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Friends,

I truly hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season. I had a wonderful Christmas with my family this year. I would like to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year. Please celebrate safely and responsibly.

As this year wraps up, I have been reflecting on 2011 and the many accomplishments we have made as community and state. For example, Texas added 226,000 jobs in 2011 through November. We remain one of the few states in the nation where employment in the manufacturing sector is growing. The high technology sector shows endless possibilities in our region. Additionally, the Texas legislature passed a fiscally responsible budget without raising taxes or imposing new fees on the working citizens of this state.

I look forward to the coming year and beyond with even more successes, good will, and an improved quality of life for all Texans. Although it has been a successful 2011, there is still work to be done and we cannot take our accomplishments for granted. We must continue to work diligently to maintain and grow our economy and I pledge to do just that. I recently sent you a newsletter that contained a brief survey. To those of you that have already returned it, thank you. To those that have not yet, I appreciate you taking the time to share your views and thoughts with me and I look forward to hearing from you. My job is to represent you and I can best do my job when we communicate.

Redistricting

Attorney General Greg Abbott, filed suit claiming the San Antonio court overstepped its authority by overruling the Legislature's maps before the Washington court had made a decision. The Supreme Court has agreed to hear that appeal on Jan. 9th.

If the courts can reach an agreement on the maps by late January, there will be a single primary to be held on April 3rd.

If you would like to read more on redistricting, please visit <http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/redist/redist.htm>.

Around the District

I was pleased to participate in the 40th Annual Richardson Christmas Parade benefiting the Network of Community Ministries. The City of Sachse Christmas Parade was a wonderful addition to our Christmas traditions. The Dallas Citizens Council Annual Meeting was another great community event which highlighted how Dallas, the "Can Do City," is getting it done. At the Garland Chamber's 24th Annual Prayer breakfast I enjoyed speaking with Secretary of State Hope Andrade. I have been happy to work with Secretary Andrade in her efforts to boost our state.

I attended the Speaker's Day Luncheon at the Dallas Regional Chamber with Speaker Joe Straus who shared his perspective on the accomplishments of the 82nd Legislative Session and discussed the challenges that are our state is facing as we prepare for the next legislative session. The Annual City of Richardson Mayor and City Council 2011 Board and Commission Appreciation dinner was well attended. As a past Chair of the Greater Asian American Chamber of Commerce, I was happy to be recognized at the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

This month I hosted the 3rd annual House District 112 Appreciation at our district office in Richardson. I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help host the event, and those who attended as our constituents, roundtable members, elected officials, and friends. The Naming and Dedication of the Raymond D. Noah Municipal Court Building was an outstanding ceremony recognizing the many years of service of the former Richardson Mayor, founding DART Board Representative, and presiding Richardson Municipal Court Judge.



Pictured here are some of the wonderful constituents of HD 112 at the annual district appreciation event.



**On December 9th, I spoke to the wonderful students of the Winfree Academy Charter School in Richardson.
On my right is Jan Woody and on my left is Winfree Academy Principal Madge Ennis.**

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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