

# SERGIO MUÑOZ JR

## District 36

# Capitol Newsletter



*"This week featured one of the most essential jobs of your legislature, passing a budget. The House passed S.B. 1 with overwhelming support. I am proud to have had an integral role in the drafting of the budget through my position on the Appropriations Committee. Though this budget is not perfect, it marks significant improvement over the prior budget, and I believe this is something worth acknowledging and celebrating. Our work is not finished, but this budget gives me hope for the rest of the session and our Great State. This week once again also showed significant progress on bills more local in nature, seeing our school safety bill voted out of committee, and our bill honoring fallen Trooper Eduardo Chavez voted out of the Texas House. Please review the items below and let me know if you have any questions. Have a safe & happy weekend!"*

*Sergio Muñoz*

## Legislative Updates

### AUTHORED



**S H.B. 442 - Trooper Chavez by Muñoz:** This bill memorializes a portion of U.S. Highway 83 as the Trooper Eduardo Chavez Memorial Highway to honor the life and service of the fallen trooper. This week saw the legislation voted out of the Texas House and into the Texas Senate.

**S H.B. 801 - School Safety by Muñoz:** This bill seeks to increase the awareness of the dangers associated with discharging a projectile from a firearm that could potentially travel across a school property line. H.B. 801 does this through the placement of proximity signs near school property informing people about the nearby schools and through teaching awareness and personal responsibility during hunter education programs.

### JOINT-AUTHORED

**S H.B. 8 - Human Trafficking:** H.B. 8 seeks to aid the prevention and elimination of the crime of human trafficking by enacting recommendations made by the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force in its recent report to the legislature. This important piece of legislation was unanimously voted out of the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee recently. Rep. Muñoz' served on the Joint Interim Committee to Study Human Trafficking and continues to advocate for victims of Human Trafficking.

### SPOTLIGHT BILLS

**S S.B. 1 - The Budget:** S.B. 1 gathered overwhelming support on the house floor, on its way to be voted out in record time. This support shows the major improvements from last session. Though this budget is not perfect, it shows significant improvement in higher education, public education, mental health services, salaries for DPS and corrections officers, Texas grants, and many other areas. Though the budget process is not complete, this marks a significant step towards reversing the devastating cuts enacted last session and making Texas, as a whole, better.



## Constituents @ the Capitol



(Above) On February 4th, 2013, Professionals from the City of Mission visited the Texas Capitol as part of Leadership Mission. During this visit, Rep. Muñoz organized a group photo with Rep. Guerra, Sen. Hinojosa, and the outstanding individuals of Leadership Mission on the Capitol steps.

(Right) On February 5th, 2013, Rep. Muñoz and other Valley Reps recognized distinguished officials from the City of McAllen on the Texas House floor in recognition of McAllen Day at the Capitol.



(Left) On February 19th, 2013, distinguished officials from the City of Mission visited the Texas Capitol as part of Mission Day at the Capitol. During this visit Rep. Muñoz set up a picture with the officials, including Mayor Beto Salinas, and Governor Perry.