HR 1835 - ADOPTED
(by Hunter)

Representative Hunter moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time HR 1835.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 1835, Paying tribute to the accomplishments of Dr. Charles Runnels in his work in Texas and at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California.

HR 1835 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative McReynolds, the names of all the members of the house were added to HR 1835 as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Hunter who introduced Dr. Charles Runnels and his wife Amy Jo.

HR 2100 - ADOPTED
(by Hughes, Paxton, Taylor, Phillips, Anderson, et al.)

Representative Hughes moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time HR 2100.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 2100, Honoring Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr., for his contributions as president of Baylor University.

HR 2100 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representatives Wong, Phillips, Paxton, and J. Davis, the names of all the members of the house were added to HR 2100 as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representatives Phillips and Hughes who introduced Dr. Robert Sloan, Jr., and his family.

(Speaker in the chair)

RECESS

At 10:54 a.m., the speaker announced that the house would stand recessed until 11 a.m. today.

The speaker called the house to order at 11 a.m.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF FALLEN TEXANS IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

In accordance with the provisions of HR 1884, providing for a memorial session of the house of representatives at 11 a.m. today, for the purpose of a tribute to fallen soldiers of the Global War on Terrorism, the Honorable Tom Craddick, speaker of the house, called the house of representatives to order.
Speaker Craddick stated that the house was meeting in memorial session pursuant to **HR 1884** in honor of all Texans killed while serving in the Global War on Terrorism and welcomed Governor Rick Perry and Secretary of State Roger Williams.

The house and gallery rose for the posting of the colors.

Speaker Craddick recognized Representative Edwards who led the pledge of allegiance.

Senior Airman Rebecca Packard sang the national anthem.

Speaker Craddick presented Lieutenant Colonel David Moran, chaplain, who offered the invocation.

Speaker Craddick requested the reading clerk to read **HR 1885**, honoring Texans who have died while serving in the Global War on Terrorism and all men and women who have served in the United States armed forces.

**HR 1885**

WHEREAS, On this day, the Texas House of Representatives pauses to honor those whose patriotism has called them to duty in our nation's armed forces, and we also join together in solemn remembrance of those Texans who have been killed while serving in the Global War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Texas servicemen and servicewomen have long distinguished themselves as individuals of remarkable courage, dedication, and determination, and today we are proud to honor all the men and women from our state who have ever left behind their loved ones and the comfort and security of their homes to heed our country's call to arms; and

WHEREAS, During these difficult times, as U.S. forces continue to prosecute the Global War on Terrorism, we are reminded anew of the tenacious resolve of our military personnel and the immeasurable debt that we owe to those who have given their lives in this country's behalf; to date, the United States Department of Defense has confirmed the deaths of more than 1,500 American men and women who have served in this war, including at least 150 individuals with immediate ties to Texas; and

WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have sons and daughters whose love of country leads them to military service, yet the deaths of these heroic Texans is a sobering reminder that armed conflict is not without great and terrible cost; their deaths represent a tremendous loss to their families and friends, the members of their units, and the State of Texas, and their sacrifice in the service of our nation will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the memory of those Texans who have died while serving in the Global War on Terrorism and honor with gratitude their selfless and steadfast valor; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives express its heartfelt appreciation to all the brave men and women who have ever served in the United States armed forces.
Secretary Williams introduced Governor Perry who addressed the house as follows:

Thank you, Secretary Williams. Speaker Craddick, members of the legislature, friends and fellow Texans, it is my distinct honor to be with you on this solemn occasion. To my fellow veterans who have kept us safe and made us proud and to the family members who have sacrificed so much for the cause of freedom, I say thank you on behalf of every Texan.

On this day of remembrance, our hearts are torn with sorrow for heroes lost and pride for the way they lived their lives. Though they came from different backgrounds and heritages, from farms and barrios and suburban neighborhoods, they were united by a deep love for this nation and her people and an enduring commitment to protect the freedom that we so cherish no matter the cost. The magnitude of their sacrifice is difficult for any human being to ever fully understand but perhaps it is best captured by the words of John: "Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends."

To those here today who have lost a loved one in the War on Terror, I want you to know that the people of this state weep with you and we count each of your tears as precious because they are shed for someone who showed us the greatest love imaginable. And though you will miss them dearly, know that their legacy will live on in the hearts of people who have been liberated, from young girls who can now attend school in Afghanistan to free Iraqis who bear the ink-stained fingers of democracy.

Freedom is a precious commodity purchased at a great price, a price paid by men and women often in the prime of their lives with dreams like every other American with spouses and parents and children who will never again be the same because of the sacrifice they made. The freedom they have died for must always be cherished and honored and freedom's protectors must always be remembered today, tomorrow, and every day the red, white and blue hovers over this great land.

Texas recently laid to rest a hero who answered the call of his nation in a previous century, Sergeant Jose Mendoza Lopez, who single-handedly killed 100 enemy soldiers and saved his company from certain defeat at the Battle of the Bulge. Though the military awarded him the Medal of Honor for his selfless and heroic actions, Sergeant Lopez insisted that he had only done what any other soldier would do. As a soldier, Sergeant Lopez understood the depth of the commitment that every American makes when they put on the uniform, that there is no price they would not pay, no burden they would not bear so that we might be free.

We stand here today to promise that we will always honor the service of every fallen soldier, sailor, airman, marine and coastguardsmen, that we will never forget their lives or their sacrifice and that we will honor their sacrifice the best way we know how, by standing for freedom where it lives and wherever it is thirsted for.

No greater tribute could we give to fallen heroes. Thank you, may God bless you, and may God bless America.

The Service Medley was played.
Representatives Corte, Hupp, Chavez, and McReynolds; and Senators Shapleigh and Van de Putte read the names of the fallen soldiers.

Governor Perry presented flags flown over the Capitol to family members of the fallen soldiers.

The house and gallery observed a moment of silence.

A cannon salute was offered by the Texas Army National Guard Salute Battery.

Taps was played by Sergeant Todd Lester.

Speaker Craddick introduced Chaplain Moran who offered the benediction.

RECESS

At 12:25 p.m., the speaker announced that the house would stand recessed until 1:30 p.m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The house met at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Pitts on motion of Keel.

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, House List No. 52).

HB 2048 - HOUSE REFUSES TO CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Representative Uresti called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

HB 2048, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to certain online services and transactions involving state agencies.

Representative Uresti moved that the house not concur in the senate amendments and that a conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on HB 2048.

The motion prevailed.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on HB 2048: Uresti, chair; Hupp; J. Davis; M. Noriega; and Gattis.