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The State of Texas
House of Representatives



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Friends,

This has been a busy week at your state capitol. On Thursday, the Committee on Economic & Small Business Development, which I have the honor of chairing, unanimously voted my Economic Development Reform Package out of committee. This package is a product of extensive work conducted over the years to increase accountability and transparency of the State's Economic Development Incentive programs while ensuring they are working in an efficient and effective manner so that Texas remains a leader in Economic Development. This bill will now make its way to the House floor for full consideration. I look forward to discussing ways we can keep Texas a leader in job creation while making sure each tax dollar spent brings a return on our investment.

Your 2nd Amendment Rights

Today, the House passed HB 910. This bill, which I coauthored, expands the scope of a concealed handgun license to authorize an individual possessing the license to carry a handgun, whether or not it is concealed. The license holder would be entitled to carry a handgun in plain view in a public place if the handgun is carried in a holster. It also would make most statutory provisions that regulate concealed handgun license holders and carrying a concealed handgun apply to carrying a handgun, whether or not it is concealed. I was proud to coauthor this important piece of legislation to defend our 2nd amendment rights.

HB 1853 Facilitating City Services

This week I was happy to present a bill before the full House for the City of Garland. HB 1853 allows cities to provide containers for an evicted person's possessions at no charge to either the evicted person or the landlord. This service is currently provided by the City of Garland to help keep our neighborhoods free of debris and they requested this language to be adopted into state law so they may continue this service. With this policy in place, if a city chooses, they may provide closed containers to not only protect an evicted person's belongings from weather damage and theft but to keep the items enclosed in one area to keep our neighborhoods clean. HB 1853 will now be sent to the Senate where an identical bill is being carried by Senator Huffines.

Around the District

I was happy to be back in the district last weekend to visit friends and family. I enjoyed attending the RISD Excellence in Education Foundation Annual Banquet which honored teachers and administrators throughout the school district. The Travis College Hill Addition neighborhood close to downtown Garland received a historical marker designation last weekend and I was honored to present a resolution to the neighborhood that worked so hard to get that designation. The neighborhood has been home to a number of prominent civic, political, and religious leaders in Garland and this marker serves as a reminder of the neighborhood's impact on the course of Garland's history.



Presenting the state resolution for the Garland neighborhood historical designation to Louis Moore and his wife Kay along with my colleague Rep. Cindy Burkett



Happy to have Rose Costantino and Kerri Duggan and their families visit the state capitol to teach their children about state government

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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