

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
★ **DEWAYNE BURNS** ★
House District 58

Summer 2020 Legislative Update

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe, healthy, and well during these unprecedented times. While the nation copes with social distancing amidst the coronavirus health crisis, here in House District 58, we are also coping with remarkable economic headwinds caused by the virus. I was raised in this community, and know firsthand the people of Johnson and Bosque counties are strong. We have weathered difficult times in the past and have always emerged stronger than ever. I have faith the same will be true once again, as we cope with this pandemic.

With all that is going on in our world and our economy right now, politics may not be top of mind, however, we have a responsibility as Americans, as Texans and as neighbors: to do our part to maintain a free and responsible, conservative system of self-governance for today and future generations.

I feel called as a father, husband, conservative, and Christian to use the talents, knowledge, and experience God has given me to serve our community as your state representative. As we face the crisis posed by COVID-19, let us pray that God gives us wisdom and courage, as we also pray for the health and financial wellbeing of our neighbors here in Johnson and Bosque counties.

Our primary focus continues to be the best interests of the families of Bosque and Johnson counties. One of our most sincere missions is to acknowledge that each and every member of our community is created in the image of God and is treated as such. When making decisions on how to represent you, we consider two key questions, "How will this help the people of House District 58?" and "Is this the right thing to do?"

On March 21st, my colleagues and I sent a letter to Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Sid Miller, requesting that he lift cumbersome regulations on the school meal program. Thank you to all who worked on this issue to ensure Texas children and families have access to meals during this uncertain and difficult time.

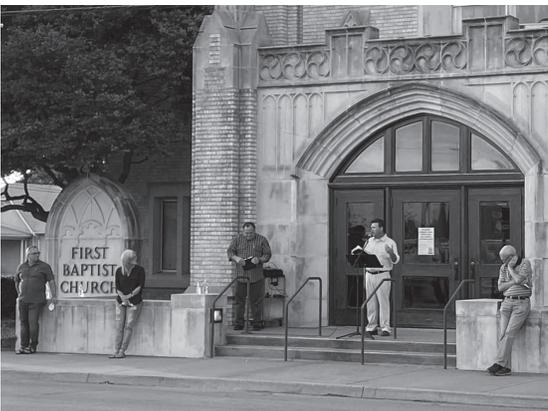
It has been a unique honor to join with Governor Abbot and fellow Texas House members in working to address this pandemic and reopen Texas. Our team has been working hard throughout the last few months intervening with agencies and statewide leaders to protect the health, rights and freedoms of our constituents, gathering critical information for local officials, offering input to the Governor and national leaders to get local businesses back up and running and to make the concerns of this community heard and considered. Texans can and will bounce back from this as we always have and ultimately persevere.

In closing, thank you to everyone who took the time to reach out to our office to share thoughts and prayers regarding the legislative priorities for Johnson and Bosque counties, as well as for the state as a whole. Your input is essential when it comes to service as your state representative. Thank you to everyone who lifts our office up in prayer and works to improve our community. As always, we stand ready to serve you in any way we can.

God bless,



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Thank you to everyone that came out for the First Baptist Church Drive-In Prayer Service. It was a privilege to participate in this historic event.

HIGHER EDUCATION MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN HD 58

Hill College was recently designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education through 2024. Southwestern Adventist University recently launched a new fully online Nursing RN to BS track that will allow nurses the opportunity to earn their BS while working full time. Tarleton State University has partnered with Godley, Alvarado, Joshua, Clifton, Valley Mills, Cleburne and Crowley ISD's to expand opportunities for our students with more to come in the future. Thank you to all of the educators in our community that make a difference in the lives of our students and prepare them for the workforce.

TEXAS FARM BUREAU PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE

It was a privilege to speak at the Texas Farm Bureau President's Conference in Waco on February 26th. Local Farm Bureau Board Presidents from almost every county in Texas gathered to talk about statewide policy initiatives and the role our grassroots play in promoting agriculture and protecting property rights.



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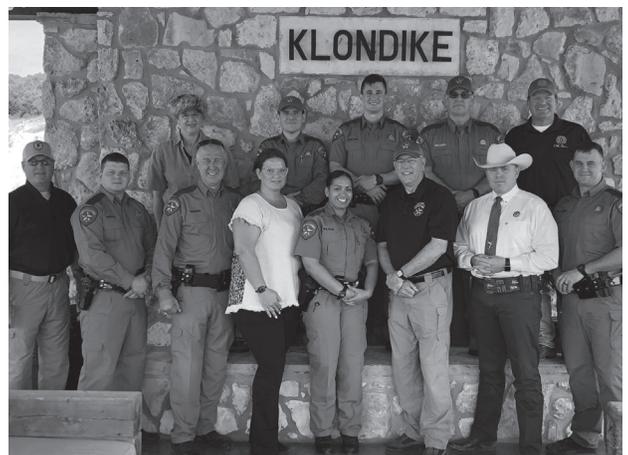
★ AROUND THE DISTRICT ★

THE CHISHOLM TRAIL OUTDOOR MUSEUM RIBBON CUTTING

On March 5th, I participated in the dedication and ribbon cutting of the Terry House at the Chisholm Trail Outdoor Museum. Thank you to my friend David Murdoch for inviting me to deliver remarks about the importance of honoring our Texas history and the Johnson County heroes.

SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT: DPS WEAPONS QUALIFICATION

On March 12th, I participated in 1C06 Area Meeting and Weapons Qualification. It was a great event, and I enjoyed spending time with several DPS Troopers and other members of law enforcement. Special thanks to Mike and Cindy Powell for hosting and providing lunch during the event.



Attending the DPS Meeting and Weapons Qualification with constituents from House District 58.