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AUSTIN, TEXAS

PROCEEDINGS

EIGHTEENTH DAY

(Monday, March 13, 2023)

The Senate met at 2:10 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by President Pro Tempore Hancock.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, LaMantia, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

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

Pastor Christopher Mack, Vox Veniae Church, Austin, offered the invocation as follows:

Source of all life, lover of liberation, we assemble today as servants in Texas, our Texas. Help us to see and honor Your divine image across the aisles of this governing body and across the many counties and communities forming the tapestry of our grand state. May the work carried out today create bold opportunities for thriving, for cooperation, and fresh starts for the common good that we might more fully embody and live out that the work done here is truly for our Texas, a state so wonderful, so great, that it truly takes all of us in cooperation for Texas to grow in power and worth. In the name of the One who guides us into peace, justice, mercy, and humility, I pray. Amen.

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

The motion prevailed without objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Monday, March 13, 2023 - 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 14 Craddick

Congratulating Edward Runyan on his induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame.

HCR 15 Craddick

Congratulating Don Sparks on his induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame.

HCR 16 Craddick

Honoring Florence Marie Hall on her posthumous induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame.

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HCR 35 Ashby

Recognizing February 7, 2023, as Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Day at the State Capitol.

HCR 56 Vasut

Congratulating Christopher McLeod of Brazoswood High School on his selection as the 2023 Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year.

HCR 57 Vasut

Congratulating the 2022 Goddard Rocket Team from Brazoswood High School on setting a world record for flight altitude.

HCR 58 Vasut

Honoring Wayne A. Shaw for establishing Brazoria County Day at the State Capitol.

HCR 59 Vasut

Congratulating the Brazoswood High School boys' and girls' water polo teams on their performances at the 2022 state tournament.

HCR 66 Anchía
Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

HCR 67 Craddick
In memory of Jafar "Jeff" Rahim Salehi of Midland.

HCR 68 Darby
Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the discovery of oil at Santa Rita No. 1.

HCR 70 Hefner
Commemorating the 150th anniversary of Mineola.

SCR 19 Sparks Sponsor: Guerra
In memory of Betty Lou Pendergraft Angelo.

Respectfully,
/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

SENATE BILL 3 REREFERRED
(Motion In Writing)

Senator Bettencourt submitted a Motion In Writing requesting that **SB 3** be withdrawn from the Committee on Local Government and rereferred to the Committee on Finance.

The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3 REREFERRED
(Motion In Writing)

Senator Bettencourt submitted a Motion In Writing requesting that **SJR 3** be withdrawn from the Committee on Local Government and rereferred to the Committee on Finance.

The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

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

March 9, 2023
Austin, Texas

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

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

To be members of the School Land Board for terms to expire August 29, 2023:

Gilbert "Gil" Burciaga
Austin, Texas

(Mr. Burciaga is being reappointed)

Marcella C. Burke
Houston, Texas
(replacing Michael "Scott" Rohrman of Dallas whose term expired)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott

Governor

March 13, 2023

Austin, Texas

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

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

To be members of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents for terms to expire January 31, 2029:

Clay C. Cash
Lubbock, Texas
(replacing John M. "Michael" Lewis of Dallas whose term expired)

Timothy G. "Tim" Culp
Midland, Texas
(replacing John D. Steinmetz of Dallas whose term expired)

Shelley S. Sweatt, Ed.D.
Wichita Falls, Texas
(replacing John B. Walker of Houston whose term expired)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott

Governor

March 9, 2023

Austin, Texas

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

On January 19, 2023, I submitted the name of Todd W. Boykin for appointment to the Red River Authority of Texas Board of Directors for a term to expire August 11, 2027.

Because he resigned, I hereby withdraw his nomination and request that the Senate return the appointment to me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott

Governor

March 10, 2023

Austin, Texas

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

On January 19, 2023, I submitted the name of Horacio Peña, Jr. for appointment as Judge of the 476th Judicial District Court, Hildago County for a term to expire December 31, 2024.

Because he resigned, I hereby withdraw his nomination and request that the Senate return the appointment to me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

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

SB 4 by Bettencourt, Huffman, Parker

Relating to the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 5 by Parker, Alvarado, Bettencourt, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, LaMantia, Menéndez, Middleton, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer, West, Whitmire

Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income and a franchise tax credit for the payment of certain related ad valorem taxes.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 8 by Creighton, Bettencourt, Campbell, King, Middleton, Parker, Paxton, Schwertner, Springer

Relating to public education, including parental rights and public school responsibilities regarding instructional materials and the establishment of an education savings account program.

To Committee on Education.

SB 9 by Creighton, Bettencourt, Campbell, Hinojosa, Huffman, King, Middleton, Parker, Paxton, Springer

Relating to the rights, certification, and compensation of public school educators and assistance provided to public schools by the Texas Education Agency related to public school educators and to certain allotments under the Foundation School Program.

To Committee on Education.

SB 10 by Huffman, Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, LaMantia, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini

Relating to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 12 by Hughes

Relating to restricting certain sexually oriented performances on public property, on the premises of a commercial enterprise, or in the presence of a child; authorizing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 16 by Hughes

Relating to the purpose of public institutions of higher education and a prohibition on compelling students enrolled at those institutions to adopt certain beliefs.

To Committee on Education.

SB 17 by Creighton, Campbell, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Parker, Paxton, Schwertner, Springer

Relating to public higher education reform; authorizing administrative penalties.

To Committee on Education.

SB 18 by Creighton, Campbell, Flores, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Parker, Paxton, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer

Relating to tenure and employment status at public institutions of higher education in this state.

To Committee on Education.

SB 19 by Huffman

Relating to the administration and investment of, and distribution and use of money from, certain constitutional and statutory funds to support general academic teaching institutions in achieving national prominence as major research universities and driving the state economy; redesignating the national research fund as the Texas University Fund.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 21 by Huffman

Relating to conduct of and complaints against current and former judges.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 22 by Springer, Blanco, Creighton, Eckhardt, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, King, Kolkhorst, LaMantia, Middleton, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Whitmire, Zaffirini

Relating to the establishment of grant programs to provide financial assistance to qualified sheriff's departments, district attorney's offices, and county attorney's offices in rural counties.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 25 by Kolkhorst, Alvarado, Bettencourt, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hall, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, LaMantia, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Springer, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini

Relating to support for nursing-related postsecondary education, including scholarships to nursing students, loan repayment assistance to nurses and nursing faculty, and grants to nursing education programs.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1427 by Flores

Relating to certain criminal conduct and organizations that threaten the security of this state and its residents and borders; increasing criminal penalties.

To Committee on Border Security.

SB 1900 by Birdwell

Relating to foreign terrorist organizations, including the acquisition of title to real property by, the compilation of information regarding, certain civil actions brought against, and the prosecution of certain organized crime offenses involving a foreign terrorist organization.

To Committee on Border Security.

SB 2010 by Schwertner, King

Relating to reporting by the market monitor of potential manipulation of the wholesale electric market.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 2011 by Schwertner, King

Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to impose administrative penalties and enter into voluntary mitigation plans; increasing an administrative penalty.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 2012 by Schwertner, King

Relating to electricity services; increasing an administrative penalty.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 2013 by Schwertner, King

Relating to access to and the security of certain critical infrastructure.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 2014 by King, Schwertner

Relating to the legislature's goals for renewable electric generating capacity.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 2015 by King, Schwertner

Relating to the legislature's goals for electric generation capacity in this state.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 2424 by Birdwell

Relating to creation of the criminal offense of improper entry from foreign nation.

To Committee on Border Security.

SJR 2 by Parker, Alvarado, Bettencourt, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, LaMantia, Menéndez, Middleton, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer, West, Whitmire
Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 4 by Bettencourt, Huffman, Parker

Proposing a constitutional amendment excepting certain appropriations to pay for school district ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 5 by Huffman

Proposing a constitutional amendment renaming the national research university fund as the Texas University Fund, providing for the appropriation of certain investment income from the economic stabilization fund to the Texas University Fund, excepting appropriations to and from the Texas University Fund from the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations, and appropriating money from the general revenue fund to the Texas University Fund to be spent for purposes of providing funding to certain public institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 87 by Huffman

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain tangible personal property held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products as a finished good or used in the manufacturing or processing of medical or biomedical products.

To Committee on Finance.

(President in Chair)**GUESTS PRESENTED**

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

The Senate welcomed its guests.

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Eckhardt was recognized and presented Dr. Erica Swegler of Austin as the Physician of the Day.

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

CONCLUSION OF MORNING CALL

The President at 2:40 p.m. announced the conclusion of morning call.

SENATE BILL 578 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Zaffirini and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 578** at this time on its second reading:

SB 578, Relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information of an applicant for or a person protected by a protective order.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 578 ON THIRD READING

Senator Zaffirini moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 578** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

(Senator King in Chair)

(President in Chair)

(Senator Flores in Chair)

SENATE BILL 2 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 2** at this time on its second reading:

SB 2, Relating to conduct constituting the criminal offense of illegal voting; increasing a criminal penalty.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hinojosa, Johnson, LaMantia, Menéndez, Miles, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Hughes offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 2** (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Chapter 62, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 62.0113 to read as follows:

Sec. 62.0113. VOTER INELIGIBILITY NOTICE. (a) An election officer shall post a sign listing the particular circumstances that make a person not eligible to vote, including the types of criminal convictions, in one or more locations in the polling place where it can be read by persons waiting to vote.

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form and content of the sign required by this section.

The amendment to **SB 2** was read.

Senator Hughes withdrew Floor Amendment No. 1.

(President in Chair)

Senator Gutierrez offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend **SB 2** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, lines 24-25), strike "Sections 64.012(a) and (b), Election Code, are amended" and substitute "Section 64.012, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (e)".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, immediately following amended Section 64.012(b), Election Code (page 1, between lines 44 and 45), insert the following:

(e) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that:

(1) the person's ballot was not finally counted; or

(2) the person engaged in the conduct constituting the offense at the direction of an election official, including by being issued a registration certificate under Section 13.142.

The amendment to **SB 2** was read and failed of adoption by the following vote: Yeas 12, Nays 19.

Yeas: Alvarado, Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hinojosa, Johnson, LaMantia, Menéndez, Miles, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Nays: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer.

SB 2 was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hinojosa, Johnson, LaMantia, Menéndez, Miles, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 2

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senators Creighton and Paxton will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 2**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 68

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Springer will be shown as Co-author of **SB 68**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 92

On motion of Senator Johnson, Senator Miles will be shown as Co-author of **SB 92**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 105

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

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 128

On motion of Senator Springer, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 128**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 222

On motion of Senator Nichols, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 222**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 224

On motion of Senator Alvarado, Senators Gutierrez and Hinojosa will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 224**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 240

On motion of Senator Campbell, Senator Johnson will be shown as Co-author of **SB 240**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 243

On motion of Senator Johnson, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 243**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 244

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst, Senator Miles will be shown as Co-author of **SB 244**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 249

On motion of Senator Hall, Senator Parker will be shown as Co-author of **SB 249**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 250

On motion of Senator Hall, Senator Parker will be shown as Co-author of **SB 250**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 357

On motion of Senator Hall, Senator Flores will be shown as Co-author of **SB 357**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 379

On motion of Senator Huffman, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 379**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 402

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senator Miles will be shown as Co-author of **SB 402**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 459

On motion of Senator Paxton, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 459**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 465

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senator Miles will be shown as Co-author of **SB 465**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 544

On motion of Senator Blanco, Senator Gutierrez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 544**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 557

On motion of Senator West, Senator Johnson will be shown as Co-author of **SB 557**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 578

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator West will be shown as Co-author of **SB 578**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 591

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-author of **SB 591**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 594

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator LaMantia will be shown as Co-author of **SB 594**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 629

On motion of Senator Menéndez, Senators Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 629**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 645

On motion of Senator Huffman, Senators Hinojosa and Miles will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 645**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 658

On motion of Senator Perry, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 658**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 727

On motion of Senator West, Senators Johnson and Miles will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 727**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 751

On motion of Senator Flores, Senator Schwertner will be shown as Co-author of **SB 751**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 787

On motion of Senator Huffman, Senator Flores will be shown as Co-author of **SB 787**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 812

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-author of **SB 812**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 854

On motion of Senator West, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 854**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1004

On motion of Senator Huffman, Senators Flores, Hinojosa, and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1004**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1029

On motion of Senator Hall, Senator Perry will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1029**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1040

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst, Senator Paxton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1040**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1079

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1079**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1150

On motion of Senator Menéndez, Senator Campbell will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1150**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1221

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Gutierrez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1221**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1318

On motion of Senator Huffman, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1318**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1319

On motion of Senator Huffman, Senators Hinojosa and Miles will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1319**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1406

On motion of Senator Perry, Senator Springer will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1406**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1527

On motion of Senator Huffman, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1527**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1595

On motion of Senator Hancock, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1595**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1652

On motion of Senator Huffman, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1652**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1817

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senator Nichols will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1817**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

On motion of Senator Eckhardt, Senator Paxton will be shown as Co-author of **SCR 4**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 81

On motion of Senator Birdwell, Senator West will be shown as Co-author of **SJR 81**.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolutions

SR 298 by Flores, In memory of the life of Preciliano Medina.

HCR 67 (Sparks), In memory of Jafar "Jeff" Rahim Salehi of Midland.

Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 297 by Flores, Recognizing Lynn Ellison on the occasion of his retirement.

SR 302 by Parker, Recognizing Kathleen Long on the occasion of her retirement.

HCR 14 (Sparks), Congratulating Edward Runyan on his induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame.

HCR 15 (Sparks), Congratulating Don Sparks on his induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame.

HCR 16 (Sparks), Honoring Florence Marie Hall on her posthumous induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame.

HCR 17 (Sparks), Congratulating Kenneth B. Nolen on his induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame.

HCR 18 (Sparks), Congratulating the Eastland Oil Company of Midland on its centennial.

HCR 19 (Sparks), Congratulating Don Sparks on receiving the 2022 Top Hand award from the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

HCR 21 (Sparks), Honoring Monsignor Larry J. Droll of St. Ann's Catholic Parish in Midland on the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest.

HCR 23 (Sparks), Honoring Lori Blong on her election as mayor of Midland.

HCR 25 (Hinojosa), Congratulating Julian Alvarez III on his appointment as senior vice president and director of business development for Lone Star National Bank.

HCR 66 (Hughes), Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

HCR 68 (Sparks), Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the discovery of oil at Santa Rita No. 1.

Official Designation Resolution

HCR 35 (Nichols), Recognizing February 7, 2023, as Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Day at the State Capitol.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 5:06 p.m. adjourned until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

March 13, 2023

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — SB 497, SB 545, SB 780

STATE AFFAIRS — SJR 52, SB 610, SB 643, SB 718, SB 801, SB 896, SB 994, CSSB 380

FINANCE — SB 729, SB 740

BILL ENGROSSED

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SB 578

RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

March 13, 2023

SCR 19, SR 297, SR 298, SR 302

