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The State of Texas House of Representatives



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Friends,

One year ago today, the city of Dallas was attacked. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends who lost love ones in the senseless act of violence. As we look back, I am once again reminded of how strong we are as a community and I am proud to call North Texas home.

The regular 85th legislature adjourned Sine Die at the end of May. During the 140-day session, the Texas Senate never voted to keep a number of state agencies, including the Texas Medical Board, in operation. State agencies fail to exist unless the Legislature votes periodically to keep them operating.

Governor Abbott called a special session to begin July 18th. The Governor sets the agenda for a special session, and he has said that he will not formally introduce other issues for consideration until the Senate votes to keep the Medical Board operating. Once the Senate takes that vote, the Governor will put other issues before the Legislature.

Some of those issues will provide an opportunity for the House to continue our work from earlier this year. I am looking forward to the opportunity to take a closer look at our school finance system, since more than half of all property taxes paid in Texas are school taxes. A complete list of what the Governor plans to include on the call can be found here:
<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-announces-special-session>.

I have already heard from many of you about your thoughts on these issues. If you have not shared your views with me, please contact me at Angie.Button@house.texas.gov.

Around the District

My team and I have been busy visiting many different areas of the district after a long session. They attended a new grand opening of an Asian supermarket in Richardson, and participated in the Garland Fire Training Course for civilians to understand more about what the Garland Fire Department does to protect its citizens.

I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of Toyota Headquarters in Plano along with Governor Abbott and many of my colleagues at the state and federal level. Toyota's decision to locate in Texas is a result of our pro-business policies including the Texas Enterprise Fund, which is a tool used for projects that offer significant projected job creation and capital investment where Texas is competing with another state. Toyota is expected to create more than 1000 jobs in our area.

This week, we celebrated America's independence! I loved being a part of so many events. On Monday, I joined the city of Sachse in their annual 4th of July Parade. Later that night, I attended the Garland Star-Spangled Spectacular at Firewheel Town Center. On Tuesday morning, I was happy to walk in another parade, this time for my own neighborhood, Springpark in Garland. I spent my evening at Richardson with their Family Fourth Celebration at Breckinridge Park. It was great weather both days to commemorate America's independence!



I was excited to attend the Garland Star-Spangled Spectacular at Firewheel Town Center on Monday along with Sen. Bob Hall, Sen. Don Huffines, Rep. Cindy Burkett, Mayor Doug Athas and a majority of the Garland City Council.



With the Sachse Boy Scouts before the start of the Sachse Parade.

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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