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PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTH DAY — MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007

The house met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 36).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson; Aycock; Berman; Bohac; Bolton; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Cohen; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Corte; Crabb; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Delisi; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; England; Escobar; Farabee; Farias; Farrar; Flores; Flynn; Frost; Gallego; Garcia; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Toureilles; Goolsby; Guillen; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harless; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hernandez; Herrero; Hilderbran; Hill; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Hughes; Isett; Jackson; Jones; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Latham; Laubenberg; Leibowitz; Lucio; Macias; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Miles; Miller; Moreno; Morrison; Mowery; Murphy; Naishtat; Noriega; Olivo; Orr; Ortiz; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pierson; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Straus; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Thompson; Truitt; Turner; Van Arsdale; Vaught; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; West; Woolley; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Gattis; Merritt; Oliveira; Strama.

Absent — Bailey.

The invocation was offered by Dr. Lonny Poe, pastor, Sunset Canyon Baptist Church, Dripping Springs, as follows:

God of all creation, your artistry is on display daily. It can be described in diverse detail by those who gather from every corner of this great state. From beaches and windswept plain, caprock and canyon, mountain and meadow, listed field and piney wood, river and lake, from sandy soil to red clay, from fertile loam to fractured limestone, in the bluebonnet and the buffalo grass, these and a myriad of other examples testify to the limitless creativity of our God. It is you, O God, in your abundant grace that grants us our breath, who allows us to take in the beauty of the roadside flower, and to feel the wind on our skin or the chill of a January rain.

You have granted us this day and you have allowed these to assume places of leadership. They represent people as diverse as the Texas landscape. Let us never forget that to those who have been given much, much is expected.

Maker of heaven and earth, grant wisdom to these who serve the citizens of this state. Strengthen them, clarify the right course, and steer their resolve to follow the right course as they wrestle with difficult issues. Temper us with an ability to be passionate without being militant, persistent and yet compassionate. I pray also Lord that these chosen to represent would not only know the expectations of their constituents but that they would also experience partnership from those constituents. It is in your name that we pray. Amen.

The speaker recognized Representative Rose who led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Macias who presented Dr. Ann Trevino of New Braunfels as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Trevino and thanked her for her participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of a death in the family:

Gattis on motion of Van Arsdale.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Merritt on motion of T. Smith.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of family business:

Strama on motion of Anchia.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of illness:

Oliveira on motion of Raymond.

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business in the district:

Aycock on motion of Darby.

(England in the chair)

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, Senate List No. 2).

HR 88 - ADOPTED
(by Chavez)

Representative Chavez moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 88**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 88, Welcoming all motorcyclists participating in Legislative Day at the State Capitol.

(Bailey now present)

HR 88 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Miles, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 88** as signers thereof.

(Murphy in the chair)

HR 84 - ADOPTED
(by Martinez Fischer)

Representative Martinez Fischer moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 84**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 84, Honoring the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its 78th annual installation banquet.

HR 84 was adopted.

HR 85 - ADOPTED
(by Martinez Fischer)

Representative Martinez Fischer moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 85**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 85, Honoring Dr. Ricardo Romo for his service to the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

HR 85 was adopted.

(Parker in the chair)

HR 90 - ADOPTED
(by Truitt)

Representative Truitt moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 90**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 90, Congratulating the 2006 Class 5A state champion Carroll Dragons and recognizing January 23, 2007, as Carroll Dragons Day at the Capitol.

HR 90 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Callegari, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 90** as signers thereof.

HR 95 - ADOPTED

(by Krusee)

Representative Krusee moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 95**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 95, In memory of Nancy Francis McMinn of Houston.

HR 95 was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Van Arsdale moved that the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of Marie Elizabeth Gattis of Georgetown.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 2:40 p.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of the house by the speaker:

Senate List No. 2

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