



# GLENN ROGERS

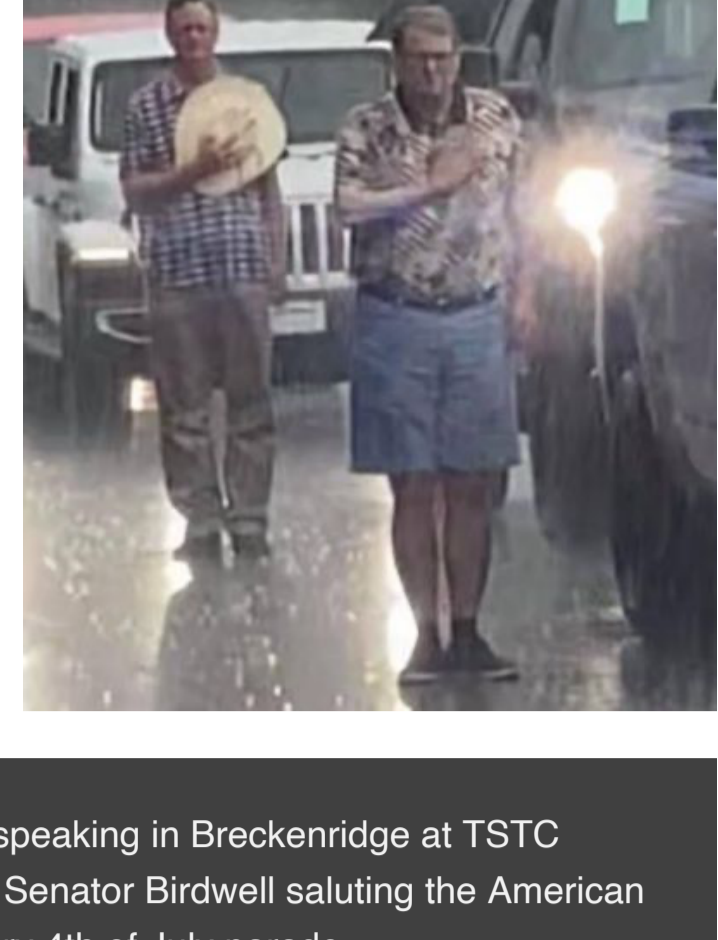
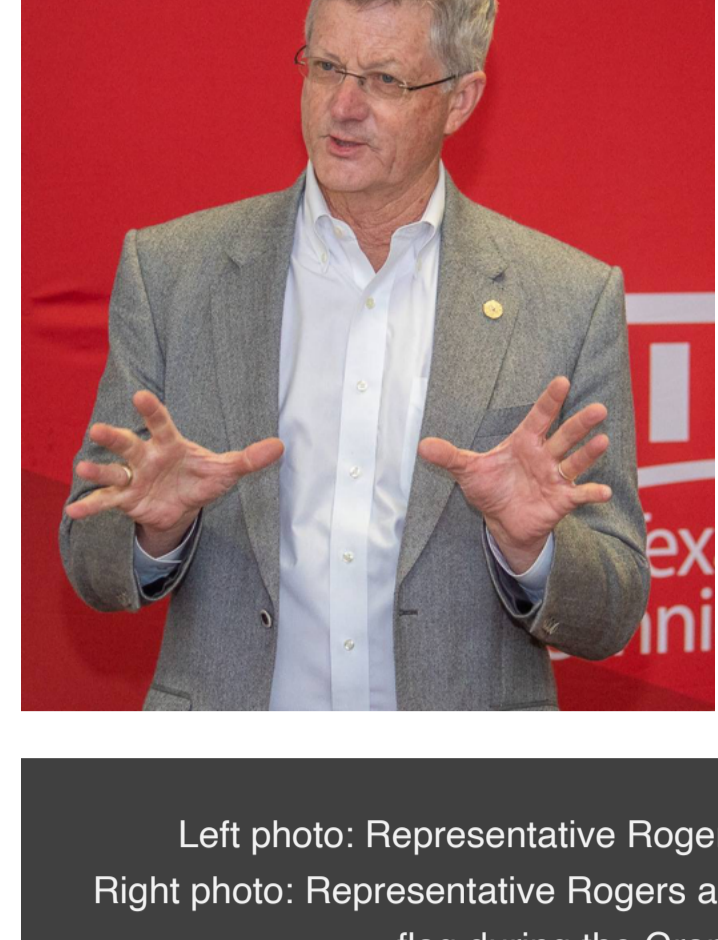
TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 60

BROWN, CALLAHAN, COLEMAN, EASTLAND, HOOD, PALO PINTO, SHACKELFORD, STEPHENS

Friends,

Since the conclusion of the of the 87th Regular Legislative Session, I have enjoyed my brief time back in God's country, which is House District 60. I have attended events and/or spoke at town halls in each and every one of the 8 counties. At these events, I had the privilege of building relationships with my constituents and addressing their questions and concerns about different topics.



Left photo: Representative Rogers speaking in Breckenridge at TSTC  
Right photo: Representative Rogers and Senator Birdwell saluting the American flag during the Granbury 4th of July parade

On June 22nd, Governor Abbott called for the legislature to reconvene for a special session. On Wednesday July 7th, the Governor announced his legislative agenda for the special session that commenced yesterday Thursday, July 8th.

Special Session agenda items will include:

- **Bail Reform:** Legislation reforming the bail system in Texas to protect the public from accused criminals who may be released on bail.
- **Election Integrity:** Legislation strengthening the integrity of elections in Texas.
- **Border Security:** Legislation providing funding to support law-enforcement agencies, counties, and other strategies as part of Texas' comprehensive border security plan.
- **Social Media Censorship:** Legislation safeguarding the freedom of speech by protecting social-media users from being censored by social-media companies based on the user's expressed viewpoints, including by providing a legal remedy for those wrongfully excluded from a platform.
- **Article X Funding:** Legislation providing appropriations to the Legislature and legislative agencies in Article X of the General Appropriations Act.
- **Family Violence Prevention:** Legislation similar to Senate Bill 1109 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, requiring schools to provide appropriate education to middle- and high-school students about dating violence, domestic violence, and child abuse, but that recognizes the right of parents to opt their children out of the instruction.
- **Youth Sports:** Legislation identical to Senate Bill 29 as passed by the Texas Senate in the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, disallowing a student from competing in University Interscholastic League athletic competitions designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at birth.
- **Abortion-Inducing Drugs:** Legislation similar to Senate Bill 394 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, which prohibits people from providing abortion-inducing drugs by mail or delivery service, strengthens the laws applicable to the reporting of abortions and abortion complications, and ensures that no abortion-inducing drugs are provided unless there is voluntary and informed consent.
- **TRS Thirteenth Check:** Legislation similar to House Bill 3507 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, relating to a "thirteenth check" or one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
- **Critical Race Theory:** Legislation similar to House Bill 3979 concerning critical race theory as originally passed by the Texas Senate in the 87th Legislature, Regular Session.
- **Appropriations:** Legislation providing appropriations from additional available general revenue for the following purposes:
  - property-tax relief;
  - enhanced protection for the safety of children in Texas' foster-care system by attracting and retaining private providers for the system; and
  - to better safeguard the state from potential cybersecurity threats.

I was thrilled to see so many important issues placed on Governor Abbott's agenda items. Each one of these items have been significant concerns raised within the district. From property taxes to election integrity and border security to supporting fair sporting activities for our children. I am committed to seeing these items through for the betterment of House District 60 and for the State of Texas.

Last session, I worked so hard to provide some type of financial assistance to those retirees under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). Towards the end of session, I spoke with the Governor about economic concerns raised by a majority of the retired teachers. With the support from many of my colleagues in the House, I sent a letter to the governor asking him to consider this issue during a special. Click [here](#) to read the letter. As a freshman, I am excited to be able to be the bill author for one of these priority items. House Bill 85 would grant retirees under the Teacher Retirement System a one-time supplemental payment equal to the lessor of their annuity or \$2,400.



Left Photo: Representative Rogers presenting his grandchildren with their Texas House Mascot certificates  
Right photo: Rancher/Dr. Rogers with his ranch crew after a morning of ultra-sounding Red Angus heifers

### Current Notable Bills

**HB 1 by Bonnen**  
Relating to making appropriations for the legislature and legislative agencies.

**HB 2 by Smith**  
Relating to rules for setting the amount of bail, to the release of certain defendants on a monetary bond or personal bond, to related duties of certain officers taking bail bonds and of a magistrate in a criminal case, to charitable bail organizations, and to the reporting of information pertaining to bail bonds.

**HB 3 by Murr**  
Relating to election integrity and security, including by preventing fraud in the conduct of elections in this state; increasing criminal penalties; creating criminal offenses.

**HB 85 by Rogers**  
*Unanimously Passed Committee 7/9/2021*  
Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

**SB 1 by Hughes**  
Relating to election integrity and security, including by preventing fraud in the conduct of elections in this state; increasing criminal penalties; creating criminal offenses; providing civil penalties.

**SB 2 by Perry**  
Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex.

**SB 4 by Lucio**  
Relating to abortion complication reporting and the regulation of drug-induced abortion procedures, providers, and facilities; creating a criminal offense.

**SB 5 by Hughes**  
Relating to hospital procedures and disclosure requirements for, and to the censorship of users' expressions by, social media platforms.

**SB 6 by Huffman**  
Relating to rules for setting the amount of bail, to the release of certain defendants on a monetary bond or personal bond, to related duties of certain officers taking bail bonds and of a magistrate in a criminal case, to charitable bail organizations, and to the reporting of information pertaining to bail bonds.

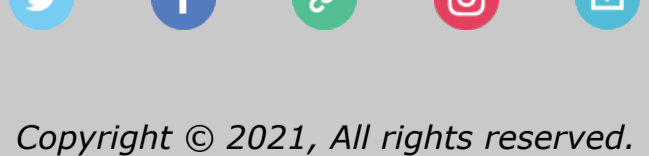
**SB 8 by Bettencourt**  
Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired.

**SB 10 by Nelson**  
Relating to making appropriations for the legislature and legislative agencies.

**SB 12 by Bettencourt**  
Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate.

### 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. If you ever find yourself in Austin, call my office to set up a time to visit.



Copyright © 2021, All rights reserved.

**Office Contact Information:**  
PO Box 2910  
Austin, TX 78768  
512.463.0656

Want to change how you receive these emails?  
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

*The Texas House of Representatives is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provisions of services. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require reasonable accommodations during the application process, please call (512) 463-0865*



Grow your business with mailchimp

This email was sent to <<Email Address>>  
[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)  
Representative Glenn Rogers - PO Box 2910 - Austin, TX 78768-2910 - USA