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Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program

During the 81st legislative session, we created the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program to encourage students to participate in Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs at Texas higher education institutions. Students interested in becoming nominated for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship program should contact my office by March 3rd, 2010. The program is an opportunity for young men and women who are willing to give back to our state and nation by participating in an ROTC program to prepare for service in a branch of the U.S. armed services. For information on the application process, deadlines and a program overview, please click [here](#).

House Select Committee on Fiscal Stability

Earlier this month, Speaker Joe Straus appointed me to serve on the House Select Committee on Fiscal Stability. I am honored to be one of two freshmen to join House Committee Chairs and senior members to chart solutions for this overriding issue. Next session's budget deficit projections range from \$10B to \$20B due to declining revenues, and recurring budgetary demands. As part of this committee, I will assess Texas' ability to meet its current and future budget obligations and analyze whether the shortfall is due to the current recession alone or more systemic problems.

"The Texas House of Representatives is taking a comprehensive approach to solving the potential budget shortfall in a time of reduced revenue," said Speaker Straus. "Fiscally responsible work we do today will put Texas in better shape tomorrow."

In Austin

Last week I made a trip to Austin to attend the Texas Association of Business Legislative Conference. While there, I was presented with the Champions for Free Enterprise certificate to commemorate the work I was able to accomplish with help from so many of you from District 112.

Additionally, I had a meeting with the team from the Governor's office of Economic Development to discuss what is being done to recruit business to our great state and what we can do better. It was a productive meeting and I am excited about our continued work to ensure Texas remains strong.

Soon, I will be making more trips to Austin to gear up for the 82nd Legislative Session. I currently serve on the Appropriations Committee as well as the Technology, Economic Development, and Workforce Committee. These committees, along with the Committee on Fiscal Stability, will begin meeting next month to gather information and to discuss possible legislation

for the next session. I look forward to taking your views with me to Austin and to discuss ways we can move Texas forward. In the coming newsletters, I will share our findings with you and seek your input as my staff and I prepare potential legislation.

If you have a problem that you feel needs to be addressed legislatively or a way we can improve our great state, now is the time to let me know. Please feel free to contact me directly or my Chief of Staff, Amanda Jeffers, at Amanda.Jeffers@house.state.tx.us, and we will begin looking into your issue so we can be prepared to move forward when the next session begins.

Around the District

I have had a wonderful time attending events around the district during this past month. I enjoyed going to the annual meeting of the Dallas Regional Chamber of Commerce. I was also pleased to attend the Garland Chamber of Commerce's January Monthly Luncheon. I had a marvelous evening attending a Lunar New Year Celebration hosted by the North Texas Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce.

I also took part in a Legislative Tour of UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas led by Appropriations Chairman Jim Pitts and Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky, President of UT Southwestern (UTSW) Medical Center. During this tour I had the pleasure of meeting two Nobel Laureates, Dr. Michael Brown, Professor of Molecular Genetics & Internal Medicine at UTSW Medical Center, and Dr. Alfred G. Gilman Chief Scientific Officer for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). I also enjoyed meeting Dr. Dean Sherry, Director of the Advanced Imaging Research Center and Professor of Radiology at UTSW Medical Center as well as Professor of Chemistry at UTD. He discussed the valuable partnership UTSW Medical Center has with UTD in Richardson. Not only are the economic benefits so compelling, but the research taking place with these institutions promises profound human blessings.

I have also attended additional events which I have photos of below.



Representative Button at the Community Leaders Luncheon Hosted by the National Center for Fathering at the Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church in Garland with Senior Pastor Leonard O. Leach to her right and Former Garland City Councilwoman Annie Dickson beside him.



Representative Button with the Richardson North Junior High Chorale and their director Melissa Roth at the Infant Mental Health Advocacy Award Choral Reception and Celebration.



Representative Button at the 78th Annual Banquet of the Garland Chamber of Commerce sitting with Mr. Charles Elk to her left, her husband Darcy Button to her right, and Mr. Barry Young sitting to Mr. Button's right.

Upcoming Event

The Texas Conservative Coalition (TCC) will be hosting an event February 15th from 8:30 - 1:30 in Plano. The *Tenth Amendment Town Hall* hosted by TCC will serve as a forum to explore solutions both to restoring the constitutional rights of the State of Texas and its people and to rolling back the growing power and influence of the federal government. If you would like more information on this event, please visit <http://tenthamendment.eventbrite.com/>.

It is an honor to represent you in the Texas Legislature. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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