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REP. TERRI
LEO-WILSON

ABOUT REP. LEO-WILSON

Terri Leo-Wilson graduated Summa Cum Laude with undergraduate degrees in Elementary and Special Education, and received a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Texas A&M University Commerce. She is retired having been a Teacher, Case Manager, and Department Administrator for middle school students with special needs in Texas public schools. Terri was elected to three terms on the State Board of Education.

Terri has a wealth of leadership experience in bringing people together in healthy discourse and has been frequently called upon to speak on educational issues and grassroots politics. Terri and her husband Dave have five children and four grandchildren.



Representative Leo-Wilson Announces start of Postcards to Space Competition

(Austin, TX) – State Representative Terri Leo-Wilson is pleased to announce the beginning of the Postcards to Space Competition her office and Blue Origin will be holding over the next several months.

Any student who wishes to participate can write or draw their vision for what the future of life in space will look like on a postcard. Blue Origin will then send those postcards on a future space mission. Once that mission returns, the postcards will be stamped "Flown to Space" and mailed back to the students.

Each participating State Representative enters their school districts into a drawing to send ten students and two chaperones on a tour of Blue Origin's facility in Van Horn, Texas. To enter, participating schools may:



- Have students decorate 4"x6" postcards, including a return address,
- Before May 20th, 2023, collect and mail the postcards to Rep. Leo-Wilson's office in Austin at:

Rep. Terri Leo-Wilson

P.O. Box 2910

Austin, TX, 78768.

Rep. Leo-Wilson's office will then send the collected and tallied postcards on to Blue Origin. Any school wishing to participate should contact Saul Mendoza, Chief of Staff, with questions regarding this competition at 512-463-0502.

State Representative Terri Leo-Wilson Appointed to Juvenile Justice & Family Issues and Pensions, Investments, & Financial Services Committees



(Austin, TX) - Today, Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan announced the membership and chairmanship of the standing committees in the House. Rep. Leo-Wilson is honored to serve on the Juvenile Justice & Family Issues (JJFI) and Pensions, Investments, & Financial Services committees (PIFS).

As a former educator, case manager, and department administrator for students with special needs, Rep. Leo-Wilson has been a voice for Texas children. Serving on JJFI will be a great opportunity for her to continue supporting our most vulnerable Texans. The committee has jurisdiction over the Texas Juvenile Justice Board, the Texas Department of Juvenile Justice (TJJD), the Office of the Independent Ombudsman for TJJD, and the Advisory Council on Juvenile Services. Specifically, the members on -

the committee will hear testimony on commitment and rehabilitation of youths; the construction and operation of state juvenile facilities; juvenile delinquency and gang violence; criminal law, prohibitions, standards, and penalties as it relates to juveniles; and civil law as it relates to familial relationships, including the rights, duties, remedies, and procedures.

Rep. Leo-Wilson will also serve on PIFS which has oversight over various state agencies: the Finance Commission of Texas, the Credit Union Commission, the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, the Office of Banking Commissioner, the Texas Department of Banking, the Department of Savings and Mortgage Lending, (Cont.)



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the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company, the Texas Public Finance Authority, the Bond Review Board, the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System, the Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas, the Board of Trustees of the Texas County and District Retirement System, the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal Retirement System, the State Pension Review Board, and the State Securities Board.



The committee will hear testimony relating to banking and the state banking system; savings and loan associations; credit unions; the regulation of state and local bonded indebtedness; the lending of money; public retirement systems, the regulation of securities and investments; and privacy and identity theft.

"I look forward to serving on these two committees where we can promote strong and healthy families, provide resources to at-risk youth, and protect Texas' economic prosperity," said Rep. Leo-Wilson.



Honorary Page Program Open to Galveston & Chambers County Students



(Austin, TX) – State Representative Terri Leo-Wilson will host students who wish to participate in the Texas House Honorary Page Program (HPP). For each regular session, legislators are able to host up to 4 students to serve as part of the HPP. Pages may serve either a morning shift (8:30am-12:00pm) or an afternoon shift (1:30pm-5:00pm).

(Students must be between the ages of 8 and 18 to participate. Any parent who wishes to have their child participate may contact Saul Mendoza, Chief of Staff, at saul.mendoza@house.texas.gov to submit their request. Requests will -

be approved by Rep. Leo-Wilson until all 4 slots are filled for the session. Anyone interested who does not reside in Galveston or Chambers counties should contact their state representative's office.

"This is a great opportunity for students to engage in the legislative process and learn not only how laws are made but the work that takes place behind the scenes," said Rep. Leo-Wilson. "Honorary pages will learn from the House Sergeants who are the backbone of our day to day operations in the Texas House."



REP. LEO-WILSON'S BILLS

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- HB 646: Prohibits severance payments to school superintendents.
- HB 983: Ensures municipal laws apply equally to public and charter schools.
- HB 1804: Gives the SBOE authority over suitable content in school instructional materials.
- HB 1837: Ensures SBOE can appoint experts to TEKS writing committees.

MILITARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT

- HB 434: Provides death benefits to servicemembers deployed on state missions.
- HB 1584: Provides resources to law enforcement to test for fentanyl.

PROTECTING CHILDREN

- HB 571: Prevents that children be exposed to harmful materials.
- HB 574: Promotes the teaching of the beginning of human life as part of a school's health curriculum.

PROPERTY TAXES

- HB 577: Fully replaces property taxes with a Value Added Tax system (sales taxes).

LOCAL ISSUES

- HB 575: Ceases the plan to toll segments of SH 99.
- HB 1022: Allows Galveston County to adopt uniform work hours for county employees.

LOCAL ISSUES

- HB 1929: Allows the use of aerobic septic systems on the Bolivar Peninsula.
- HCR 29: Designates Winnie, TX, as the Rice Capital of Texas.

ELECTIONS

- HB 1576: Creates penalties for illegally recording near a voting station.
- HB 2123: Allows voter registrars to verify citizenship before registering people to vote.

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- HB 1822: Allows the SBOE to review and approve advanced placement courses.

HIGHER EDUCATION

- HB 1117: Prohibits in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- HR 170: Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Bolivar Point Lighthouse.
- HR 135: Commemorating the dedication of a water tower in the San Leon Municipal Utility District in honor of the late Joseph Lynn Manchaca.
- HR 151: Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of Baytown.

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