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Mr. Speaker and Chairman Pitts,

The undersigned members of the House voice our support, on behalf of all current and future retired teachers across the state, to bring the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) pension fund back into actuarial soundness. Current estimates are that an increase of approximately \$600 million per biennium will be needed to make the fund sound. We ask that full funding of the yearly state contribution rate, based on the TRS actuarial report due out in August of 2006, be included in the base appropriations bill which will be introduced for the 80th Legislature.

Representative Craig Eiland has filed HB 73 during this the 79th Legislature 3rd Called Session which accomplishes this task and we support those efforts. Regardless of the final passage of HB 73, the legislature has an obligation to current and future retired teachers to ensure that the TRS fund is actuarially sound. The current contribution rate of the constitutional minimum 6% does not accomplish that obligation. We look forward to working with you on this issue and welcome any questions or comments.

Regards,



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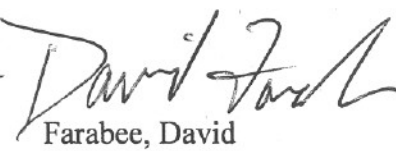
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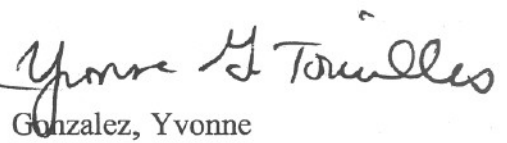
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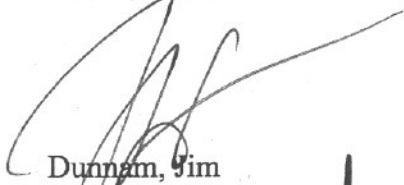
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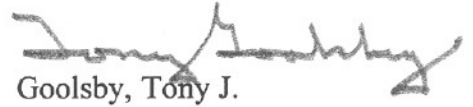
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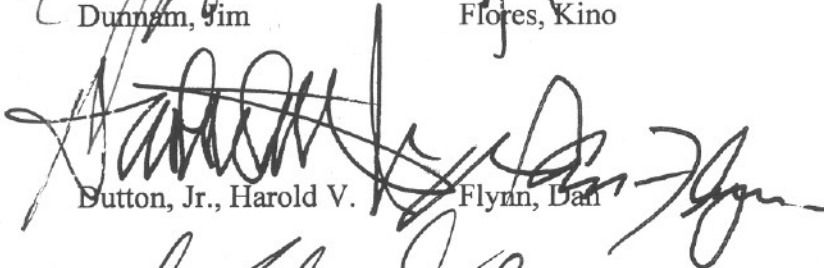
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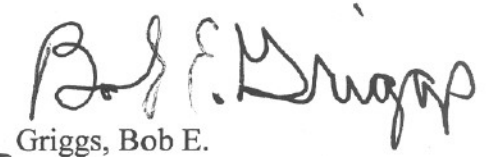
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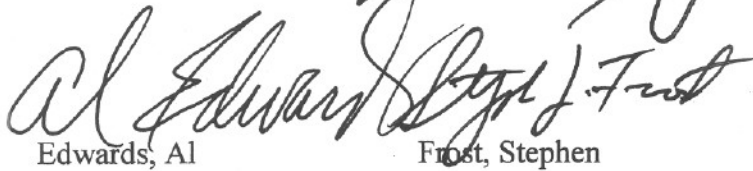
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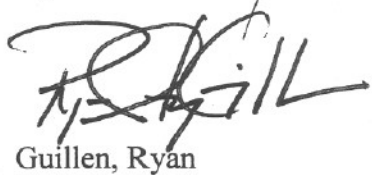
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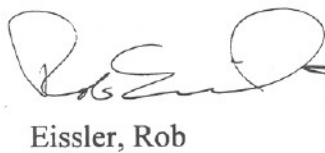
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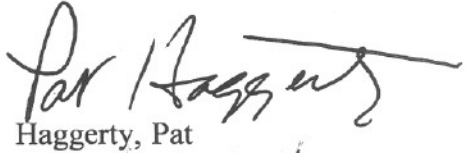
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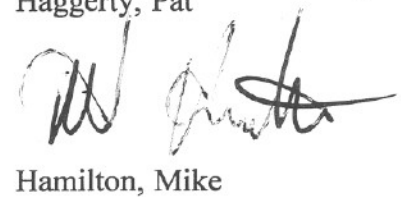
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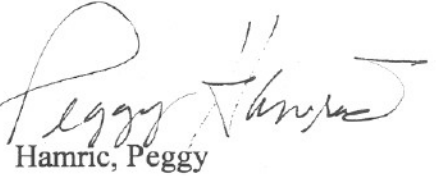
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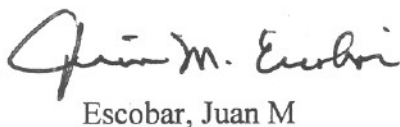
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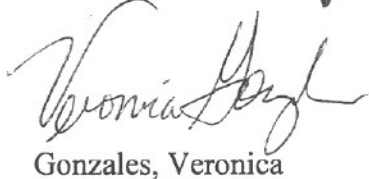
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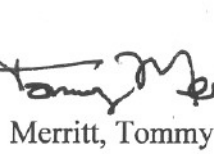
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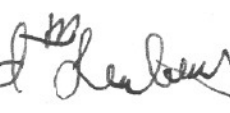
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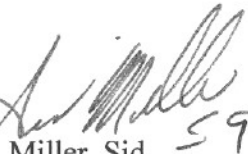
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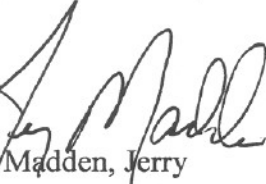
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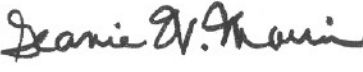
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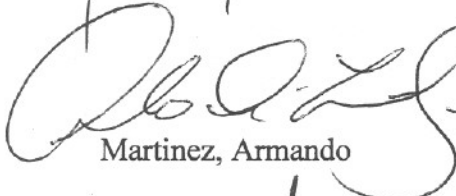
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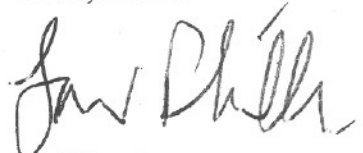
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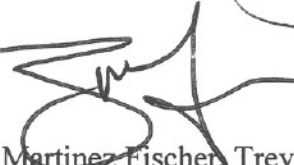
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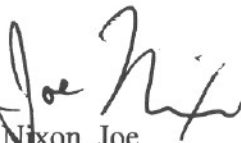
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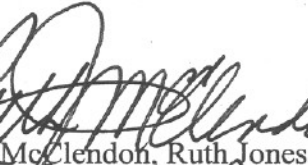
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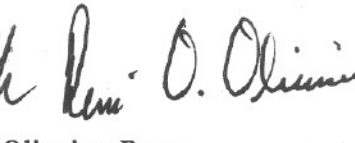
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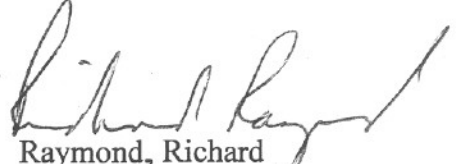
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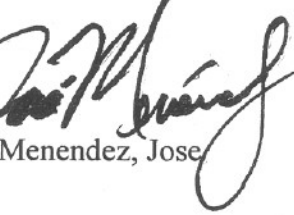
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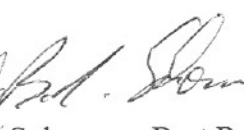


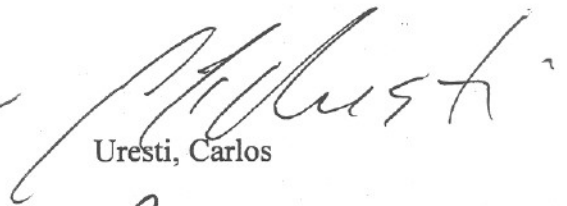
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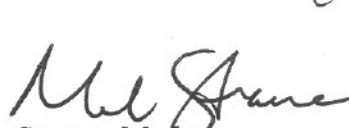
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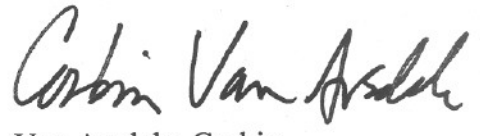

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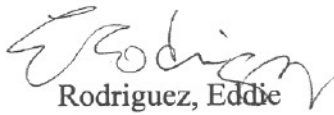

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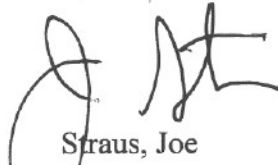

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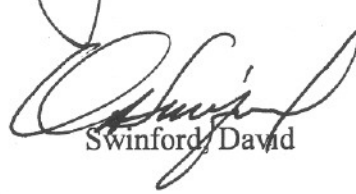

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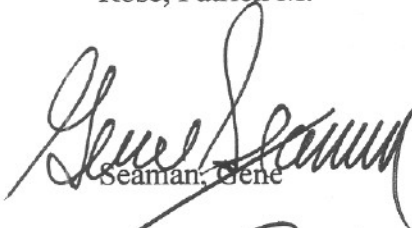

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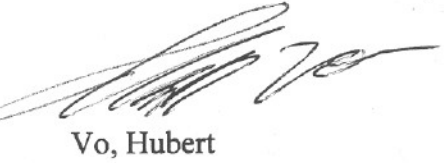

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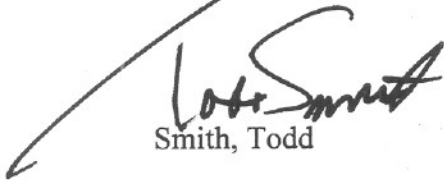

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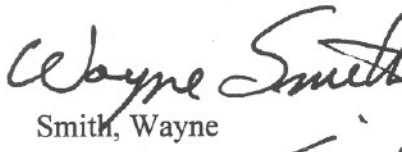

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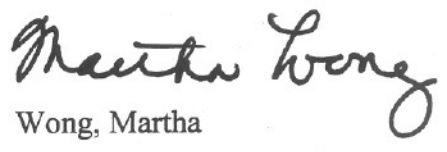

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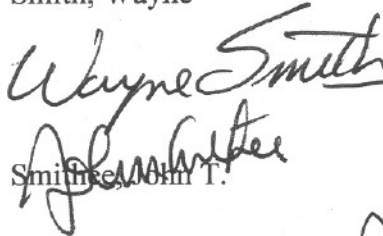

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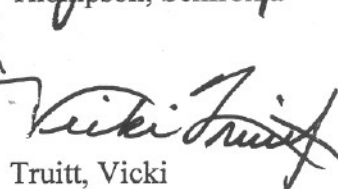

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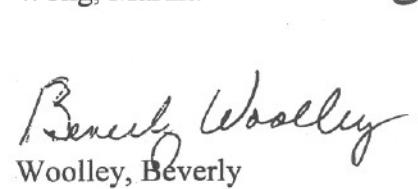

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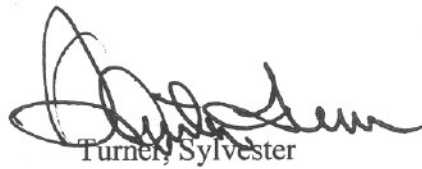

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