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The State of Texas House of Representatives



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Friends,

The special legislative session called by Governor Abbott is well underway. Last week, the House once again passed legislation needed to keep the Texas Medical Board operating. Many other issues important to Texans have been moving through the committee process, where House members have worked diligently to listen to public input, build consensus, and get the details right.

Education remains a priority for me and my colleagues in the Texas House. This week, we passed HB 20 to help retired teachers who are facing a large increase in health-care costs. During the regular session, legislators voted to put \$483 million into the Teacher Retirement System for the next two years but changed the structure of the program, leading to higher deductibles and out-of-pocket costs, especially for retired teachers younger than 65. Last month, Governor Abbott added the issue to his agenda for the special session. HB 20 now heads over to the Senate for their consideration. The House continues to work on legislation that would put more resources into

public schools. By providing more state support for schools, we can begin to relieve the burden on local property taxes and can also keep more local dollars in local schools.

Many of you have e-mailed me to describe the issues that matter most to you, and I'm grateful for the feedback. Please continue to share your views with me.



Visiting with Garland Resident and small business owner David Najjab at the Capitol to discuss legislation important to our region.

Join us Tomorrow
9th Annual Senior Awareness Day

August 4th at the Richardson Civic Center, Grand Hall
411 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson TX 75080
9:00 am - Noon

Around the District

Before the special session began last month, I attended the Sachse Chamber's Mayoral Luncheon. This luncheon brought together the mayors from Sachse, Garland, Rowlett, Murphy, and Wylie. Last month, I met with newly-elected Richardson City Councilman Bob Dubey to discuss special session items. I look forward to working with him to improve our community. Lastly, I welcomed

people from all over the area to the McDonald's Education Workshop that brings together educators, students, and parents to help prepare high schoolers apply to and succeed in college.



Pictured with newly-elected Richardson City Councilman Bob Dubey during our meeting discussing the special session.



I enjoyed the Sachse Chamber Luncheon prior to the start of the Special Session with JOP Hutcheson and Constable Deputy Woodard.

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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