

# ANGIE CHEN BUTTON



## The State of Texas House of Representatives

October 9, 2009

Dear Friend:

I hope everyone has had a wonderful month and is enjoying the cooler weather. We have added a new member to our team. Christian Damewood will be serving as our District Coordinator. Christian holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and currently attends UTD as a graduate student in the Legislative Studies program. He is eager to begin working with everyone in District 112. I am very excited to have Christian join our team. Christian, along with Amanda Jeffers, my Chief of Staff, and Craig Blum, my Legislative Aide, are all eager to assist you in any way they can.

I am very pleased to announce that the Texas Commission on the Arts has awarded \$20,000 in grants to our district for the 2010 fiscal year. This money will go to the Repertory Company Theatre and the Richardson Symphony.

NASA is accepting applications for their High School Aerospace Scholars program until November 13, 2009. High School Aerospace Scholars are able to participate in online classes about space exploration culminating in six days all expenses paid visit to the Johnson Space Center. An eligible student must be a U.S. citizen, Texas resident, high school junior, and have access to the Internet and e-mail. High school juniors who would like to apply for the 2009-2010 program should visit <http://aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov/>. This is a wonderful program that my son participated in when he was in high school. I encourage all those who are interested in the experience to apply.

### **Around the District**

It has been a busy month in our community. I enjoyed speaking to the Dallas Metro East Chapter of the Women Council of Realtors. I attended the University of Texas Medical Branch Hard Hat tour, as it stopped in Dallas and learned about the remarkable progress it has made since Hurricane Ike damaged its facilities in Galveston. I presented resolutions with Representatives Jerry Madden and Carol Kent honoring the Richardson Fire Department, Richardson Police Department, UTD Police Department, and Richland Police Department as part of the "Salute to First Responders" signature luncheon hosted by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce. I went to the August Moon festival and typhoon disaster fundraising benefit hosted by the North Texas Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, I had the honor to induct the new officers of the Filipino American Association of North Texas. I also attended the 15th Anniversary Freedom Brunch of the Garland NAACP and spoke at the Association of Chinese Professionals Foundation Mid-Autumn Celebration. Along with these events, I have several others from the district pictured below.



Representative Button, Mayor Gary Slagel, and Richardson City Councilmen Amir Omar, Bob Macy and Mark Solomon with students and faculty from Richardson Heights Elementary and Richardson police officers and firefighters for the September 11th Flag Ceremony



Representative Angie Button presenting Larry Zacharias with HR 807 at the Richardson Great Fountain Plaza Festival, honoring his service to Richardson as Police Chief.



Representative Angie Button presenting Charles and Ann Eisemann with HR 1396 at the Richardson Great Fountain Plaza Festival, honoring their contributions to the arts in North Texas.



Representative Button with students from the North Garland High School UN Club on the World Day of Peace, September 21st



(From Left to Right) UTD President Dr. David Daniel, Representative Angie Button, Representative Jerry Madden, TI CEO Rich Templeton, RFAB Start-up Manager Tom Weichel, Richardson Mayor Gary Slagel, and Collin County Judge Keith Self at the

ribbon cutting ceremony for TI's RFAB facility in Richardson. I am so pleased that they will initially be employing 250 people with future plans to employ over 1,000 people.

## Upcoming Events

### SENIOR AWARENESS DAY - Saturday, October 24th

The purpose of this special day is to provide a FREE opportunity for you to ask questions of “people in the know”. The event will be from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at the El Dorado Independent Retirement Living facility located at 714 W. Arapaho Rd, in Richardson.

Our speaker, Terry Warner, will be addressing the proposed “National Health Care Reforms and How They Will Affect You?” With existing plans, our speaker will be able to direct you to the appropriate agencies to resolve your questions and issues. Terry has been a Health Insurance Broker in Richardson since 1987. He is often quoted in the Dallas Morning News as a source for Medicare & Medicare Part D insight. He is a certified Senior Advisor and a 1974 graduate of SMU. Representatives will be at tables throughout the Lobby to share information on:

- 1) Health Care (Free blood pressure checks).
- 2) Hearing Loss (Free screening).
- 3) Benefits Counseling.
- 4) Insurance Needs.
- 5) Alzheimer’s Assistance.
- 6) Senior Sitting Service.
- 7) Geriatric Care Management.
- 8) Prescription Drugs.
- 9) Independent Senior’s Living.
- 10) Energy Conservation.
- 11) Advocacy Group for Elders.

This event has been planned by the Senior’s Roundtable Committee of State District 112. The goal of this committee is to promote the total well being of the Seniors in Garland and Richardson. Come, see, and learn about what is happening in health care as well as sources available to HELP senior citizens. This will be a fun time with door prizes and be very informative for ALL. See you there!

### DISTRICT 112 CELEBRATION - Thursday, Nov. 5th

Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 5th from 5:30-7 pm. I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone for all of your help, input, and advice during the 81st legislative session.

### TOWN HALL MEETING WITH REPS ANGIE BUTTON & JERRY MADDEN - Thursday, Nov. 12th

Rep. Madden and I, along with the Texas Conservative Coalition would love for you to attend our meeting to discuss the failures of big government in other states and what it means for the future of Texas. I will send you more information on the event as the date nears.

I am honored to serve you in the Texas House of Representatives. Please express your views on any issue that is important to you and I assure you, I will take your views and the views of every constituent in District 112 into consideration. I look forward to continuing to work together to make District 112 an even better place to call home.

Sincerely,

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