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The State of Texas
House of Representatives



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Friends,

On Tuesday, January 16th, I had the privilege of being sworn in as the Representative for District 112 in the Texas House for the 84th Legislative Session. The district serves parts of Richardson, Garland, Sachse, Rowlett, and Dallas in Dallas County. I am so honored to serve our community and this great state. I look forward to working with you on critical challenges facing Texas.

The opening day of the 84th Legislative Session was filled with exciting inauguration activities and I was happy to host a number of friends that came down to enjoy the festivities. Pam Stoneham, and Harry and Barbara Furlong carpooled down to our capitol where they visited me in my office and watched the ceremony in the House gallery. Paul Hoffman, Casey and Elizabeth Bingham, Ward and Linda Lawrence, and Christine Havlock also came down to Austin and stopped by my capitol office to say hello. Lastly, I was happy to host Richardson Chamber CEO Bill Sproull and Garland City Councilman Stephen Stanley while they visited the legislators. I was touched to have my husband Darcy, my father, my sister-in-law, and my dear friend Pastor Jerry Nichols by my side on the House Floor as I took the Oath of Office to serve our wonderful community.

As the legislative session progresses, please feel free to visit me in my capitol office as I would love to say hello to anyone who makes the trip. If you are planning on coming down to your state capitol, you can email me at angie.button@house.state.tx.us to let me know that you are coming, and I would be happy to set aside some time to speak with you or just say hello.

On opening day, the House convened and members took the Oath of Office. Representative Joe Straus was reelected by an overwhelming majority to preside over the House. Yesterday, we adopted the rules that will govern the proceedings and operations of the chamber for the 84th Legislature. With the adoption of these rules and the organization of operations, the Texas House is now able to get to work on the critical issues that must be addressed this session, including

adopting a balanced budget, improving border security, strengthening education, and providing tax relief to Texans.

Interim Committee on Economic Development Incentives Releases Report

Last week, the Select Committee on Economic Development Incentives, which I have had the honor of chairing, released our committee report. The thirteen member committee began meeting in July 2014 to examine the various economic development incentives in Texas.

In order to further increase transparency and to ensure that every tax dollar spent on incentives brings a return, the committee recommended all incentives have a sunset date with a required independent audit attached to the date. We must ensure that our Economic Incentive Programs remain fluid and adjust to the constantly changing market. The report also recommends the immediate elimination of several underutilized programs.

To see a copy of the report, please visit:

<http://www.house.state.tx.us/committees/reports/>

Around the District

Before heading to Austin earlier this week, I had a wonderful time celebrating the holidays with friends all across the district. I was very happy to be able to attend so many Christmas and holiday festivities. December is a wonderful time to take a moment and enjoy family and friends and to reflect on the year behind us. I enjoyed celebrating the Christmas season with the Dallas County Republican Party, the Richardson Republican Women's Club, and the Garland Association for Hispanic Affairs.

Although the weather was chilly, I was happy to participate in the Christmas parades held by the cities of Richardson, Rowlett, and Sachse. The city of Richardson held their annual Boards & Commissions dinner last month where I had the opportunity to thank the members for their service to the city.



I enjoyed seeing LaRuth Morrow, aka Mrs. Claus, at the Richardson Christmas parade.

With the 84th legislative session now underway, I was pleased to attend the Richardson Chamber of Commerce's and RISD's pre-session meetings to hear about their priorities. The Garland Chamber hosted a legislative breakfast. I was also able to join some of my colleagues at the Dallas Regional Chamber's legislative session meeting where we discussed our area's needs.

The week before Christmas, I hosted my annual House District 112 Christmas Celebration which many of you attended. It was a wonderful time of food, entertainment, friends, and fellowship. We had friends from all over the district attend and it was a full house! Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us!



We had city officials from all over our district and here I am pictured with Sachse City Councilman Cullen King (left) and Rowlett City Councilman Robbert van Bloemendaal (right).

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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