

## Friends,

This past week at the Capitol was quiet, but very busy behind the scenes. We were only "in session" on the House Floor for minutes each day but hard at work back in the office.

My staff and I have been in daily communications with the Texas Department of State Health Services and Texas Division of Emergency Management asking for increased vaccine allocations for the counties in House District 74.

I met with the Speaker of the House, Dade Phelan, and his Chief of Staff to discuss my qualifications and preferences for House Committee assignments. I am hopeful the Speaker will assign me to committees that allow me to best serve the needs of the district.

My staff and I have also been reaching out to local elected officials to ask about their legislative priorities and what we can do to help with any state agency. We'd also love to hear from constituents about any issues you are having with a state agency or suggestions for improvements.



I also drafted and filed a few House Resolutions. These resolutions serve to recognize constituents of House District 74 in an official capacity. We have more that are being drafted and welcome ideas from constituents.

- House Resolution 29 congratulates Johnny Francis Mynar-Melendrez of Scouts BSA Troop No. 274 in Eagle Pass, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
- House Resolution 30 congratulates the Balmorhea High School football team on winning the 2020 UIL 1A Six-Man Division 2 state championship.
- House Resolution 31 congratulates the Presidio High School Boys' cross country team on winning the 3A title at the 2020 UIL Cross Country State Championship.



Left to Right: Jacob, Amy, Eddie, Ann and Daniel

I cannot forget to mention that we started off the week by celebrating my birthday! On Sunday, January 24th, I celebrated another year of life, and was able to spend time with my family. Upon returning back to the office on Monday, I received gifts from my staff, which included a lot of crazy socks, and some ties. I am extremely grateful to them for their thoughtfulness, and cannot wait to continue working through the session with them. Keep an eye out on social media for these fun socks I'll wear on the House Floor!

My capitol staff are working in person, but are required to have daily temperature checks, be rapid-tested at least twice per week, and wear masks during all meetings or anytime we have a visitor. The Capitol requires masks to be worn in the hallways and all public areas. I have committed to testing every day before going to the House Floor to protect my fellow legislators and we all wear masks on the House Floor. We all want to continue the work critical to the success of Texas, but must remain healthy to do so.

As we continue through the Covid-19 pandemic, please remember to continue wearing a mask, social distancing, and washing your hands frequently. Also, please keep those who are sick and the families who have lost loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.



Sincerely,

State Representative Eddie Morales, Jr.