

# ANGIE CHEN BUTTON



## The State of Texas House of Representatives

November 20, 2009

Dear Friend:

In the wake of the November 5th shooting at Ft. Hood and Veteran's Day, I would like to send my thoughts and prayers to the victims of the shooting and their families, to the Fort Hood community, and to the broader military family that is such a vital part of our great nation. Thank you for your service!

In observance of Thanksgiving, my offices will be closed on November 25th through the 27th. I hope each of you has the opportunity to enjoy the holiday with loved ones.

### **November Constitutional Amendment Election Results**

Earlier this month, 11 proposed constitutional amendments were brought before the voters of Texas for approval. All 11 amendments, which included measures to make property tax appraisals fairer for Texans passed. If you would like additional information about these amendments, please visit <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/2009novballotlang.shtml> or email me at [Angie.Button@house.state.tx.us](mailto:Angie.Button@house.state.tx.us).

### **Transportation**

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) met last week. They were informed that North Texas would receive only \$126 million in Proposition 12 funds, instead of the \$358 million they expected. I, along with other North Texas Legislators, wrote the Texas Transportation Commission urging them to allocate the funds in a manner that did not short change our region prior to the vote that took place on Thursday. The commission decided to move forward and vote on the proposed projects. Adequate transportation is vital to the growth and economic prosperity of our region. I will continue to work towards a solution in which North Texas receives the funds we need to continue to improve our infrastructure.

### **Around the District**

#### **District 112 Celebration**

I enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces and many new ones at our district celebration earlier this month. This celebration was to show my appreciation to all the wonderful constituents of District 112 who have helped me in my work as your state representative. I recognized the members of my roundtables in attendance and presented some awards too. I was pleased to have Richardson Chamber President Bill Sproull, Mayor Slagel of Richardson, and Mayor Jones of Garland in attendance as well as most of the Richardson City Council and the Garland City Council. At the celebration Michael Quinn Sullivan, President of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility presented me with their Taxpayer Advocate Award for my fiscally conservative voting record. Thank you to all

the people who attended the celebration and made it a success. I look forward to our continued work together to make District 112 an even better place to call home.



Representative Button Applauding Members of Her Citizens Roundtables for a Job Well Done



Constituents of District 112 at Rep. Button's District Celebration

### **Town Hall Meeting**

On November 12, I, along with State Rep. Jerry Madden, hosted a Texas Conservative Coalition Town Hall meeting. Over 150 people attended this meeting. I appreciate all of your interest and input. If you were unable to attend the meeting or feel that your concerns were not fully addressed in the short time we had, please email me or contact my Chief of Staff, Amanda at [Amanda.Jeffers@house.state.tx.us](mailto:Amanda.Jeffers@house.state.tx.us) or 512-463-0486.

### **Senior Awareness Day**

On October the 24th, with the help of the Seniors Roundtable, I hosted our first annual Awareness Day which was an event to promote the total well being of seniors in Garland and Richardson. We had a great turnout and a lot fun, not to mention we all became more knowledgeable about issues facing our aging population.



Representative Button during Senior Awareness Day at the El Dorado Retirement Community in Richardson on stage with the Senior Awareness Day planning committee members (from left to right): Ginger Hubbard, Lottie Randle, Jerry Nichols, Oly Goujat, Nancy Brown, Ruth Bowling (Front), Linda Thompson (Back), and Dick Reed.



Representative Button presenting House Resolution 859 Congratulating the Reverend Casey Miner on his receipt of the Governor's Criminal Justice Volunteer Service Award.

### **H2O4TEXAS: The Water Event**

I enjoyed attending the H2O4TEXAS water conference held in Fort Worth this month. As populations grow, it is important for North Texas to be proactive and plan for our future. This conference focused on the financing of our state's water plan but also presented information on other water related topics such as the relationship between our water and energy supplies. The conference highlighted technological innovations to help us better use our water resources. It is necessary to focus on the needs facing North Texas. If our water supplies continue to dwindle as our population grows, we will be facing a serious problem that will have a trickle down affect on our economy. I was proud to join lawmakers at this conference as we work hard to plan for the future of North Texas.

It's been eventful since I sent the last newsletter. I spoke at Governor Perry's Press Conference at Berkner High School in Richardson on the STEM Academy program on October 15th. I was

delighted to speak to the Spring Park Neighborhood Association about the recently completed 81st Legislative Session. Additionally, I attended the "Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow," Sixth Annual Luncheon and Awards Presentation, and I congratulate the awardees and all the nominees for the hard work they have accomplished to achieve this honor. I was happy to go to a reception hosted by the University of Texas at Dallas to celebrate the launch of their Middle School Brain Years Initiative. I was excited to have the opportunity to present a Resolution to Taiwan Minister of State Dr. Jin-Fu Chang and His delegation from Taiwan visiting Texas to promote technology and business exchange between Taiwan and Texas. I recently spoke at the Richardson Rotary Club and had the opportunity to attend the Richardson Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet. Several other events from the past month are pictured below.



Representative Angie Button participating in a legislative briefing to the Greater Dallas Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), with Chad Baruch, Chairman of the JCRC social action/public policy commission, in the center addressing the audience.



Representative Button speaking to elementary school students at Beaver Technology Center for Math and Science in Garland who are preparing for a trip to Austin.





Representative Button pictured with the members of the Garland police force at the Second Annual Hispanic Heritage Banquet hosted by the Garland Association for Hispanic Affairs with Garland City Councilman Larry Jeffus to her left and Event Chairman Tony Torres to her right.

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 do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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