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The State of Texas  
House of Representatives



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Friends,

As we enjoy this Labor Day weekend, back to school is in full swing. One of the state's most important responsibilities is providing a quality public education for our school children. As we prepare for next session, I'd love to hear from you, parents, and teachers on your suggestions for bettering our schools here in HD 112.

### Health & Human Services Commission

After a thorough sunset review process last session, the state's health agencies have begun a massive restructuring to make the system more efficient, effective, and responsive for all Texans. On Sept. 1, about 4,000 employees and more than 120 programs and functions officially "moved" to the Health and Human Services Commission from other health-related state agencies. The move marks the first of two waves of the state's significant health agency transformation designed to help Texans find and receive services more efficiently.

"This is a monumental effort that's happening behind the scenes. Most people won't notice a change, other than hopefully it's easier for them to find what they need," said Executive Commissioner Charles Smith. "It's a work in progress, and we're putting the system together in a way that puts Texans first."

If you or your family members run into any problems or confusion with your state health services during this transition, please let my office know and we will be glad to assist you.

### Around the District

The Dallas Regional Chamber of Commerce hosted a Congressional Forum this past month and invited Congressmen Pete Sessions, Jeb Hensarling, and Marc Veasey to update the attendees on what is happening in the US House of Representatives. The Sachse Chamber of Commerce also hosted elected officials at their Annual Mayoral Luncheon. Sachse Mayor Mike Felix was joined by Garland Mayor Doug Athas, Rowlett Mayor Todd Gottel, Wylie Mayor Eric Hogue, and Murphy Mayor Eric Barna to talk about what was accomplished in their respective cities last year and where they want to go in the year to come. The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors hosted a luncheon where I was happy to address the crowd along with my colleagues Rep. Cindy Burkett and Rep. Matt Rinaldi.



**Pictured along with Sachse City Councilman Jeff Bickerstaff, Sachse Mayor Mike Felix, Garland Mayor Doug Athas, and Rowlett Mayor Todd Gottel at the Sachse Chamber's Annual Mayoral Luncheon**

The Annual Vietnamese Mother's Day celebration took place last weekend and I was honored to attend. The Chinese Institute of Engineers also held their annual convention in August and I was happy to attend to support them.

When Richardson City Councilman Kendal Hartley retired a little while ago, I didn't have the opportunity to thank him for his service to the city, so I was very happy to have the opportunity to thank him and present to him a Texas House resolution honoring him for his time spent serving his community. Richardson also said goodbye to their Fire Chief, Alan Palomba earlier this week. We had a great time at his farewell celebration honoring his more than 28 years of service. Lastly, Deputy Garland City Manager Martin Glenn also had his retirement party this past week. I was

proud to be there to thank him for all he has done for Garland and to wish him the best in his future endeavors. Thank you to all three of these wonderful men for their years of service to our community.



**Pictured with Richardson Firefighters at Fire Chief Alan Palomba's Retirement Celebration**

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. Please contact me on issues that are important to you.

Sincerely,

**Angie Chen Button**

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