

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas State Association of
3 Parliamentarians are visiting the Capitol on May 4 and 5, 2007, in
4 conjunction with their annual convention in Austin, and the
5 occasion provides a fitting opportunity to honor this commendable
6 organization; and

7 WHEREAS, Since 1955, the Texas State Association of
8 Parliamentarians has served the people of Texas through the study,
9 teaching, and dissemination of parliamentary law, while its members
10 have served a multitude of public and private organizations in the
11 practice of fair and expedient procedure; and

12 WHEREAS, Passed to the American colonies from the British
13 House of Commons, parliamentary law was nurtured in the colonial
14 legislature and developed in the United States Congress and state
15 legislatures, and it remains the hallmark of integrity in American
16 government; and

17 WHEREAS, In February 1876, General Henry M. Robert, a former
18 chief of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, published
19 *Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies*, better
20 known as *Robert's Rules of Order*; interestingly, the author of the
21 most widely used manual of parliamentary procedure also played a
22 role in the design and construction of the Galveston Seawall and the
23 Houston Ship Channel near the turn of the 20th century; and

24 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is home to many notable

1 parliamentarians, including the late Robert E. Johnson, Sr., who
2 was honored for his longtime service to the Texas Legislature with
3 the dedication of the Robert E. Johnson, Sr., State Legislative
4 Office Building; renowned Texas and United States legislator
5 Barbara Jordan emphasized the importance of parliamentary
6 procedure when she stated, "If you're going to play the game
7 properly, you'd better know every rule"; and

8 WHEREAS, The members of the Texas Legislature, as well as the
9 citizens of the State of Texas, owe a debt of gratitude to the
10 parliamentarians, secretaries, and clerks of the Texas Senate and
11 House of Representatives, for their skillful, equitable, and
12 efficient execution of session business is integral to ensuring the
13 integrity and consistency of the legislative process in the Lone
14 Star State; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
16 hereby recognize May 5, 2007, as Parliamentary Law Day at the State
17 Capitol and extend to the members of the Texas State Association of
18 Parliamentarians sincere best wishes for a memorable and rewarding
19 convention in Austin.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 30 was adopted by the Senate on March 5, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 30 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor