young age, and he excelled in baseball as a first baseman at Edinburg High School; and

WHEREAS, Joe continued to play baseball for Pan American College and the Joe Davis Ginners, a semiprofessional league; he graduated at the age of 20 and soon married his college sweetheart, Emma Leal; they moved to Brownsville, where he remained the rest of his life; he and Emma, who preceded him in death, raised four children and were blessed with seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Coach Joe began a long and fulfilling career in public education by serving as a physical education coach at Cummings Junior High School; he later coached at Brownsville High School, where he led baseball teams to appearances at state semifinals and finals; after becoming a head football coach, he was named South Texas Coach of the Year for baseball, basketball, and football; he went on to serve for 27 years as the athletic director for the Brownsville Independent School District, and under his leadership, the district earned seven South Texas Athletic Program of the Year awards; and

WHEREAS, An esteemed leader in public education, Coach Rodriguez served as a Brownsville Independent School District trustee for 15 years; he was a vice president of the National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Members, and he was honored for his leadership as a Hispanic educator by United States Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush and by Mexican President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz; and

WHEREAS, Coach Joe was admired by his loved ones for his incomparable fearlessness and his zest for life; he was a devoted family man and a mentor and cherished friend to many, and he leaves behind a proud educational legacy that will continue to benefit the Brownsville community long into the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Joe A. Rodriguez; and, be it further



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

LUCIO

**In Memory**  
**of**  
**Keith Watson Wade**  
**Senate Resolution 517**

WHEREAS, The passing of Keith Watson Wade on May 21, 2020, at the age of 65, concluded a life deeply dedicated to the betterment of Houston; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 24, 1955, Keith Wade was the son of Hilroy Wade Sr. and Emily Watson Wade; he grew up during the era of segregation and attended El Campo High School, where he was the first African American president of the student body; he became involved in the social justice movement through the mentorship of his uncle, the Reverend L. V. Winfield, president of the Houston NAACP, and served as a youth organizer; in 1977, he was elected as the first African American president of the University of Houston Student Government Association, and following his graduation with a degree in political science, he interned in the office of U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen; he went on to serve as a valued aide to Congressman Mickey Leland, and he marched with Cesar Chavez, protested against apartheid, and held the post of deputy state director for President Jimmy Carter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade's steadfast commitment to labor, civil and voting rights, and the disadvantaged led to his involvement and leadership with numerous organizations, and he was an effective coalition builder and astute consultant on political campaigns at all levels; in 1991, he managed State Representative Garnet Coleman's first successful legislative race; he later played a key role in the 2015 and 2019 campaigns of his longtime friend, Houston mayor Sylvester Turner; calm, quiet, and keenly focused on responsiveness to the public, he was a special adviser to both Mayor Turner and his predecessor, Mayor Annise Parker; he was a cofounder of the Mickey Leland Kibbutzim Internship, which gives high school students exposure to international policy, and he served on its board and the boards of the Hermann Park Conservancy, the Houston Area Women's Center, and the Texans Together Education Fund; devoted to his alma mater, he sat on the advisory board of the UH Hobby School of Public Affairs and mentored students in its Civic Houston Interns, Leland Fellows, and Hobby Fellows programs; and

WHEREAS, Through his unceasing endeavors, Keith Wade made a lasting, positive difference in Houston while helping to expand opportunities for the next generation of leaders, and those he left behind will treasure their memories of his great kindness, wisdom, and integrity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Keith Watson Wade and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to Gisele Adams and Sakina Lanig; to his children, Keata S. Wade, Emani B. Wade, and Kamal G. Lanig-Wade; and to his many other relatives, friends, and colleagues; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Keith Wade.

MILES

**In Memory**  
**of**  
**Jacob McAdams Ehlinger**  
**Senate Resolution 500**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Jacob McAdams Ehlinger, who died May 6, 2021, at the age of 20; and

WHEREAS, Jake Ehlinger was an exceptional young man whose indomitable will, generous spirit, and enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest had a profound impact on all who were privileged to share in his life; and

WHEREAS, Jake was born on December 13, 2000, the second of three children; the tragic death of his father when he was a young boy created the opportunity for the family members to come together and empower one another, and Jake was the glue of the family during that trying time; and

WHEREAS, Jake was a gifted athlete and a graduate of Westlake High School, where he served as captain of the football team; he was known for his fierce determination and willingness to do anything for the benefit of his team, and his legacy in Westlake football will live on for years to come; and

WHEREAS, After high school, he fulfilled a dream by attending The University of Texas at Austin as a player on the Longhorn football team; he studied finance at the McCombs School of Business and was a member of the Texas Silver Spurs and the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, and he was able to share the football field with his brother, Sam, who served as quarterback; and

WHEREAS, Jake's radiant smile, selfless concern for others, and unwavering commitment to family brought joy and inspiration to all who knew him; he was beloved by the many who crossed his path, and he leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by his family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Jacob McAdams Ehlinger: his mother, Jena Ehlinger; his brother, Sam Ehlinger; and his sister, Morgen Ehlinger; and, be it further

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

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