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Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the last day to register to vote for the November 6, 2012 General Election is Tuesday, October 9, 2012. For more information on registering to vote or the upcoming election, please visit <http://www.votetexas.gov/>.

This month in Austin, the Select Committee on Economic Development has been working hard. The sub-committees are holding meetings to discuss what other states are doing to grow their economy and what Texas could do better. This opportunity is very eye-opening and I am learning how aggressively some states and countries recruit certain industries compared to Texas.

We all know how rapidly technology advances and how vital this sector is to our economy. Experts have provided testimony stating how important it is that lawmakers are prepared to adapt quickly to provide protections and to make sure policies do not hinder the development of this growing sector within our own borders. North Texas is full of high tech companies and minds. I would love to hear from you on ways the state is helping or hindering business. If you have any thoughts or suggestions I invite you to contact me at Angie.Button@house.state.tx.us.

Around the District

September has been a busy month around the district. I was happy to attend the Eisemann Center's 10th Anniversary celebration. The Garland NAACP held a wonderful 22nd Annual Freedom Brunch. I had a great time catching up with many friends at the DFW Asian American Citizen Council's annual banquet. It was an honor to attend the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas. GISD Superintendent, Dr. Curtis Culwell, gave a very informative speech at the Garland Chamber of Commerce State of the District luncheon, and I was pleased to hear from Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings at the State of the City luncheon hosted by the Dallas Regional Chamber of Commerce. Richard W. Fischer, President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas, was a wonderful speaker at the September luncheon of the Metroplex Technology Business Council held at UT Dallas. I stopped by the 2012 Association of Chinese Professionals Mid-Autumn Performing Arts Show. Finally, I had a fantastic time meeting many wonderful police officers, neighborhood watch volunteers, and other involved citizens at this week's National Night Out celebrations. I visited the National Night Out briefing at the

Richardson Civic Center, the Waterview HOA celebration in Rowlett, the Sachse National Night Out parties at Shade Tree Court and Joe & Patricia Stone Park, and the Spring Park HOA party in Garland. We live in such an amazing community. Below are some photos of other events I have attended around the district:



With Representative Cindy Burkett and the Plano Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution at the We the People Conference and Citizenship Naturalization Ceremony hosted by the City of Garland, Garland Community Multicultural Commission, and Garland ISD. I was honored to serve as the keynote speaker and to address the responsibilities that come with being a citizen of this great country.



At the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce September Public Affairs and Economic Development Committee meeting. From left to right: Diana Diaz of the City of Rowlett, Margaret Smith with Congressman Jeb Hensarling's office, Representative Button, Bobby Montgomery with Lake Pointe Health Network in Rowlett, and Barry Young of Oncor and Past Chair of the Rowlett Chamber. I was pleased to brief the group on legislative issues.



Attending the groundbreaking of the new Richardson Methodist Medical Center at Bush/Renner. To my left, Gary Slagel former Mayor of Richardson and current DART board member, Ray Noah former Richardson Mayor and current Richardson Municipal Court Judge, Bob Townsend Mayor of Richardson, and Frank Leftwich.



**At Governor Rick Perry's press conference on Higher Education at Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas.
From left to right: Cody Willming of my Alma Mater UTD, Janahy Aguilar a student at Thomas Jefferson High School, Representative Angie Chen Button, Representative Stefani Carter, Representative Cindy Burkett, and Governor Rick Perry.**



With members of the Naaman Forest High School Student Council at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Naaman Forest High School. I spoke to the students about the importance of education and concerns over increasing drop-out rates amongst their peers.

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. Please let me know if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Angie Chen Button

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