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Dear Friends,

Bill filing deadline has passed! At last count, nearly 8,000 bills have been filed in the <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> combined. As you can imagine it has been a busy week. Here are some highlights from last week at the Capitol.

ELLIS COUNTY EXPLORERS COME TO THE CAPITOL

I was extremely grateful to have been given the opportunity to recognize the Ellis County Explorer's accomplishments on the House floor on Wednesday. Explorer members Gage Adams, Colten Prater, Brandy Slusher and Trevor Snodgress outperformed over 70 teams and received 3rd place overall at the Texas Law Enforcement Explorer Advisors Association state competition. Thanks to Sheriff Johnny Brown, Deputy Jeff Prater for their leadership and congratulations to all of the Explorers who took part in the competition. We will continue to watch for great things from this group of exceptional young Texans!



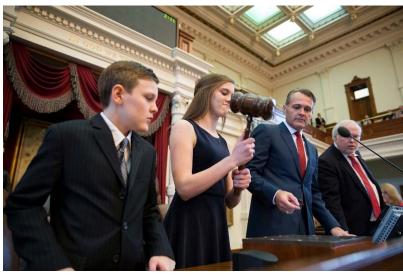
Rep. Wray, Deputy Jeff Prater, Sen. Birdwell, and Ellis Co. Sheriff Johnny Brown with the Ellis County Explorers Group

HOUSE BILL 105

On Wednesday I laid out my first bill to the Committee of Higher Education. HB
1051 would reclassify the Texas State Technical College Extension Center in Ellis County, giving it the "campus" designation. Along with its companion bill SB
420 by Sen. Birdwell, HB 1051 would signify the permanence of the institution and it's commitment to the entire North Texas area. Located in Red Oak, TSTC-North Texas provides programs selected for the school based upon an economic study and focuses on meeting the area's high-tech, advanced workforce needs. Our community has made a significant investment in the facility and we look forward to the great results that TSTC-North Texas will provide for Ellis, Henderson and the surrounding counties.

SPEAKER OF THE DAY

On Monday, I was honored to assist the Chair and act as "Speaker of the Day." I was especially excited because my family was able to join me in Austin and my two children, Patrick and Morgan, got to take turns wielding the gavel. Check out Morgan's form!



Patrick, Morgan, myself, and Chris Griesel - the House Parliamentarian

GET INVOLVED!

You can <u>lookup</u>, <u>search</u> and <u>follow</u> the issues and legislation that matters most to you. If you have a questions about any issue or bill, I hope you'll contact your Austin office at (512) 463-0516 or by e-mail at district10.wray@house.state.tx.us.



If you haven't taken our <u>poll</u> yet, I hope you'll take a second to express your opinion and share with me what your legislative priorities are!

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and please contact me if I can be of service.

God Bless you and God Bless Texas,

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