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Friends,

On Wednesday, Texas House Speaker Joe Straus announced committee assignments. This session, I am honored to serve as Chair of the Committee on Economic & Small Business Development, and on the Ways & Means Committee, and the Rules & Resolutions Committee. I am eager to continue working to ensure Texas remains the number one job creator in our country.

During the interim, I served as Chair of the House Select Committee on Economic Development Incentives. The Select Committee studied current economic development incentive programs and focused on reforming them to ensure the state's programs are diverse, efficient, and transparent. Given the recent drop in oil prices, it is more important than ever that the state works to diversify its economy. Additionally, the public should know how their tax dollars are spent and they should see the benefits. I am excited to continue working on these issues as Chair of the Economic & Small Business Development Committee.

The Ways & Means Committee is responsible for tax policy. Last session, as a member of this committee, we passed legislation to provide approximately \$1 billion in tax relief to Texans. This committee has an impact on every Texan because tax code has the power to attract businesses to Texas, support our economic growth, and enhance our overall competitiveness as a state. I am excited about the opportunity to lower the individual tax burden felt by Texans by working to reduce property taxes and the margins tax. This session, Representative Dennis Bonnen will serve as Chairman of this important committee.

The Rules & Resolutions Committee has jurisdiction over all rules of procedure of the House and all proposed amendments. The committee also has jurisdiction over congratulatory and memorial resolutions. I am eager to serve on this committee under Chairwoman Ruth Jones McClendon.

Guardian of Small Business

Earlier this week I was honored with the "Guardian of Small Business" Award from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). NFIB is an organization made up of small and independent business owners from all across the nation. Only four state senators, four state representatives, and Governor Greg Abbott were given this highest honor this year. This session, I look forward to continuing to promote small business and job creation here in Texas.



Here I am being presented the award from NFIB Texas Executive Director Will Newton.

E-Verify

This session I filed HB 739 to require governmental entities to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-Verify. This legislation requires the state, counties, and cities to participate in the E-Verify program. This legislation will take a big step to ensure your tax dollars are used to employ legal residents of our country.



I was delighted to see Shirley Roberts of Richardson while she was visiting the Capitol as part of Community Colleges Day at the Capitol.



Several local school administrators stopped by the Capitol this week to discuss their education priorities. Here I am with Patricia Tatum, the Principal at Garland ISD's Davis Elementary School, Linda Burleson, GISD Area director for Sachse, Wendy Eldridge, GISD Area Director for South Garland, and Jill Stafford and Leslie Norris both from Allen ISD.

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. Please continue to communicate your views on issues that are important to you.

Sincerely,

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