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The State of Texas
House of Representatives



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Friends,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. I am looking forward to Christmas! As the year ends and the dust settles a bit from the 82nd legislative session, I am honored to tell you about several awards I recently received for my work during the session. I received the "Courageous Conservative Award" from the Texas Conservative Coalition, the "Taxpayers' Advocate Award" from Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, and the "Champion for Free Enterprise Award" from the Texas Association of Business. I will continue to work hard to protect the interest of House District 112 and to make Texas an even better place to call home.

Yesterday I received a phone call from Speaker Straus asking me to be one of the two House members to serve on the Select Committee on Economic Development and I happily accepted. This committee is charged with making recommendations to the legislature on an economic development policy for the state. The committee is composed of eight public members, two State Senators and two House members, appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House of Representatives. I am pleased we are taking a close look at the effectiveness of current programs and examining ways we can create more private sector jobs for Texans. I will share more information on this important committee with you as it becomes available.

Redistricting

As I am sure you are aware, there were several challenges to the redistricting maps the legislature adopted. On November the 23rd the federal District Court for the Western District of Texas ordered an interim house plan for the districts used to elect members in 2012 to the Texas House of Representatives (PlanH302) and an interim senate plan for the districts used to elect members in 2012 to the Texas Senate (PlanS164). One of the judges issued a dissenting house map (PlanH299). A few days later, the Court ordered an interim congressional plan for the districts used to elect members of the Texas delegation to the U.S. Congress. (PlanC220).

The Texas Attorney General filed a request for a stay on the use of the senate, house and congressional maps with the U.S. Supreme Court. We are currently waiting for a ruling.

To see these maps, you may visit <http://gis1.tlc.state.tx.us/>

Around the District

I was pleased to attend the Richardson Chamber of Commerce Business and Industry Awards Luncheon. This is an annual event where the Chamber and the Richardson Rotary Clubs recognize local businesses and organizations for their many contributions to the local economy and community. I attended the Richardson Chamber of Commerce Special Signature Luncheon featuring Texas House Speaker, Joe Straus.

The 4th Annual Hispanic Heritage Banquet Hosted by the Garland Association for Hispanic Affairs was a wonderful event. GAFHA has been providing scholarships for our students for over 11 years as their main goal is to ensure continued education for graduating GISD seniors who aspire to earn a college degree and become future leaders in our communities. I was honored to present a resolution to this wonderful group. I was able to give a speech on leadership, responsibility, and perseverance to RISD's Berkner High School National Honor Society. Congratulations to the juniors and seniors who were awarded this honor. Tonight is the 22nd Annual "Rowlett Stampede" Night Hosted by the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce. Below are some photos from other happenings around the district.



On November 2nd, I spoke to 40 4th & 5th grade students from Beaver Technology Center for Math and Science in Garland. They travelled to Austin and toured the state capitol and met with my Chief of Staff later in the month. These outstanding students earned their place on the trip to Austin by participating in a writing contest at their school about what makes Texas such a great state.



Pictured with the Pecan Creek Day School float at the Rowlett Exchange Club's Christmas Parade.



We would like to thank Laura Davila and Glory Bargainer from the Garland High School Art Club for their fantastic contribution to the House District 112 Christmas ornament. The "Yellow Roses of Texas" ornament will represent our district wonderfully on the Texas Capitol Christmas Tree in Austin. Also, thank you to the GHS Art Club Teachers: Jessica Thompson and Karen Hatten for all their help.

District Appreciation and Holiday Open House

I would love for you to join me for this special event held for the wonderful constituents of House District 112. Please RSVP to ensure we can accommodate everyone to:

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December 15, 2011
5-7 pm
1200 E. Executive Drive
Richardson, Texas 75081

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. Please continue to communicate your views on issues that are important to you.

Sincerely,

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