

# NEWSLETTER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 137

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Holidays 2018

Friends,

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I hope you had a safe and happy holiday season!

Team Wu has been hard at work in the community and preparing for the upcoming legislative session.

January 8th marked the Opening Day of the 86th Texas Legislature. My staff and I are looking forward to representing District 137 in the Texas House of Representatives for another great legislative session.

On November 22nd, the annual Houston Thanksgiving Parade took place downtown.

In December, the Mayor's Citizens' Assistance Office hosted a Christmas party at the Southwest Multi-Service Center.

Also in December, Legacy Community Health held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new clinic in our district.

Coming up in January, the Gulfton Story Trail project will be having an unveiling ceremony for the murals they've done at the HISD schools in our district; be on the lookout for great new art right here in Gulfton!

Lastly, I wish to extend my very best wishes to members of the Asian-American community celebrating the upcoming Lunar New Year on February 5th.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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### Thanksgiving Day Parade



Gene with RODEO Houston President and CEO, Joel Crowley, District Attorney Kim Ogg, and Lyndon Wu

On November 22nd, I attended the 69th annual H-E-B Thanksgiving Day Parade, a holiday tradition showcasing the Houston community and entertaining parade-goers lining the streets on Thanksgiving morning. It was great celebrating Houston's diversity with my fellow Houstonians!

#### Legacy Community Health New Southwest Campus Groundbreaking

This December, Legacy Community Health broke ground for their new Southwest campus located at 6441 High Star Dr., Houston, TX 77074. I joined City Council Member Mike Laster and other community leaders for the Groundbreaking Ceremony.

In 2010, Legacy opened a clinic in the neighborhood, which quickly became the organization's busiest location, and is continuing to grow and expand. The new campus is a most welcome addition to our district, and will serve thousands of families for generations to come.



Gene at the Legacy Community Health Southwest Campus Groundbreaking Ceremony

### **Christmas Festivities**



Gene dropping off supplies at a local shelter



Gene with HPD and board members of the Southwest Management District

My Christmas activities began donating supplies to local shelter to support those affected by the Christmas Eve apartment fire. Special thanks to American Red Cross and volunteers for all your hard work in the community.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the <u>Mayor's Citizens' Assistance Office (MCAO)</u> for hosting a Christmas party at the Southwest Multi-Service Center. My office was one of many community partners to donate



Christmas presents for the kids in our community.

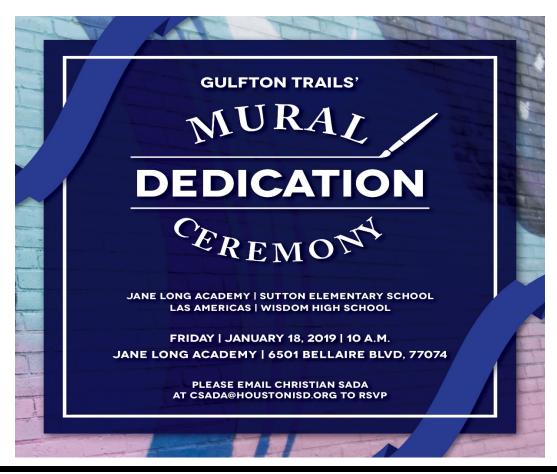
# House Christmas Ornament

Every year, members of the Texas House of Representatives are invited to select a constituent to create a Christmas ornament that showcases their district. These ornaments decorate the Christmas tree that stands in the House Chamber of the Texas Capitol during the holiday season. This year's District 137 ornanment was created by the students of <u>Culture of Health Advancing Together (CHAT)</u>, a local organization working to foster the health and well-being for immigrant and refugee communities through education, arts, advocacy, and access to care. District 137 is an international community and is the most diverse district in Houston and the State of Texas. Through the help of local organizations, District 137 is known for its compassion helping new comers assimilate to life in their new home. This 86th legislative session marks my fourth term as as a member of the Texas House of Representatives. I am honored to continue serving and representing District 137, and I look forward to passing legislation to improve the lives of all Texans, especially our children. My Capitol office has moved from the extension to GW.4 in the main building's ground floor. Our door is always open, so come on by!

# **Gulfton Mural Unveiling**



Gene with Winston and Lyndon at the Capitol on Opening Day of the 86th Texas Legislature



# Lunar New Year Celebrations



The Chinese Community Center (CCC) will be hosting its <u>Annual Lunar New Year Festival</u> on February 9th from 10:00 to 4:00 PM at 9800 Town Park Drive.

Lunar New Year Houston will be celebrating the Year of the Pig on February 9-10 at the Viet Hoa Center at Beltway 8 Plaza (8388 W. Sam Houston Parkway South, Houston, TX 77072) from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. February 5th is Lunar New Year and marks the beginning of the Year of the Pig! In early February there will be various Lunar New Year celebrations throughout District 137; I encourage you to join the Asian-American community in the festivities!

The <u>23rd Annual Texas International Lunar Festival</u> will take place on Saturday, February 2nd in front of the Southern News Group Building, located at 11122 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX 77072.





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These events are *free and open to the public*. If you are interested in additional Lunar New Year events being held outside of District 137, please feel free to contact our office at (713) 271-2900 or <u>District137.Wu@house.texas.gov</u> and we can share event details.