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EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, THIRD CALLED SESSION

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## PROCEEDINGS

FOURTH DAY — THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

The house met at 10:12 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 5).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Allen; Allison; Anchía; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Clardy; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Darby; Davis; Dean; DeAyala; Dutton; Flores; Frank; Frazier; Gámez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris, C.E.; Harris, C.J.; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Herrero; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jetton; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kacal; King, K.; King, T.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morrison; Muñoz; Murr; Neave Criado; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Ortega; Patterson; Paul; Perez; Plesa; Price; Ramos; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rogers; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Sherman; Shine; Slawson; Smith; Smithee; Spiller; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thierry; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vo; Walle; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Dorazio; Garcia; Gervin-Hawkins; Leo-Wilson; Schaefer; Vasut.

The invocation was offered by the Very Reverend Daniel Liu, chaplain, as follows:

"He is the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous." (Psalm 146:6-8)

O Lord, we come to you with all of our doubts and weaknesses and ask you that you help us to remain hopeful in this fallen world. Faith invites us to choose to love and forgive and sacrifice in the face of doubts and obstacles, risking pain and loss for something greater. May we risk something today for the greater good. We entrust all the needs that rest in our hearts today to your holy will. In your name we pray. Amen.

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

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

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

Dorazio on motion of Orr.

Garcia on motion of Campos.

Gervin-Hawkins on motion of Martinez.

Leo-Wilson on motion of Hayes.

Schaefer on motion of Metcalf.

Vasut on motion of C.J. Harris.

### **REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED**

On motion of Representative Metcalf and by unanimous consent, the reading and referral of bills was postponed until just prior to adjournment.

### **COMMITTEES GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET**

Representative C.J. Harris moved that the house grant permission for all committees and subcommittees to meet while the house is in session, through and including Monday, October 23, pursuant to their committee postings.

Permission to meet was granted.

### **HR 41 - ADOPTED (by Stucky)**

Representative Stucky moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 41**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 41**, Congratulating Brooke Stewart of Victory Christian Academy in Decatur on being named a 2023 Christian Teacher of the Year by the Herzog Foundation.

**HR 41** was adopted.

### **PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:19 a.m., Representative Metcalf moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees and the receipt of messages, the house adjourn until 4 p.m. Monday, October 23.

The motion prevailed.

**Monday, October 23**

The chair called the house to order at 3:53 p.m. Monday, October 23.

**RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1 - October 23.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 3:54 p.m. Monday, October 23, adjourned until 4 p.m. today.

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**ADDENDUM**

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**REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

**List No. 1 - October 23**

**HR 51** (By Murr), In memory of William Murphey Black Sr. of Ozona.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 52** (By Murr), In memory of Warren Thomas Stokes of Ozona.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 53** (By Murr), In memory of Jean Jacoby of Junction.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 54** (By Murr), In memory of Patsie Lee Baugh Johnston of Junction.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 55** (By Murr), In memory of Peggy Diane Ragsdale of Mason.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 56** (By Martinez Fischer), Congratulating San Antonio district engineer Gina E. Gallegos on her retirement from the Texas Department of Transportation.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 57** (By Moody), Recognizing Rear Admiral Samuel Perez Jr. for his service in the U.S. Navy.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 58** (By Moody), In memory of Ronald Banerji of El Paso.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 59** (By Bucy), Congratulating Marie Gonzales on her retirement as the executive director of special education at Round Rock ISD.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 61** (By Bucy), Congratulating Sydney Lee for taking part in the 2023 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Government-in-Action Youth Tour.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 62** (By Bucy), Congratulating Sujana Ganganamani on taking part in the 2023 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Government-in-Action Youth Tour.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 63** (By Turner), Congratulating The University of Texas at Arlington Center for Mexican American Studies on its 30th anniversary.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 64** (By Howard), In memory of Michael Allen Masters of Austin.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 65** (By Moody), In memory of Victor Michael Firth of El Paso.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 66** (By Herrero), In memory of Eula Mae Griffith West.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 67** (By Stucky), Congratulating Cheryl Crouch on her selection as a 2023 Christian Teacher of the Year by the Herzog Foundation.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 68** (By Leo-Wilson), Commending Dr. John Redman of Chambers Health for taking part in overseas medical mission trips.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 69** (By Leo-Wilson), Honoring the Anahuac, Mont Belvieu, and Winnie Area Chambers of Commerce on Chamber of Commerce Week in Chambers County.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 70** (By Leo-Wilson), Congratulating Madison Swain on her performance at the Miss Juneteenth USA Pageant.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 71** (By Bucy), Commemorating the 3rd annual Smoke & Sounds BBQ Festival in Leander.

To Resolutions Calendars.