

# ANGIE CHEN BUTTON



The State of Texas  
House of Representatives



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Friends:

Tuesday, November 6th is the General Election. For more information about what is on the ballot please visit <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/>.

This month the Select Committee on Economic Development has been hard at work. The committee is examining current incentives, economic development strategies, and discussing ways Texas can continue growing our economy. Next week, members of the committee will come back together to discuss findings and will begin moving forward to make their official recommendations for the upcoming legislative session.

In addition to my appointments on the Select Committee on Economic Development, Technology Committee, and House Appropriations Committee, Speaker Straus recently appointed me to serve on the Select Committee on Manufacturing. I am excited to get to work on initiatives that will help strengthen this important sector. Below is the press release the Speaker issued last month:

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND WAYS TO IMPROVE STATE'S MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY**

**AUSTIN** -- Texas House Speaker Joe Straus today created the Interim Committee on Manufacturing, which will recommend ways that the Legislature can strengthen the manufacturing sector in Texas.

Last year, Speaker Straus directed every House committee to make recommendations for significantly improving the state's manufacturing capability. The Interim Committee on Manufacturing will compile and summarize those findings and make its own recommendations about how to encourage manufacturing in the state. The Committee will also determine how those recommendations interplay with other committees' work on business growth and retention in Texas.

"Our strong workforce, friendly business climate and natural resources give Texas the opportunity to lead the nation in manufacturing," Speaker Straus said. "Manufacturing jobs are among the best our state has to offer, and this Committee will give the House important guidance on how to spur growth and encourage manufacturers to put more Texans to work."

Manufacturing is a \$192 billion industry in Texas, accounting for 15 percent of the Gross State Product. More than 800,000 Texans work in manufacturing, and on average they earn significantly more than workers in other sectors.

Rep. Jim Murphy of Houston will serve as Chairman of the Committee on Manufacturing, and Rep. Eddie Rodriguez of Austin will be Vice Chairman.

"I am honored to chair this Committee," Rep. Murphy said. "Manufacturing is a vital sector of our Texas economy and spurs the highest level of economic activity. Our recommendations will provide an important foundation as the House works to encourage the creation of more manufacturing jobs for Texans."

Speaker Straus also appointed the following Members to the Committee:

Rep. Carol Alvarado  
Rep. Angie Chen Button  
Rep. John Frullo  
Rep. Jason Isaac  
Rep. Eric Johnson  
Rep. Tracy King  
Rep. John Kuempel  
Rep. Lyle Larson  
Rep. George Lavender  
Rep. Marisa Marquez  
Rep. Sergio Muñoz Jr.  
Rep. Tan Parker  
Rep. Kenneth Sheets

The Committee will report its findings and recommendations, including drafts of legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to Speaker Straus by Jan. 7, 2013. The Committee will expire at the start of the 83rd Legislature.

## **Around the District**

It has been a busy month around the district. I love living in such a wonderful, active community. I was happy to attend the 2012 Double Tenth Banquet. The Camelot Neighborhood Association in Garland held a wonderful Annual Picnic and Chili Cook-Off this year. It was great to meet so many new friends and catch up with old ones. I was honored to present a resolution at the 10th Anniversary of the South Vietnam Air Force F5 Fighter Pilots Reunion. The Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce organized a fantastic annual event. I enjoyed visiting the AACATX 2012 Awards Luncheon. It was good to meet so many impressive women at the 9th Annual Outstanding Women of Today Builders of Tomorrow Luncheon and Awards Ceremony hosted by Altrusa of Richardson. Below are photos of other events around the district I attended.



**Representative Angie Chen Button at the Opening Ceremony of the 27th Annual Sachse Fall Fest. To her left is Dallas County Constable Michael Gothard.**



**Pictured with the staff of Senior Care Center of Beltline in Garland. I was glad to tour this facility and speak to the wonderful staff and residents.**



**With U.S. military veteran Jim Reed at the 2012 Congressional Veteran Commendation Ceremony for the Third District of Texas hosted by Congressman Sam Johnson.**



**Touring Fujitsu in Richardson. From left to right: Doug Moore, Representative Button, Yozaburo Tajima, and Barrie Hall.**



**At the ITT Technical Institute of Richardson Community Leaders' Luncheon. From left to right: Karina Olivares of the Garland Chamber of Commerce, Representative Button, Ryan Abrey of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce, and Garland Mayor Ronald E. Jones.**



**Pictured with retiring Rowlett Fire Chief George Harris. I was happy to present Chief Harris with a resolution congratulating him on his decades of service to the City of Rowlett.**

### **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:

[Angie.Button@house.state.tx.us](mailto:Angie.Button@house.state.tx.us)

**December 20, 2012  
5:00-7:00 PM  
1200 E. Executive Drive  
Richardson, Texas 75081**

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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