



Dear Friends,

Today the Texas Legislature adjourned sine die, officially closing the 87th regular legislative session. I want to offer my sincere gratitude for entrusting me to serve in your Texas House of Representatives. I have now completed my fifth regular legislative session - and I still feel a great sense of humility and awe every time I walk in to our historic House chamber to advocate and work on behalf of you, your family and our community. It is a duty I do not take lightly. And it is a high honor I will forever be grateful for.

Unfortunately, last night represented one of the more disappointing nights I've experienced in the Texas House. Over 60 of my colleagues chose to quit on the job, leaving the Chamber to break quorum and abandoning their constituents with work still left to do before our midnight deadline, including our omnibus election integrity legislation and bail reform. It was a shocking display - and Texans shouldn't be happy with it. Throwing in the towel to throw a temporary wrench in the system is not a legislative strategy, it's a losing strategy. We've got unfinished business. And make no mistake, I am confident we'll soon be called in to a special session by Governor Abbott to complete that important work.

Despite the unfortunate events of last night, I am still very proud of what we accomplished over the last 140 days.

Looking back, we started this legislative session confronted with monumental challenges: an unprecedented pandemic, a historic economic crisis, a divisive November election and then a catastrophic winter storm. Even so, I am proud to report that we came together, rolled up our sleeves and delivered tremendous victories for all Texans - victories that will serve to make our state more free, more prosperous, more safe and strong. Not only for the Texans of today, but for future Texans of tomorrow.

I worked hard to keep my promises to you. And I believe we delivered on your behalf.

We passed a balanced, conservative budget that funds the priorities of the state without raising taxes, including significant investments in public education, healthcare, border security and infrastructure.

We boldly responded to the winter storm - making necessary improvements to your state government and protecting our grid to ensure it never happens again.

We fought for your fundamental liberties and freedoms, passing historic legislation to safeguard the right to life, defend your Second Amendment freedoms and protect your religious liberties. I was proud to author SJR 72 that will allow you, the voters, to amend the Texas Constitution in a November statewide election to ensure that no government entity ever shuts down our places of worship again.

We passed landmark reforms that make our civil and criminal justice systems stronger, fairer and more accessible.

We passed legislation supporting our law enforcement, ensuring the safety of our streets and schools, protecting Texas small businesses and strengthening the booming Texas economy.

These legislative wins are because of you. Your input, your feedback and your voice was, as always, integral to me and my team - and I thank you for that engagement.

And as I mentioned earlier, we still have unfinished business to complete - election integrity, bail reform, protecting our children from reckless medical therapies and procedures, banning taxpayer-funded lobbying, cracking down on big-tech's ongoing assault on our free speech rights, to name a few. I am hopeful and expectant we'll be given the opportunity to address those, in addition to our Constitutional duty to complete the redistricting process, in a special session called by Governor Abbott.

I am looking forward to returning home and to seeing you soon. In due time, I'll make my way across the district, speaking at various forums, attending community events, hosting town-hall meetings and, of course, making myself available to meet with you in the office, or over lunch or a cup of coffee. I maintain my 100% open-door policy, and invite and encourage you to reach out to my office if we can serve you in any way.

But before that, I'm going to reserve the next several days for spending some much-needed time with my dearest constituents - my family.

Being your State Representative is indeed an honor. But it doesn't compare to being husband to Becky and dad to Brady, Charlotte and Landry. We're a team. We serve together. And the victories we've achieved over the years, in large part, are due to their continuous, unfailing love and support.

I am very grateful we were able to make Texas better and brighter for them - and for you.

God Bless You... and God Bless Texas!



Loved having my wife Becky join me on the House Floor this morning

All My Best,

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