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Friends,

Today I laid out two bills on the House floor that were posted on the Local and Consent Calendars. My fellow colleagues officially initiated me into the Texas House of Representatives during my bill lay out and hazed me unmercifully. I am incredibly thankful to be passing meaningful legislation on behalf of HD 60! Click [here](#) (fast forward to 1:20:20) to watch the bill lay outs for HB 1471 and HB 1831.

HB 1471

Passed the House 134-10-2

In 1992, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice was deeded a tract of land. The transfer of land was intended to be used for a 2000 bed TDCJ unit in Breckenridge, Stephens County. The Walker Sayle Unit, North East of Breckenridge, opened in August of 1994 as an all-male substance abuse facility. Currently, the unit sits on about 1/4th of the deeded acres and has a max capacity of 632 beds. HB 1471 outlines two tracts that total in 288.76 acres that would transfer back to Stephens County for public use.

HB 1831

Passed the House 134-10-2

Currently, there is no allowance in statute to allow a county or district clerk to carry over completed education hours from one year to the next. Due to unforeseen circumstances, a clerk might not be able to obtain the required 20 hours of continuing education annually. Examples of this could include a national or state emergency declaration, lack of technology to allow for virtual attendance of a class/conference, and an extended illness. The court clerks seek to have access to similar statutes as the County Commissioners, County Treasurers and Tax Assessors enjoy. HB 1831 allows clerks to carry over from the current calendar year to the following calendar year not more than 10 hours of completed continuing education hours that exceed the statutory 20 hours required annually.



Representative Rogers with Brenda Madore (Grayson Co. College) and Dr. Jennifer Kent (Victoria College).

At this time, I have laid out 11 bills before several different House committees.

HB 2557

Voted out of committee as substituted 9-2-1-1

Concerns have been raised about the availability of school security personnel and about the effect of potential shortages on emergency response times for incidents involving schools, particularly in rural areas of Texas. HB 2557 seeks to address these concerns by allowing a district in a county with a population less than 150,000 to design a plan for a veteran or qualified law enforcement officer to provide campus security on a volunteer basis.

HB 3885

Left Pending in Committee

Heard on March 30th

When certain projects, such as transmission lines, pipelines, etc., cross a persons' property it permanently decreases the value of the property. HB 3385 will make an addition to the Landowner's Bill of Rights that the property owner has the right to submit a form for a Report of Decreased Value, and be given a copy of the form. This form is used for a property owner, who believes the appraised value of the property decreased during the preceding tax year for any reason other than normal depreciation, to render the property involved and state the nature of the cause of the decrease (Tax Code Section 22.03).

HB 4026

Unanimously passed out of committee

Heard on April 5th

Safety concerns were raised by volunteer fire departments within House District 60. Rural emergency services lack the first responders, the equipment, and funds to routinely perform or provide services compared to more populated areas. Accidents can still happen out in rural areas and the emergency services could greatly use better access to more affordable equipment. HB 4026 seeks to address these safety concerns by allowing for TxDOT and DPS to donate or sell at a discounted rate surplus traffic equipment and roadwork safety equipment to a Texas political subdivision.

HB 3507

Unanimously passed out of committee

Heard on April 5th

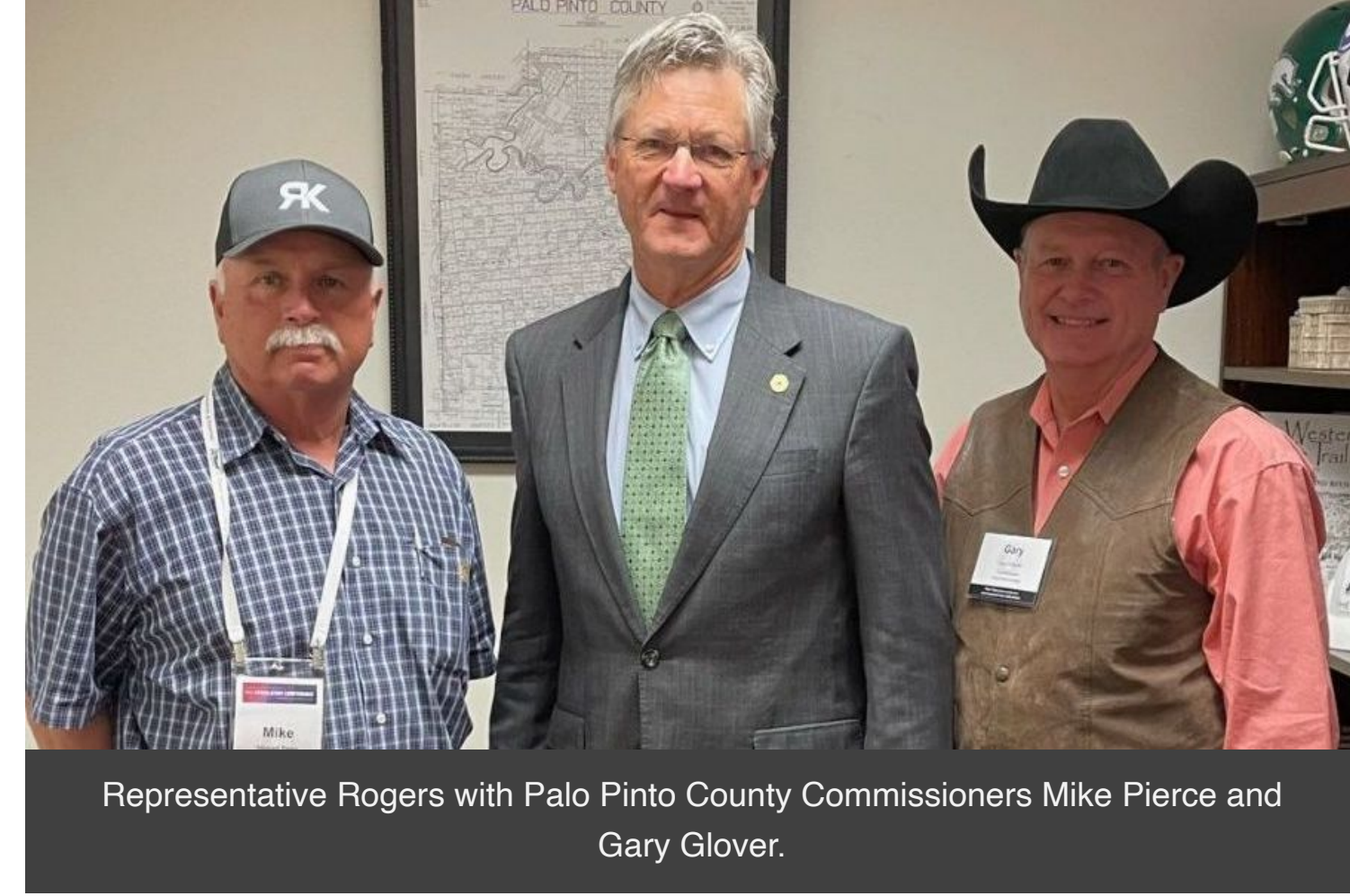
More than 136,000 TRS retirees earn less than \$1,000 per month in their annuities, while another 101,000 earn between \$1,000 and \$2,000. The monthly average among all retirees is just \$2,118. 96% of TRS retirees do not have social security benefits to rely upon either. This bill seeks to provide some extra financial assistance to our retirees under TRS by providing a one-time supplemental payment.

HB 2766

Left Pending in Committee

Heard on April 8th

Many rural low-socioeconomic high school students' GPAs, class rank, and subsequent automatic admission under the "top 10% law" are being adversely impacted by weighted dual credit courses due to lack of family and community college financial resources. HB 2766 creates a dual credit pilot program for small and medium enrollment public junior colleges to provide financial assistance to students who are economically disadvantaged.



Representative Rogers with Palo Pinto County Commissioners Mike Pierce and Gary Glover.

Special Thanks

I would like extend a special to thanks to all of my constituents who made the drive down to the Capitol Office. I especially want to thank those who have come down to testify in committees.

Thanks to Nancy Byler, Ronnie and Haylee Bush, Brenda Madore and Dr. Jennifer Kent for testifying on behalf of bills supporting HD 60!



Left photo: Representative Rogers with Nancy Byler of May
Right photo: Representative Rogers with Ronnie Bush (Ranger Volunteer Fire Dept.) and his daughter Haylee (Ranger High School Junior).

Co-Authored Bills

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HB 5 by Ashby (R-Lufkin)

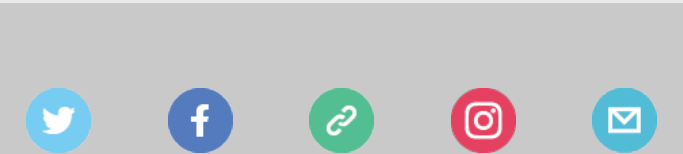
Unanimously passed the House

HB 5 takes a holistic approach to expanding access to critical broadband services. The bill can be summed up in four key parts: forming a state broadband office, creating a comprehensive state broadband plan, identifying which areas of the state have the greatest need through a mapping program, and incorporating funding projects to increase access and adoption in those areas.

We are one step closer to providing rural areas with quality internet service capabilities.

My Office

Our Capitol office in Austin is open Monday-Friday 8-5, and my staff and I are ready and available to hear from you! Currently, the Capitol is open to the public. There are free COVID-19 testing sites located at the north entrance. If you ever find yourself in Austin, call my office to set up a time to visit.



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