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AUSTIN, TEXAS

PROCEEDINGS

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY

(Continued)

(Wednesday, May 17, 2023)

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 8:06 a.m. and was called to order by Senator Johnson.

SESSION HELD FOR LOCAL AND UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

The Presiding Officer announced that the time had arrived to consider bills and resolutions placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9.03(d), the following bills and resolutions were laid before the Senate in the order listed, read second time, amended where applicable, passed to engrossment or third reading, read third time, and passed. The votes on passage to engrossment or third reading, suspension of the Constitutional Three-day Rule, and final passage are indicated after each caption. All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on viva voce votes unless otherwise indicated.

HB 87 (Hughes)

Relating to the presidential electors of this state.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 165 (Whitmire)

Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for an aggravated assault occurring as part of a mass shooting; increasing a criminal penalty.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Creighton (30-1) "Nay" Creighton

HB 255 (Zaffirini)

Relating to notaries public; increasing the amount of certain fees.

(viva voce vote) (27-4) "Nays" Creighton, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Springer (27-4) "Nays" Creighton, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Springer

CSHB 282 (Hancock)

Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for Gold Star family members and recipients of certain Texas military awards.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

CSHB 473 (Sparks)

Relating to parental rights regarding a threat assessment of a student conducted by a public school's threat assessment and safe and supportive school team.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 517 (Parker)

Relating to the persons who may provide information to a parole panel considering the release of an inmate on parole or to mandatory supervision.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 562 (Flores)

Relating to the confidentiality of certain information received or maintained by the Veterans' Land Board.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 584 (Zaffirini)

Relating to the development of a state information technology credential offered by public junior colleges or public technical institutes to address shortages in the state information resources workforce.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Hughes (30-1) "Nay" Hughes

HB 608 (Huffman)

Relating to the sale of fireworks before and during the Diwali holiday.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Hughes (30-1) "Nay" Hughes

HB 616 (Zaffirini)

Relating to continuing education instruction for district clerks on impaneling petit and grand juries.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Hughes (30-1) "Nay" Hughes

HB 659 (Parker)

Relating to specialty license plates issued for recipients of the Commendation Medal.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

CSHB 679 (Schwertner)

Relating to limitations on the use of workers' compensation insurance experience modifier values in soliciting and awarding public construction contracts.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

CSHB 697 (Hughes)

Relating to seller's disclosures regarding fuel gas piping in residential real property.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Middleton (30-1) "Nay" Middleton

HB 728 (Zaffirini)

Relating to the statewide interagency aging services coordinating council.

(viva voce vote) (29-2) "Nays" Hughes, Springer (29-2) "Nays" Hughes, Springer

HB 767 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to the entry into the Texas Crime Information Center of certain information regarding conditions of bond for stalking offenses.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 841 (Middleton)

Relating to certain judicial statistics and related information gathered by the Texas Judicial Council.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Hughes (30-1) "Nay" Hughes

CSHB 852 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to the composition of the Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Middleton (30-1) "Nay" Middleton

HB 898 (Parker)

Relating to the offense of passing certain vehicles on a highway; increasing a criminal penalty.

(viva voce vote) (27-4) "Nays" Creighton, Hall, Hughes, Middleton (27-4) "Nays" Creighton, Hall, Hughes, Middleton

HB 907 (Hinojosa)

Relating to persons authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 1074 (Zaffirini)

Relating to construction of certain laws prohibiting discrimination, distinctions, inducements, rebates, and certain other conduct related to property and casualty insurance.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 1106 (Hall)

Relating to the training of and the provision of acupuncture services by an acudetox specialist.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Springer (30-1) "Nay" Springer

HB 1114 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to the service area of the Blinn Junior College District.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

CSHB 1195 (Hall)

Relating to the authority of certain county and district clerks to obtain and retain information that identifies a person filing a document or requesting services.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 1221 (Zaffirini)

Relating to authorizing the comptroller to release a reported owner's unclaimed property to the owner's crime victim in certain circumstances and payment by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice of certain amounts owed by an inmate.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 1381 (Alvarado)

Relating to the public hearing requirement for a preliminary zoning report made by a zoning commission.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 1488 (Miles)

Relating to sickle cell disease health care improvement and the sickle cell task force.
(viva voce vote) (27-4) "Nays" Hall, Hughes, Middleton, Springer (27-4) "Nays" Hall, Hughes, Middleton, Springer

HB 1547 (Hughes)

Relating to claims for reimbursement between marital estates.
(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 1587 (Johnson)

Relating to the use by insurance companies of separate accounts in connection with life insurance and annuities and certain other benefits.
(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 1615 (Birdwell)

Relating to strategies to increase the availability of child-care and prekindergarten programs.
(viva voce vote) (26-5) "Nays" Hall, Hughes, Middleton, Sparks, Springer (26-5) "Nays" Hall, Hughes, Middleton, Sparks, Springer

HB 1633 (Blanco)

Relating to certain offenses regarding parking privileges of veterans with disabilities.
(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 1689 (Flores)

Relating to the use of county hotel occupancy tax revenue for an electronic tax administration system and the reimbursement of tax collection expenses.
(viva voce vote) (27-4) "Nays" Bettencourt, Hughes, Middleton, Springer (27-4) "Nays" Bettencourt, Hughes, Middleton, Springer

HB 1819 (Hughes)

Relating to the repeal of the authority of political subdivisions to adopt or enforce juvenile curfews.
(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 1826 (Whitmire)

Relating to the establishment of an organized retail theft task force.
(viva voce vote) (28-3) "Nays" Hancock, Hughes, Middleton (28-3) "Nays" Hancock, Hughes, Middleton

CSHB 1900 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to notice of cancellation or nonrenewal of a property and casualty insurance policy.
(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Springer (30-1) "Nay" Springer

HB 1901 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to the filing of an annual audit report by a title insurance company, title insurance agent, or direct operation.
(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 1912 (West)

Relating to student buildings fees at The University of Texas at Dallas.

(viva voce vote) (26-5) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Middleton (26-5) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Middleton

(Senator King in Chair)**HB 1925** (Miles)

Relating to the continuation of a health care provider participation program by the Harris County Hospital District.

(viva voce vote) (29-2) "Nays" Hughes, Middleton (29-2) "Nays" Hughes, Middleton

HB 1964 (Hall)

Relating to the release of a motor vehicle accident report to an employee or authorized representative of a vehicle storage facility.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Hughes (30-1) "Nay" Hughes

HB 2007 (Parker)

Relating to a certificate of merit in certain actions against certain licensed or registered professionals.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2016 (Zaffirini)

Relating to the eligibility requirements for a license as a massage establishment, massage school, massage therapist, or massage therapy instructor.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2070 (Hughes)

Relating to the continuation of spousal maintenance ordered under certain circumstances.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2083 (Sparks)

Relating to the designation of a portion of Business Interstate Highway 20-E in Ector County as the Mac Wilson and Rex Young Medal of Honor Highway.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2195 (Parker)

Relating to wrong, fictitious, altered, or obscured license plates; increasing a criminal penalty.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Creighton (30-1) "Nay" Creighton

HB 2196 (Parker)

Relating to trusts.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2248 (Alvarado)

Relating to designating September 30 as Vanessa Guillén Day.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Schwertner (30-1) "Nay" Schwertner

HB 2251 (Zaffirini)

Relating to computerized fee records in criminal cases.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2384 (Hughes)

Relating to court administration, including the knowledge, efficiency, training, and transparency requirements for candidates for or holders of judicial offices.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Middleton (30-1) "Nay" Middleton

HB 2388 (Springer)

Relating to memoranda of understanding between the Texas Water Development Board and other state agencies.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2459 (Alvarado)

Relating to the administration of violations and administrative penalties of the employment of children.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2468 (Perry)

Relating to the entitlement of an injured employee to lifetime income benefits under the workers' compensation system.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2489 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to renaming the Texas Natural Resources Information System as the Texas Geographic Information Office and the duties of certain officers of that entity.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2497 (Huffman)

Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain municipalities.

(viva voce vote) (25-6) "Nays" Bettencourt, Creighton, Hall, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Middleton (25-6) "Nays" Bettencourt, Creighton, Hall, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Middleton

HB 2629 (Middleton)

Relating to the reporting of direct campaign expenditures by certain persons and political committees.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2674 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to the application submitted to the comptroller for designation as a state depository.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2774 (Nichols)

Relating to the treatment of income tax expenses in rate proceedings for water and sewer utilities.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2802 (Blanco)

Relating to the Medicaid application form and communication with Medicaid recipients.

(viva voce vote) (28-3) "Nays" Bettencourt, Hughes, Middleton (28-3) "Nays" Bettencourt, Hughes, Middleton

HB 2892 (Middleton)

Relating to the transfer of certain public school students who are children of certain military servicemembers.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 2921 (Alvarado)

Relating to the issuance of Antarctica Service Medal specialty license plates.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Hughes (30-1) "Nay" Hughes

CSHB 3099 (Parker)

Relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 380 in Wise and Jack Counties as the Lost Battalion Memorial Highway.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 3125 (Zaffirini)

Relating to the use of certain lighting equipment on authorized emergency vehicles.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Springer (30-1) "Nay" Springer

HB 3574 (Parker)

Relating to the regulation of state banks.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 3582 (Perry)

Relating to the composition and use of money in the flood infrastructure fund.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 3698 (Zaffirini)

Relating to expanding access to the protective order registry and the inclusion of certain information regarding a person who is the subject of a protective order in that registry.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 3813 (Perry)

Relating to eligibility to participate as an annuitant in the state employees group benefits program.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Hughes (30-1) "Nay" Hughes

HB 3989 (Alvarado)

Relating to the adoption of a policy on the preclusion of private design professionals from contracting with the Texas Department of Transportation.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 4073 (Alvarado)

Relating to the renewal of certain expired certificates issued by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection; authorizing a fee.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 4166 (Sparks)

Relating to the packaging requirements for certain donated prescription drugs.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 4210 (Campbell)

Relating to the qualifications to serve as a member of a board of trustees of a military reservation school district and rules adopted by the State Board of Education for the governance of a special-purpose district.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 4331 (Sparks)

Relating to the donors of certain unused prescription drugs.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Middleton (30-1) "Nay" Middleton

HB 4332 (Sparks)

Relating to the redistribution of donated prepackaged prescription drugs.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 4381 (Huffman)

Relating to the suspension of a money judgment pending appeal in a civil action.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 4559 (Huffman)

Relating to the application of statutes that classify political subdivisions according to population.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 4615 (Hancock)

Relating to the confidentiality of certain information concerning service members of the state military forces.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

HB 5232 (Hughes)

Relating to civil penalties imposed for violations of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act of 1983.

(viva voce vote) (29-2) "Nays" Huffman, Springer (29-2) "Nays" Huffman, Springer

(Senator Springer in Chair)

HB 5325 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to the boundaries of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 144.

(viva voce vote) (29-2) "Nays" Hancock, Middleton (29-2) "Nays" Hancock, Middleton

HB 5326 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to the creation of the Orchard Municipal Utility District No. 2; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (27-4) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton (27-4) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton

HB 5329 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 262; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (27-4) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton (27-4) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton

HB 5347 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 597; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (27-4) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton (27-4) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton

HB 5350 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 48; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (27-4) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton (27-4) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton

HB 5362 (Huffman)

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 57; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst

HB 5366 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to the creation of the Grimes County Municipal Utility District No. 3; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (27-4) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton (27-4) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton

HCR 4 (King)

Designating Mineral Wells as the official Wellness Capital of Texas for a 10-year period beginning in 2023.

(31-0)

HCR 12 (Hall)

Designating September 22 as Texas Veterans Suicide Prevention Day for a 10-year period ending in 2033.

(31-0)

HCR 36 (Zaffirini)

Urging Congress to ensure that the survivors and surviving families of the Sutherland Springs mass shooting receive compensation equivalent to the relief provided to those impacted by similar incidents.

(31-0)

HCR 42 (Creighton)

Designating Winnie as the official Rice Capital of Texas for a 10-year period ending in 2033.

(31-0)

HCR 45 (Birdwell)

Redesignating the City of Mansfield as the official Pickle Capital of Texas for a 10-year period ending in 2033.

(31-0)

HCR 61 (Creighton)

Designating Port Arthur as the official Cajun Capital of Texas for a 10-year period ending in 2033.

(31-0)

HCR 75 (Hinojosa)

Designating the first week of November as Municipal Courts Week for a 10-year period beginning in 2023.

(30-1) "Nay" Hughes

HCR 77 (Zaffirini)

Designating November as Texas Wildlife and Conservation Month for a 10-year period beginning in 2023.

(31-0)

HCR 82 (Flores)

Designating Llano as the official Deer Capital of the Texas Hill Country for a 10-year period ending in 2033.

(31-0)

HCR 83 (Zaffirini)

Designating Floresville as the official Peanut Capital of Texas.

(31-0)

HCR 86 (Kolkhorst)

Expressing support for the strengthening of our partnership with Taiwan and for the expansion of Taiwan's role on the global stage.

(31-0)

SCR 48 (Hall)

Directing the Texas Facilities Commission to name the new transit amenity center at 207 W. 14th Street in the Capitol Complex the "Lead On! Transit Amenity" in honor of Justin Dart.

(31-0)

CSSB 1148 (West)

Relating to terms for members of the state executive committee of the University Interscholastic League.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Middleton (30-1) "Nay" Middleton

CSSB 1930 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to policies and procedures regarding children placed by the Department of Family and Protective Services in a residential treatment center or qualified residential treatment program.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

SB 2029 (Creighton)

Relating to the administration of the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant Program by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

CSSB 2086 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to a property right in DNA; providing injunctive relief and a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.

(viva voce vote) (30-1) "Nay" Creighton (30-1) "Nay" Creighton

CSSB 2273 (Kolkhorst)

Relating to requiring semiannual school safety meetings in certain counties.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

CSSB 2422 (Creighton)

Relating to the confidentiality of certain records containing applicant or student information that are held by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(viva voce vote) (31-0) (31-0)

SB 2572 (Creighton)

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 229; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose fees and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst

SB 2574 (Creighton)

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 228; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst

SB 2584 (Creighton)

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 219; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst

SB 2585 (Creighton)

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 235; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst

CSSB 2595 (Creighton)

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 204; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst

SB 2597 (Creighton)

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 237; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst

SB 2604 (Miles)

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 589; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst

SB 2609 (Hughes)

Relating to the creation of the Fannin Farms Municipal Utility District of Fannin County; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (27-3-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst (27-3-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst

SB 2619 (Creighton)

Relating to the powers and duties of the Stanley Lake Municipal Utility District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose fees and taxes.

(viva voce vote) (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst (26-4-1) "Nays" Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton "Present-not voting" Kolkhorst

**BILLS REMOVED FROM
LOCAL AND UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

Senator Hughes and Senator Hall requested in writing that **HB 1275** be removed from the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Eckhardt and Senator Hall requested in writing that **HB 1526** be removed from the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Huffman and Senator Springer requested in writing that **HB 2454** be removed from the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Hancock and Senator Springer requested in writing that **HB 2469** be removed from the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Schwertner and Senator Springer requested in writing that **HB 4510** be removed from the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Zaffirini and Senator Springer requested in writing that **SB 2575** be removed from the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

**SESSION CONCLUDED FOR
LOCAL AND UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

Senator Springer announced that the session to consider bills and resolutions placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar was concluded.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 9:00 a.m. adjourned, in memory of James D. Kniker and Lori Cheryl Saunders Broughton, until 11:00 a.m. today.

In Memory**of****James D. Kniker****Senate Concurrent Resolution 52**

WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to a close with the passing of U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) James D. Kniker of San Antonio on December 24, 2022, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, A native of Seguin, Jim Kniker was born on December 2, 1937, to Theodore Kniker and Alice Steger, and he grew up with three brothers, Ted, Charles, and Kenn; he was president of his graduating class at Seguin High School, and he continued his education at The University of Texas at Austin, where he received a math degree and worked with the Texas Longhorns under the leadership of Coach Darrell Royal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kniker served for 23 years in the U.S. Air Force as an aerial navigator; he was an electronic warfare officer on Vietnam tours and on Operation Arc Light bombing missions; his medals included the Distinguished Flying Cross for the exceptional skill he demonstrated during a flight on the wave lead aircraft; on a mission programmed against a high priority target belonging to a hostile government, his knowledge and use of electronic counter-measures aided in successfully defending the aircraft and wave against hostile weapons systems and assured the completion of the mission by all aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Following the Vietnam War, Mr. Kniker obtained a master's degree in computer science from Oklahoma State University; he later served in NATO Allied Forces Central Europe warfare development, and he became a multinational military educator, helping to enhance war-fighting readiness; moreover, he taught at the Air War College and played a vital role in the integration of computers in professional military education; he retired from the air force at the rank of lieutenant colonel, and he subsequently worked for a defense contractor in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Kniker enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Christine, and he took great pride in his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; he was known for his wonderful sense of humor, and he touched the lives of those around him with his gentle and caring spirit; and

WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family and his country, Jim Kniker earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) James D. Kniker and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Christine Richman; to his children, Alison, Chris and his wife, Catherine, Kimberly, Kathy, Nanette, and Tommy; to his grandchildren, Desiree and her husband, Derek, Caitlin, Hannah, Brian, and Rebecca; to his great-grandchildren, Foster and Hattie; and to all others who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of Jim Kniker.

GUTIERREZ

In Memory
of
Lori Cheryl Saunders Broughton
Senate Resolution 575

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Dr. Lori Cheryl Saunders Broughton, who died November 4, 2022, at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, Lori Saunders was born on June 30, 1960, in Houston, and she grew up in Baytown; a highly esteemed leader in public education, she led a distinguished career as an educator and school administrator, and she was a bright light in the lives of her students, her colleagues, and her many loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Lori earned a bachelor's degree in education from The University of Texas at Austin in 1982, and that same year, she was joined in marriage with the love of her life, Ben Broughton; She began her career as an educator by serving as a teacher at Crosby Elementary School before accepting a position at Ashbel Elementary School in Baytown; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the profession of teaching, Lori continued to pursue her own education and acquired a master's degree from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in 1986; the following year, she and her husband were blessed with the arrival of their daughter, Whitney; and

WHEREAS, Lori was a loving and devoted mother, and she cherished spending time with her young daughter; during this time she served as an employee of the University of Houston-Clear Lake before later joining the faculty of Armand Bayou Elementary School, where she served as a third grade teacher; she later accepted a position as the assistant principal at Brookwood Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Noted for her engaging leadership and her enthusiastic approach to working with faculty, students, and staff, Lori was appointed to serve as principal of Silverlake Elementary School in the Pearland Independent School District; during her first year as principal, she began pursuing a doctorate degree in psychology at Texas A&M University, and she graduated in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Lori led Sam Jamison Middle School and McWhirter Elementary School during the last decade of her career before retiring in 2014 from Westbrook Middle School; her passion for contributing to the quality of public education helped to foster a sense of mission and

camaraderie among administrators, teachers, parents, and students, and her wisdom, dedication, and uncompromising work ethic made her an invaluable asset to each of the institutions she served; and

WHEREAS, Lori and Ben shared 40 years of joyful marriage, and together they raised their daughter with an abundance of love; before retiring, Lori and Ben purchased a property near Dripping Springs, where they established their family home on the B Lazy 7 Ranch; Lori found great fulfillment in her home and in time spent with family, and she also volunteered her time as a mentor to future teachers; and

WHEREAS, A woman of grace, strength, and determination, Lori was an example to others through her generous and compassionate spirit and her commitment to upholding her values; she was a source of inspiration to those around her and made a positive and lasting difference in the lives of countless teachers and students, and her memory will be forever treasured by her loving family and friends and by all who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. Lori Cheryl Saunders Broughton; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her 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 Lori Broughton.

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