



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, REPRESENTATIVE MUÑOZ!

"As we worked through this exciting week, I was thrilled to have friends and family from Mission visit for the biannual Mission Day at the Capitol. Friends and family from the district bring unique perspectives to Austin, and I am so proud of their continued voice to ensure prosperity in the District. I know that as we continue through the legislative process, the needs of the District come first. We are making significant progress in the House Appropriations Committee, finalizing the budget before it hits the House floor. On the legislative side, we filed several key pieces of legislation (HB 2168, HB 2270, HB 2277, HB 2278) that will serve to the Valley's interests. I hope that you will continue to inform us of the needs in the Rio Grande Valley, as those needs will always be my priority. Have a safe and wonderful weekend, and God Bless!"



LEGISLATION UPDATES

HB 2168 relates to the payment date for annuities from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. Currently, payments are paid on the first working day of the month. **Representative Muñoz's** bill would require payments to be distributed on the last day of the preceding month if the first day of the month falls on a weekend or holiday.

HB 2270 relates to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in certain counties under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Representative Muñoz's** bill would allow a county to seek a waiver from the state to provide Medicaid benefits to a person eligible under the Affordable Care Act.

HB 2277 relates to the disposition of surplus property by the Texas Department of Public Safety. **Representative Muñoz's** bill looks to allow DPS to donate or sell motor vehicles and equipment directly to a local law enforcement agency at a discounted rate

HB 2278 relates to authorizing associate judges to conduct marriage ceremonies. **Representative Muñoz's** bill would authorize a current or retired judge of a county court at law to conduct a marriage ceremony.

CONSTITUENTS AT THE CAPITOL



(1.) On March 3rd, **Representative Muñoz** presented the family of the late Rene Chio Alaniz, Sr. with a Memorial Resolution. Mr. Alaniz was a devoted family man and admired public servant with a 36-year career as a firefighter. In commemoration, the Texas House of Representatives adjourned in his memory. (2.) On March 3rd and 4th, Representative Muñoz welcomed constituents from Mission to celebrate Mission Day at the Texas Capitol. This two day event included the traditional distribution of grapefruits to all legislators, a successful evening reception, a photo opportunity with Governor Greg Abbott, and a House Resolution in recognition of Mission Day.