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## The State of Texas House of Representatives



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Friends,

Texans are resilient, courageous, and charitable. Hurricane Harvey has had a devastating impact on our state and we are in for a lengthy recovery. Current estimates put the financial recovery cost at up to \$180 billion. We are working with the federal government to secure funding and Governor Abbott has \$100 million available in disaster recovery grants, and has started the process of making those funds available to DPS and the Texas National Guard. The disaster proclamation issued enables provisions in the Texas Constitution and General Appropriations Act to allow state funds to be moved around to ensure resources are available immediately.

Speaker Straus announced that he will be issuing interim charges in the near future to address the challenges facing our state. The House Appropriations Committee will work to identify state resources that can be applied toward the recovery and relief efforts being incurred today, as well as long-term investments the state can make to minimize the impact of future storms.

We all want to be helpful to each other and to our fellow Texans during this time of great need, and I want to thank all of you who have already given so generously of your labor, your resources, and your prayers. I have heard from many of you asking for ways we can help. Below are a few ways you can contribute to the recovery efforts and to help out those in need.

[United Way of Greater Houston](#) has set up a relief fund that people can donate to. The organization said its first priority is shelter and basic needs like food. The organization said it will also focus on long-term recovery efforts.

Anyone can give directly to the [American Red Cross](#) by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or texting HARVEY to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

[The Salvation Army](#) is traveling across Texas delivering meals to those in need. Donations can be made by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY or texting STORM to 51555.

Another organization accepting donations for disaster relief is the [Texas Diaper Bank](#).

We have a long way to go but I have no doubt, Texans will rise to that challenge.

#### Senior Awareness Day

Early last month, we held our Ninth Annual Senior Awareness Day at the Richardson Civic Center. We had 60 exhibitors available with resources, products, and services geared towards senior citizens as well live acts and entertainment, refreshments, and door prizes. Hundreds of senior citizens from Richardson, Garland, Sachse, Rowlett, and surrounding communities came out to take advantage of the amazing opportunities to converse with exhibitors and learn more about local resources available. Many also came to enjoy the entertainment and fun of the morning in the company of other seniors. Local elected officials from Richardson, Garland, and Rowlett also stopped by the event to meet with constituents and to enjoy the festivities. Special thanks to the City of Richardson for providing such a great venue for the event, and to all of the wonderful volunteers that made the event possible. Our Tenth Annual Senior Awareness Day will take place in August of 2018 in Garland and I hope to see you there!



Enjoying Senior Awareness Day with the Class Act Tap Company.

#### Around the District

I was glad to return home in August after a special session of the Texas Legislature. I briefed members of the National Association of Independent Financial Advisors about both the regular session and the recent special session. I happily joined in thanking our Garland Firefighters for all of their continuing hard work protecting our city at a Firefighters Appreciation Luncheon. The Tech Titans Gala took place last week. As a prior awardee, I was honored to attend again this year and personally congratulate the winners including Henry Vo from RISD for being an outstanding STEM teacher.

I presented a state resolution to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Chinese Institute of Engineers. Last Saturday, I was grateful to participate in the Korean American Coalition's annual banquet and to speak with Congressman Pete Sessions and Senator Don Huffines at the event. I thoroughly enjoyed being in the annual Garland Labor Day Parade hosted by the Noon Exchange Club of Garland. This event was well attended by so many wonderful people of Garland, Richardson, Sachse, Rowlett, and neighboring communities.



Enjoying Labor Day at the Garland 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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