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Dear Friends,

I hope everyone had a blessed and *safe* weekend, as our area was hit by some very severe storms. If you were negatively impacted by the storm and I can be of assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me and my office.

With a little over a month remaining in the 84th legislative session, members and staff are working overtime to address the priorities of our district and State. Read on for updates from your state capitol!

MY FIRST BILL PASSES

This past Monday, April 21, 2015, [House Bill 2419](#) passed to engrossment on a vote of 142 to 0. The bill makes technical adjustments to bring uniformity to the Estates Code and Texas Probate Code, streamlines the code, and was my first bill to be heard and passed in the House Chamber! It was an exciting and joyful occasion, and I was honored to have the unanimous support of my colleagues for this measure. House Bill 2419 has been received by the [Senate](#), where it will again be referred and voted on by the committee. If favorably reported, it will then be considered by the full Senate before making its way to the [Governor's](#) desk. While passing your first piece of legislation is a significant milestone for any member of the legislature, it is just a small step in achieving the results I've been sent to Austin to attain for the district and the great state of Texas.



Texas State Technical College

This week I had the pleasure of attending the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the [Texas State Technical College System](#) (TSTC). I, along with several of my colleagues and special guests Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Patrick, were honored to participate in recognizing TSTC's success and all they do to offer technical education to Texans eager to join the high-skilled workforce.



The occasion carried added significance given that our area has directly benefited from TSTC's efforts. As you may know, TSTC has established the TSTC-Red Oak extension. The facility has already made a significant impact in the region and is continuing to grow. Part of that growth will come as a result of House Bill 1051, which

I am honored to present before the House Chamber on April 30. This bill designates the extension in Red Oak as the [TSTC-North Texas Campus](#). This significant step reaffirms TSTC's commitment to preparing North Texans for good-paying jobs and our community's commitment to ensuring a brighter future for our students.

MORE HIGH SPEED RAIL NEWS

This Thursday, my colleague Representative Will Metcalf presented a bill in opposition to the proposed High-Speed Rail between Dallas and Houston. [H.B. 1889](#) would require that a company operating high-speed rail may not construct an electric railway on or across a street, alley, square, or property of a county or municipality unless the construction is approved by the governing body of the county or municipality. This common-sense measure ensures that the communities affected have a seat at the table. I am proud to have joined my colleague in authoring the legislation and hope the body as a whole will agree that this legislation, along with my bills, [H.B. 3915](#) and [H.B. 3918](#), are equitable solutions when considering this high-speed rail.

I also want to thank [Commissioner Grayson](#) and [Commissioner Robinson](#) for making the trip down, testifying before the Transportation Committee and for going above and beyond in representing Ellis County and their constituents. I am proud to work alongside them in protecting our district!

You can watch the hearing, and Commissioner Grayson's testimony here: http://tlchouse.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=37&clip_id=10883



HOUSE APPROVES PUBLIC INTEGRITY CHANGES

On Monday, the House passed [H.B. 1690](#), filed by Representative Phil King, R-Weatherford, by a vote of [95-49](#). House members voted on the floor to amend the bill to apply only to elected or appointed state officials. Public integrity offenses committed by these officials will be investigated by the Texas Rangers and prosecuted in the official's home county. State employees will continue to be prosecuted in the county where the crime occurred, which is Travis County for the majority of state employees. The bill also requires prosecutors, who have a business relationship with the official, to recuse themselves from the case. Supporters of the bill, myself included, believe that it removes politics from the process and the overconcentration of power in a single official elected in Travis County.

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God Bless you and God Bless Texas!



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