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Adjourning Sine Die on Memorial Day

Today is an important day for several reasons. First and foremost, it is Memorial Day. A day we as civilians should step back from our everyday worries and take the opportunity to thank our military men and women for their service and sacrifice. As a proud American, I want to say thank you to all of the members of the armed forces, active and retired, overseas and at home, for their dedication to our country.

Although it has been very hard to be away from my family over the last six months, my small inconvenience is nothing compared to the sacrifices our soldiers make on a daily basis. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as your State Representative, but even more for those in my district who serve our country. America is only as free and strong as she is, because of their service and I am grateful for it.

But, today is also important because it marks the final day of the 82nd Legislative Session, or Sine Die, as it is called under the Pink Dome. Today is the last day for action in a regular session. I believe we have had a successful session. Although I did not accomplish everything I set out to when I arrived in Austin in January, I will leave the building with one bill, HB 571, already signed by Governor Perry, a second, HB 1130, waiting for his signature and a third that I sponsored for Senator Patrick, SB 1788, sent to him just today.

We also accomplished several other very important items for the people of Texas. We addressed almost every one of Governor Perry's Emergency Items. First, SB 14, the aptly named Voter ID bill, passed the Senate and then the House before being sent to Governor Perry and signed on May 27. Then the Sonogram bill, HB 15, which requires a sonogram to be performed prior to an abortion was signed by Governor Perry on May 19. Next, SB 18, an eminent domain bill passed both Chambers and was also signed by Governor Perry on May 19. HCR 18, urging Congress to add a balanced budget amendment, much like Texas', to the United States Constitution, was sent to Governor Perry on May 23. The Sanctuary City bill, HB 12, passed the House and was sent to the Senate, but did not receive enough votes to be debated on the floor. And although not originally on the emergency item list, HB 274, the "Loser Pays" bill, was signed by Governor Perry today. I am proud to have assisted in some small way to the passage of these bills.

For more information on these or any other items, please contact my Capitol office.

Sincerely,

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