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The State of Texas House of Representatives



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Friends,

Happy Mother's Day! I hope all of the mothers have a chance to enjoy your their day.

Bill Passage Deadline

This week, the House spent many long hours on the floor, working past 10:00pm most nights leading up to an important deadline. Thursday at midnight, marked the 122nd day of the 85th Legislative Session and the last day for House Bills to be considered on the daily calendar for second reading. This means that if a House Bill was not heard and passed this week, then it will not become law this session.

This legislative session, over 6,500 pieces of legislation were filed but only about 1 out of 5 will make it through the process. In less than two weeks, we have the final deadline to hear Senate bills. We are quickly approaching the end of session, so if you have any thoughts on any pieces of

legislation that are scheduled to be heard on the House floor, please give my office a call or send us an email.

Protecting Our Vulnerable Children

This week the House passed HB 7, which is one of the most comprehensive Child Protective Services (CPS) reform bills filed this legislative session. HB 7 aims to keep more kids with their biological parents and out of foster care. Unlike the bills passed in previous sessions that focus on state funding and the services CPS provides, HB 7 focuses on the court process. HB 7 lays out concrete reasons to remove children from their homes, more specifically it directs the Department of Family and Protective Services to only remove children from their homes over allegations of violence or abuse, and not for reasons like a parent having a low income. I was proud to vote for this piece of legislation, and the legislature will continue to look for meaningful solutions to address the CPS crisis.



This week I was honored to present a resolution to Garland's Director of Health and Code Compliance, Richard Briley, on his retirement. Richard helped me pass my very first bill when I was a freshman legislator. HB 1530 from the 81st legislative session lowered the cost for the license for mosquito spraying for cities across the state. With mosquitos carrying harmful diseases such as the West Nile and Zika viruses, spraying to protect our citizens is a priority. Richard has been such a great friend over the years, and we are so grateful for his service to the Garland community for the past 25 years. He was joined by his wife Sandra, two daughters Lacey and Chelsea, and his work family, as he received HR 1940.

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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