SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2414 on May 23, 2013: Yeas 145, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 686

H.B. No. 2424

AN ACT
relating to the designation of the part of U.S. Highway 83 Business in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties as a portion of the national Purple Heart Trail.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 225.0225(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The following highways are designated as the Texas portion of the national Purple Heart Trail:

1. the part of Interstate Highway 35 located in Texas;
2. the part of Interstate Highway 40 located in Texas;
3. the part of Interstate Highway 37 from Interstate Highway 35 to U.S. Highway 77;
4. the part of U.S. Highway 77 from Interstate Highway 37 to State Highway 100;
5. State Highway 100; [and]
6. Park Road 100; and
7. the part of U.S. Highway 83 Business in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 687

H.B. No. 2500

AN ACT
relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of solar energy property.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 23, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 23.26 to read as follows:

Sec. 23.26. SOLAR ENERGY PROPERTY. (a) In this section, "solar energy property" means a "solar energy device" as defined by Section 11.27(c)(1) that is used for a commercial purpose, including a commercial storage device, power conditioning equipment, transfer equipment, and necessary parts for the device and equipment.