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The State of Texas
House of Representatives



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Friends,

On Tuesday, January 10th, I had the privilege of being sworn in as the Representative for District 112 in the Texas House for the 85th Legislative Session. The district includes parts of Richardson, Garland, Sachse, Rowlett, Wylie, and Dallas in Dallas County. I am honored to serve our community and this great state. I look forward to working with you on critical challenges facing Texas.

Opening day of the 85th Legislative Session was filled with exciting inauguration activities, and I was happy to host a number of friends from home that came down to enjoy the festivities. I was honored to have my dear friends Ginger Hubbard and Lottie Randle by my side as I took the Oath of Office as well as Fred and Derla Maphis who were my host family while I attended UT Dallas.

As the legislative session progresses, please feel free to visit me in my capitol office, as I would love to say hello. If you are planning on coming down to your state capitol, you can email me at angie.button@house.texas.gov so I can be sure to set aside some time to meet with you.

On opening day, the House convened and members took the Oath of Office. State Representative Joe Straus was reelected to serve as Speaker of the House by a unanimous 150-0 vote. On Wednesday, we adopted rules that will govern the proceedings and operations of the chamber for the 85th 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, strengthening education, reforming Child Protective Services, and providing tax relief to Texans.



Taking the Oath of Office

Border Security Funding

On the second day of session, I participated in a press conference to call on the federal government to reimburse Texas \$2.8 billion for their inaction at our international border. Since January 2013, the state of Texas and local governments have been forced to spend \$2.8 billion to protect our citizens as a result of the federal government's failure to secure the border. This not only includes \$1.4 billion for actual border security that Texas's Department of Public Safety has spent, but money that our Health and Human Services Commission, Texas Education Agency, Department of Criminal Justice and others have had to spend as a result of illegal immigration. Although there has been a change in leadership at the federal level, Texas could not simply wait in hopes of positive changes concerning the safety and wellbeing of our citizens. Texas taxpayers are carrying a tremendous financial burden to protect our country. We are asking Washington to live up to its responsibility of securing the border, and to reimburse Texas for the \$2.8 billion our citizens have spent handling the federal government's obligation.



Pictured with many of my colleagues including Rep. Dennis Bonnen, author of the Border Security Funding Package from last session, at the press conference on federal inaction at the border.

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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