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Friends,

It feels like it was only yesterday that I was sworn into office. Now we are rolling into the month of April, and I have no idea where the time went. It is my great honor to serve as your Representative in the Texas House. I want you to rest assured that no matter how fast time flies, I will always make time for constituents like you.

Here's what happened in the Texas House this week:

The infographic features a dark blue background with a grid pattern and a stylized power line tower. At the top left is the Texas House of Representatives seal, and at the top center is a green circle with a white outline of Texas. The title 'Texas House Plan for electricity reform' is written in a glowing, cursive font. Below the title are seven bill summaries arranged in two columns.

Bill Number	Bill Title	Description
House Bill 10	Reforming ERCOT	Requires all ERCOT board members to reside in Texas and creates an additional board position to represent consumer interests.
House Bill 11	Weatherizing Facilities	Requires electric transmission and generation facilities to be weatherized, and gives them the discretion to choose the best weatherization methods for them.
House Bill 12	Alerting Texans	Creates an alert system to alert Texans of impending disasters and extreme weather and provide information on power and utility outages to affected consumers.
House Bill 13	Improving Coordination	Establishes the Texas Energy Disaster Reliability Council to improve coordination between the electricity and natural gas industries, which are crucial to providing electricity to Texans.
House Bill 16	Defending Ratepayers	Protects consumers from sky-high electric bills by banning the sale of wholesale indexed products to residential customers, which can leave them vulnerable to extreme fluctuations in electricity prices.
House Bill 17	Empowering Consumers	Ensures homeowners, builders, and businesses have the ability to decide how best to meet their energy needs and prohibits policies that would ban or discriminate against a single energy source in new construction.

After the fallout of the winter storm, there was no question that we needed to revise our electric priorities. The House passed a slate of electric reform bills which I co-authored. This serves to ensure that what happened during Winter Storm Uri, **never** happens again.



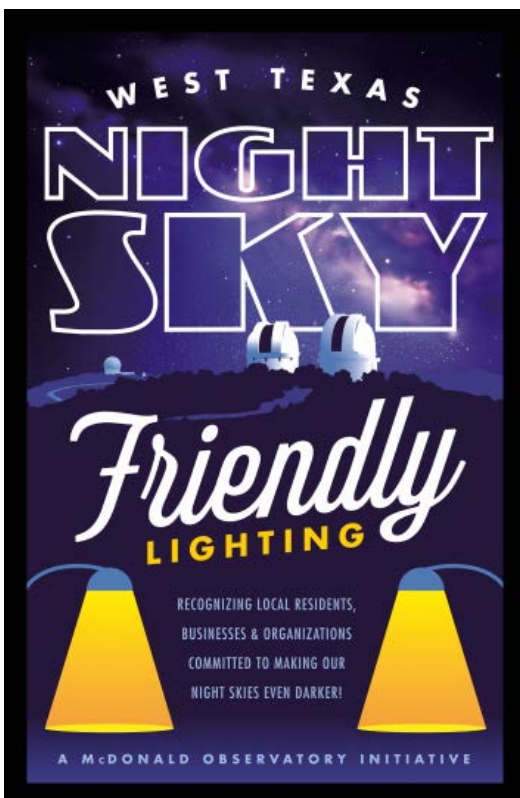
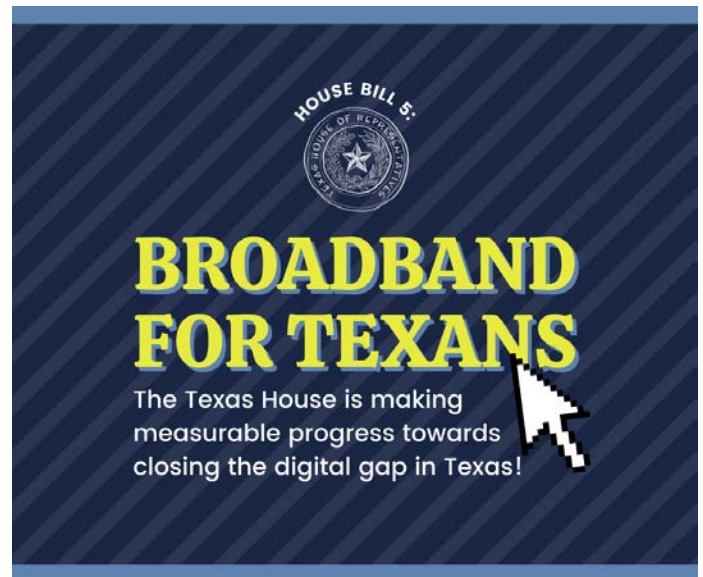
COVID – 19 Vaccine

As of March 29th, all people 16+ can now receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Texas. There are multiple tools to help you find a vaccine. DSHS encourages people to use a tool that works best for them. Click on the link below!

[Vaccine Locator Tools](#)

Governor Abbott held a press conference this week, reiterating the importance of broadband access across the state. COVID-19 forced many people to stay home, and turn to the internet to remain connected to loved ones, school, businesses, etc.

I am proud to be a Co-Author of House Bill 5, and look forward to seeing this bill become law.



The McDonald's Observatory is announcing a new program to honor West Texas businesses and organizations for Night Skies Friendly Lighting practices. These practices keep light on the ground and out of the sky, helping preserve the exceptional night skies for which far West Texas is famous.

This initiative is just in time for Dark Skies week (April 5-12). During this week, the observatory will host special programs both on-site and online. These include science activities families can do at home; a Dark Skies Town Hall, a Live Deep Sky Tour, and more. Click the link for more information!

[McDonald Observatory Events](#)



I also want to wish you all a Happy Easter. What a wonderful time to remember that Jesus gave us all a new beginning. I hope you all get to spend some time with family over the weekend and celebrate, while still taking precautions to reduce the spread of Covid-19.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eddie Morales, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

State Representative Eddie Morales, Jr.