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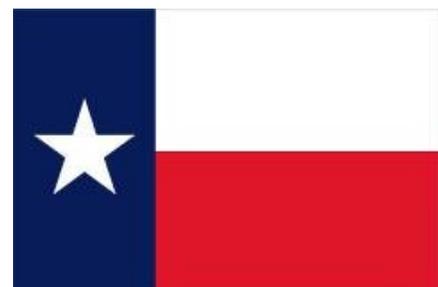
Hello Friends,

April was busy with events in the district and in Austin. One of the best parts of serving as your state representative is the chance to be a part of so many positive experiences in the lives of people. I was able to nominate an outstanding 2014 high school graduate for the Armed Services Scholarship this past month and help him toward his goal of serving our great nation. I was also able to attend a ceremony honoring a long-time business in Bluff Dale, the J.F. Warnock Hardware Store.

In Austin, the Public Health and Corrections Committees have both been meeting to discuss policies and potential legislation for next session. These meetings will continue into the summer.

Sincerely,

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Texas Armed Services Scholarship

Sheffield Names Stephens Nominee for Service Scholarship

Austin- April 30, 2014- State Representative J.D. Sheffield has named Shelton Stephens of Stephenville as a 2014 recipient of the Texas Armed Services Scholarship. Stephens is a senior at Stephenville High School and plans to attend Texas A&M University in College Station upon graduation.

Stephens will enroll in the ROTC program at A&M. He plans to join the United States Air Force following completion of his undergraduate degree.

Stephens is a member of the Stephenville High School National Honor Society, Student Council, UIL academic team, Spanish Honor Society, and the Harbin Volunteer Fire Department among numerous other awards and activities. He is the son of Dee and Elizabeth Stephens.

Each year members of the Texas Legislature are able to select one student for the Armed Services Scholarship. "I am proud to be able to sponsor Mr. Stephens's nomination," said Dr. Sheffield. "This young man has a strong academic record and a desire to serve our nation that is most admirable."

The Texas Legislature created the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program to encourage students to participate in Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs at civilian colleges. A student must meet specific eligibility criteria in order to receive an initial scholarship award. Only 185 students across Texas are awarded the scholarship annually.



Stephens is pictured at right.

HOUSE COMMITTEES DISCUSS PUBLIC POLICY



Pictured are members of the House Committee on Public Health. During April the Committee met to hear testimony and discuss issues facing healthcare in Texas. Pharmaceuticals safety and the classification of restricted prescription drugs were two of the topics under discussion.



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J.F. Warnock Hardware Honored as Texas Treasure

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The J. F. Warnock Hardware store in Bluff Dale is receiving the Texas Treasure Business Award on April 27, 2014, and this recognition affords a welcome opportunity to celebrate a notable community landmark; and

WHEREAS, Created in 2005, the Texas Treasure Business Award recognizes businesses that have contributed to the Lone Star State for more than 50 years by creating jobs and stimulating economic growth; and

WHEREAS, J. F. Warnock Hardware was established in 1908 by Jephtha Franklin Warnock, who originally operated out of a rented building near the public well; in 1915, Mr. Warnock constructed a new building a half block farther south, on Greenwood Street, and the store has remained in that location ever since; Warnock Hardware supplied early customers with goods ranging from hardware items and housewares to buggies and horse-drawn farm equipment; in addition, Mr. Warnock cobbled shoes and repaired and crafted leather harnesses; when reliable electricity and running water became widespread in the area, the store quickly adjusted to meet the changing times by making new products and services available to the public; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of its historical and architectural significance, Warnock Hardware was designated in 1984 as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark by the Texas Historical Commission; four generations of the Warnock family have helped keep the store open and prospering over the past 106 years, and today, the business is run by Mary Jaresh Grantham, the great-granddaughter of the founder; and

WHEREAS, Family owned and operated for more than a century, Warnock Hardware remains a part of the daily lives of many Bluff Dale citizens, and on the occasion of this significant honor, it is indeed fitting to reflect on the rich legacy and continuing contributions of this venerable institution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That J. F. Warnock Hardware's receipt of a Texas Treasure Business Award from the Texas Historical Commission be commemorated and that all those associated with the store be extended sincere best wishes for continued success.

