

HOUSE JOURNAL

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PROCEEDINGS

EIGHTH DAY — THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2009

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 14).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson; Aycock; Berman; Bohac; Bolton; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Button; Callegari; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Corte; Crabb; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; England; Farabee; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Flores; Flynn; Frost; Gallego; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Toureilles; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harless; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hernandez; Herrero; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Hughes; Hunter; Isett; Jackson; Jones; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Legler; Leibowitz; Lewis; Lucio; Madden; Maldonado; Mallory Caraway; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miklos; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Moody; Morrison; Naishtat; Oliveira; Olivo; Orr; Ortiz; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pierson; Pitts; Quintanilla; Raymond; Rios Ybarra; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Sheffield; Shelton; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Swinford; Taylor; Thompson; Truitt; Turner, C.; Turner, S.; Vaught; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Walle; Weber; Woolley; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Kent; Kuempel; Marquez; Riddle; Thibaut.

Absent — Cohen.

The invocation was offered by Tom Robbins, Jr., pastor, First United Methodist Church of Temple, as follows:

Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for another day in your world and all the blessings in life: those we recognize and the many blessings we never see or fully understand.

Lord, I especially thank you for these men and women who come together today to serve you by serving the State of Texas. I pray that your Holy Spirit guides each of them in their thoughts, their conduct, and their votes. Bless each of them and let them feel your presence.

Bless our state and nation. In your holy child's name, we pray. Amen.

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

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Corte who presented Dr. Michael Dominguez of San Antonio as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of illness in the family:

Kent on motion of Shelton.

Marquez on motion of Martinez.

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

Riddle on motion of Branch.

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Kuempel on motion of Heflin.

Thibaut on motion of Heflin.

HR 189 - ADOPTED (by Gonzalez Toureilles)

Representative Gonzalez Toureilles moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 189**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 189, Recognizing January 29, 2009, as Karnes County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 189 was read and was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Gonzalez Toureilles who introduced a delegation from Karnes County.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Cohen on motion of Allen.

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

Frost on motion of Hopson.

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

Martinez Fischer on motion of Farias.

HR 138 - ADOPTED
(by Maldonado)

Representative Maldonado moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 138**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 138, Honoring the Coupland ISD School Board on the occasion of School Board Recognition Month.

HR 138 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Raymond, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 138** as signers thereof.

HR 139 - ADOPTED
(by Maldonado)

Representative Maldonado moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 139**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 139, Honoring the Taylor ISD School Board on the occasion of School Board Recognition Month.

HR 139 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Raymond, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 139** as signers thereof.

HR 179 - ADOPTED
(by T. King)

Representative T. King moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 179**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 179, Recognizing January 29, 2009, as Eagle Pass-Maverick County Day at the Capitol.

HR 179 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Raymond, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 179** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative T. King who introduced a delegation from Eagle Pass and Maverick County.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Flynn who introduced a delegation from Hunt County.

**HR 191 - ADOPTED
(by Flynn)**

Representative Flynn moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 191**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 191, Recognizing January 29, 2009, as Hunt County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 191 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Anderson, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 191** as signers thereof.

**HR 213 - ADOPTED
(by Corte)**

Representative Corte moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 213**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 213, Recognizing January 25-31, 2009, as Texas Health Freedom Week.

HR 213 was adopted.

**HCR 25 - ADOPTED
(by Homer)**

Representative Homer moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 25**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 25, Honoring Paris Police Chief Karl Louis for his service and congratulating him on his retirement.

HCR 25 was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative McReynolds moved that the house adjourn until 2 p.m. Monday, February 2 in memory of Texas Parks and Wildlife Commissioner John D. Parker of Lufkin.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 10:46 a.m., adjourned until 2 p.m. Monday, February 2.