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Greetings, District 127!

On Wednesday, February 9, the Speaker of the House, Joe Straus, announced committee assignments. I am proud to say I was appointed to the Public Education Committee and the State Affairs committee. I am very happy with Speaker Straus' decisions. I believe my experience as a Humble ISD School Board member and former President will be a great asset to my service on the Public Education committee. And, it is truly an honor to be selected to serve on State Affairs as a freshmen member. I am in the company of some great members and am looking forward to working with them over the next 108 days.

Aside from the committee buzz, it has been a busy few weeks and I have been hard at work getting things done for you. I have spent much of my time at home in the District and hope I have a chance to see you. If not, I hope to see you this weekend at the Humble ISD Livestock Show and Rodeo or the FM 2100 Public Meeting. And always remember, we would love to have you come visit us at the Capitol. I am only there because of your support and would be honored to have you come see your House of Representatives in action.

Please read the attached newsletter to see what we have been up to and how you can get more involved with our office.

Take a few minutes to look over this newsletter explaining what I have been up to in Austin and here at home. If you would like to learn more about any of my legislative items, events I attend or happenings at the Capitol, please contact my staff at 512-463-0520. And remember you can always follow the occurrences of the House at www.house.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

Dan Huberty
State Representative- District 127

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Kleenwood Day 2011

The Kingwood Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Travis McCormick Kleenwood Day on Saturday, January 29th, where community members came together to pick-up the trash that dirties our livable forest. Members joined at Town Center early that morning for their assignments and after a few words from Chamber President, Sparky Nolan, and myself, the teams were off to "Kleen- Up" Kingwood. Everyone met back at Town Center later that day for food, fun and to compare their finds. Girl Scout Troop 9296 and Kingwood Park High School Key Club tied for the hauling in the most unusual items found. I would like to thank each and every person that

participated in or assisted with this year's

Kleenwood. And I would like to especially thank the four youths I sponsored for the day for their hard work. It is such a great feeling to know our neighbors care so much about our community and even better to see it in action. And a big thank you to The Kingwood Chamber staff and Sparky for a job well done.

Humble ISD Rodeo Parade 2011

The Humble ISD Rodeo is held annually throughout the month of February, and hosts several fun events including the parade, cook-off, auction, rodeo, and concerts. Proceeds from the events benefit the Humble ISD Education Foundation. Not only do Humble ISD students benefit from these proceeds, but the donations are also used to grant opportunities to many deserving teachers. Every staff member of Humble ISD has the opportunity to present a grant for consideration.

On Saturday, January 29th, my kids and I participated in the Humble Rodeo Parade. Every year, the parade kicks off the festivities for the Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off. It starts at St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church and winds its way down Main Street in Humble. Family and friends line the streets to watch the procession of floats, high school organizations, elected officials, and farm equipment. It was a fun afternoon for all, and a great way to start off rodeo season in Humble!



FamilyTime Women of Achievement 2011

Saturday, January 29th, marked the 21st celebration of FamilyTime's Women of Achievement recipients at their annual Hearts of Gold Gala. Past award winners joined together over dinner and drinks at the Houston Marriott to celebrate their newest inductees. They include: The Arts - Karen Kilby; Business - Susan Juel; Community Activist - Nancy Foisner; Education - Carrie Keith; Entrepreneur - Diane Havens, Homemaker - Mary Tyhurst, Human Services - Jennifer Bohner, Medical - Ginger Burklow; Special Recognition - Betty Newton; Visionary - Bonnie Zimmer & Janet Ebach; Volunteer - Laura Clarke; Women's Advocate - Dawn Evans; and Spirit of FamilyTime - Patty Tristan.

Janet and I were honored to share the evening with these amazing women to congratulate them on their awards, but truly to thank them for their service to our community. We are grateful for their contributions and join the folks at FamilyTime in celebrating their successes.

My Legislation

There has been an increasing problem of appraisal creep and rising property taxes in Harris County and throughout the state. Last week, I filed H.B. 868 to address this problem. My bill will limit property taxes to five percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is the lesser. I have also signed on as a co-author of Chairman Bill Callegari's appraisal cap bill, H.B. 312, and joint authored his H.J.R. 39, which is the enabling legislation that will allow the people of Texas to vote on a Constitutional amendment to cap appraisals at five percent- a three percent reduction of what it is currently. Protecting our state's taxpayers is something I take very seriously, and I will continue to do all that I can to ensure their interests are not forgotten.

Also last week, I filed H.B. 1130, which will repeal a duplicate report that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is already required by federal law to file regarding the amount of special education students in each school district. Currently, TEA is having to duplicate this report at the state level, so in order to reduce redundancy and inefficiency in the Agency, my bill repeals this portion of the State Education Code.

Legislation to Watch

Several of my fellow Representatives have been hard at work filing important bills for our state. I am honored to help them make these bills law, and have signed on as co-author to a few key pieces of legislation. I have signed on to Representative Geanie Morrison's Sonogram bill, H.B. 201, which is on the Governor's Emergency Item List. This bill has overwhelming support in the House, and is the identical House version of Senator Patrick's S.B. 16. With members in both chambers working diligently on this issue, I am confident that the Governor will be signing it into law in the coming months. Another bill that I am co-authoring- Chairman Charlie Geren's H.B. 279, which is a comprehensive eminent domain bill- is also on the Governor's Emergency Item List. This has been a very controversial topic in past sessions and we are all working hard on a bill that solves one of the biggest problems facing our state.

In order to continue to defend our Constitutionally protected rights, I am also co-authoring two important bills: H.J.R 50, by Chairman Brandon Creighton, which reaffirms our State's rights under the 10th Amendment; and H.B. 750, by Representative Joe Driver, which allows CHL holders to protect themselves on campuses of higher education. Both of these issues have been brought to the Texas House before, but due to the time constraints that exist during every session, they were unable to be passed into law. These are high priorities for my colleagues and me, and we will be working hard to ensure their passage.

Go Texan HLSR Boots and Buckles Ball

The Humble-Kingwood chapter of the Houston Livestock show and Rodeo Go Texan committee celebrated the beginning of Rodeo season with a fun event including a silent and live auction at the Humble Civic Center on Saturday, January 29th. This fun night helped to raise funds for the HLSR Foundation and kick-off the rodeo season. Thanks to Philip and Laura Ivy for hosting us at their table.



Huffman FFA Auction

On Saturday, January 29th, I made a trip to the Huffman FFA Livestock Show with my great friend, Bill Shank. We watched all of the students present their animals and I was proud to see how much had been accomplished by our youth. There were several animals to decide on, but Bill and I chose 10-year-old Brody Logsdon's pig.

As you can see by the photo, it was a beautiful animal. We agreed to donate the animal back to you Brody. We had a great time at this event and I look forward to participating again next year.

Pictured left to right: Bill Shank, Brody Logsdon, Kelsie Mitchum and Representative Dan Huberty

Crosby Consumer Expo

The Crosby/Huffman Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Consumer Expo on Saturday, January 29th at Crosby High School. Walking amongst the booths and talking with attendees, it seemed that everyone had a great time. It was a wonderful opportunity to see what services and commodities are available to our community from my fellow Chamber members. Thank you to the Chamber for putting this great event on for everyone to attend.

19th Annual Lake Houston YMCA Bridge Fest

Thanks to Carol Sutton and her teams' hard work pulling off another successful Bridge Fest on Saturday, February 5th. It was an honor to help with the 19th annual event by kicking-off the 1-mile race with Council Member Mike Sullivan.

Although it was a brisk morning, my kids and I were happy to brave the elements to be with our fellow running enthusiasts. At a chilly 27 degrees, Brianna, Ryan, Dylan, and I all completed our races in record time. We are happy to have been a part of this fundraising event for Lake Houston YMCA.

The kids also got to see the helicopter used for the Kiwanis Gold Ball Drop. I would like to thank Robert Scarfo and Kim Maxey for letting us participate in their even as well.



Humble ISD Rodeo Cook-Off 2011

Much of the weekend of February 4th and 5th was spent at the Humble Civic Center enjoying the Humble ISD Education Foundation's Cook-Off. With more than 115 teams participating, there was plenty of food to go around and lots of people to see. Despite the chilly weather, community members came out to the Arena to see who would be crowned as the Grand Champion Cook for 2011. My congratulations go to Don Canterbury of the We B Smokin' BB Team that took 1st Place in Ribs, 3rd Place in Chicken and received the Grand Champion Award. Similarly, I would like to congratulate Julio Howard of the Pitmaker BBQ Innovation team for earning 2nd Place in Brisket and the Reserve Grand Champion Award. The Welding Clubs of the Humble ISD high schools also made a great showing when they presented their handmade BBQ pits to be auctioned.

And a big congratulations to the Bourbon Cowboy Cookers for earning the Showmanship award! I was proud to be a sponsor for that team.

I would like to thank all of the hard workers that assisted in making this event a huge success. And I look forward to seeing all of you again this weekend for the Livestock Show, Rodeo and performances by Easton Corbin and Kevin Fowler.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION: TxDOT FM 2100 Public Hearing

I know many of you are concerned about the recent incidents on FM 2100. Crosby ISD Superintendent Dr. Keith Moore and I have worked with the Texas Department of Transportation to schedule a public hearing on this matter.

Please join us on **Thursday, February 17th at 7:30 PM** in the **Crosby High School Auditorium** for a public hearing about the roadway and the future plans to decrease the number of accidents there.

Upcoming Events

Be sure to watch for these events:

Friday, February 11th

Humble ISD Livestock Show and Rodeo

1:00 PM - Livestock Auction

7:00 PM - Rodeo Performances (Gates open at 5:30 PM)

9:00 PM - Easton Corbin Concert

Saturday, February 12th

Humble ISD Livestock Show and Rodeo

7:00 PM - Rodeo Performances (Gates open at 5:30 PM)

9:00 PM - Kevin Fowler Concert

Tea Party Legislative Caucus Public Meeting

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Capitol Auditorium (Austin, Texas)

Thursday, February 17th

TxDOT Public Hearing - FM 2100

7:30 PM Crosby High School Auditorium



Capitol Visitors

Thanks to the **Kingwood High School Varsity Boys Soccer Team** for coming by with Coach Kevin Johnson on their way to the Governor's Cup annual tournament in Georgetown on Friday, January 14th.

Similarly, thanks to the **Atascocita High School Girls Soccer team** for joining us on Thursday, January 27th with Coach Eric Nichols. I hope you enjoyed your time at the Capitol on your tour and scavenger hunt. It was a pleasure to honor you with House Resolution 206.

The **Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce** made their bi-annual trip to the Capitol on Tuesday, February 8th. We were happy to welcome the visiting members who traveled here with the Alliance of North Houston Chamber to pass their resolutions to local Representatives and Senators. It was a pleasure to honor their visit with House Resolution 300.

On February 2nd, **Grace Foster**, a 4-H student from Crosby, traveled to Austin to visit us on 4-H Day at the Texas Capitol. The 4-H program was recognized in the House Chamber during session. Afterward, she stopped by the office and I had the opportunity to visit with her and her father.

Tea Party Legislative Caucus Public Meeting

Saturday, February 12th, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Capitol Auditorium (Austin, Texas)

The Tea Party Legislative Caucus is hosting a citizen event at the Capitol on Saturday, February 12th. If you've never been to the Capitol before, this would be a great visit to see the Capitol on your own time and then attend an informative orientation on how I do my job in the legislature. The orientation will be similar to what all new legislators learn before beginning work in their first session.

Although I will not be able to attend due to events in the district, the orientation will be presented by my fellow legislators. Topics will include how the legislative process works, how to pass legislation, an over-view of the budget, a look at education and healthcare, redistricting (how you can draw your own maps) and a question and answer time with members of the legislature.

This is the first ever citizen orientation on a behind the scenes look at how your government in Texas works. As a member of the Tea Party Caucus our mission is to equip our citizens with as much information possible. The more knowledgeable the voters the better our government will be.

District Office Opening

Watch for more information about our District Office at 4501 Magnolia Cove, Suite 201, Kingwood, Texas 77345. Located in the beautiful King's Harbor shopping center, we hope our office will be a great place for you to come visit us. The date of the opening is yet to be determined.
