

# ANGIE CHEN BUTTON



## The State of Texas House of Representatives

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Dear Friend:

I hope you are enjoying the holiday season. My offices will be closed Dec. 24th, Dec. 25th, Dec. 31st, and Jan. 1st so staff can enjoy this special time with family and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who returned the constituent survey that was included in the newsletter that was mailed to your homes. We are working hard to process each of the surveys. If you have not yet sent yours, I appreciate you taking a minute to fill it out and return it to my office. It is input like yours that helps me serve you and accurately represent your views. If you did not receive a newsletter, please let me know and we will happily mail one to you.

### **Interim Work**

Soon, House committees meet to work on the Speaker's Interim Charges. Speaker Straus, with my full support, instructed House members to focus on government accountability and responsible spending while working toward a balanced budget. Additionally, he emphasized the importance of job creation and Economic Development to the prosperity of our great state. I have continued to research these areas throughout the interim and I am eager to come together with my colleagues in the new year so we can begin preparing for a successful 82nd legislative session.

National healthcare reform has dominating the headlines lately. As health care bills wind through Congress, we must weigh the possible outcomes. Many predict that the cost of the proposed health care reforms will be passed on to the state. The potential costs are a concern to everyone—on the left, on the right and in the middle. Part of the interim will be spent working on this potential issue.

### **Around the District**

I have enjoyed attending many different events around the district during the past few weeks. I was honored to speak to the Richardson Rotary Club and to attend a speech by former Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao of the Heritage Foundation. I was so pleased to have the opportunity to speak with Secretary Chao at length about issues facing our nation and state. I also attended the Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce of North America Gala Banquet where I worked to foster business relationships and to help bring new jobs to our region. I enjoyed speaking to students in the AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) Program at Berkner High School. I stopped by the graduation ceremony and reception honoring the 2008 class of the Dallas County Master Gardener Association and went to the City of Richardson Boards and Commissions appreciation dinner. I enjoyed a Vietnamese Holiday Music Concert in Garland. I also participated in the Jewish Community Relations Committee of Greater Dallas's luncheon for

elected officials and spoke at the ribbon cutting of 21-Century Silicon in Richardson. 21-Century Silicon was a recipient of the Emerging Technology fund. I, along with several of my colleagues, worked hard last session to preserve this fund and I am so pleased that a business located right in the heart of our district will benefit from our efforts. Additional events around the district are pictured below.



**Representative Buttigie waving to the crowd at the 38th Annual Richardson Christmas Parade.**



**Richardson Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, Bill Sproull, Presenting Representative Button with the Texas Association of Business's "Champion for Free Enterprise" Award in Honor of Her Outstanding Pro-Business Voting Record During the 81st Legislative Session.**



**Ann Marie Newman, Ann Giddens, Doris Cheng, Dr. Thomas Johnson, Representative Angie Chen Button, Mayor Gary Slagel, and Frances Leung at the Asian Breast Health Outreach Project's Special Recognition Luncheon, where they received the Harold P. Freeman Award from the American Cancer Society.**



**Representative Button with Volunteers at the Saigon Mall in Garland helping serve residents from District 112.**

I am honored to serve you in the Texas House of Representatives. My staff and I wish you a blessed holiday season and a joyous and prosperous 2010!

Sincerely,

*Angie Chen Button*

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