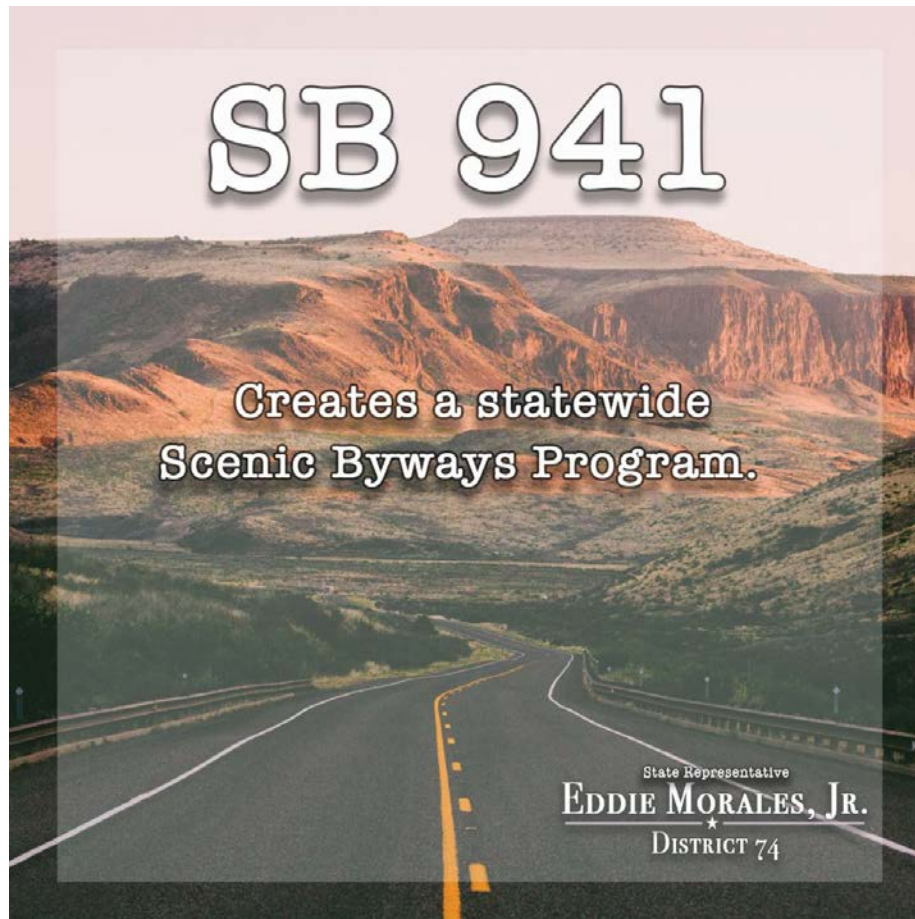


TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE
EDDIE MORALES, JR.
DISTRICT 74

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Friends,

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

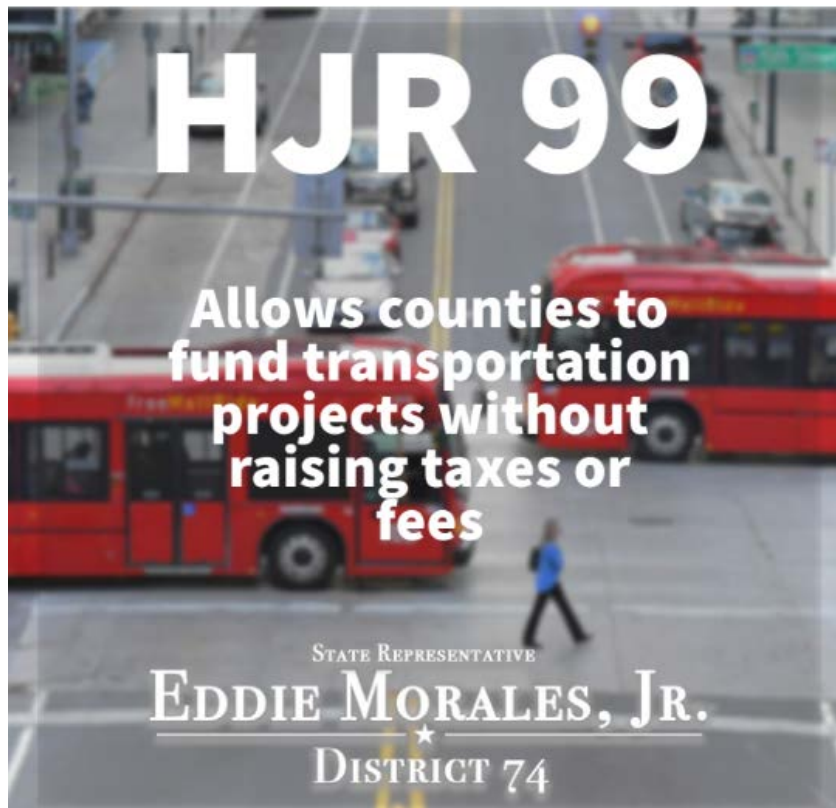


This week, the Texas House of Representatives voted on the Senate companion to my House Bill 1908. This bill creates the statewide Scenic Byways Program in Texas. Texas was the only state not to have a Scenic Byways Program. I am grateful to Senator Dawn Buckingham for moving this bill thru the Senate and helping get it fully passed. I look forward to the tourism and positive effects that the program will bring. The bill will now be sent to the Governor's desk to be signed into law.



The House of Representatives was in session until about 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning. We engaged in about a four-hour long debate over House Bill 3979 which relates to the prohibition of the teaching of Critical Race Theory in grades K-12. Critical race theory is an extremely broad subject, encompassing a number of topics, prohibiting this subject in classrooms would be taking away knowledge from our youth.

As the bill was likely to be passed, regardless of opposition, other members and I submitted amendments to make sure certain topics were not excluded. I offered an amendment to protect the history of Native Americans, making sure that our youth are able to learn about the complete history of our country. The amendment was ultimately adopted onto the bill.



This week, the House passed HJR 99 by Representative Terry Canales. I am proud to be a Co-Author on this resolution. This allows counties to fund transportation projects without imposing a raise in taxes or fees in the county where the projects are located.



The Texas House of Representatives passed HB 1530 by Chairman Jim Murphy. The bill includes an amendment that will allow Sul Ross State University to seek tuition revenue bonds in the amount of \$35,250,000 for the renovation of a fine arts facility in the main campus and \$44,200,000 to Sul Ross State University-Rio Grande College (Del Rio, Uvalde, and Eagle Pass) which includes the construction of a multipurpose education and services building. These funds come from the Capital Improvement Debt Assistance and the amounts requested were submitted by the Administration of the Texas State University System. My job was to ensure that Sul Ross University was included in the bill for access to these revenue bonds.

GROW TEXAS

TEXAS WILL GROW

H.J.R 82 proposes a constitutional amendment providing for the creation and use of money in the GROW Texas Fund.

Comprehensively, the counties in House District 74 received \$126.3 Million from the Oil & Gas industry in 2020.

Collectively, the School Districts in House District 74 received \$346.6 Million from the Oil & Gas Industry in 2020.

Texas produces 44% of all Crude Oil in the United States.

Texas produces 25% of all Natural Gas in the United States.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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HJR 82 by Speaker Tom Craddick was passed in the Texas House as well. I am also proud to be a Co-Author on this resolution which creates and uses money in the GROW Texas Fund. As oil companies boom in West Texas, as do the markets in the area. The GROW Texas Fund aims to help support these communities by creating allocating funds to go to transportation expansion, and general overall improvements and investing in community infrastructure.

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!

Eagle Pass has plenty of vaccines!

[Vaccine Locator Tools](#)



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Eddie Morales, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

State Representative Eddie Morales, Jr.

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