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The State of Texas  
House of Representatives



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Friends,

I am very saddened by the violence displayed last Sunday in our community. I am grateful to our Garland Police Department and Garland ISD Security personnel for their quick actions that prevented further violence. The authorities are investigating to determine the cause and scope. My thoughts and prayers remain with our community and all those impacted, and I wish Officer Joiner a swift recovery.

The Texas House of Representatives has entered a hurried pace as we approach next week's deadline to hear House bills. All House bills must be heard and passed by next Friday or they will be considered dead. Of the over 4,300 House bills that were filed this session, just 723 have passed the House and only 8 have passed the Senate. If you have any thoughts on House bills that will be coming up in the next week, please call or email my office to let us know.

### **Constitutional Convention**

This week the House passed HJR 79 which tells the federal government to call an Article V Constitutional Convention. The joint resolution specifies that the constitutional convention should be limited to only an amendment that requires the federal government to have a balanced budget. Our state government already holds ourselves to this standard, and we need to make sure that our federal government is held to the same standard. This joint resolution is reiterating a previous call for a constitutional convention almost 30 years ago on the same issue. The joint resolution will now move on to the Senate. For this constitutional convention to take place, 2/3 of the states must call for it.

### **Asian American Heritage Day at the Capitol**

The month of May is Asian American Heritage Month and I was proud to sponsor a celebration at the Capitol. Asian Americans from across Texas came to their State Capitol to visit with their legislators and learn more about the legislative process. In addition to some of my colleagues including Reps. Hubert Vo, Gene Wu, Rick Miller and Jeff Leach, the group was able to hear from

Texas Secretary of State Carlos Cascos and Comptroller Glenn Hegar. Attendance this year was the largest it has ever been and I am excited that so many people were able to be a part of the day.



**Pictured with both Secretary of State Carlos Cascos and Comptroller Glenn Hegar after they addressed the Asian American Heritage Day group at our State Capitol**

### **Leadership Garland**

This week we were visited by Leadership Garland as they traveled to Austin to also learn more about their state government. Leadership Garland members develop personal leadership skills and are introduced to the workings of state and local government to better understand those entities. I helped arrange a variety of speakers to come educate Leadership Garland Class XXXIV including the Attorney General's office, the General Land Office, the Court of Criminal Appeals, and their state legislators. I hope that the group found all of the speakers educational and their trip down here worthwhile.



**Pictured with the Leadership Garland group along with my colleagues Sen. Don Huffines, Sen. Bob Hall, Rep. Linda Koop and Rep. Kenneth Sheets**

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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