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Friends,

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



I had the honor of attending a bill signing with Governor Abbott for a bill that I co-authored, House Bill 17.

The primary bill author, Chairman Deshotel, and other co-authors of the bill are pictured. This bill was introduced in response to Winter Storm Uri. The bill ensures homeowners, builders, and business owners have access to balanced energy solutions that are efficient, affordable, and clean.



Earlier this week, we had the privilege of hosting the Maverick County and Eagle Pass delegation in Austin.

The Mayor and County Judge, as well as members of the City Council, and Commissioner's Court attended a legislative update at the Austin Club. We were also joined by members of the Eagle Pass ISD School Coard, Eagle Pass Water "Board", and the City Manager. I am very grateful to these officials for coming to their Capitol to visit and receive updates about all that is being done for their district. I look forward to going back to the district throughout the interim to work closer with these officials and hit the ground running in the next legislative session.



I am very proud to have co-authored or joint-authored 13 pieces of legislation this session to help support our veterans.

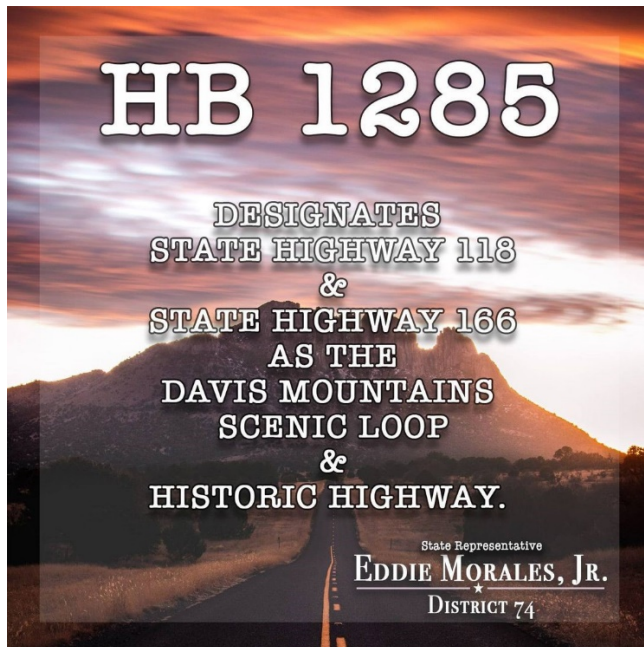
We owe them our freedom and I want them to know that taking care of them is a priority for me and for Texas. As you celebrate this long weekend, please remember to take time to honor our veterans and their sacrifice.

- **HB 33** - Relating to measures to facilitate the award of postsecondary course credit leading to workforce credentialing based on military experience, education, and training and to prepare veterans for employment in certain industries.
- **HB 125** - Relating to the applicability of the law governing the provision of state aid to certain local governments disproportionately affected by the granting of ad valorem tax relief to disabled veterans.
- **HB 139** - Relating to state occupational licensing of certain military veterans and military spouses.
- **HB 548** - Relating to the temporary licensing of certain military veterans as health care providers to practice in underserved areas.
- **HB 739** - Relating to a program administered by the Texas Veterans Commission to provide energy industry career training for veterans.
- **HB 911** - Relating to the issuance of specially marked driver's licenses and personal identification certificates to veterans.
- **HB 1109** - Relating to the use of medical cannabis by veterans for post-traumatic stress disorder and the licensing of associated cultivating or dispensing organizations; authorizing fees.
- **HB 1443** - Relating to county jailer training on interacting with veterans in the criminal justice system.
- **HB 2115** - Relating to the provision of citizenship assistance to veterans by the Texas Veterans Commission.
- **HB 2210** - Relating to the authority of a local government to enter into an intergovernmental support agreement with a branch of the armed forces of the United States.
- **HB 2740** - Relating to the posting of certain business and occupational licensing information on state agency websites and the Texas Veterans Portal.
- **HB 2825** - Relating to reporting requirements for certain loan and title insurance transactions involving foreign companies and real property located near military bases.
- **HB 2903** - Relating to an instruction guide for family members and caregivers of veterans who have mental health disorders



Left to Right: (Top) Communications Director Daniel Arizpe, Legislative Aide Rachel Eleniss, and District Director Jacob Ayers-Briseno
(Middle) Representative Eddie Morales, Jr. and Chief of Staff Amy Rister,
(Bottom) Legislative Director Ann Jacobo

I am extremely grateful to my staff for all their hard work throughout the session. We had countless late nights, and weekends, hard at work for the people of House District 74. I am proud to have had them at my side throughout the session and believe that we would not have been as successful without them.



On Monday, Governor Abbott signed SB 633, which is the companion bill to my HB 1285. The bill designates State Highways 118 and 116 as the Davis Mountains Scenic Loop Highway and a historic highway. Thank you to Senator Cesar Blanco for his help in getting this legislation into the Texas House. After the governor's signing of the bill, SB 633 will go into effect on September 1st, 2021.



See where you can enjoy swimming, fishing, boating, and more this summer in Texas State Parks! Make reservations for day passes up to 30 days before your visit or for overnight stays, up to 5 months in advance. If your plans change, please modify or cancel your reservation so that others may be able to enjoy the park. While visiting parks, please stay safe and help protect yourself and others.

[Learn more here!](#)

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding families and businesses that they can save on the purchase of certain water - and energy-efficient products during the state's Water-Efficient Products and ENERGY STAR sales tax holidays.

Both sales tax holidays take place Saturday, May 29th through Monday, May 31.



Here's a friendly reminder to check the date on your sticker. If it's time to renew, get a passing inspection first and then head to texas.gov/driver-services/texas-vehicle-registration/ to take care of that renewal online.

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](#)



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Eddie Morales, Jr.", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

State Representative Eddie Morales, Jr.

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